

Track 4 **Letha King Wheeler** (d/o **Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy**, d/o **Sena Brown Porter**, d/o **Andrew J. Porter**) and her daughter **Eva Owens**

1981 interview with **JC Porter** (s/o Don, s/o Everett, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) Marion, IN

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JC If that's ok.

Eva That's just fine.

JC Ok, laughs

JC Say, you knew a few Porters?

Letha I met Uncle **Will (W.A. Porter, s/o John C. Porter, d/o Andrew J. Porter)**. I met him once (at **Virgie Brown's** (d/o **Lucy DeBord, d/o John C. Porter, s/o AJP**) and he said, "Where have you been all of my life?"

JC He did? (Laughs)

Letha He didn't live too long after that.

Eva Well, she knew two of those, uh, uh, Aunt Kate's boys. (**Katie Pelfrey Porter, 3<sup>rd</sup>** wife of **Alexander Porter, s/o AJP**)

JC Yeah

Letha Yeah, **Harlan (Porter)** and **Herman (Porter)** both, I knew them.

JC Yeah

Letha Now, every once in a while and I knew **Ollie Porter**, that was Uncle Steve's daughter, I believe. She married a Greene. (**Olive Porter Greene** (d/o **Stephen Lafayette Porter, s/o Andrew Jackson Porter**)

JC Yeah

Letha **(:40) Will Greene's** mother.

JC Yeah

Letha I was well acquainted with her in Ashland.

JC Huh. You used to live in Ashland, did you?

Letha Yes, we lived up there two different times. (:52)\_\_\_\_\_

Eva Where do you live up in Indiana?

JC Marion. Uh-huh.

Eva That's where **Ray** lives ain't it?

Letha Yes

JC Who?

Letha **Ray Harris (s/o Lillie King Harris, d/o Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy, d/o Sena Porter Brown, d/o Andrew Jackson Porter)**

Eva **Ray Harris**, mom's nephew—

JC Oh, really?

Eva Another one of your cousins.

JC Right up in Marion, Indiana?

Letha Uh-huh. He does and they was three of them lived up there. Two of them moved back here.

JC Yeah

Letha & Eva And well, uh, **Oral, Ray, Marion, and Ray**. Ray's still up there. (sons of **Lillie King Harris, d/o Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy, d/o Sena Porter Brown, d/o AJP**)

JC How old is he?

Letha Oh ----

Eva Fifty-three.

Letha He's in his 50's.

JC Do you know what he does up there?

Letha No, I don't.

JC Huh

Letha One of the boys that's, uh, and lives in Muncie (Indiana), he runs a glass factory up there.

JC Oh, really.

Letha Huh-huh, **Emery**, brother to Ray.

JC Who's kids are they?

Letha My sister's boys.

Eva **Lillie Harris**

Letha **Lillie Harris**

JC Well, I might have to look him up ---I might call him --tell him he's a cousin. I didn't know that.

Letha There was four of the boys up there. Wasn't there?

Eva Well, there was **Emery** and **Elmer**, and **Oral** and **Marion**. There was five and **Ray**.

Letha & Eva Yes, there was 5 up there. She had a whole slew of boys.

JC Huh, I'll be darned. Why don't you tell me a little about, about the Browns and the Porters and all that?

Letha Well, I don't know too much about the Porters, but I grew up with my Grandfather Brown (**Fleming Low Brown**)

JC Yeah

Letha 'til I was eight years old. Then we moved to Carter, Fleming County. I didn't see him too often, but I did see him occasionally.

Letha (inviting someone to come in) Come on in and sit down, **Patty (Owens)**. (Eva's husband)

Patty Hi.

Letha Come on and sit down.

Eva Yeah, sit right here. Sit down over here by my mother's purse.

Letha Well, move them things. (**2:54**)

Eva Did you ever find the kittens?

Letha You'd like to know, wouldn't you? Boy, the prettiest kittens, I tell you, you ever looked at.

Letha & Eva Talking about the cats (3:07)

JC (Laughs)

Patty Don't get no big idea's in your head, girl. I can tell you that from here.

Letha I don't think-- I don't like cats.

JC Yeah?

Letha I've got 2 stray ones and now I've got 4 babies.

JC Huh.

Letha Well, now as far as I know most of the last family of Browns is dead too, you know. All of them gone now, of the first family.

JC Yeah.

Letha I don't know, only, I don't even know who the youngest girl married.

JC Huh.

Letha She was in Massachusetts the last I heard.

JC Yeah. What'd you ever hear about, about Sena your Grandma (**Sena Porter Brown**, d/o **Andrew Jackson Porter**)?

Letha Well, not too much. She died when my mother was 9 years old.

JC Yeah.

Letha Had T.B.

JC T.B. Huh?

Letha Uh-huh

JC Is she buried up that old Fairview Cemetery?

Letha She is, right in the back.

JC Right in the back?

Letha Uh -huh, and **Virgie (Brown, d/o Lucy DeBord, d/o John C. Porter, s/o AJP)** told me that her stone would be a real dark one. I was up there once and we hunted for her grave, but we didn't find it.

JC Yeah. Huh She had what, 5 kids, was it?

Letha Yeah. There was 5, but they're all gone.

JC Yeah.

Letha **Effie and Tommy, Lillie, Bennie and Belle.** Belle was my mother. (Children of **Sena Porter Brown**, d/o AJP)

JC Yeah. How old are you now?

Letha 81

JC 81, well.

Letha I was born 1900. I'll be 82 in December.

JC Yeah.

Letha I'm the only one of 9 children living.

JC Well, is that right? Huh.

Letha Yes, if it wasn't for this fellow sitting here, I don't know what I'd do.

JC Huh

Patty Mother, there'd be somebody come along with you. **(5:06)**

Letha Ain't nobody else like you, though honey.

Patty I know -- Well, why—

Letha Ain't nobody else like you.

Patty There ain't?

Letha Don't want another one like you, only you.

Eva Mother, do you have any idea that there would be a picture in existence anywhere of **Sena Brown**, your grandma?

Letha Sena's the only one I-- Yes there's a picture of Sena Brown! Betty's supposed to have one and Barbara's supposed to have one.

JC Barbara's got one too? That **Barbara Shepherd**? (d/o **Ida Dowdy Gullett**, d/o **Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy**, d/o **Sena Brown Porter**, d/o **Andrew J. Porter**).

Letha Yes, now, she said she had mother's pictures. And if she has mother's pictures, they's one of grandma in it.

JC Huh

Eva Betty said she had'em, so I don't know which one told the truth. (**Betty Dowdy**, d/o **Virgil Dowdy**, s/o **Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy**)

Letha Well, now Barbara told me that she give Betty, her Aunt **Minnie's** pictures (wife of **Virgil Dowdy**) that would've been Aunt Effie's. (**Effie Brown Gullett**, s/o **Margaret Belle Brown King**, d/o **Sena Brown Porter**)

Eva Uh-huh

Letha Barbara said mommy's pictures was in the chest here, now Barbara told me that.

JC Huh

Eva And mother wouldn't even know which one was her grandma' picture.

Letha I would know, if I could see it. She had bobbed hair. It was cut off just below her ears. Mother had it enlarged with my grandfather.

JC Yeah

Letha But now when they had the sale, those pictures were gone ---somebody else got them. And I think **Don Dowdy** in Cincinnati has them. Barbara said he took part of them.

JC Who's he?

Letha Well, he's **Virgil Dowdy's**. He's my half-brother's boy. (s/o **Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy**)

JC Oh?

Eva One of the cousins, too. (JC and Eva laughs)

Eva (Laughs) You may find some kinfolks that you'd rather you didn't find.

JC (Laughs) well ---

Eva Well, no the Dowdy kids -- only I just don't care for Betty's attitude, she made me angry.

Eva & Letha Betty's a spoiled brat. She's only, well she is the only girl that lived. They had that one to die, Betty was the next one. And then she just got spoiled to death.

JC Yeah?

Eva Well, I told him I didn't know if there was one even in existence. **(7:05)** being nasty about it.

Letha Now, mother had one.

Eva And Aunt Effie probably did too, she sent them. Mr. Dowdy did, He sent them and had them enlarged. Had Grandpa & Grandma put together and enlarged. You must remember that.

Letha I do but I, you know, I don't. It don't come back right. I remember the pictures.

Letha Grandpa was an old man & Grandma was young with \_\_\_\_\_ hair. (7:29)

Eva Uh-huh

Eva But they were together.

Letha Together, but they were in separate pictures but he had them together.

Eva He had them put together. Enlargement made.

JC Yeah

Eva Well, then there is some in existence somewhere and we'll find them, if, I have to write Barbara and tell her to have me one made. If she knows which one it is.

JC (Laughs.)

Eva She might not know. I doubt if she does.

Letha I would if I could see them. I looked at the pictures too many times when I was growing up.

JC So your Grandma had short hair?

Letha Uh-huh, just cut straight around. And if I remember correctly, she had bangs.

JC Huh

Eva She was sick you know.

JC Yeah

Letha She died with T. B.

Eva And so did Aunt **Jane (Porter, d/o Andrew J. Porter)**.

JC Is that what she died from, T. B.? Do you remember hearing about Aunt Jane?

Letha Oh, yeah. I've got a Testament she give my mother, when my mother was a little girl.

JC You do? What's it got in it?

Letha Nothing, just a little Testament.

JC Just the New Testament?

Letha Uh-huh

JC No writing in it or anything?

Letha Well, there was writing in it – our birthdates, but when my sister's son got killed in service I gave it to her so she could get the record and they took the leaf out of it.

JC Oh?

Letha There's nothing more.

Eva And it was in her Dad's hand writing. She hated it so bad.

Letha I hated it so bad because that leaf was gone because it was in my Dad's hand writing.

JC And, and, your Grandma's sister **Jane (Porter)** gave that to ---

Letha my mother.

JC To your mother?

Letha Uh-huh

JC Tell me about that Jane. Who was she?

Eva She was **Jane Porter**.

Letha She was **Jane Porter**, but a sister to Grandma, but I don't think she ever married.

Eva Uh-uh

JC She didn't?

Letha No, she was a spinster.

JC Well, how's come?

Letha Well, she was sick.

JC Sick?

Letha She had T. B. and when my mother was nine years old, she after Grandma died, she went and stayed with Aunt Jane.

Jc Yeah

Eva And her Grandfather then and her Great Grandma.

JC Yeah?

Eva See she was an old maid, stayed at home. Tell about the long dress.

Letha Oh, laughs. My mother said about washing for Aunt Jane, she was only nine years old when her mother died. I don't know how long after that she went to live with Aunt Jane, but she said when she'd go to wash and they made the dresses so long she wondered after if she would have to wash her dresses like that when she grew up.

JC laughs

Letha **(9:53)** It was so hard for her to handle.

JC Yeah, huh.

Letha She didn't realize she'd be big so she could handle it.

JC Was Jane a big woman?

Letha No, but they wore their dresses clear to their ankles.

Eva And gathered real full, you know. They put five yards in the skirt.

Letha Nine yards to make a dress.

Eva Nine yards.

JC Nine yards is quite a bit.

Letha Nine yards to make a dress.

JC Huh

Eva Course it was only 27 inches wide. It wasn't wide like we get today.

JC Yeah

Eva It took several thickness, I mean widths to make them big flared skirts.

JC Huh.

Letha Now Mother didn't have a picture of Aunt Jane but she did have of her mother, I know.

JC Never seen one of Aunt Jane?

Letha No, I never did.

JC Ever hear of her Aunt **Emma (Porter)**? (d/o **Andrew Jackson Porter**)

Letha No, I didn't know there was but 2 of the girls until recently.

JC Which two did you know of?

Letha Grandmama and Jane.

JC Jane?

Letha Uh-Huh. And I knew of all the boys. Uncle **Jim (Porter)**, and Uncle **John (Porter)**, and let's see---  
- (sons of Andrew Jackson Porter)

Eva --Alex (Porter)

Letha ----and **Alick (Porter)**, and **Steve (Porter)**. There was 5 of them.

Eva Jim (**James Martin Porter**)

Letha Jim, I never did see him. He got killed when I was a little girl.

JC Did you ever meet any of them?

Letha No.

JC Never met'em?

Eva Uncle Alick?

Letha I never did see Uncle Alick,

Eva You didn't?

Letha No, uh-uh.

Eva I thought you did. Now Aunt **Kate (Pelfrey)** (3<sup>rd</sup> w/o **Alex Porter**) at their house.

Letha Oh, yeah. Aunt Kate was over & stayed with her daughter's close to us for a month.

JC Yeah?

? **(11:16)**

JC Was Jane sick most of her life?

Letha Well, I don't know. She was sick when mother was nine years old, when grandma (**Sena Porter Brown**, d/o **Andrew J. Porter**) died. Aunt Jane I reckon, was sick too.

JC So she died right after from your grandma?

Letha Not too long.

JC So your mom went to live with Aunt Jane for a while?

Letha She went to take care of her.

JC Oh, to take care of her?

Letha Uh-huh. She helped out what little she could do at nine years old.

JC Huh. And Jane was living with her dad (**Andrew Porter**)?

Letha Uh-huh

JC Where'd they live at then? Do you know?

Letha Someplace in Elliott County, but I wouldn't know where.

JC How do you know it was Elliott County? Was that what you heard or?

Letha I presumed it was.

JC Yeah?

Eva Elliott or Carter, which ever it is.

Letha Elliott or Carter – some of them lived over on Sinking, some lived in Elliott County.

JC Yeah, and then (did) you ever hear anything about **Andrew Porter's** parents?

Letha No.

Eva His mother lived (12:24) remember, she was blind. Grandma said she was blind.

Letha Yeah, my great grandmother was --

Eva Yeah, yeah,, that's who he's talking about.

Letha My great grandmother. That's right, I just didn't know.

Eva Then she sits around—

Letha She was blind for Fifteen years.

JC So she'd been blind for fifteen years?

Eva and she'd pick up a little old pipe and wait for someone to notice her and light it for her.

JC Huh

Eva That was grandma's grandma. (Andrew Porter's mother)

JC When was---

Letha I just don't know.

JC She was blind fifteen years before she died?

Letha Uh-huh

JC Are you all sure that's not Andrew's wife?

Letha & Eva No.

Letha No it was my great grandmother because my grandfather brought her up from Robertson County (KY) on a sled when it was slick and snowy.

JC He did?

Eva Un-huh, her mom said--, excuse me.

Letha From, from Robertson County to Elliott.

JC And they always said that was his mother?

Letha Yeah.

JC Who told you all that? Your mom?

Letha Mother said that her grandmother was brought to Elliott County from Robertson to Elliott Co. on a sled when it was slick.

JC Yeah

Eva When they moved back from Elliott , did they move back to Robertson?

Letha & Eva No, when they moved back.

Letha When they moved back from Robertson but now I don't know which grandfather did that. Whether it was grandfather Brown (**Fleming Low Brown**) or whether it was mother's grandfather (**Andrew Jackson Porter**). She just said your grandpa. I just assumed (**13:58**) It was Grandpa Brown. Many questions, mother was here she could answer, but I can't.

JC That could have been on the Brown side.

Letha I'm wondering about it. No, it wasn't.

Letha It wasn't.

Eva No because it was her grandmother. You see her great grandmother that lived with Aunt Jane.

Letha Yeah.

Eva When she lived with them. I've heard her talk about it too.

Letha You have a better memory than I do. I've got a good memory when I was a little bit of a child.

Eva Yeah.

Letha I was put out of the family when I was just 15 years old---

JC Yeah

Letha ---by a step-father.

JC Wonder why they ever lived in Robertson County?

Letha I don't know.

Eva What I had heard about it was that he was a preacher, one of the circuit rider preachers and he had a church down there.

JC **Andrew (Porter)** did?

Eva Yeah. That's what I had heard. I believe a Methodist-----

JC So you---

Eva ---- preacher—

Eva I thought about writing the Methodist Association seeing if I could find out for sure about it. I just hadn't.

JC So you think he, he was called out there to —

Eva To a church.

JC And you think that's why he first came to Kentucky from Virginia?

Eva Well, I don't know about that. I don't know if I ever heard anyone say.

Eva talking to Letha Well, mother, I wouldn't go put on a new dress.

Letha Oh well, I said I would have had

Eva Oh well, mother, I should have called you, told you --

JC (Laughs)

Eva I thought she said she was going to put on a dress. (Laughs)

JC Well, you know the Porters came here in 1866 from Virginia. And I found in 1865 where he was bonded as a minister.

Eva Was it a Methodist?

JC Yes

Eva Well, that sounds right then, don't it?

JC Maybe that is why he first came here, because of a church?

Eva Well, he has supposed to be a circuit riding preacher.

JC But **Steve Porter** was, his son

Eva Yeah

JC Circuit rider. You heard **Andrew (Porter)** was too?

Eva Yeah. Now who told me that – I, it seems like it was this girl that lives up in Elliott Co. up toward Elliott County line, Ethel's sister. Seems to me like she was the one who told me that, but I can't remember.

Letha Now that's the little Testament that belonged to Aunt Jane (d/o **Andrew J. Porter**), but a little girl, one of my husband's little nieces ? upside down and she got a hold of it and tore a big lot out of it.

JC Oh?

Letha I had it laying on the stand and I was busy and she grabbed it up and before I could get to her she'd torn a lot out. But, now the fly leaf was in the back that had the dates and names in it.

JC Yeah

Eva And they took it out for Aunt **Lillie (Harris)** when she needed—

Letha And that belonged to Aunt **Jane Porter**.

Eva --proof of his service. (**Robert Jesse Harris**, s/o **Lillie King Harris**, d/o **Margaret Belle Brown**, d/o **Sena Porter Brown**, d/o **Andrew J. Porter**).

(Cat and kittens have been meowing in background)

Letha --of his existence that mom kept. **(16:47)** Go on tend to your babies.

Eva Well, they are pretty, one little male and the other is a female.

Letha That's the prettiest little bunch of kittens I ever seen, but now if you hadn't come to see me – **(17:03)**

Eva Laughs. You'd have them done away with.

Letha Yes.

Eva I told you what Aunt **Effie (Brown Gullett)** said about grandma (**Margaret Belle Brown King**) when she was born. She couldn't carry her, but if somebody would carry her for her and take her down to the creek she'd throw her in the river. (17:16)

JC (Laughs)

Eva That's what people, you know used to do with all the dogs and cats they didn't want to keep. See, she was going get rid of the baby.

Letha Well, I can't get to the creek, but honey, I got a good gun.

Letha I can't keep--

Eva They're going to be long-haired.

Letha Do you want them?

Patty ?

Eva Don't ask me in front of Patty (Eva's husband).

JC That belonged to Aunt Jane?

Letha That belonged to Aunt Jane.

JC Why'd she give it away, I wonder?

Letha Well, I guess she knew she was going to die. She wanted my mother to have it.

Eva Her mother to have it, bless her heart, probably the only thing she had to give her?

Letha And she wanted her to study it, probably. I remember Uncle Will? what mother said when I asked her to give it to me.

JC What?

Letha She said if you'll read it, I'll give it to you.

JC (Laughs)

Letha And I did study that little book an awful lot when I was a child growing up.

JC Yeah. Aunt Jane never wrote anything in it, though?

Letha No, uh-huh – nothing written in it at all. It just that fly leaf that my dad (**James F King, s/o Marion King and Margaret Belle Brown King**) put our names down and birthdays. It was in the back. And it was all complete until that little girl (18:40) was there, and before I could get to her she just jerked that part out. Oh, but I could have smacked her good.

JC (Laughs)

Eva Well, mother do you remember anything about Uncle Jimmy (**James F. King, s/o Marion King & Margaret Belle Brown King**) having died?

Letha No. I just wonder, uh. Carl and his family was up Sunday evening and he asked me if I knew who got the things out of the house and I said no, nothing only, I heard them say Uncle **Richard (King)** got some of the things. And that's all I heard about.

Letha Well, when mom (**Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy**) died someone??(19:14) Got --

Eva Well, I mean Uncle Jimmy's things, you know down here. Well now, what happen to ??

Letha I never knowed when \_\_\_\_\_(19:25)

Eva Well, what happened to Henry?

Letha It's up at Jimmy's? (19:30) He gave it to me the last time he was here.

Eva I thought \_\_\_\_\_

Letha It's so old, it's almost past reading now.

JC Yeah

Eva All yellow.

Letha I couldn't see to read it. **(19:50)**

JC I wonder who gave her that.

Letha You mean, Aunt Jane?

JC Who gave it to Aunt Jane?

Letha I don't know. Aunt Jane gave it to mother.

JC Huh

Eva St. Matthew is what's gone out of it. But there's Mark. No, not all of St. Matthew's is gone. Just a little gone out of it, isn't it. The first, uh

Letha She (20:10) She was so quick.

JC Huh

Letha And she---

Eva The first twenty five chapters, the first twenty four chapters is gone out of it. St. Matthew. No, there's twenty four. First twenty three --

Letha It was complete when mother give it to me.

Eva First twenty three, New Testament. A person could take a piece of just ordinary paper and paste that to it, and put it back up there.

Letha That wouldn't return the part-

Eva No, it wouldn't be the same.

Letha I hate it awful bad because it, had that fly leaf with our ages and dates, but there's nothing I could do about it. My sister's son (**Robert Jesse Harris**) got killed in service

JC Yeah?

Letha And—

Eva Mother, your name is still in here and that is not your writing. I'll bet you who's writing -- do you say that is?

Letha I don't know. I don't know who's that is? (21:04)

Eva Sure is —Ida L. King, right there on that last page.

Letha (21:13)Uh, I, uh

Eva I know it's not your writing. But I don't know who it is. It isn't grandmother's writing either.

Letha I don't remember it. I never did know. I never did pay any attention to that when it came back from Lillie's. (Letha's sister). It was so near tore up, I just put it there in the drawer.

JC Ever hear anything about your grandma being from Virginia?

Letha I didn't know that until Eva told me. **(21:37)**

JC You didn't know where they come from?

Letha I thought they were all Elliott Co. people. I just didn't know where they came from.

JC Yeah

Letha If mother knew, she never talked about it.

Eva Well, I imagine she did know because her mother was born in Virginia.

Letha I didn't know there was but two of the girls.

JC Yeah

Letha Until, uh

Eva I went to work with Ethel in 19 and 66, I guess, and she was the one that who told us there was more than two of the girls.

JC Ethel who?

Eva **Ethel Porter** (d/o **Will Porter**, s/o **John C. Porter**, s/o AJP)

JC Oh.

Eva Uh- huh, and uh, Langdon. He was from up in there somewhere and so that was how – we'd never known about the rest of the girls until then.

JC Huh

Eva And when I came home & told mother she was as surprised as (22:30)

Letha Probably that **Miss Otis** down there had their pictures.

Eva Yeah, she had— (22:36) and I

Letha They just had came here.

Eva Patty, I tell you---

JC They had pictures of who?

Eva All of them. If we'd find them of course. Mrs. Otis is dead. She's one of them too.

Eva So we might find her children and they've got the pictures.

Letha They're enlarged, great big pictures.

JC Who all was in the pictures?

Eva All five of the girls and boys.

JC Any of the parents in the pictures?

Eva No, but just she probably had, had some of her parents, you know, she may have more of the pictures. But that's the ones I saw. You know Patty, where we got the bull. But then the Otis' are dead, but their children are still living in **(23:07)** and she was a Flannery.

Jc Yeah, and there was five girls in the picture?

Letha Yes

JC and five boys

Letha I believe I' right. I believe so. Now **Virgie Brown** knows (23:17)

Eva Six or maybe there was six girls.

Letha No, I think five.

Eva No just five, her grandmother wasn't in it. **(Sena Brown Porter)** That's right.

Eva Now wait a minute, is that right?

Letha I don't know, honey.

JC Well-

Eva Well, they was five & five.

JC Now there was six girls all together and **Emma (Porter)** was one of them and you don't remember Emma. She made one of the six.

Letha Yeah, only, I don't really know anything at all about it, but my mother and Aunt Jane and I couldn't believe it when I seen that picture.

JC How long ago was that?

Letha Since we've seen the picture?

JC Yeah.

Letha How long Pat, has it been since you bought that \_\_\_\_ (23:55) down there?

Pat (Clears throat)

Letha Fifteen years?

Eva Oh it's longer than that. I guess it's longer than that.

Pat Sixteen, about sixteen years.

Letha And then—

Pat Well, now, they've not been dead very long.

Eva & Letha No-

Pat Not too long.

Letha They lived just this side of Owingsville. We stopped at the house one time to see the pictures.

Eva See she had showed me the pictures, when she found out who I was. When we was down there to get the bull. We met a couple of times and looked at the cattle and she found out who I was and she showed me the picture, and I stopped with mother and let her see them.

JC Sena wasn't in the picture.

Eva No – I don't think so.

Letha And she ??

JC So, and it must have been after she died.

Letha Probably was, see she died young.

JC Well, what—

Eva Well. I believe they was, Mother. Maybe there was just four of the girls and five of the boys.

JC Yeah, that's – be more like it.

Eva \* Letha Well then, it may of been. It's been a long time since we seen them.

JC There was more than the two girls in it and –have you seen this picture?

Eva Yeah, there was more than two girls in it.

JC Have you seen this picture?

Eva Yes she saw that one. You know, you brought me one like that.

JC Did I ask if you knew who these people were here?

Eva Mother might possibly know. I didn't.

JC Some of the Porters had those pictures and they don't know who they are.

Eva (25:05) –Uh, can't tell right here.

Letha Well, if that isn't the same man they're like twins. (Laughs)

JC Well, they look like brothers, anyway.

Letha Yes they do.

Eva Mother, who does he remind you of? (25:20) If he didn't have glasses and a mustache?

Letha \_\_\_\_\_

Eva And she called him **Clyde Brown** and made him so mad to call him Brownie.

JC Laughs

Eva That was his real name and----

JC You don't recognize any of them people?

Letha No, I don't know any of them, never seen a picture. Mother didn't have any of \_\_\_\_\_ pictures, her uncles. (25:51)

Eva I'll tell you who might have some. It's **Beulah Bumgardner**. I bet you she got her mother's pictures and I bet you she still got some of them.

JC **Beulah Bumgardner?**

Letha Uh-huh

Eva It's aunt **Kate's (Pelfrey, 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Alex Porter, s/o AJP)** granddaughter.

JC Oh it is?

Letha Well, I don't know if they kept them or not.

Eva But, she's not a Porter. She's **(26:13)** uh

Letha No, she was from Kate Pelfrey. (Wife of **Alex Porter, s/o Andrew Jackson Porter**)

Eva Uh-Huh

Letha No, she'd married **(26:15)** Pelfrey first.

Eva Well, that's what I said. **Kate Pelfrey. Kate Pelfrey** then married Uncle Alex.

JC Uh, yeah

Eva & Letha And this is her granddaughter by her first children.

JC And because she was related to Steve Porter.

Eva She was Uncle Alex's – step-daughter.

JC Step-daughter. Why would she have had the picture of the Porters?

Eva Well, See her grandmother was married to Uncle **Alex Porter**.

JC Yeah

Letha And she had three half-brothers.

Eva And I figure she got her mother's, grandmother's pictures.

JC Oh

Eva See her mother was the only one she had by the **Pelfrey, Grace**.

JC I see.

Eva Gracie.

Eva & Letha I believe that's right. Was there just one? Yeah.

JC **Kate Pelfrey?**

Eva Yeah, because he married one of the Porters.

JC **Kate Pelfrey** had several children, right?

Letha Yeah, she had—

JC Before he married **Alick (Porter, s/o AJP)**

Letha She had several. I remember two.

Eva Didn't one of her sons marry one of the Porter girls?

JC Yeah, uh, **Wint (Porter), Reese (Porter)**, lets see, how—

Eva Yeah

JC **Lena Pelfrey**

Eva Yes, it's coming back to me.

JC I've got it written down. **Lena Pelfrey** married, uh, **Reese Porter** (s/o Wint, s/o Alex, s/o AJP).

Eva Yeah, step-

JC And, uh

Eva Cousin or something.

Letha I was never around any of the Porters.

JC **Lena Pelfrey** was Kate's daughter and she married, Alex's grandson **Reese Porter** -

Eva Yeah-

JC -- Wint's son, Reese That's how they. (27:40)

Eva That's how it is.

JC Yeah

Eva And she's still living, isn't she?

JC Yeah

Eva (27:44) Lena is

JC As far as I know, she was?

Letha I believe I heard **Buelah Katherine** (27:50) say she was \_\_\_\_\_ far back. (Of) course, uh, Grace is dead and both the boys. All three of the boys are dead now, the Porter boys. **(27:58)**

JC Yeah

Letha One died in Maysville and one **(27:59)**

JC Yeah

Eva We was in the store the day of his funeral when (28:02) I'll tell you somebody else – did you know the one uh, Porter boy. What is his name, Patty?

Patty Talmadge.

Eva **Talmadge Porter**

JC Who's that?

Eva Well, he's another cousin. (Laughs) And he's, let's see, he's **Charlies's (Porter)** grandson. Anyway, he's right close relation to **Harlan (Porter)** and them because he went to the funeral. Maybe Harlan was his, He wasn't his uncle was he?

Patty I believe he was.

Eva Well it's Harlan's nephew then.

JC Yeah

Patty I'm not sure of that but I believe he was.

Eva We saw them, him and his wife, in the store when the evening (28:37) They was coming back from the funeral, we didn't go---,

JC Yeah

Eva and got talking to him. He lives over on Rock Fork (or Route 4?) (28:45), not very far from, uh, well it's closer than going up to Betty's, but I don't know whether he'd know that much about the family or not. He probably would though, just in case he keeps up with them.

JC Well, why – that's, that's our close branch to the family there. That's Alex's family.

Eva Yeah

JC Descended from Alex.

Eva Yeah

JC I've talked to Uncle **Everett (Porter)**, he just died a couple years ago. He was Alex' son by his first wife, Laura Fulton. That's my great great grandma.

Eva Uh- huh Well, now who, which one was Charlie? Was he Uncle Alex's?

JC By his first wife.

Eva Well, now I knew him.

JC Oh, you did?

Eva Uh-huh. I used to go to church with him.

JC Charlie remembered all six of the daughters of Andrew. Cause, he had them written down. This **Elaine Conley** over in Sandy Hook, she had one of these family group charts with all the kids, all eleven of them written down there. And I was surprised because at that time I hadn't talked to anybody that knew more than 2 of them you know and there was six or them I'd found in the census. I didn't know if anybody knew em.

Eva Well, so you knew about two like mother knew about the two daughters.

JC Yeah, but I didn't know your two. You know I knew this **Martha Day & Mary Dwelly**. (d/o's of Andrew J. Porter)

Eva Yeah

JC And I didn't know any of the others and that's the one's that most of our family over there remembers – this **Martha Day & Mary Dwelly**. Remember hearing about them. They didn't know about the others.

Letha I heard mother speak of that Dwelly.

JC Oh, really.

Letha But I don't remember things she said.

JC Mary Dwelly, well she lived out in Robertson County. The Porters moved out there. She married her husband (**George Dwelly**) out there & stayed there, and Alex met his wife (**Laura Fulton**) there and married there but he came back.

End (30:16)

