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I was born at Yeaden Yorkshire England I came to this country in 1911
with my mother and brother William as my father was already over here
he came over here a few months earlier. We left Liverpool England
Not on the ship we were to come on as at that time they had a long ~~PECKSTAKE~~
~~dock strike~~ called the Haverford was the ship we were to come but do to
the strike they could not unload or ~~load~~ load the ships so instead of
the Haverford we had to get on a ship called the Celtic
On the first ship we were to get on was to go on was to go to Phila.
and my fater was to meet us but the second ship went to N.Y,
so my father and another man had to go to N.Y, and get us
WE were at Elise Island My mother told me that the ship we were on was
over loaded and below the safe water line. So while we were at sea the
the captain told the men to throw over board all the heavey cargo over
over the side so as to lighten the load and make it safe Mom said we
got all the fruit we could eat as they had a lot of oranges and were
throwing them over the side We were in Steeage thats near the ~~bottom~~
bottom of the ship stacked in like cattle.
My mother had a hard time getting milk for my brother Bill as he was a
baby so she told the woman in charge that if she did not get her some
milk for her baby she would see the captain. My mother was a fighter
and could back it up too so it was not long befor she got the milk and
plenty of it and gave some to the other mothers too
well we got to Elice Island. I think it took us 11 days to get there
We were behind bars looking out. for my father. My mother said that I
saw him and yelled dady dady and he saw us and camed over and got us
out he and the man that was with jim, they Took us to Phila, to some
people called Bell. they lived on a street caled Larence St., we lived there
for awhile I rememberd that there was a Textile Mill there. Latter we
moved to a house near by lalled Liffgo St We were only there a short time
as my father worked in a mill at D, and ontario so they got a house on a
street caled Harville St, we lived there quite awhile. My sister was
born there Her name was Annie like my mothers

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We seemed to be happy there as we lived there till 1916 then my aunt talked them into coming to Marcus Hook Told them of the good jobs there was there .My father got a job at the Chester Ship Yard as it payed more money We lived with my aunt for awhile .We went to the Italian Church when it first started .I was an alter boy there .

Later we and Bill Morris and his family moved to Lindwood as my mother did not get along too well with my aunt Norra it was on Harvey Ave

Me and my brother Bill went to the Holy Saver Catholic church then We were there for a short time when my father and Bill Morris got a Brsinstorm to build there own house in Lennix Park .at that time it was it was a let down as my father was out of work as the Ship Yard shut down and my mother had to go to work at the viscos This was about 1920 Me and my brother Bill went to the Resurecinn School then .We finealy got the house built after a lot of hard work and Heart Breaks but we made My other kinfolks built homes too up there I was about 14 when i got a job in a box factory On Jeffery St in Che er at 7,50 a week I worked there for while then my father got me a job in a furniture factory in Chester It payed 12.50 a week that was better Later I got a job in another Furniture Factory I made about 17.50 a week there I worked there for awhile Then I saw an ad in the papper for a carpenters helper .As I wanted to to be a carpenter ai took the job I liked the job as it payed the same but I only had to work 8 Hours a day as to the otheres I had to work 12 hr I worked for a man called Bill Getty who lived in Chester I worked for about 4 years then the building whent bust and I was out of work I picked a few odd jobs but not too steady .So my cousins husbands got me a job at the Sinclair Oil co,I worked there for about 45 years till I rmy Bedther Thomas was born in Lennox Park in the 20s He grew up and work at the Viscos till he joind the Marins at the star of the World War 2 in 1941 he was about 18 years old then In May 5 1942 I was drafted in the Army I was sent to Ft, Meade for a few days then to Ft, Bragg N,C for about 13 weeks for Basice training .Then to Cal, to Ft, Cronkite After a few months there we whent to Grays Harbor in Wash State I was there about a year then we were shiped over seas we whent to Oahu Hawaii for more training After a few months we were shiped out again To the Marshells then to the Palau Islands on a little Island called angar next to ~~Re~~ the Island that my brother Tom was on .This is where he Lost his eyes in battle ^{PELEW} It was about a month befor I found out about it when got a letter from my mother and she told me about it Our next stop was Cbeu in the South of the Philipens I was there till the end of the war Then we shipped out for home It took 15 days Going over we lost Sunday comming we had 2 Wed, We landed at the Navy

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We came in through the inland water ways of the State of Wash,
it was just breaking daylight when we saw land. It was a beautiful
site for us all it was for me as I had not seen it for over two and a
half years. We all sat down and cried. In awhile they came out to
to greet us with signs saying Welcome Home. Blowing their horns and
Whistles all the way in to the Navy yard at Bremerton Wash,
We unloaded our things and then got into the army trucks to take us
a Baracks there we were shown where we were to sleep that night
Then we went to a large mess hall for our supper. It was the largest
One I had ever seen and I had seen a lot of them large and small
.And we sure did eat. We were waited on by German Prisoners
and even they welcomed us home. After that we went to our place where
to sleep for the night. It was not long before we were all asleep
The next morning we were sorted out as to where we came from
As I was from Phila. I was in that group. After awhile the Officer
called us out and said the first group goes on the first flight
the second on the next. That was the one I was on. At first I did not
know what they meant. But I found out that I was going to fly home
This was the first time that I had ever flown but it did not bother
me as now I was headed for home sweet home. They took us to the airport at
Seattle Wash. There we got on the plane 24 of us. It took us 15 hours
and 5 stops to get to Newark N J, When we got off the plane we got on
the truck and they took us to the r r station
The officer in charge told us to go to the restaurant and get what ever
we wanted and we did just that and to stay right there till he
got back. He was in a little while then we got on the train. We all had
seats in the same car. Then we went to Harrisburg P A. There they
picked us up with trucks and took us to Indian town gap P A
Well this was a riot as it was the worst place I was ever at
The building was a mess and dirty. The bunks were lined up along the
wall it had two stoves one at each end. A guy was in bed when we got
there he was at the other end. He was a sergeant. When we got in
he came up to us and started to pop off. Well we let him go on

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until he ran out of steam then we told him to shut up and give his ass
a chance .One look at us and he went back to his bunk and left us alone
We got some wood and coal and got the other stove going as it was
middle of Oct, and it was cold up there .After awhile we went to bed
We got up early the next morning .He showed us where to later in was
We got shaved and showerd then he took us to the mess hall for
breakfast .Well that was a little better not much .After that an officer came and
and took us to a hall .they gave us us what they called a I cant rember it now
but they had a bunch of head shrinkers.They asked us a lot of silly
questions Like when was the last time you were out with a woman and if you
go out with one what will you do and all that stuff .Well when they got
the answers and got done with us they were ready to climb the walls
Then they told us that we had to be polite when we were eating how to ask
for more bread or butter .Not to say pass the Damm butter or or pass the
Damm bread but we had say Please pass the Damm bread or please pass
the Damm butter and all that stuff Well after we had dinner we had to go to
to a building to get rid of our things that they said we had to turn in
and keep the rest witch was not much . After that we had to change our money
from Pesos to u s money as thats what we had that is most of us didd
Then we had to go to the pay window to get our pay that was ~~due us~~
due us We got one hundred dollars and our train tickets to Phila,
as we would get the rest in three monthly pay ments thats how we got payed
as we had a lot of back pay due us as when we were over seas we only got
part pay .Then they told us why we only got 100 dollars to go out
with ,It seems that the first ones were payed in full and when they got
to town they got rooldded and were left broke and had to go to the
M Fs for help to get home so thats why we only got 100 dollars and our
tickets They did send it to me in momthly payments I ws with a fellow that was
in my out fit He was from Virginia Beach but his wife was in Green Ridge
that was just out side Chester as you remember So we went together
We got off at north Phila, Station then got the train to Chester
as from there on I knew the way home .We got off the train in Chester and
he called his wife and told her he was at the station Thats the last I saw
of him I went up to 7th Street and was out side the movies ,Then I called
home to tell them where I was In a short time my brother bill and tom and
my father were there to pick me up it was a grand feeling
They got me home and the house was full .My mother liked to eat me up she
she was so glad to see me so were the others too It was some night
And I was so glad to be home again
After awhile they gave me some thing to eat .Then we all talked for awhile
My brother Tom and his wife left and so did the others too By the way
Tom had got married to the nurse that touch care of him in the
phila, Navy hospital . She was from Concord N H They were now living
in Mc Cafity Village for awhile then they moved to Concord latter on
Well after awhile we all went to bed as the rest had all gone home
So we all had a good nights sleep as mother was very happy now

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As we were all home .My brother was divorst from his wife Barbara
That is Bill I am talking about .So the next morning my mother told me to
to go to the Ration board and get my stamps .So I took the car and went
to Chester to the Masonic building and saw the lady there and told her
what I wanted and she got out the book ,Then started to take ouy the
thestamps .When she was finished all I had left was a few stamps and the
two covers .I ask her why I did not get more and she told me that there
had been a war on .I told her that I did not know as where I was we did
get a Newspaper and left .I was i uniform too .When I got home and gave
it to my mother and boy did she blow her top ,She calld her every thing
under the Sun I told mother the way you are swearing you of been in
the army you would of made a First Sargent She got her coat on and we
went to the Bucher stor I think the mans name was Harry We went in side
and she showed him the book I got He knew me from away back so he
ask mother what she wanted and she told him .And that she had to feed me too
.So she told him what she wanted but did not have enough stamos
He said forget it and filled up the bags .We tha nked him very much
,He said if she wanted mor to come back Well we talked for awhile then
then we went home and had lunch .After that went down to the plant

and reported to the man in charge .He looked up my records and ask me
when I was comeing back .I told him that I would be back the First week in
Dec, ,He said that will be fine So I went back to work .I met most of the
men I worked with also some new ones too They were glad to see me back
and some others that had just came back tooSo the week went along fine
till I found out that we had to work 6 days a week as the Navy had
taken over the Plant This lasted till the end of Dec,,Then it went back to
to Sinclair again then we worked 5 days .I was told of how when the Navy had
it they could work as long as they liked and they did .They sure made a lot
of money too all the over time the wanted to work
It was now getting into Mar,. Now they put up the list for vacations
As I had a lot of time in I was near the top .As i was looking over the list
A. Irish man came over to me and said that I should be on that list

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as I was away too long he was some kind of a cleark in yhe office
I told him that I was goeing to take off 2 weeks in Aug, He said that
I could not do that as i would foul up the others
Later on I saw the big boss and told him what I wanted and he took me
by the collor and look at the sheets and tell what I wanted I told him
that Mac, had told me and he said that he was full of crap as I had
3 weeks coming and could take any ones I want .He was a wvl vet and I knew
him a long time my father had worked for him in the Shipyard

Well here it is the rest of my life story

I will call it the love life . So I will start out with my first girl friend .She was the neice of Maggie Morris. The first wife of Bill Morris my cousin. She was born in Ireland .County Mayo .Came over here when she was a little girl .She lived in W Phila I met her at my uncles Vewing He was Bill Morris father .His name was Hubert .Thats were I got my name from ..She was about my age 2 1 She lived with her mother brother and three sisters as her father was away from home almost all the time .He was what we call a roaver . Could not stay in one place too long.Allways on the run as we would say .He would come and stay long enough to get her mother in the family way then take off again .Come back after the the kids were born then take off again ..Leaveing Madge that was her name and her brother John to take care of the family .She worked for the A,T,and T. Telephone co,John worked in a outo repare shop .Later on got in his own shop .then he got Married and left home ,Then it was up tp Madge to keep the family .There was her mother and three sisters to keep .So we can see she had her hands full as th girls were growing up Her mother never worked I dont think ,She would tell Fortunes whit# cards ..She seened to have a lot of customers too .Suckers we call them .They were all Irish English and Scots.

They were great for it .My mother would tell me how in the old country they had women that were Mediums .They could talk to the ones ~~that~~ ones that had gone to the beyond and bring them back and you could talk to them .My mother could sure tell some wild tales about them ..Well I did like Madge but could not get too serious as could see what I would be getting into if I Married her so I was careful in away .

We had some very good times together .We whent out to the dances and out to dinner quite often .One Wedensday I had a Date to take her out to dinner and then to a dance .She said fine .I picked her up about 8 P M .She said she was going to a Ciness place on Chestnut S T I think it was called The Cathay Tea Garden .I said that I could not take her there as it was too expensive and that I did not have a lot of money ..She said that it would not cost any more than if I took her to dinner and a dance you wait and see .Well we went to the place We had a good supper and then we danced till about 1 o then got ready to go home Well she was right it did not cost too much more than

I expected and we had a good time it was worth it . As we both had to go to work that night we left .

She worked in the Bourse Building that was down Chestnut St and she had to be there by 1 1 Pm .So I took her to work then went home as I had to be at work by 12 mid night

We went out quite a few times after that .Then we drifted awy some how

I did not see her again till after the war .I was home for about a year
when I met her .She had moved then .So thats the last I heard of her
Well we will go back to another earlier time .I was about 21 then
Still working shift work .When I could I went to the dances
First up in the 60th st section .On garret Rd. It was some times an ~~Irish~~
Irihs Dance other times it was what we called aCountry dance.
It was run by a man called James .He had two places going for him,
This one and one up in Exton caled Old Orcard I think .
I was never up there as it was too far away for me to go to .

I had some good times up there .I went there on my nights off from work.
A lot of times on the week ends .Some times in the middle of the week too
Someone told me about the Nixon Ballroom .It was in W Phila On 52 nd St
Between Market And Chestnut St .I liked it there as they all seemed so
Sociable .I had a lot of good times there too.I met a lot of girls there too
.And made a lot of freinds too .This was where I met Jean as she use to go
there too on Saturday nights .She and I were real freindly .I know you
you will not beleive this but Jean was Short and fat But jolley
We danced together a lot and talked too .But that was that for the time
I met other girls and had dates too .But I met this other girl .
Marurette Mc Ginnis .I found out that they were freinds and went to seool
school together .So I started to date her .Her mother invited me for
Sunday dinner and from there on I went there quite ofton .
I took them out for aride on Sundays .I took them out to Markam Del Co,
And to Ivey Mills this was where her mother was from her father was from
Glen Mother had a brother that lived in Markham .He lived in what was the
old R,R Station .This train ran from Lamoken in Chester to Oxford Pa
The R R ran in back of there house ..It had been a long time since they
had been there so they were happy to see the old place again.
We went up there quite a few times later .I also met her cousen who lived i
Weat Chester too .I took them up there a few times and they liked it
We went to the shore quite afew times in the Summers and in the spring
Well came W W 2 then I had to go away for Three and ahalf Years.
I came back in November of 45 .She seemed to be glad to see me back.
A year later I took her a ring and ask her to be my Wife .
She said No she could not Marry me and that we should not see each other
any more I dont know why but that was it and I never saw her again
I wrote to her mother and tried to find out why but got no answer
I learned later that Jean knew the anwer but she never told me.
This almost broke my heart But I finally got over it in awhile.
As they say all good things must come to an end so it did the hard way.

Well after awhile I got over it .I started to go out to the dances again
 I did not go back to the Nixon any more as it had deteriorated alot
 Not the same crowd as befor .So I found out about this place on
 17 Th St Near Arch St .It turned out to be a very nice placeto go.
 As by now I was about 42 .So at that age I had to take what I could get.
 There were a few girls but mostly women .Some widows others seperated,
 I had a good time with them .I took my brother Bill up there with me one
 Saterday night .As we were danceing Bill came up to me and said look who I
 found .I was surprised to see Jean .She did not look the same as I knew her
 Now she was not fat any mor .She was thin .When I saw her face I reconised her.
 So we all had a grand reunion together
 She told us that she had been Married and had a son and her husband had
 died and now she was a widow and was liveing with her step mother .
 On Thomas Ave in W Phila .Well that started it .Bill had been Devorst
 So Bill got to going out with her . Well the next Saturday Bill said would I ~~it~~
 like to take her step mother with us to the dance .I said why not .So the next
 Saturday night I went around and picked them up .I was surprised to see her.
 As I had danced with her up at the dance at Garret Road where they had the
 country dances .So in away I knew her from there .We realy had a good time
 So we went out the next Sat, nighjt. So I took them to her house and stayed
 there awhile then Bill and I went home Bill had gave Jean our phone number
 Her step mother ask us to come up for Sunday dinner .So knowing me I never turned
 down a good meal so I said yes .We had a very nice dinner .She had Sweet ;potatoe
 all drest up .I told her later on that the way to amans heart was through
 his his stomach .After dinner Bill took Jean out and Emily that was her name
 and I went to the Movies .We got along good I was srprised as she looked very
 good We went home and talked for awhile then Bill and Jean came in
 Well we was now goining steady now .She worked for the Drake Hotel on Spruce St .
 She was a telophone operator .Worked 11 to 7 am .Well one morning as she was go
 going home on the trolley she was standing up and the trolley gave a quike
 stop and threw her against the seat and broke her sholder .They had to take her

the doctor .I learnd that night when I got home as Jean called up
 So after supper I got cleaned up and went up to see her .On the way up I stoppe
 at a flower shop and got her a bunch of flowers to make her feel good.
 As I walked in Jean said so you are going to say it with flowers
 Emily was very surprised and gave me a big hug and kiss..I stayed till late
 as she was all night telling me about her acident on the trolley
 and how rude the moterman was about it .But she got a lawyer to handle it
 She made out all right They paid her doctor bills and a little more
 Well in a few weeks she was better again .Then we got to going out again

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In the meantime I took her out to the movies and out to dinner too we both seemed very happy .By now Jean and Bill were very thick and were going to get married .It was too long before that I popped the question to Emily and she said Yes She had been a widow for over a year or so by now Jean and Bill liked it very much .So we made it for June .This was 19 49 Bill and Jean went to Maryland they Eloped .The lived there for awhile As bill said it was too far to go to work .In the meantime Bill told Jean to quit her job as he could take care of her and Bobie Well they found a place on Lincoln Ave in Prospect Park Well on a Saturday June the 18 th 1949 we were married .In the morning about Noon .My mother and father Jean and Bill my sister and her husband were there .After that we went to a nice Restaurant and had a dinner Bill had a car so he took them all home as Emily and I went to Green City OCEAN N.J

As it was in the early Summer we got a very nice place .A room with bath near the beach .We had a very good time .We were there for over a week as I had two weeks vacation .In the meantime she had quit her job as I did not want her to work any more as I would be the breadwinner from then on After that the man that owned the house said he was going to sell the house .So we went out and looked for a place . We saw the same house that was on the corner just across the street from where I now live As Emily really liked the house we put the down payment on it . It was to be done in March But did not get finished till April .We moved in April 28 1950 .It was on a Friday and it was wet and rainy but we made it . As it was wet and raining we did not get a chance to look around the yard and outside .We went out to supper that night as we did not have too much food in .We were going to get some the next day so we did use the stove .It was Electric .The next morning when Emily went to use the stove it did not work I went down the cellar to see what was the matter and I found out that they had not put in the fuses in for stove .So I wrote down the size and then we went out for breakfast . Then we went to Morton to a hardware store to get the fuses . On the way over I started to kid her about how these country towns took in their pavements at night and put them back in the morning. As we walked up the street Lo and behold there they were outing back the slabs of pavement .They had been putting in some pipes in and had lifted up the slabs and now they were putting them back I said see what did I tell you .She got a kick out of that. We went to the stores I got the fuses and while we were there we found the Acne store that was there .So we got the food then went to a five and ten store that was there .We found it to be a very nice store

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It is not there any more nore is the Acne they just moved away and we sure miss them The Acne is on the Blvd i donot know where the 5 and 10 is

Well we went home and got all settled down to getting things in place

I had bought a new Bed Room Suite so we were getting things in place

We did not get much of a chance to look over the front and back yards

As they were all wet and slopy .But later on as it was now into the late Spring we got out and syarted to plant some flowers and Roses and other plants .At first we put in some Hedges out front and up the sides.

Then we orderd some Rose hedges for the back ..Well this was something

We got a card from the post offic telling us that our Roses were there

This was on a Fri, ,So as I was off on Sat, we went there to pick them up

I was prepared to pick up a big bundle of bushes .As Emily came out she had in her hands a little bunch of what looked like a hand full of

brom straws .I said is that them .She said thats them .I shock my head an got in the car .When we got home we opend them up .Sure enough there were

100 Rose bushes .There were as I said a lot of what looked like brome

straws .We read the directions .It said to dig a trench 10 In deep and plant them 12 In apart .So we started to dig the trench .It was tough as the ground was all deep clay and hard to dig .Well I thought that here must be

an easier way than this .So I got out a long peice of pipe and a heavy hammer .Then I drove it in the ground about 10 In .Then we got some dirt and a bucket of water .Then I would put in the plant put in some dirt and then some water

As I was doing this the Lady in the back saw me doing it and said what in the world am I doing .I said that I was planting Rose bushes she said that she had never seen it done like that befor

Well they grew up to be nice and big .About 3 Ft hih and it did not take them long eiyhter . they went through the Beetle onslought we had

They wealy went to town on the other Roses .They ate the flowers

I did get out and sprayed them but they were hard to controle

It took about 2 Years befor they had gone awy .

In the meantime they put up the no parking sighn in front of my house

So Frank and I had to have a driveway put in .This ment that I had to

dig out the hedges on thr ally side .So one Sat, morning I went out

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and had to dig them out .This started out to be a big job as the ground was hard as it was all clay .But I got around it with out too much trouble as I got out a rope and a short chane.I put the chain around the hedges then on the rope then tied it to the car then pulled them out ..It took all day but I got them out without too much trouble .I piled them on the front lawn .A man down the street ask me what I was going to do with them .I said throw them away .He said can I have them I said yes so he took them away and right now they are still growing . Later on we got some more hedges and put them up the driveway side We got them at a little nursery on Providence Rd in Seacane. This was some place .It was on a large lot but it was a small building The man that owned it was an old man .He looked like Buffalo Bill White Mustash and white Goatie and long white hair He told us that he was in the Spanish War and was with Teddy at San Juan He sure could tell the storys .He had quite a lot of plants there as Emily got quite a lot of them So that was a job for us to do. I done the diging and she put them in the ground .

They came up fine as Emily had a Green Thumb so they all came up in time. At the end of Summer we went up to see my brother Tom and his family

in Maine .We took Mom and Pop with us It was some trip and a long one too We got lost going to N Y .I got in the wrong line insted of the one over the Wasington Bridge I got in the Hollen Tunele and came out in New York city I stopped and ask aman how to get to Boston .He said that he did not know as he had never been there .About that time a lady heard me and told me to go to the next road as that was Kings Rd, and turn right .So we were on

our way again Well we got to Boston alright .As we had got our supper just out side It was getting dark now and I got lost in the city .As it was really crowed We ask how to get to Route 1 but no one knew Some how I got on a road that took us throuh a tunnel that led in to a place called Revere .Then we found a nice hotel and put up for the night .The next morning we went to a nice resuraunt and had breakfast I ask the waterrest if she knew how to get to Portsmouth N H

She ask me where i was parked .Itold her right out side .Then she told me to go to the next light then turn left to the next light and turn right that was Rt 1 it would take me there .It struck me funny .Here was a road there that no one knew of the night befor .Well we got to Portsmouth .We got some lunch then I saw tht signn to Berwick .I got to berwick then I ask a man where Cemetary Road was .He told me to turn to the left that it was on my right going up .Itold him my brothers nane and nhhe knew him

So he told me to go up past the Cem etery and he was on the farm on the left .We got there in fine shape in the after noon .They were glad to see us They ask us if we had any trouble so I told them my story on getting lost

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As you can see it went over good .Mom and Pop got some place to sleep that night
As they were crowd Emily and I went to a town in N J and got a room in a guesst
house It was on the Colonial Style .It was very nice the Wellpaper was
Colonial style with pictures of the Colonial days .we went out and got breakfast
while we were there aman came in and said that it was Snowing in Concord
Now this was only the first week in Sept. and it had been warm
When we got back to the farm we told them what the man had said .They said that
they heard it on the Radio too .So they got things all set up for us to
sleep there so we stayed there the rest of the time Two days later Emily and I
went for a ride .We went to a place called York Beach .Well you may of
heard of the Rocky Coast of Maine .Well we saw it .It lived up to its name
It was rocky alright .So we rode around for awhile and saw the Light House
We took picures of it of us with it in the back ground . We left the beach just i
in time as a heavy fog was comming in .It was foggy all the way to the
farm when we got in they ask us if we saw the plane that had crashed .We said
no as we did not hear about it .So they told us about it as they had heard of
it on the Radio and two peaple had been kild .We told them about all the rocks w
we saw there ..After a week we left for home .It was Monday Morning .
We got along good till we came to Boston .We were just out side of it
I pulled over to the side and saw two cops .I ask them if there was a way
to go without going through Boston .They said you do not want to see
Boston /?I said as I had seen it a week ago and wanted to miss the heavey
traffic We got a kick out of the way they talked withthereNew England Diaect
They got a kick out of our Phila,Dialect so we must of talked for about
ten minuits .Then they told us to take a road that went around it
That it would take us where we were going and it did too
Every whent fine till i got to N J .Then I missed the road to go to
Trenton as this would take me to Phila. So I kept on going till I saw a
sighn that said Rt 130 then I knew where I was as I had been on it a few times
It took me to the feery and home .As I was in Chester I took Mom and Pop
to there home Then came home to our house
Well thats that for Maine .Her dauhter Emily had a baby in December so my
Emily went up to see her as she had a boy .They called him John His fathers
name was Paul .She went up by train .Th e Pennsy to N y Then on the n Y C to
Albany They picked her up there .She was up there for a week .Then I went up
for the weekend by train too as it was the best way at the time.
So in the early Summer young Emily moved the Scheneetady N Y .
They had bought a new home in a place called Freds Way up North of the
city .So late in the Summer Emily and I rode up .to see them.
As useual I go lost on the way up as it was along trip .There was no N Y
Thruway then as they were just started to build it .So when we reached
Kingston N Y we had to take (.W to Albany .We got there allwright
Young Emily had drew us a map how to get there .It was a good one too.
But my Emily was reading it I was just driveing .We were at the mouth of the
Mohawk River so we were lost We should of been at the other end of the
River up to the No th .I took the map and looked at it
She had the map upside down and was giveing me the directions that way

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It was no wonder we were at the bottom of the River when we should of been at the top end As I was looking over the other map of N Y I saw a lady about to get in her car so I stopped her and told her that I was lost could she help me ot .I told her where I wanted to go and showed her the maps She looked at me and said thats where I live .I told her thats where young Emily lived She said to follow her and I did .She took me right up to the Street next to where Emily lived and said that is where she lived That sure was a break .We stayed there for a week .It was some Place It was nice but as it was new and they had just been built .It was all brown sand no dirt on it at all no grass some Birch Trees all around The house was very nice built likr nine but it was all sand like the beach at the shore no soil to grow any thing in My Emily liked it as she could dig it with ease .But I toold her that they needed some heavy soil as the wind blew the sand all over the place.

At the end of the week we went home .We got to Bridgpott then I made a wrong turn and was on our way to Chester .I knew where I was It was very dark Emily got scarde .She was afraid that someone would jump on the running board she told me so .I said not to be afraid as we did not have a running board .on the car.

We got home alright as we came to where it was all lit up We went up the next summer to see them .Now they had moved to Scotia Right near where she lives now .They had just finished the N Y Thruway up past there and was still working on it Two years later we went up to see Emily as I was on two weeks vaction So I took tree weeks of and we went up to see them again/.

By this time the N Y. Truway was about done except for the upper part . We wold go up though Pa, and up to Kingston N Y, then on the thruway This would take us to Schenntady .We would get of the first exit.

We were at young Emilys a few days and we told them that we were going to see the Niagara Falls. So we left early one morning and got on the Thruway going North .It was all done exep the top end .From Niagara to Buffalo We got to the International line .they stopped us and looked over our bags on the U S side and let us go .On the other side they done the same thing but ask us where we were going we saidto see the falls for a few days .I asked the man there he was a Custom agent where I could find a nice cabin .He said to take left turn and go to Chipewa .He said tht a place called Gearges was the best place there

So in a few minuites we were there .They were very nice placesnot far from the Falls .We asked the lady where to tell us where there was a nice place to eat .She told ua .So she was right as it was avery nice place You waited on yourself then in line to pay .We got a nice meal .I payed in U,S money got my chang in Canadean money. After that we rode to the Falls It was not too far away .As I tryed to park an Officer came up

To the
Chipewa
Georges

to me and not to park there as my car would get all wet and would be hard to start .He told me to go down a litter to the left and park He was wright for after we came back it was all wet from the water spray We enjoyed them very much it was a grand site to see When we got back to the cabin we went to the office to get some cards and a paper to wead ..So who was behind the counter but George the man at the customs that told us about the cabins he owned them It shure looked like he had a good thing goin for him We got our cards and paper then we talked for awhile .His wife was from Verginia and she did not like it up there as it was too cold i/the winter .We stayed there a few days then went for home .We got though the customs alright till we got to the U.S side No trouble but the man on the U.S did is that all you bring over .He told us that we could

of brout more over We told him that all we wanted to do was see the Falls .He ask if we had some Canadaian Money .I said that I might have he told me to change it in the next town as it would not be taken after we got down the Thruway about 5 0 miles .He was right as we got down the rode a bout 4 0 miles there was a big sighn that said Canadaian money was not accepted pass this point, We were on our way down the Thruway. Emily said lets stop at the Finger Lakes and see what they are like so we did . WE stopped at Seneca Falls This was a little town on the Seneca Lake Right now it was a a Ghost town as there was not many people there now It had been a Navel Base in w w 2 but now it was shut down and most of the people had moved away by now . So as we saw it was pretty emty by now . We pulled up to the side of the Street then a cop came along . Weasked him where theSeneca falls were .He said this is it . We ask him where the falls were .He said that we were 5 0 years too late as they had built a Power Plant there now .I ask him where there was a Motel He pointed up the Street on our left and said that it was a nice one He was right as it was very nice and clean It had anice larg room and bath and a beautiful rug also a T V and it came with the room tooas the ones we had in other places we stopped at cost 2 5 cents an hour and did not work too good It did not cost us too much for the night . We ask where a resturaunt was and the lady said just up the street. It was a very nice one too .While it had been a large one at the time of WW 2 they only used a part of it now . We had a good Supper and felt a lot better now .After we ate we drove around a bit and saw the town or what was left of it as most of the stores were closed and out of busines It looked like Chester is now, We had a good nights sleep as we were tired now .The next morning we realy felt good now so we went and got our breakfast

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The Next mornknh we were on our way to the next town that was calld called ~~Ohio~~ Cayuga .It was on the lake by the same name Well it was a little better as there was a College there .So it was not quite so deserted .Wesaw the other lakes too then went home to young Emilys. We got there that night late but it was alright as we ate supper on the way there We talked that night and told them all about our trip.

We left two days later .The trip back was nice till I got to out side of Norristown then I took the wrong road at Bridgeport .Instead of 3 2 0 I got on another road .In awhile I saw the sign that said to Chester so I knew where I was so we got home that night ,Not too late .About 9 3 0 Boy was we glad to get back home again as we had enough rideing for awhile We saw young Emily the next summer . Emily and Paul came down that time for a few days .You think your Grand Kids are bad .You should of seen them They were a mess .Into all the things they could get into.Nothing was good enough for them they were spoiled roton Drove my Emily up the Wall They were going to see his people in Norfolk V A .Then to a place called Nags head N C,

I was glad to get rid of them I mean the Kids as we were glad to see young Emily Well as the years went by things got worse .First my father died of Canser in the throat in 5 6 then Bill bot sick had a Brain Tummer He was in the Cr:zier Hospital at the same time my mother got sick she had she was in at the same time This was in 6 8 Mother died Right after that Bill got real bad .They had to put him in Havertown as he was very bad I would take Jean up as often as I could This was about two times a week One Saturday motning Jean called up to tell me that Bill had died that night So I took her up to see him then to the Undertakers This was in 6 8, In September of the same year my Emily died of Cancertoo That was a sory year for both Jean an I We were both left aloneto face

the world .But we faced it It was tough but we made it She got a job at the hospital .Night shift 1 1 to 7 .In the meantime I was ready to retir .In december I was to retire But in October I got this Hernier I went to the first aid in the plant and showed the nurse the lump on my side in front left side .She said to wait for the plant doctor to see me He told me to see my own doctor .In the meantime the nurse told the plant that I was to retire in December .So he said you will not be back to work So I called up Jean to tell her as I knew she was not in bed yet

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As the doctor was just on the corner from e

her She went to him with me:

He told me that I had to get a operation and sent me to a Surgeon up on

Edgmont Av in Parkside I think
So he called in and got me admitted This is where Mairan cam in as she and
Jean took me in as they told me to leave my car home and she would pick me
up and take me to the hospital .They did so as Jean was off that day

In the meantime the Nurse had gave me the forms to take in with me
Well this is where she pulled her rank or something she told them that
she wanted me on the 4 th floor of the new building as that was ~~where~~

where she worked This was Monday morning

Well I got in alright .The next day they opeated .All my people came to see me
Jean was off for a couple of nights so she told Martha her freind she was
a colard L P N ,I told Jean that it Ment Little Polish Nurse

She did take good care of me as Jean told her who I was In a few days I
was out .Jean told me she got me sprung .Thats how they say when they get
get you out of Jail .So I went to Jeans house for about a week then they

took me home .The next day I went to the plant and saw the nurse then
the plant docter came in and looked me over and told me that I would

be out the rest of the year .The nurse had told him that I was going on
retirment at the end of the year and i did December the 31st I saw the

man in charge and a woman got all my papers made out and I got my Checks
I had to go to the tool room and check in my tools .The man in there was an
old crab .He thought he owned the place .He told me that I was short on my
tools and I said so what .He said that I would not get my pay.

I showed him the checks and told him that I already had it He said that
that they would take it out of my Penso~~r~~. I told him Bullshit

After I said good by to the men I had worked with I went home .

When I got home the mail had came and my first Penshon check was there

Late that after noon I calld Jean and told her how I made out as she
told me to let her know how I made out and I did .

She was bossy she wanted to know every thing I had done but I liked it

and told her .then I took her and Mareian out to supper then took
them home as they had to go to work that night then I went home

I saw Jean the next day as it was New Years day I took her out to
Dinner I think she had to work that night too and was off the next few days

So the next day after New Years I went to the bank and put in the checks

Now I was retired I did not have to get up in the Morning too early

As Jean was off I went down to see her and we went out to dinner with
Marian

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One event that I did not mention and it was a tragedy .
As my cousin Ceilia was killed in a fire .There house burned down.
and she and her grand dauter were killed .and her husband very
badly burned There name was Henderson .She was Bill Morris sistr They
also had a tragedy just a few years befor that as there son Fred was
killed in an air plane crash at Buckman air poet ,This happened in the
~~The 50s She had 5 children .They are all grown up by now~~
The 50s .She had 5 children .They are all grown up by now
and not too many of them left today .The house was just acrost the street
from my mother and Marians .

Well I will get back to the story now as my sister came to live with me
About that time I put the fence around the back yard as I was now
takeing cace of the dog for Jean when she went on her trips.
Later on my sister got very sick and I could not take care of her
as she got to falling out of bed and I could not take care of her any
more so I told her sons that they had to take her with them
A few months later she past away .It was a God send as she was in
a lot of pain .A little later Jeans landlady raised the rent up high
.Too high for the salary that she was makeing .She got transferd
to the Gift shop .I was glad to see her there as it was day time job
But that was costing her a lot of money too as Marian had now gone to
live with Gordan and she had to take a taxi to and from work sometim:s
she got a ride home but it still cost her a lot of money
So I talked to her like a duch uncle and told her to come and live
in my house as I had 2 rooms up stairs .She said fine .So we agreed to it
She would help pay the expenses and I would take her to an from
work .This last for a long time and the dog was in her glory in the
big yard It was on a Crissmass night when the Dog got a very bad
Spell and as Harry and micky were there we took her to the vets and
The vet told us that he do nothing to help her as she was very bad
so he had to put her away .we all felt bad about it too.
A little latter Harrys dog got sick to and the too had to put the dog
away A few months latter Harry got a new dog .So as not to out done
Jean got one too She called her Wendy .Thats how we got Wendy
The first night we got Wendy it was a mess .As when we were ready for bed
we kept her in the kitchen where it was warm as it was cold
weather .At first I got a big box and put a blanket in it and some
water and food .As Jean and I were in the liveing room she climbed
out of the box and came out to us Well I put a screen on top of it
After that she did not stop crying .If we stayed with her she was quite
but when we left she cryed .Well I had to do something so I got
a Plstic table cover we had in the closet and I put it on my bed
put a little blanket on it put her on it and crawled in bed.
we slept all night till I got up then I took the cover out side
took her out too as it was not too cold and she went out side
and done her buines

One of the places Jean liked to go to was the Howard Johnsons .It was on Providence Road and Baltimore Pike as she always got what she liked so that was where we went to .After that we all went home . Well to continue .Jean got a new job in the gift shop.

And Marian retired and as her son Gordon was still in the air force and was in Japan so she went there to see him for awhile .Then he was sent to the States .I think to it was Shreveport L A so she went there to live with him Now this was the beginning of Jeans air traveling and she liked it a lot She went by Delta air line .She would go to Atlanta and change for Shreveport where Marian would pick her up and take her to her place.

This was not the first time that Jean had been on on a plane as she and Marian had been to Las .Vagas with a group a few months before Gordon had been sent to Dover DL. so she went to live with Gordon there She would come up to see us a few times and stay for a week Before this my sister got very sick .as she could not get along with her daughter in law and her kids as the young one was a bad one as her mother and my nephew worked and she went wild bringing boys up to her bed room .My sister came to live with me so I took care of her for awhile

Before all this Jean got a dog a little white one she called Niki She got off the woman up stairs as they did not want it and they did not treat it too good so Jean took it ..At first it would try to bite me if I went near it .But one night at the supper table she came to me and I gave it a bone and some meat after that I could not get rid of her .We were friends from then on..As I would bring Jean up to my house we would bring it up with us and she would have a ball running in my back yard as the one she had was just a small one

~~To Be~~ To Be Continued

Well right now this is the end for now

She died May 28 - 1986
Buried in the Howard Johnsons

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It took a while to get her house broken but we made it
Out in the yard she was a buger as all she wanted to do was dig holes in the
bottom of the fence .It kept me busy trying to fill them up
But she was a good dog and we both loved her .She liked to go for a
walk with me as I had a nice chain not too heavy .At first we would go
all around the block .

As she got older she would only go up and down the street
As much as to say htat is enough for now .

Well Jean and I got along very good .One Friday after noon as Jean was off
Bobby came in it was wet and snowing .He said he had been throwed out
the place he was staying but had a place to go in the morningbut
right then he had no place to go . As I saw the Motherly look on
Jeans face I told him he could stay here till he got a place to go .
As the next day was Saturday and the place he was to go was not ready
could he stay till Monday so I said yes .He said he had some money
coming to him from a comishing he had comeing to him for his share of
selling a place he had sold in Ocean City N J, .
Well to make a long story short he was wiht us for quite a while
As far as I knew he had no job He would say he was working at this and
that but we saw no money He was selling this and that .

He would go out early in the morning as Jean saw to that and would come
back at night in time for supper .A lot of times he was late and he
hadto warm it up .by now Jean was working at the Serendipiny Shop
as a volunteer from 10 to 3 p m .

This went on for quite a while He would tell us that he was the
the saleman for a frozen fish company and was taking orders for
fish markets around here .But we did not see any money comeing in
I donot know but I think that Jean was giveing him some money .
Not that it made any different to me but that was the way it was.
Well now comes the sad part .As one morning .It was about 7 a m
as Jean was always up by 7 a m I did not hear her up and as it was
getting late I called up to Bobby to wake her up as she had to go to
work that day .He called me and said he could not wake her up.
as she was sitting on the soafer so I put on my pants and ran upstairs
She was sitting up .I went to her and called her She did not anser
I felt her pulse and could not find any and she was cold too
So I called the Police and they sent an ambulance .They said that she
was Dead so I called the Undertaker and he took care of the
rest of the things that had to be done

In the mean time Frankie got word on her scaner about it and came over
I called Thelma and told her the bad news and she came right over and
helped me out with the Funeral arangments her and Mickie Stewart
Jean looked very nice Our Preist took care of the Servistoo
Well right now this is the end for now

WELL this IS all FOR now

*She Died May 28 - 1986
Buried in the Immaculate Heart Cemetery Lenwood Pa
With Bill Her Husband*

She Died on May 28 1986

She was Bured I The Imaculate Cenetery in Linwood P A

I t was only a few months later that my dog Wendy Died .She had got some poisen she had picked up while eating some grass as she was always doing this She deid befor I could get her to the Vets .I took her to the Vets

and had them take care of what had to be done I sure miss her for awhile

But I got over it in time like all the other things that had happend ..Now I have my freinds my good freinds The Savages Thelma and Tom Frankie Tom jr also Bill and Debbie They take good care of me like one of the family and I sure am happy about it too

So I send my best wishes to them all