

1980 Interview with Don Porter of Niles, Ohio. Son of Albert Rush "Bob" Porter, son of Levi Porter, son of Andrew J. Porter. (Track 1)

Don: They just had got in, him (Floyd Porter, son of Jim, son of Andrew J. Porter) and Roy got in the bed. Dad (Bob Porter) hollered for them to get up. They had to sleep upstairs, and they come down through the kitchen where my mother was getting breakfast. My mother said, Floyd said, "I'm gonna do something today to get myself in jail so I can get my knap out." They went ahead and done their feedin. When they were through, they went to Antigo, and sure enough, he got in jail, and he sent for Dad to come and get him out. Dad told him to get his knap out. Dad didn't see him no more for about 25 years. He (Bob) was down in Middletown, Ohio and he run across him (Floyd). He asked him if he ever got his knap out. (laughing)

JC: That Jim Porter (son of Andrew J. Porter), he must have had some mean boys.

Don: Ya. Andy (s/o Jim, s/o AJP), he wasn't too mean, but he was bad to drink you know. I know'd him real well. Him and Dad used to trade a lot. Been to our place, stayed all night. Even when we was in Wisconsin, he stayed all night. (1:00)

JC: When did your dad go to Wisconsin?

Don: He went in 1907.

JC: He was about one of the first one's that went up there?

Don: Ya, just about I guess.

JC: Did he go up on a train?

Don: Ya, he took a train when he went up. He owned a place up on Porter Creek where William Holbrooks lives now. Dad sold that to Wint Porter (son of Alex, son of AJP). Dad owned it and sold it. That is when he went to Wisconsin in 1907. He stayed there 23 years, then he come back to Flemingsburg (KY) and bought a farm there in 1930.

JC: Did your aunt Lula (d/o Levi Porter) go up with them then too?

Don: I don't think she was ever up there, but she has been down in Fleming County and stayed all night with us. Uncle Ed (s/o Levi, s/o AJP) and Aunt Lou did.

JC: Lula Roberts? (d/o Levi, s/o AJP)

Don: Oh ya. I don't know whether she went up there before Dad or not. But it was long about that time I guess. I don't remember ever hearing Dad say what time she went up there. She's had to have went up there long about that time I imagine.

JC: Uncle Everett (s/o Alex, s/o AJP) said something about a whole train load of them going up there. That is when Charlie, Steve's boy went.

Don: Ya.

JC: Who else went then?

Don: I don't know. Dad went in 1907 I've heard them say. I don't know what time the others went. Steve, he was up there a good while. I don't know if he went after that, or before.

JC: I think they said that Charlie Porter (Steve's son) talking Steve into it, and he went a year later.

Don: I never did know whether Charlie was born in Wisconsin or Kentucky.

JC: He was born in Kentucky. All of Steve's kids were born in Kentucky.

Don: They were? You know one of them, they said married a Flannery, Uncle Steve's daughters.

JC: Ya.

Don: Married Houston Flannery. And that Albert Mundy, his wife was Houston Flannery's daughter. I never did hear my dad say, but I found it out through other sources. He married Houston Flannery's daughter, and Houston Flannery's wife was Steve Porter's daughter.

JC: Ed Mundy, that is their son. He married, and I guess they would be 3rd or 4th cousins.

Don: Something like that. Then Steve (Porter) had a daughter that married a Greene. He had a son that was a Dentist there at Sandy Hook.

JC: I talked to him. (actually his grandson)

Don: You did. His mother was Steve Porter's daughter.

JC: Or I talked to his son, he is a Dentist.

Don: Ya, he's got a son that is a Dentist and a son that is a Doctor, Cody Greene has.

JC: Why did your dad go to Wisconsin?

Don: He said he heard people talking about it. One of his Aunts or someone was talking about it, about how much they could make a month working up there.

JC: Doing what, logging?

Don: Logging in the log woods. They said one of his Aunts spoke up and said, well Bob, why don't you go? He said he just got more stirred about it and anxious, and he just pulled out and went.

JC: One of his Aunts? On his Dad's side?

Don: I reckon it must have been. I think it was. Anyway, they asked him why didn't he go, and he went up there. He bought a farm and owned a lot of land up there. He went into log woods and took out...One man up there, Lewis Pennington, he come from Kentucky and went to Wisconsin, he took the contract for so many acres of timber, then he subcontracted out. He subcontracted one of the boundaries to Dad you know. And Dad logged it out one winter. Said he cut down a million, 186 thousand feet that winter. (4:34) He'd buy cows and sell em, He'd have sheep and he would farm.

JC: Did you ever hear of any Seacotts that lived in Kentucky that went up there?

Don: No, I don't think I did.

JC: Well they came from Virginia. The reason I wondered, I was talking to my boss, (Bob French of Marion, IN) and his mom was born in Kentucky and she was a Seacott, and they came from Virginia, the same time and the same place as the Porters, just a couple years before, and they moved up to Antigo, Wisconsin where the Porters were.

Don: I don't remember hearing Dad say anything about them, of course he might have know'd them, but I don't remember hearing him say. Steve Porter, you know, he was a preacher.

JC: Ya.

Don: When I was just a little fellow I remember going to church and Sunday school there at Elton, Wisconsin, and he was teaching Sunday school.

JC: Oh he was?

Don: He was a tall slim fellow best I remember.

JC: Did he start a church up there?

Don: Ya, he had a church at Elton. Dad said Steve always preached divine healing you know. Steve was at his house one day and got sick. Steve wanted Dad to go get a doctor. Dad said he brought that passage of scripture to him about divine healing you know. Nothing would do, he had to get a doctor. Dad said he sent and got one. (laughing)

JC: Papaw (Everett Porter, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) said he (Steve Porter) came in and prayed for him once when he was about 20. He was real sick.

Don: I remember Dad telling that about Steve always preached divine healing but he was at his place when he lived there at Elton, Wisconsin when he got sick and wanted dad to send and get a doctor. He reminded him about that passage of scripture you know. He wanted the doctor, so dad said he sent and got one.

Arney Porter: (son of Everett, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) The Bible says according to your faith, so maybe his faith was kind of down at that time.

Don: Maybe it was, I don't know. (laughing) (6:32) Sarah, I'm talking about Jim's girl, (Jim Porter, son of Andrew J. Porter)(6:34) They (Dick & Sarah Porter DeHart, d/o Jim Porter, s/o AJP) lived up in Wisconsin right close to where Dad lived you know. I've heard my brother and sister talk about it. They had one son named Roy (Dehart). He was red headed. They had one of these touring cars, Dick (DeHart) did. Him and Sarah (d/o Jim Porter, s/o AJP) was going down the road and all of them was in the car. You know how kids will fight and carry on and throw a fit. And Roy fell out of the car on the road. They went something like a mile and one of them said, "Dick, Roy fell out." Said they turned around and come back and here come Roy just a flying trying to catch them. (laughing) Her and Dick used to have some times. They'd fight like cats and dogs.

They lived on our place down at Hillsboro, Ohio the summer of 49 and they left there and went to Montana from there.

JC: What made them go out there?

Don: I don't know what ever caused them to want to go out there. Whether they know'd somebody or just took a notion to go.

JC: She's lived there ever since?

Don: That was in 49 when they went there. They lived on our place that summer and left. When they came down there that summer from Wisconsin, in a 31 Studebaker, and Roy, the boy, they say he stole the car, (7:35) had a 30 model A Ford. They didn't have no license plates on the model A Ford. They drove it through with the Studebaker and no license plates on it. Antigo Wisconsin to Portsmouth, Ohio. They stayed there that summer, and then after they left they took the license plates off the Studebaker and let it set there and put them on the Model A Ford and drove it to Montana.

JC: Were you born up in Wisconsin?

Don: Ya. I was born in Wisconsin.

JC: Were most of your brothers and sisters born in Wisconsin?

Don: All but the one, the baby one is buried down in Fleming County. Was born after we come back from Wisconsin. All the rest of us was born up there.

JC: You don't remember seeing your grandpa (Levi Porter, s/o AJP) do you?

Don: No, I don't ever remember seeing him.

JC: He died just about when you were born?

Don: I was born in 24, I don't know how...

JC: I think he died a couple years later.

Don: He did. I never did know what year he died in, but I've heard them talk about it.

JC: What's some stories that you've heard about your grandpa?

Don: (8:30) He (Levi Porter) built chimneys. He would take a box and pour the water in, and make the mud and burn and make his own brick. He'd build chimneys. He come up in Wisconsin and built a chimney for Charlie Porter (son of Steve?).

JC: Oh he did?

Don: Ya, while Dad lived up there. I've heard Dad tell about it. Ya, he was a brick mason.

JC: Why did your Uncle Cal move to West Virginia?

Don: I never did know. He worked in a coal mine up there. He was killed in a coal mine. I guess maybe he went up there to get a job working in the coal mines probably.

JC: He went there before he was ever married then?

Don: I don't know if he was married when he went or not.

JC: Harlan (s/o Alex, s/o AJP) was talking about your grandpa (Levi, s/o AJP) doing a little hypnotism?

Don: I've heard Dad tell about that. Where they lived, back on the head of Leatherwood, there was a door. Dad said about 8:00 every night, that door would come open. Grandfather took, you know it had three pieces, one at the top, one at the bottom and one at the middle like they used to make them old time doors. Grandfather took a 2x4 and sharpened it, and put it right under that middle piece, and let it come back down to the floor and drove a spike nail through it into the floor. At 8:00 it would come open as though there wasn't even nothing there. I've heard them tell it.

JC: How did he ever get into all this hypnotism?

Don: He bought books and read em. He bought books and got into it.

JC: How old was he when he started?

Don: I don't know just how old he was.

Arney: He should have read the Bible. (laughing)

Don: That is how he got into it. He bought books Dad said. They said he was an awful good turned fellow. Awful good and kind as he could be.

JC: They talked about him trying to hypnotize a preacher once.

Don: Ya. I've heard tell that. They said that this...My mother told this, she remembered this too. This preacher got up and started to preaching, Coy Parish (10:40) he told me about it, he could remember it you know. Said my grandpa (Levi Porter) said, "Now if he is of God, I can't do nothing with him. If he ain't, I can stop him from preaching."

He got up and started preaching, talked a little while, then said, "Well ladies and gentlemen, the Devil is here tonight. I can't do a thing." Then he just dismissed the church. They said that a few nights after that, he come back and right before he started preaching, he wanted to know if that old man Porter was there. (laughing) Ya, that was actually the truth.

Arney: I heard em tell about over there at the Limestone Church, what was his name that lived down below us there? They said that he (Levi) made him fish and do a little bit of everything, stop preaching.

Don: Ya, I didn't hear about that.

JC: Was that your grandpa that had somebody fishing in the fireplace?

Don: It might have been. I don't remember hearing about that.

Arney: Everybody down there at the Limestone Church knew about it.

Don: I heard about him with the preaching, but I never did hear about the fish.

Arney: Down there in Globe, right by Uncle Willis Erwin there.

JC: What have you heard about your grandpa and the Civil War?

Don: I heard Dad tell about him (Levi) being in the war, and my grandfather, his father (Andrew Porter) was in the war too.

JC: Was he in the Civil War?

Don: I heard my Dad say that Andrew Porter, he ate rats when he was in the army.

JC: Andrew Porter ate rats?

Don: Ya, he was in the army too. Dad (AR Bob Porter) said he heard him talk about it, when he was in the army.

JC: Why did he eat rats?

Don: I reckon they got so hungry, they couldn't find nothing else to eat. I don't know. Dad said he had heard him say that he ate rats in the army. My grandpa (Levi), he got a little pension of \$16.00 per month or something like that, they said, from the army you know, until he died.

JC: Oh he did?

Don: He stayed with my uncle Ed (son of Levi). Dad said he was back one time, and they were getting old, staying there by themselves. He couldn't be down there to be with them. He talked them into the notion of staying with Ed. Ed lived right close there to where they lived. Dad said that once he agreed to go, he never did say another word. He just went right over. Didn't grumble a bit about it. They stayed with Ed until they died. Him and grandmother both.

JC: I heard someone say that Levi took his dad's place in the army. Have you ever heard that?

Don: No. But I remember hearing Dad say that my great grandpa (Andrew J. Porter), he was in the army. In your letter, you were telling about he was Colonel of something.

JC: Ya, that was before the Civil War. You know, Treda Mundy, she is John Porter's (s/o AJP) granddaughter. They had some old papers, some old tax receipts of Andrew Porter's from Virginia, and two of them said "Colonel" Andrew Porter. It was in the 1850's. I wrote to the Adjutant General in Virginia and he forwarded it to the State Library, and they found a letter that Andrew Porter wrote when he was Lt. Colonel.

Don: John Porter had a daughter that lived up at Portsmouth for a while. I don't know if she still lives there or not.

JC: Florence Williams?

Don: I believe that was her name. He had one that married Will DeBord. Her name was Lucy you know.

JC: Ya, I've written to her daughter.

Don: She married Will DeBord. Will DeBord has two daughters, and one son. John Porter, you know, when his wife died, he was a preacher too, and he started going with a woman over at Hoggtown. I don't know if you've heard about it or not.

JC: Ya, I was going to ask you some more about that.

Don: I've heard em tell, it was Marshall Adkin's wife. He took her away from Marshall Adkins. I heard your grandpa and Jas Porter telling about going over there one time to get em, and he coming along on the way back, they met Marshall walking along the road. John, he had a big old coat, and he throwed it over her head. Martha Jane was her name. Threwed it over her head, so Marshall couldn't see her setting in there. I heard, somebody told me that he (Marshall Adkins) shot John.

JC: Ya, somebody told me that.

Don: Dad was back from Wisconsin. John, he owned some houses and lots in Olive Hill. Dad went down and stayed all night with John. While he was there, some of Martha Jane's kids was sick. They sent John down to Olive Hill to the Drug Store to get some medicine. Dad said he never thought nothing about it. They had two or three big grown men who stayed there. John came back, and they was talking that night. John said, "Bob, I told Martha Jane that she could take care of me, and wait on me until I pass away, I would deed her house and lot. I think that would be fair of me, don't you Bob?" Bob said, "Ya, I do. I think if she does that, she should have all that is left." John spoke up and said, "Oh no. That would be too much." (laughing)

Dad went back to Wisconsin. He (John) got jealous of Dad and wrote Dad a letter. Allen Porter, Byrd Porter's (son of Levi) boy was there. Dad was so bad at writing, that he couldn't read it. He handed it to Allen and asked Allen if he could read it. My mother said that he would read the letter, and he would look at Dad, and he would look at her. Dad said, "Can you read it?" Allen said, "Ya." Dad said, "Well read it." Finally he read it.

It said, "My God Bob. What did you put Martha Jane up to while I was down town? She is far worse than she was before. God pity her if you meant no harm. Martha says she likes you." (laughing)

Dad wrote a letter. I seen the letter that Dad wrote. He never mailed it. Dad wrote a letter in answer to it, and never mailed it. Dad said he got ashamed of himself and didn't mail it. I seen the letter that he wrote. He (John) got jealous of Dad you know. I don't know what she (Martha) told him (John), after Dad left. I reckon because Dad told him that he thought that if she takes care of him she should get all that is left. John spoke up and said, "Oh no, that would be too much."

JC: Well John and that woman got married didn't they?

Don: I don't know if they ever did nor not. They might have. He had a farm where Will Porter, his boy lived, and he decided that to Will they said, to keep her from getting it. After Will (He means John) died, he never did divide it up between the kids. He just kept it you know.

JC: He did?

Don: Dad said Jim Porter, John had a boy that lived there at Hoggtown named Jim. Dad said he had heard Jim say that John didn't do it right. And his (John's) daughter that lived in Portsmouth we was talking about, I went and seen them and she said that John, Will didn't do them right.

JC: Ya, I talked to that Jim Porter last summer. How old is Allen Porter?

Don: He is in his 70's now. That is Uncle Byrd's boy. He had one name Ora? He died. He got married and left his wife. His daughter was 18, and he never did see her. He left home just as that girl was born. He left and got on dope and drinking you know. Died as a bum up in Chicago they said. (18:18)

JC: Have you ever heard your dad talk about his aunt Martha?

Don: Never did hear him say. I didn't know he had any aunts.

JC: They told a story about your grandpa (Levi) spending the night at someone's house and falling through the ceiling. Have you ever heard of that?

Don: Ya, ya, I've heard Dad tell about that one. He said he went to see his girlfriend, I reckon, is the way I understood it. Back then they had a big long toe suit? (18:50) Like a big gown or something. They slept upstairs right over the breakfast table. They said instead of having the boards nailed down, they just had them laying loose. They hollered for breakfast, and he got up the next morning. He was walking around, and those boards gave way, and he fell right down through the floor right onto the breakfast table. His foot went right in the gravy bowl. (laughing) He got ashamed not having no clothes on you know. He started out, he opened the door, and the dogs got after him. They were barking and he was running through briar patches and everything. Ya that was actually the truth. I've heard Dad tell me about that.

JC: What else did your grandpa do?

Lady: Was that a Porter that done that?

Don: Ya, it was grandpa (Levi). Said the boards was loose and they hollered for breakfast and he just never thought, I reckon.

Arney: Uncle Levi?

Don: He fell right through the floor and right on top of the breakfast table, and was ashamed you know, didn't want them to see him. He run out the door to get away, and the dogs took after him and started barking and running through briar patches and like to have tore him all to pieces. (laughing)

Arney: Probably by the time he got home, he didn't have much of a gown on either.

Don: I don't imagine he did. Ya, when he started out, the dogs took after him and started barking.

JC: Have you ever heard your Dad talk about any older sisters other than Lula?

Don: Lula was the only one that I ever know'd of. I heard Lula's son, (20:23) say that he had heard his mother say that she was the only girl. She would get so lonesome being with all those boys, no sisters.

JC: I think you told me that in a letter.

Don: Ya, I told you that in a letter. I don't know if they had any more. I never did hear my Dad say.

JC: In the 1900 census, your grandmother said she is the mother of 11 children, and seven are living. I've only got nine, and that counts Laura, born 1870, then there was a Ruth born 1876. They had already died (by 1900). That leaves two others. Your grandparents were married in 1863, and Ed wasn't born until 1869. So that leaves plenty of room in there for them to have two kids.

Don: I've heard Dad say that Ed was the oldest one.

JC: I would imagine that they had two girls in there that died.

Don: He was kind of quiet too, Ed Was. We used to go and stay all night when I was a little feller, ya know. Ed was a funny feller, when you bake bread, if it had any little bit of soda in it, you know when they used to bake bread, they would bake it in a square pan and you would just break off what you wanted to eat. He would go to the table, and if that bread had any soda in it, he would pick up the whole (21:38) and throw it right out in the floor.

I heard my mother say, that Aunt Lou told her she had a lot of nice bedspreads there that the kids had bought for Christmas and things, but she couldn't put em on the bed. If she did, Ed would spit (21:50) on em. He chewed Brown Mule? You know.

They had a big fireplace there. Instead of spitting in the fireplace, he'd turn around and spit right back in the floor. He'd sure do that. I heard my dad say, that him and my

mother stayed all night one time. Mother said, he'd better not have done her that way. He would have only done that one time if it had been her.

They stayed all night one night, and the next morning mother got up first, with Aunt Lou in the kitchen getting breakfast. She gets up and goes into the kitchen and goes to talking to Aunt Lou. Dad, he woke up. He goes in there and starts talking. Directly, he seen, heard Ed, he would turn over to this side and blow real big, and turn over to this side a blow. Directly, Ed got up and come to the kitchen. Dad said, "Well Ed, how did you sleep last night?" "Oh I would have faired pretty good, if it hadn't been for you big mouths in here a talking." Dad said, "Ed, I think you got up on the wrong side of the bed. You better go back and get in the bed and get up right." (laughing)

JC: Sounds like he was a mean one.

Don: Ya he was. I heard Ty Tyance? (12:50) say he was the meanest man he had ever seen. He was raised right close there to where he was living. Dad said, Willie Burton was telling one time, he had all of his kids there in the field hoeing corn, Uncle Ed come along, he lived right there. Willie Burton would go right past his house. Said Uncle Ed come along one day, and he stopped and looked at Uncle Ed a good while and Uncle Ed said, "Well, I'd rather have a growth on a bunch of boys as to have em in the corn field. Dad said he got the growth on them alright. (23:30) Never had nothing to do. He would buy _____ from them, run the woods, and rabbit and fox hunt and stuff.

JC: Do you remember your Uncle Jim (son of Levi)?

Don: I've heard Dad talk some about him. He run a store.

JC: In Olive Hill?

Don: No, down on Mauk Ridge. Bear town down in there someplace where he lived. Then he was a school teacher too. He taught school.

JC: That is your dad's brother, Jim.

Don: No. My grandpa's brother (Levi's brother, Jim). No, my Dad's brother, I was at his place, Uncle Jim, he lived at Ashland. He was a lawyer.

JC: He lived at Ashland?

Don: Ya, he lived at Ashland. I think he had a boy and a girl if I remember right. Dad went to his funeral whenever he passed away. Let's see, who was it he married? Dad told me. I forget the name now.

JC: Minnie somebody.

Don: Ya, Dad said some of them told him that she killed him. I don't know.

JC: She killed him?

Don: Ya, poisoned him or done something to him. What dad said, was that some of them at the funeral told him. He was crippled you know.

JC: Ya. He was a lawyer?

Don: Ya, he was a lawyer.

JC: What was your Dad's full name?

Don: His name was Albert Rush. They always called him Bob. That was his nickname.

JC: Bob was his nickname?

Don: Ya, that's what Dad said. His name was Albert Rush. He always wrote his name A. R. AR Porter. Everybody called him Bob. That is the name he went by, but that wasn't his name.

JC: Did you tell me what your grandpa's middle name was?

Don: No, I didn't know. I just know'd Levi.

JC: Somebody told me it was Sheffield.

Don: One of my half sisters married a Sherfield. Charlie Sherfield.

JC: Sheffield.

Don: Sheffield. No, I don't know. I never heard what his middle name was.

JC: I've seen it written L.S. Somebody told me it was Sheffield.

Don: Well it could be. I don't know.

JC: Arthur Porter, what did he die from?

Don: He had pneumonia fever.

JC: He did?

Don: Ya.

JC: He wasn't too old then.

Don: No, about 39 or something like that.

Don: He married Ann Leadingham. She was a sister to Wint's wife. Wint Porter. Wint married a sister to her.

JC: Oh ya?

Don: Ya. He had five children, three girls and two boys.

JC: Um, Curt Elkins....

Don: Ya, he married Lula, her name was Lula. The one named Clemmie, married John Pennington. Coal dust ignited in the coal mines and killed him. Mae married _____ (26:50) Patton and lived there at Lawton. He got killed in the army. He (Curt Elkins) was living there at Prestonsburg last account I have of them. Three girls living there. Orville is dead, and Harold. The three girls is still living.

JC: I got a letter from that Lula Elkins. She sent me some of that, but she is working on it for me.

Don: Orville was married twice. Harold, you know, was the one that lived there at (27:27), you know that used to work out there, that was his boy.

Arney: Ya. (Don must have been talking to Arney, as Arney seemed to know who he was talking about.)

Don: He had a boy named Pete, they said Harold did. I never did meet him. He lives at Mansfield. I don't know just how many children Harold had. He had two or three girls. Two boys that I know of.

JC: When did your grandma die? I think my grandpa died before she did. Long about the same time. I don't think there was too many years difference in their death.

JC: They were about the same age weren't they?

Don: I guess they was. I don't know. They are buried up there at the Head of Leatherwood.

JC: Do they have tombstones?

Don: I don't know if they do or not.

JC: Me and Scott went way back through there last summer looking for it. We found a Charlie Porter back there, but I don't know who it was.

Don: That was, Uncle Ed had a boy named Charlie. He is buried in the same graveyard.

JC: That Charlie, did he die young?

Don: Ya, He wasn't very old when he died.

JC: That must be who that was.

Don: He had two or three children before he died. They are buried in the same graveyard. I don't know if they've got tombstones or not.

JC: It was just a little graveyard.

Don: Ya, Uncle Ed started a graveyard where he owned the farm there.

JC: Is your grandpa's house still standing down there?

Don: Ed Osborne bought the land there. It was standing, not too many years ago. It was a log house where he lived. I don't know if it is still standing now or not. It might be tore down. It was right close to that graveyard, right there where it was at.

JC: What about John Porter's house, is it still standing? Will built there. Maybe Will Porter repaired it or something. That is where Will Porter lived, up on the ridge there.

JC: Well there was a log house. One of John Porter's grandsons sent me a picture of it. It wasn't taken too many years ago.

Don: I don't know. I thought John lived there where Will Porter lived, you know. Up on the ridge there by Fairview, where they built that new Fairview, I don't know where he might have lived somewhere. There is another old log house down in the holler. Harlan Porter owns the land now. That could have been the one.

JC: Is it a two story log house with a walkway through the center?

Don: Ya, I think it has. Well Harlan owned that. I've been up there and seen that house. That is up above where Harlan lives. I didn't know that that was John's place. Well I know where that is. Harlan lived there for a while, and then he bought that Bill Gooden place, and moved down there where he is now.

JC: Harlan used to live in that log house?

Don: Ya.