

**JC Porter** Interview with **Eva Owens** (d/o Letha Wheeler, d/o Margaret Belle King Dowdy, d/o Sena Brown, d/o Andrew J. Porter)

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JC So this is December 30<sup>th</sup>, right?

JC This is Mrs. **Eva Owens**

Eva Eva

JC Eva I'm sorry. Eva Owens at Farmers, KY (JC & Eva Laughing)

Eva Now we're all tongue-tied

JC Well, let's see, where should we start at?

Eva Wherever you want to.

Eva But I did ask mother (**Ida Letha King Wheeler**, d/o Margaret Belle King Dowdy, d/o Sena Brown, d/o Andrew J. Porter) if Aunt Effie's birthday was the 20<sup>th</sup> of April and she said she believed I was right.

JC Yeah

Eva At first she didn't remember but then -

JC Yeah

EVA I wasn't even thinking about anything about family, and it just popped into my memory.

JC I wrote that down here, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Eva Now Arvil or Ted either one can verify that.

JC Can they?

Eva Ask them. See Arvil is her son and Ted is her grandson

JC Yeah

Eva And she's not been dead that too awful long, she was dead as long as my grandma did. (1:02)

JC They told me 1960. They didn't tell me month, they sent me just the years.

Eva Well, I didn't remember exactly when she died but I knew it was a long time after grandma died and I think she died in 47.

JC Ya, this is her grandma **Margaret Belle Brown**.

Eva And she was a sister to **Effie, Tommie, Bennie, Lillie**.

JC And these 5 kids were **Sena's (Brown, d/o AJP)**

Eva But mother (Ida Letha King Wheeler) said you were right about being **Sena's** but said there was some step brothers and sisters in there somewhere along the way, see she was little when she lived there with them, and after she thought about it, she said you were right about Aunt Fay being a Stevens.

JC Oh. She was a **Stevens**?

Eva Uh-Huh instead of a **Friend**.

Eva Now **Norma (uncle Holt's girl)** married a **Friend – Ran's, Rans Friend**.

JC Yeah

JC Why don't you start out by telling me about **Ida**. What do you know about her? What you

do remember about her?

Eva Ida Effie? (**Ida Effie Brown Gullett**, d/o Sena Brown, d/o Andrew J. Porter)

JC Yeah

Eva Oh honey, she's was a great big fat lady.

JC She was?

Eva And she was jolliest thing as you ever saw. She didn't even act like she was any relation to grandma. My Grandmother was kind of tall and thin.

JC Yeah

Eva And I guess one was a Brown, the other one was a Porter.

JC What do you mean?

Eva **Aunt Effie (Ida Effie)** took more after the **Porter** side , you know.

JC OH

Eva And my grandma took more after her father's side. Though **Aunt Effie** did look like her dad. He was a little short man.

JC Yeah? She a good Woman?

Eva Oh, my goodness yes. She was the jolliest best person. And course I was around with her quite a bit cause she came out to grandma's. We lived just below my grandmother when I was a little girl, you know.

JC Yeah

Eva And I was with my grandmother so much, more than any the other grandchildren, that's the reason I remember more about, things that happened. And of course **Aunt Effie (Gullett)**, we called Aunt Effie instead of Ida. She had **Bill, & Minnie, Roy, & Dallas, & Arvil, and Haskell**. That was their children.

JC Yeah?

Eva And she - the last I heard anyone say anything about it, she grew around what would been her twin. Instead of being Siamese twins she grew around what would have been her twin. It was in her side. And they took it out after she was woman grown and had children.

JC They did?

Eva They did and it was in formaldehyde or something on display in Ashland.

JC And it was sort of inside her?

Eve She grew around it. It was just in the flesh of her stomach.

JC Well, I'll be darn.

Eva And the Browns, there is an awful lot of twins in the **Brown family**.

JC Yeah?

Eva And she grew around what would have been her twin. See, uh, **Uncle Tommie's** first wife had twins. **Tommie Brown's** (s/o Sena, d/o AJP) first wife **Lou** had twins and aw there was just the awfulest lot of twins. Even **Fred Brown** will I guess would tell you about the ones in that family on down. She grew around what would have been her twin.

JC I'll be darn. Where'd she live at?

Eva At Coalton.

JC Coalton?

Eva Just this side of Ashland.

JC Did they have a big house or?

Eva Uh -No, her husband was a coal miner, and they usually lived in company house, but I think in her last days she lived in the house that **Arvil (Gullett, s/o Ida Effie, d/o Sena Brown, d/o AJP)** owned.

JC Oh she did?

Eva I think so because she lived just about....I spent the night with her back in 1940, early 40's. I can't remember just what year.

JC Yeah?

Eva And that's why that I thought probably that **Arvil** would have her pictures. She had a lot of pictures and I thought since she lived there close to him that he may have but not know who they are.

JC Yeah?

Eva Now if Mother would see them, she would know, she would know them. Now she has a picture of her Grandfather (**Flemming Low) Brown** but she doesn't of her Grandmother **Sena** (d/o AJP).

JV Yeah?

EVA And she's got pictures of course of grandma, her mother.

JC What did Ida die from, Effie?

Eva I don't know, probably just old age.

JC Yeah

Eva She was getting way up in years, see she was born what – 70 ?

JC 72

Eva 74? – yeah 72 – grandma was 76, so see, she was 92 – no 88 uh 88.

JC Yeah 88

Eva Now, I had thought that we'd get to go, mother and me would get to go up to Arvil's. I'm not driving yet. I don't have dizzy head but my head don't stop when I do sometimes. They tell me it's the medication I'm on and it bout kills me. (5:47)

JC This cousin, Barbara Shepherd, is that her name?

Eva Yeah

JC She didn't have the pictures?

Eva She had had them, but she had given them to another cousin and I couldn't get'em. You know mother is the only one of grandma's kids left. She's the last one in the family and I kind of felt like you know, that she should have been the one to get the pictures, but she didn't.

JC Which cousin did this **Barbara** give them to?

Eva A Brown

JC A Brown? You mean that's not related to the Porter's?

Eva No she's related to the Porters. She's **Virgil Dowdy's** daughter. That would be **Barbara's** first cousin.

JC Oh

Eva See they're my first cousins, also? But she married a Brown. She's Virgil Dowdy's daughter and she married a Brown. Course she was related to the Browns and she married a distant cousin.

JC **Virgil Dowdy** – was he...

Eva Mom's brother – half-brother.  
JC Half-brother?  
Eva **Belles** oldest boy by a **Dowdy**, oldest child and he's been dead a little over a year.  
JC And it was his child that got the pictures?  
Eva Un-huh  
JC But did she get all of them? Or -  
Eva I don't know? I don't know. She had – **Barbara** had given them to her – she gave them to her mother and after her mother was gone she got them back and she may not have gotten all of them. I don't know.  
JC Yeah? You reckon I could write her a letter? Maybe she...  
Eva She might.  
JC Well, let's see what would her name be?  
Eva **Betty Brown**, Betty Brown and that would be I guess – Morehead Route something, maybe 6, but anyway she did? Send it to Morehead.  
JC What's her husband's name?  
Eva Tennis T E N N I S-**Tennis Brown**  
JC Now he's not a blood Porter? (relative?)  
Eva No, his daddy, I mean his granddaddy was **Ben Brown's** brother.  
JC Oh Yeah.  
Eva But see that doesn't make him any relation to the Porters  
JC No, but they're distant cousins – not too distant. But **Betty's** a daughter of **Virgil**?  
Eva Uh huh **Minnie Kiser** was his wife.  
JC **Virgil's** wife?  
Eva Uh-huh **Minnie Kiser, Virgil Dowdy**, that was grandma's oldest child by her second husband.  
JC You sent me this information.  
Eva I think so? But I didn't tell you, I don't think – who they married, did I?  
JC No, you didn't tell me who they married or their kids, I don't think.  
Eva Well I will, I'll write it down.  
JC OK  
Eva And I'll give it to you.  
JC Ok.  
Eva If we don't get it today, if you want it today, I can give it to you.  
JC Ok, we can get that after while.  
Eva Ok.  
JC And she'd probably have these pictures?  
Eva She may have some of them but she won't know them , she won't know who they are.  
JC Well, she lives around here. Maybe I – we can go see her on the way back.  
Eva Well, (laughs) I talked to her twice. Same old story about it. So when mother was up here the other day uh – one Sunday \_\_\_\_\_(9:09) Sunday and I called her & told her mother was here and we'd like to look at the pictures and she just blew up.  
JC She did?

Eva And I said Well, **Betty** if that's the way you feel about it forget honey. I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ (9:18) (laughs) She didn't want to give her pictures up, and I'd already explained to her they would just be borrowed & returned and mother's the only one who'd know who they are.

JC Do you reckon there are names on the pictures?

Eva No, but mother would know them if she seen them. See she remembers most of them except where she's seen... See my grandmother had enlarged pictures of her mother and her father they'd been put together after – See her mother had died when she was young but they took that young picture and put it with grandma's father's later years and had them enlarged. I don't even know what become of that picture. See, I remember seeing that. And grandma had a picture like the one you sent me.

JC She did? Oh, the brothers. (5 Porter brothers)

Eva Yes her uncles and aunts.

JC Your grandma had that? Whatever happened to it?

Eva I don't know.

JC I'll be darned.

Eva And even my brother remembers it.

JC He does?

Eva He's four years younger than I am. See we grew up right under my grandma's feet.

JC Yeah?

Eva We were with her so much.

JC Have you ever seen these people? (Looking at a picture)

Eva That would have to be one of em. I don't know which one. No, I don't remember seeing them, but that looks like grandma's boys?

JC Let's see, is there another picture there?

Eva Uh-huh, There's one more under this one. That looks like Clyde? (11:06) Grandma's next to the baby boy. From there up it looks like \_\_\_\_\_ could be.

JC He's got to be relative to a **Porter** somehow, but I don't know how. Some **of John Porter's** grandkids had them pictures and they didn't know who they were.

Eva Now have you been to see **Virgie Brown** (d/o Lucy DeBord, d/o John C. Porter, s/o AJP)?

JC No, I thought maybe we might stop by and talk to her.

Eva Well, she probably will know these pictures.

JC I know they sent them to her and I think she didn't know them.

Eva Now, mother might.

JC Where does Virgie live? Right in town?

Eva No you go up here to the overpass, where it crosses the railroad on 60, and turn to the left, and she lives there's a used to be a church camp on the right, and she lives about 2<sup>nd</sup> house on the left, beyond the curve when you make it there I've never been there since she lived up there.

**Scott Porter:** (s/o Ed, s/o Everett, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP): Where?

Eva When you go back 60 towards Morehead

Scott Yeah.

Eva 60 crosses the railroad up here on the overpass. Right as you cross the overpass, there's a road that goes up to left. When you get almost up to the top of the hill there's a church camp on

the right, you can't mistake it because you know it looks like a camp & when you pass that, about the second house on the left, beyond that I think, is where she lives. I'll tell you what, you can call her. She call tell you. She might possibly know these people.

JC Ok, I'll ask.

Eva This looks like Mom's half-sister. This looks like **Bessie Dowdy**.

JC Oh, It does?

Eva She had blonde hair \_\_\_\_ (12:57) I think it just looks her.

JC I'm sure there are some Andrew Porter's grandchildren that look something like that. I don't know which ones they'd be.

Eva \_\_\_\_ (13:09)

JC **John Porter's** grandkids that live in Illinois sent them to me. (Moody Nickles, s/o Rebecca, d/o John C. Porter, s/o AJP)

Eva And they know they are **Porters** but they don't know which ones?

JC Well, no, they don't even know who they are.

Eva Oh.

JC They know their mom had'em. (the pictures) (JC speaking to Scott Porter) Remember, we talked to **Florence Williams** (d/o John C. Porter, s/o AJP)? That's some old pictures. Remember that I asked her about that? Well, this is the ones. I thought they could be **Andrew and Lucy (Porter)**.

Eva Well, did you ever get any trace at all after that you knew that grandma's great-grandma was there?

JC No, I was going to talk to you more about it

Eva See when her mom died – she got T. B.

JC Yes. **Sena (Brown)**.

Eva There's interesting thing about that too. They bled her.

JC They did? They let her blood run out?

Eva And that hastened her death, because she had T. B.

JC Yeah

Eva Then **Aunt (Nancy) Jane (Porter)**, d/o AJP) after grandma. I don't know whether she had it when grandma went there or not. Grandma (**Margaret Belle King Dowdy**) was just 9 years old when her mom died. But she went to stay with **Aunt Jane** and her grandpa (**Andrew J. Porter**). And of course her great grandma was there. (Andrew J. Porter's mother) And she would sit with her little pipe and wait for \_\_\_\_ (14:15) She would sit and wait for someone to light it for her.

JC And this was at her grandpa's (**Andrew J. Porter's**) house and **Aunt Jane** was there too?

Eva She never married, and grandma said she was so tiny. Grandma was just nine, that she wondered if she'd have to wash great big dresses like **Aunt Jane** wore when she got grown.

JC Aunt Jane was a big woman?

Eva Evidently, you know, they wore them to the ground, sweeping the ground.

JC Yeah

Eva And she wondered if she'd wear big dresses like that, coarse she wasn't as big as grandma.

JC Yeah. Well she may not necessarily have been a big fat woman.

Eva Well she wouldn't have been. She had T.B. too.

JC **Jane** did?

Eva Yes she had T. B. too.

JC Oh she did? How long after your grandma – your great grandma?

Eva That I don't know. I don't remember hearing grandma saying anything about that, but Aunt **Moll Flannery** (2<sup>nd</sup> wife of **Flem Brown**) married my grandfather. Wasn't she a lazy woman- she wasn't too good at working and I think all the kids got away just as soon as they could. Seems so sad to me.

JC Oh, they did?

Eva Yeah

JC So that's why you mom moved out, I mean your grandma.

Eva No, she went, I guess before her dad re-married. I'd say.

JC Oh, she did?

Eva I'd say she did, during that time. Because if grandma died when, great grandma (**Sena Brown**, d/o AJP) died and grandma (**Margaret Belle**) was just nine. Then her grandfather (**Andrew J. Porter**) died in a couple years. See- (Andrew Porter died in 1888)

JC Yeah

Eva So it would have been, it would have had to been right after her mother died that she was there, putting things together, you know what can I remember her saying?

JC Then your grandmother never saying anything about her grandma, Andrews wife?

Eva Only just, No – I don't never remember her saying anything about that, just Aunt Jane. She went to live with Aunt Jane and Pa.

JC And Andrew's mom was there too? And what's this about they drug her back from Robertson County?

Eva Mother said that she thinks that grandma Belle's daddy (**Flem Brown**) went down and helped them move back.

JC Helped'em move back?

Eva And they brought her through on a sled. Now she's not sure her **grandpa Brown** went and helped but he was a good natured person always to other people. She thinks he went and helped his father-in-law (**Andrew Porter**) – ex-father-in-law, well you know. I don't think mammaw was still living. That I'm not sure about. Well, but anyway, she thinks he went and helped his father-in-law move back.

JC **Flem (Brown)** went to Robertson County. (16:50) I think they came back 1877 or 78, so she (**Lucy Cornett Porter**, wife of AJP) would've still be living then.

Eva Yeah you're right. She'd still be living at that time. It would have to been 1886 because, see my grandmother (**Margaret Belle King Dowdy**) was born in December. And she would have been nine right at the last of December. Well, Grandma died when she was nine years old. So it had to have been 86?? (Eva later said 1885) But anyhow, that my mom thinks her Grandfather went down & helped her great grandfather move back but she's not sure of that. She does know and I heard grandma tell us about it. They brought her back on a sled. She was blind, likely. Must have been winter-time.

JC Huh?

Eva That's probably been a sleigh, you know?

JC Yeah.

Eva Cause, I remember, the surrey that my grandmother and my step-grandfather had and they

take the wheels off and put the runners on in the winter time and made a sleigh out of it, you know.

JC Yeah.

Eva Nearly everybody had them back then, so I'd say that's what he took down at the time but they called it a sled, grandma did- that's just the way she would put it. But, see, mother nor me either remembers her particularly saying it was her dad that, that went and helped moved em.

JC Yeah

Eva But we do know that she talked about a sled & then she sat there with a little pipe in her hand and wait for someone to notice to light it for her.

JC Yeah Huh

Eva See, grandma (**Margaret Belle**) would have been 104 years old this December if she was living.

JC Yeah.

Eva And **Aunt Effie (Gullett)**, would have been 108. So that goes back quite a ways.

JC Yeah it does. And your grandma remembered her **Aunt Elizabeth Hunt** (d/o AJP)?

Eva Hearing about her.

JC Hearing – she never met her?

Eva I doubt if she did.

JC What was that, you said she got married because she didn't want to move with her dad?

Eva She didn't want to leave down there you know, leave a boy friend, that's what!

JC She didn't want to leave her boyfriend in Virginia.

Eva And so she went ahead & got married before they left. If anything, they must have been talking about coming to Kentucky for a while, you know.

JC Yeah.

Eva And that's – that's I remember hearing, grandma talk about it, that she didn't come to this county because she didn't want to leave her boyfriend, she had to marry. She must have been awful young.

JC She was 17 when they married. Well, he was from, you know, they moved to Allen County, KY, that's down Scottsville, near Bowling Green. He was from there, but apparently, he lived in Virginia there for a while right after the War. He was in the War, you know, Confederate, so was Levi.

Eva Well, now did **Levi (Porter, s/o AJP)** get captured by the Northern Army at one time?

JC Why?

Eva Well, **Dr. Arvis? Porter**

JC Yeah?

Eva Told me that he did, or that one did, and he thought that was the one, and he turned around and fought for the North.

JC Huh?

Eva And he said that was in his book that **Vincent** has got.

JC I called **Dr. Arvis Porter**, right after I called you that night and he didn't seem to know anything about what I was talking about.

Eva Oh, Well, Bless his heart.

JC (laugh)

Eva Honey, he gave me his mother's name. She's re-married and gave me another woman's name.

JC Yeah?

Eva Do you reckon he thought someone was pulling his leg or something?

JC Well, I don't know. He didn't seem to know what was going on. He said his Porters were from KY going way back. They didn't come from Virginia. So, I don't know. (Laughs)

Eva I will, I'll give you this **Mrs. Fults?** ( 20:50) name and Mrs. Whatever the other one. I got it wrote down in there, if I can find it with all the tearing around I've been doing with the papers and you can write to them. One is in Stark, KY which is up in, I think, Morgan, Co.

JC It's Elliott County.

Eva Is it Elliott County?

JC Yeah. I've been there. That's where **Jim Porter** (s/o AJP) lived, Stark, He named Stark?

Eva And then the other one lives up here close to the Elliott County line. And have you talked to any of the Greens?

JC Yeah, **Olive Green** in Sandy Hook. Yeah, I talked to them. What's the one, what's her name who runs the hardware there? **Elaine Conley**, she was a Green. She is about 62 or 63.

Eva See Ollie Green. If mother was here, she could tell but, I can't, but anyway a Code Green's mother was one of the kids, I think, and one of his son's is down here at Owensville. One of his son's committed suicide over a woman, not too long ago.

JC Oh, he did. Huh.

Scott Was that the boy that was in the hospital for awhile before he died?

Eva I don't know, You mean \_\_\_\_\_(22:11)

Scott Ya.

Eva No, That was Somboy? (22:13)

Scott Oh Yeah

Eva Now that is not any relation to us, but he was a cousin to our cousins. Sonboy? (22:23)

JC You said this **Elizabeth Hunt** has some relatives in Bath County?

Eva I think so. Now what I know about that, uh, **Jay**, my brother, is better acquainted with them than I am. And they say they were related to mother and I never even talked to them about it, but **Jay** has. And I intended but since I don't drive, I don't get to do what I intend. I intended to go talk to them, they're away on Christmas vacation right now. They run a little antique place down the road. But they're gone to their children's wherever it is and they're away.

JC Oh.

Eva **Patty** had to go down to Owensville, Saturday, I guess. He checked to see but they were gone for the holidays. They'll be back the 5<sup>th</sup>, I think. It's on the door.

JC You know the name?

Eva No, don't even know her name.

JC But they run a store there?

Eva It's a little place along 60, that is a little antique place, this and that, but I will get her name and send it to you.

JC Ok and it's near Owensville?

Eva Yeah

JC But before you get to Owensville?

Eva Yeah

JC You don't know the name of the store, do you?

Eva No – Don't even know if it's got a name. It's just a little place and she's carrying foods, this and that. And she's got beautiful antiques dishes.

JC Yeah, and you never heard your grandma mention anyone other than her mom, **Elizabeth (Hunt, d/o AJP)**, and **Aunt Jane (Porter, d/o AJP)**?

Eva Well, of course, all the boys.

JC What did she say about them?

Eva Well, I don't have any, reason to remember. I don't remember, but she knew all of them. And of course **uncle Jim (Porter, s/o AJP)**. Well, she just knew all of them.

JC Did she ever talk about **Levi (Porter, s/o AJP)** being in witchcraft?

Eva She was too, only they didn't call it witchcraft.

JC Knocking spirits?

Eva Uh huh, Knocking spirits.

JC Your grandma was? Well, how did she get started?

Eva Don't remember that. I guess she just grew up with it.

JC Yeah

Eva And when my oldest uncle, mom's oldest brother, was a baby, they said he wasn't able to stand, they would make the table walk over the floor with him on it.

JC They would? Well, your great grandma (**Sena Brown, d/o AJP**), she wasn't in it was she?

Eva I don't know.

JC Well was **Flem Brown** – was he a strong Methodist like some of the Porter's were?

Eva I don't know that. I can't tell you. I don't know what denomination they were.

JC So she told you about **Levi** being in the knocking spirits?

Eva Well, not particularly, just the whole family.

JC Several of them?

Eva Several of them could do it and I know when my, her next to her youngest boy, and they tried to get her to. You know, and if you've ever had your hands on the table when somebody raises them, then you can't, \_\_\_\_\_ (25:22) they tell me. She wouldn't let us do it.

JC She wouldn't?

Eva No. She said it got to lying to her so much, that she quit. She decided it was the work of the devil. But do you believe there's people who can, now the person can't do it, who is an instrument to stopping blood and drawing out fire?

JC I guess it's possible.

Scott I've heard of people talk about that.

Eva I Can't. That is I can't do it, but through me, it can be done. Drawing out fire & stop blood. So I guess I inherited part of it and I do have some, a little bit of ESP.

JC Oh, you do?

Eva But I don't like it.

JV Why not?

Eva It gives me a horrible feeling. (Laughs)

JC It does?

Eva Yeah.

JC And you say that's inherited?

Eva I feel like it may be. Uh-huh

JC Where do you draw out fire?

Eva Cause a burn, stop burning

JC Oh

Eva That's what they call it, draw out fire. People tell me it takes a lot out of you when you do it, but people tell me that whenever the fire is coming out of a burn they nearly go crazy for a few minutes, then it just stops. My baby when he was just past two on Christmas Day upset one these automatic cookers, a pot.

JC Yeah.

Eva Mother was cooking a roast in it. He upset that on him and it burned his arm and the flesh was just hanging in shreds and we took him to the doctor and before we got there he went to sleep, and it never did hurt. The doctor took tweezers and pulled it \_\_\_\_\_ (27:02) and cut off, his skin.

JC It didn't hurt him?

Eva He played. He just played, coming back and he took his nap going to the doctor and coming back. He just played.

JC Huh.

Eva And he was burned so badly, mother had just gotten him his first long pants.

JC Yeah

Eva I believe he still was in diapers, but anyway those pants had a plastic liner in them long corduroys. If it hadn't been for that he would have been terribly burned, but it burned his head, his little nose and that arm from there down. So of course, his little shirts opened on the shoulders and I just cut the sleeves out & snap them there cause he was bandaged from here down. His whole head was bandaged. It never did hurt him.

JC I'll be darned.

Eva It didn't leave much more than just a vaccination scar, along here on his arm. The only scar it left, \_\_\_\_\_(27:54) burn. For six solid weeks we had to take him to the doctor every day.

JC Hmm

Eva To get that dressed. Never hurt a bit. He never complained a bit.

JC Huh

Eva And a woman called me, a girl called me one morning and she said can you come up right quick. A little child that her mother was keeping had fallen on a register and had just burned him bad all through its stomach. Well, I didn't have any transportation that morning and I told'em I can't. **Daddy's** (Patty?) got the car and gone. We just had the one.

JC Yeah

Eva I said tell them to bring him down here. They couldn't, they didn't have any transportation, their son had the car and gone.

JC Yeah

Eva I said, well go on back to the house and if he hasn't hushed crying by the time you get back, call me back. If he has he will go to sleep. Don't be alarmed about it. Went back over there

he hushed crying, the child had, but when the mother came from work that evening to pick that child up, and they told her what happened and of course he had this stripes, just these squares on his little stomach. I don't know if it was a boy or girl. And she called it witchcraft and never would take the child back to the babysitter no more.

JC Hmm (laugh)

Eva It's an odd feeling.

JC Yeah?

Eva But it is fire.

JC Hmm

Eva Daddy cut his fingers. He was sharpening a blade on a lawnmower for one of his brothers. He was putting it back. He sharpened it real sharp and was putting it back on. The wrench slipped off and he cut all his fingers to the bone just across the back, on his right hand. I was helping in the yard, but anyway, there was a building between me and him. He hollered at me. I run around there and here it was, blood was just spurted, and then it just gradually went down, quit!

JC Huh

Eva It is the most weird thing you ever saw. (29:57) (end of tape)