

1980 Interview with **Don Porter** (1924-1998) (son of **Albert Rush "Bob" Porter**, son of Levi, son of Andrew J. Porter) of Niles, Ohio Track 2 of 4

JC: I got a letter from **Moody Nickles, Rebecca Nickles** son (d/o John C. Porter, s/o Andrew J. Porter), he lives in Illinois. A letter with pictures. It showed all of them (**John C. Porter** family) out there in front of the house.

Don: Ya, I know where it is now. But **John (Porter, s/o AJP)** owned that up there too, where **Will (Porter, s/o John C. Porter, s/o AJP)** lived. I just took it that that was where he lived, but it might not have been.

JC: Did you ever hear anything about the Porters living in Ohio?

Don: No. I asked Uncle Ed's boy. He said he never heard about them living over there. **George (Porter)**, he's 70 some years old. He said if they was in Ohio, he never know'd. You know you was telling me that you thought Ed was born in Ohio. He said, if he was born in Ohio, he didn't know nothing about it.

JC: Well **Ed (Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)** didn't know it either, because in the 1900 census, he said he was born in Kentucky. In 1880, his parents said he was born in Ohio.

Don: I don't know.

JC: Maybe they were just traveling through or something.

Don: Well could have been. I've never heard nothing said about that.

JC: Your Dad's Aunt **Mary Dwelly** (d/o AJP), she has a daughter in law living (**Nona Dwelly**) that is 82 years old. I talked to her, and she said that **Mary Dwelly** told her that the Porters lived in Ohio for a little while.

Don: Well they could have. I never heard my dad say anything about that.

JC: Did your grandpa (**Levi Porter, s/o AJP**) ever live in **Robertson County, KY**?

Don: No, not that I know of.

JC: You know his dad (**Andrew J. Porter**) did?

Don: He did? I didn't know that.

JC: Ya, **Andrew Porter** bought land in **Carter County** in 1867. He sold his land in **Virginia** in 1866. For a few years in the 1870's they moved to **Robertson County**. That is **Mt. Olivet**, about 3 counties over.

Don: I know where **Mt. Olivet** is. I know where **Robertson County** is.

JC: While they lived there, that is where **Alick Porter** (s/o AJP) got married (my great-great grandpa).

Don: It was?

JC: Andrew's daughter Mary married **George Dwelly**. They stayed there when the Porters moved back (to **Carter county**).

Don: I've heard dad talk something about a Dwelly. You mentioned her name. **George Dwelly**, I believe I've heard Dad talk about him.

JC: I've got a picture here, it's got **Erma Lewis** (d/o Wint Porter, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) in it. It is one Papaw (**Everett Porter** s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) had. It is one **Arabelle** (d/o Alex, s/o AJP) gave them I guess. The tall guy in back is **George Dwelly**. I guess that is his car. They came to visit I guess. There is **Alick Porter** (s/o AJP), John (s/o AJP), **Kate** (3rd wife of Alex, s/o AJP), and Alick's family.

Arney: That would be my great grandfather.

JC: Ya. That wouldn't have been too long before he died. I think **Mary Dwelly** was already dead by this time.

Don: You was telling about there being 5 boys and 6 girls. I know'd about the boys, I've heard dad, but I didn't know they had any sisters, till you sent me that letter.

JC: Another sister, **Elizabeth**, she married a **Hunt**. They were married in Virginia, and they moved to **Allen County**, KY. They had a sister **Sena**, and she married **Flem Brown**. I don't know what happened to them. I know who some of their family was. I think she died back in the 1880's. He remarried.

Don: I guess you know what country the Porters came from don't you?

JC: No.

Don: They came from England.

JC: They did? Is that what your dad said?

Don: No, but my brother **Pete (Porter, S/o AR Bob, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, he lives down at Hillsboro, Ohio . He was down at a little place called Bainbridge, Ohio? (3:25) About 30 miles away, and there was a woman talking there you know. They asked my brother, "What country did the Porters come from?" He said he had never thought nothing about it. He didn't know where they come from. So she sent to Washington and got the family tree. They come from England. I believe it was about 1600 and something. They come 1620 or so. Somewhere along in there. **Peter Porter** was the first Porter that ever

come over. Said from now on, every generation of Porters has got a boy named Pete in it. They come from England.

My half brother **Ercel (Porter, S/o AR Bob, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, he worked down in South America for the government. He told me Porter was an English name. I didn't think at that time about them coming from England. But my brother sent and got the family tree, and they come from England.

JC: My Dad got that I think. I remember **Peter Porter**. We don't know that he is our ancestor though. Ours could have come later.

Don: That's right too.

JC: Some of them came from Scotland too. I was talking to **Sarah (Martin, d/o Jim Porter, s/o AJP)** on the phone Jim's daughter. She said that she heard that her great grandpa Porter came from England. But, **Andrew Porter** said that his parents were born in Virginia. But I think he might have been illegitimate.

Don: **Pete (Porter, S/o AR Bob, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, my brother said he was in Arizona. He met a Porter down there. He said he knew as soon as he seen him that he was a Porter by the way he looked you know. He got done talking with him and found that he came from Virginia before he went to Arizona.

JC: Must have been some of our relatives?

Don: Must have been.

JC: I don't know any of our relatives in Virginia.

Don: I don't know either. (5:10)

JC: I'm working on a clue right now. This is my biggest clue.

Don: That is why I was wanting to know what country the **Lundy's** come from, if it was Jewish or not. That boss down there said that **Lundy** was a Jewish name. I just wondered you know.

JC: I don't know. It might be. I will check into that sometime. That was in the papers that **Treda Mundy** (d/o Will Porter, s/o John C., s/o AJP) had. It said, "**Mr. A. Porter.**" It looked like it said 1830 something in the upper corner. Might be a six, it is written real messy. If it is, see Andrew Porter was only 14 then. So that (**Mr. A. Porter**) could be his dad.

Don: It could be.

(This store receipt is part of the original **Andrew Porter Papers** that were passed down from **Andrew Porter** to his son **John C. Porter**, to his son **William A. Porter**, to his daughter **Treda Mundy & husband Ed Mundy**. Then passed on to their daughter **Jenny Frazier** who passed them on to **JC Porter** who has scanned and posted them in his tree on ancestry.com, Grayson County, Virginia website, Andrew Porter spokt website and Andrew Porter facebook page.)

JC: It looks like it is a store record where he bought on credit. **R.M Ivens. (Jones)** If I find an **A Porter** and that guy living in the same place, at same time, I might have found Andrew Porter's father. It is a long shot, but it is the best shot I've got.

Don: They charged interest on the store debt _____

JC: I figured that. That is 2 ½ percent.

Don: .27 cents interest. I didn't know it either. That was news to me. Dad (**AR Bob Porter**, s/o Levi, s/o AJP) used to run a store. I never did him him say anything about charging interest.

JC: Well I guess he bought it on credit. They didn't charge interest even when they bought on credit?

Don: No Dad never did. I never heard him say. He run a store in **Wisconsin**. Two different times, he run a store.

JC: He did? What were you saying about **Jim Porter** (s/o AJP) running a store?

Don: Ya, he run a store around **Bear town** or **Mauk Ridge** down in around there someplace, he used to run a store.

JC: Did he start that store?

Don: Ya, he started it. And he got to be a school teacher.

JC: **Jim** did?

Don: Ya, he was a school teacher. They was having a school election at **Sandy Hook**, when he got killed. Him and this **Henry Kegley** got into it. They said Uncle Jim pulled up a chair and was going to hit him with it, and this **Henry Kegley** darted in under the chair and stabbed him with a knife, and killed him. (7:24)

JC: Was that in the courthouse, or the Sheriff's office?

Don: Well I don't know, it was someplace where they were having the school election meeting. I never learned what kind of a building it was in.

JC: Everybody told it that way, except **Sarah**, his daughter. She had it a little different. She said that they were at a school meeting you know. Jim's boys had helped **Henry Kegley's** daughter study the questions for the test, or something. **Henry Kegley** said no, she didn't have any help. They said yes she did. Jim Porter had all of this written down and told the judge there about all the days she had come over and they helped her study. She said **Henry Kegley** stood up and said, "**Jim Porter**, I'm going to kill you. Not today, but I'm going to kill you." She said that him and **John Will Green** were in the courthouse, and he came and John Green said, "I'll open the window and you can take off." **Jim Porter** said, "No, I'll stand my ground. I never ran from any many." That is how **Sarah** said it happened.

Don: I don't know. I never heard what it come up over. But I heard they was having a school election when he was killed. Like I said, I never heard what the argument was, or what it come up over. I never did hear the details of it.

JC: Of course that was her dad. She made it sound.....

Don: She could know more about it, being her dad, she probably heard her mother talk about it.

JC: Well also they probably worked the story around to make him sound a lot more innocent than he was, too.

Don: That could have been. I don't know. I heard Dad say that his wife had about 8 children when he got killed. She sure had a time raising them. (9:00) **Andy (Porter, s/o Jim, s/o AJP)** he drank awful bad. Him and another man traded all the time. Got in trouble, She had to pay Andy out. Give some bad checks you know. Buying cattle. Had to pay him out to keep him from going to the pen. They had quite a time.

JC: Well how was this, whenever **Ed (Porter, s/o Jim, s/o AJP)** got killed, their son?

Don: I heard he was going with a girl. Now someone, I don't know if this other feller was going with her and they got jealous of him or not. The way I heard it, over a girl some way or another. He was shot and killed.

JC: And they never put him in jail did they?

Don: No, I don't think they were. I don't remember now. I don't remember what they done with him. The way I heard it come up over a girl some way or another that he was going with.

JC: What about that **Henry Kegley** that killed **Jim Porter**? Did they put him in jail?

Don: I don't know what they done with him. I believe they said he went to the Pen for a year or two, but I won't say for sure. (9:53)

JC: Did he claim self defense?

Don: I don't know. I never heard. I don't know what they said when it happened. He was living down in **Greenup County**, when I read in the paper, we had lived in **Hillsboro**, Ohio, and we moved back to Kentucky on **Christy Creek**, and I was reading in the paper, he was 84 then. That was back in the 50's, He had got in trouble. He was arrested and put in jail for mistreating a 16 year old girl. Dad said that was the same one.

JC: I talked to his 2nd cousin. He is 92. **Dan Kegley**.

Don: **Henry Kegley's** 2nd cousin?

JC: Ya. Have you ever heard of him? Lives at **Stark (KY)**, **Dan Kegley**.

Don: No.

JC: 92 years old. I just talked to him.....

Don: I've heard of **John Kegley**. He used to sell fertilizer. They called him Fertilizer **John Kegley**. I know'd him. He lived down on **Mauk Ridge** there.

JC: Let me see that picture there...

Don: Said the reason they called him Fertilizer John, he sold fertilizer all the time. Every time you would get around him, he would always bring up fertilizer. They nicknamed him **Fertilize John**.

JC: What are some other old stories about your grandpa or your great grandpa?

Don: That is about all I know right now. (11:06) Like you said, you know about him (**Levi Porter**, s/o AJP) reading them books and stirring the knocking spirit. **Charlie (Porter, s/o Alex, s/o AJP)** told one time how he hypnotized him. Put his feet in a chair and his head on one you know, and he would stand up on him. Dad said **Charlie** he just done that, but I don't know.

JC: Which **Charlie** was that?

Don: He lived down there, you said had 16 children.

JC: That was **Alick's** boy **Charlie**?

Don: Ya, **Alick's** boy **Charlie**. They say he's got 16 children, but his son told me he had 22.

JC: Ya, I was going to say 16 that lived. Or 23 maybe. There is 7 babies buried there.

Don: I know I heard his, from his 2nd wife, **Vaughn** you know, he has a boy named **Vaughn**. I was there when ____ got killed, you know their boy. Had a truck wreck down on **Mauk Ridge**. He said there was 22 of them.

JC: Ya, I thought your dad had the record. I was asking **Joyce Perry** (d/o Charlie Porter, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) she lives up there in Marion. She said all of those babies were his. So that makes 22. Your dad had 15 that lived, right?

Don: Ya. 10 from his first wife, and 7 were my mothers. I've got his picture if you want to see him and my mother.

JC: Show that to **Tim (Tackett, s/o Doris, d/o Everett Porter, s/o Alex, s/o AJP)** there. I think I showed you this one this summer.

Arney: You saw that down in Kentucky?

JC: See, that is his grandpa. Here is Papaw's (**Everett Porter, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP**) grandpa.

Tim Tackett: Are these his brothers here?

JC: Ya, brothers.

Arney: It is Don's grandpa **Levi**, the one on the left.

Don: Here is my dad and mother's picture. Do I favor my dad and mother any?

JC: Ya, you do.

Don: **Ann Osborn**, that was **Arthur Porter's** (s/o Levi, s/o AJP) wife, you know. I was talking with her one day. She said I was more like Dad than any child he had. I don't know if I am or not. That was what she thought.

JC: A lot of Porters had a real fat nose right up here.

Don: Ya. I took my nose after my mother. I've got a nose like my mother has.

JC: I saw a picture of some of those **Cornetts**, and they have a fat nose like that. Maybe they got it from them? That was your great grandma.

Don: Ya. My mother was a **Day** before she was married.

JC: She was what?

Don: A **Day**.

JC: She was?

Don: Ya. She lived out there at **West Liberty**. A place they called the **Day Farm**, out there was where she was raised. My grandmother was a **Bailey** before she was married.

JC: That was your mom's mom?

Don: Ya.

JC: Who was your Mom's dad?

Don: He was **Dan Day**. His name was **Dan Day**. Have you ever heard of the **Blind Day Boys**. Have you ever heard anything said about them? They used to travel, play and sing, play music. **Bill and Dave Day**. That was my mothers uncles. They would travel. Somebody would have to go and lead them, and go with them. They would travel, go around in Robertson County and Kentucky playing music. They could really sing. **Arthur Black**. You ever hear of him? He ran a store there in **Hogtown (Elliottsville, KY)**. His wife was **Dave Day's** daughter. **Susan** was her name. (15:07)

JC: Your Dad's Aunt **Martha (Day, d/o AJP)**. She was a Day.

Don: She was?

JC: And her husband was **Daniel Day**.

Don: Ya. I don't know if it would be any relation or not.

JC: Well he some kids before he married her. There was a **John Day** born 1860. That would be by his first wife. This **Daniel Day**, he was born in 1835.

Don: Ya. My mother was born in 1883.

JC: And her dad was **Dan Day**?

Don: **Dan Day**, ya. There was 5 blind children in her grandpa's family.

JC: Is that right?

Don: Ya. Jud ____ Day was her grandpa. (16:00)

JC: What was his name?

Don: Juddy Dar Day. **Jud Day**. He was a veterinarian. He would go down to **Robertson** County. He lived right there on a little ridge, called **West Liberty** you know. Close to the edge of the **Morgan county** line. He rode horse back. He had a stallion horse and he'd go down in the Spring of the year down in **Fleming county** and

Robertson county down in there and breed mares you know. He's go back that fall and collect the foal. If any horse needed to be changed or anything, he'd do that.

JC: Any of those **Days** from **Bath county**?

Don: I don't know if we was any relation to them or not. We might be. I wouldn't know off hand.

JC: You never heard about your Dad's side being related to the **Days**?

Don: No.

JC: When was this one taken here?

Don: That was taken back in the 30's sometime. I don't know just what year. That was taken down in **Fleming county**. A plat of tobacco behind the house. You can't see the house. That is where it was taken at. My mother was married twice before she married my dad.

JC: Oh she was?

Don: **Ben McBrayer** used to be sheriff of **Rowan County**. Was a brother to my mother's first husband. She had **Lulie** that married **Allie Carpenter**. That was her first child. Then she had a boy that lived to be about a year old, and died. His name was **Harry McBrayer**. He is buried in the **McBrayer graveyard** right there, on the corner at Hogtown, go up the hill, turn right like you are going to **West Liberty**, then turn off. **McBrayer graveyard**, that is where he is buried. Then she married **Billy Reeves**, her 2nd husband and had three children by him. Then she married my dad. Mother was mother to 12 children.

JC: I was going to ask you, what happened to **Alick Porter's** 3rd wife's husband, you know, **Kate Pelfrey**? He was **John Pelfrey**, or do you know anything about him?

Don: I know **Cliff Pelfrey**.

JC: Was that her boy?

Don: Who did you say now?

JC: **Kate Pelfrey**. Married **Alick Porter**.

Don: **Harlan's** mother?

JC: Ya.

Don: I've heard a lot of talk of her.

JC: What happened to her first husband?

Don: Well he died of something. I don't remember just what killed him.

JC: He died?

Don: Ya.

JC: He was **John Pelfrey** wasn't he?

Don: No, I don't remember. I heard Dad talk about it, but I just don't remember what his first name was.

JC: (18:30) Did you ever hear them talk about **Lizzie? Alick's** 2nd wife. (**Alex Porter**, s/o AJP)

Don: Lizzie? I know'd Alick. Was he married twice?

JC: He was married 3 times. That was his 2nd wife. They did not have any kids.

Don: No. Your dad (speaking to **Arney Porter**), which wife was he from, the 2nd wife or the first?

Arney: I don't know.

JC: Papaw? (referring to **Everett Porter**, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) They were just married once. That was **Jasper's**.

Don: Oh ya. I know now. I remember **Charlie** (s/o Alex, s/o AJP) telling about it. She was from Missouri.

JC: Ya.

Don: His (Alex') 2nd wife. **Charlie Porter's** mother died, and he married again. Ya I know now. I'm kind of getting straightened out. I've heard **Charlie** say that she would bake cakes and things, and she wouldn't keep them out in the house where they could get to them. She had a big box. She would bake pies and things and put em in that box and lock em up. One day his dad (**Alex**) and stepmother (**Lizzie**) went someplace. While they was gone, 4 or 5 of them turned that box upside down, and just messed up all them cakes and everything up in there. They couldn't get along some way or another. She went back to Missouri and then he married **Kate, Harlan's** mother. I don't remember him saying how many years they lived together, but the way he talked, I don't believe it was very long.

Arney: I remember **Aunt Kate** pretty well. I was small when we was up on **Porter Creek**, but I remember her.

Don: Since you mentioned it, I remember **Charlie** telling about her. Said she was awful mean you know. He (**Alex**) got her in Missouri.

JC: Was she living in Kentucky when they met?

Don: No, I don't know how he got acquainted with her, I never heard em say. She was from **Missouri** I'm pretty sure, **Missouri** was where she was from. I never heard them say how they got acquainted. But she went back to Missouri, ____ (20:38). They couldn't get along some way or another. I don't know for what reason, I never did hear em say. I remember hearing **Charlie** mention that one time about she never would have cakes and things that she baked on the table where they could eat them. But she had a big box to put them in. There was this one day him and two of his brothers picked it up and turned it over upside down. (laughing)

Arney: Had a mess

Don: Mess em all up.

JC: Got even with her.

Don: Got even with her. **Charlie** was a hard feller. I always like to hear him talk. He could really get off some good ones.

JC: Ya he knew a lot about them didn't he?

Don: Ya. (21:16)

Don: He (**Charlie**) told a tell on **Will**. **Will** sold tombstones you know. Said somebody come and ordered some fruit trees out of Morehead, and had em on the wagon...

Lady: ...pictures.

Don: Here is some pictures here. This is where my dad and mother was buried. Here is me and **Ned** and **Pete**. That's me. That's where dad and mother are buried, and this is **Ned** and **Pete**, and that's **Pete's wife**, and me and **Madelyn** there. This is dad on a Jack. You know we used to raise Jacks.

JC: Ya.

Don: That is dad setting on a jack. That was taken down in **Fleming County** where we lived.

Don: This is me and Pete when we was little fellers, when we first started raising Jacks.

JC: Is that up in Wisconsin?

Don: No, that is down in Fleming County. I had an old hat of a thing I see there laying on the ____ (22:15). And there is me and **Ned** and **Pete** setting on the Jacks. That was took in 1940. See the rope is just about to come off of mine. We didn't care if the halter was on or whether it wasn't. We didn't pay no attention. Know them there, who them two is?

Lady: She had a lot of pictures, I don't know...

Don: We had a lot of pictures. **Pete** and some of them got them when my dad and mother died. _____ and her other sisters you know.

JC: I wonder who got pictures of your grandpa and the family when they were young?

Arney: Who is that?

Don: That is me and **Pete**.

Arney: You and Pete Huh?

Don: There's my dad and **Pete** setting on three Jacks. This is my brother **Ned**. Just before he died.

JC: What did he die from?

Don: He had a bad heart.

Lady: He had a heart attack.

Don: He had a heart attack. Boy he used to be a stout boy, handled a lot of horses and mules. Never got too wild for him. (23:29)

JC: I wonder who would have those old pictures of your grandpa? Your dad when he was little.

Don: I wouldn't know who would have them.

Lady: It would probably be **Ronnie**, Pete's

Don: We had a picture of Dad and **Jenny** when they was first married. **Roy** and **Elva** were just babies. **Elva** was on **Jenny's** lap and Dad was holding **Roy**. One had a horn and one had a ____ (24:01) Dad had these old time button shoes, I don't know if you have ever seen any or not. I think maybe Dad must have give that to my half sister **Elva**. I don't know what ever happened to it. I remember seeing it. Had a big brimmed rim hat

on. I don't know who has that picture. **Elva** might have it, or some of her children. If I ain't mistaken, I believe dad give that to **Elva** one time.

JC: Who did you say might have another one?

Lady: I said **Ronnie, Pete's** boy. **Pete** died.

Don: **Pete** died too you know. I am the only boy living now. He might have some of them pictures. He lives down at **Hillsboro**, (Ohio) down at what you call Marshall. He might have some of them pictures.

Lady: He'd have a picture of your dad when he was real young.

Don: Ya. That was before he married my mother. After **Jennie** died, before he married my mother.

JC: Do you have his address?

Don: No, I don't have his address.

JC: He lives in....

Don: Right there, **Marshall, Ohio**. Call Marshall, Ohio, and they would know where he has been living at a good many years.

JC: In Marshall, Ohio?

Don: Ya. That is about 15 miles from Hillsboro. It's on route 124. (25:24)

JC: Is it a pretty good sized town?

Don: No, it is just kind of a little village like, you know. A couple stores or something there, you know.

Arney: As you go through there, you could probably stop at the store, and they would know where they live.

JC: And it is 15 miles from **Hillsboro**?

Don: Ya. I think it is on Route 124.

JC: And he is **Pete's** boy?

Don: Ya, **Pete Porter's** boy. **Pete** lived up there a long time ____ (26:00)

Don: I was telling you about **Steve Porter** (son of Andrew J. Porter).

JC: Ya.

Don: He owed Dad about \$400 or \$500. And Dad, when he come back and bought that place down in **Fleming County** (Kentucky), Dad never took no note or anything, he sold it for stock, horse and buggy, and stuff, about \$500 or \$600. Being a preacher, Dad trusted him you know. Dad bought that farm down in Fleming County. He said he went to **Steve** and asked him, he wanted him to give him a note for the money. He told him he was going to have to borrow some money. He wouldn't have all of the money to pay for the place. The note would be for security to help him get the money you know. Said the answer **Steve** gave him was, "My hands are tied and my mouth is tied."

JC: Did he ever get his money?

Don: He never did get a penny of it. **Charlie Porter**, Steve's boy, he owed Dad 4 or 5 hundred.

JC: He did?

Don: He come down to **Fleming County** one time where we lived. Him and my dad and mother got in the truck and was driving around the ridge. They was going to **Sandy Hook** to see somebody. My mother said that Charlie, a few days before was telling how he thought he was going to die. Thinking about it, he always took in strangers, always helped this one and that one. My mother said it came to her mind, "Have you ever thought about what you owe **Bob**?" He never did think about that. He never did pay.
(27:30)

JC: Was your grandpa (**Levi Porter**) pretty mean?

Don: He was bad to drink. My mother said he liked his drinks awful good, but I don't think he was too mean, as far as I know. He was never in any fights that I heard of.

JC: Did he own a lot of land in Kentucky?

Don: He just owned that farm there, where Ed.... Owned a little farm there, I don't know maybe 40 or 50 acres. I don't know how many, just a small farm there.

JC: Did they ever talk about him being in the Civil War and getting captured? I found he was captured.

Don: No, I've heard Dad tell about it. I don't know whether it was my Great Grandfather (**Andrew Porter**) or my Grandfather (**Levi Porter**). He slipped off. He was in the army and started home. Said he got within about 5 miles of home and met an officer. Said the officer asked him if he had a furlough. He said, "No. Then he said, "Ya." He reached in his grip and pulled out a pistol and told him that was it. The officer told him he was going to have to go back. He said, "Well I've started for home, and I'm going if I don't die before I get there. He said the officer saw that it was either kill or be killed so he told

him to go on. He went on home, stayed a while and then went back. I don't know if that was my grandfather or great grandfather. (28:46) It was either one or the other, but I don't remember now which one it was. I've heard dad tell that. It might have been my grandfather, I don't know. Said he slipped off, started home, got about 5 miles from home. Met an officer. Asked him if he had a furlough. He said ya, and reached down in his grip and pulled out a pistol and told him that was it. He told him he would have to go back. No, he said he wasn't going back. He had started home, and he was going if he didn't die before he got there. He said that officer saw that it was going to be kill or be killed. He told him to go on. Said he went on, stayed a while and went back. That was one or the other. I don't remember now which. It might have been my grandpa. (29:37)

JC: What are some more stunts that your grandpa pulled?

Don: _____ Be more like my brother. He was pretty good at figuring out things pretty good.

Arney: Wasn't he the one who had all the hollers named?

Don: Oh, that was **Wint Porter** (s/o Alex, s/o AJP) and Jas, (**Jasper Porter**, son of Alex, s/o AJP) your grandpa. They said him and **Wint** could raise knocking spirits. Talk to the table. They said in the early evening, when they would go to hunt the cows. They had the hollers named and the fields, you know where the cows run, and they.... END OF TAPE 30:20