

Track 6 **Eva Wheeler Owens** (d/o **Letha King Wheeler**, d/o **Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy**, d/o **Sena Porter Brown**, d/o **Andrew Jackson Porter**).

9 Dec. 1980 Phone call with **JC Porter** (s/o Don, s/o Everett, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o Andrew Jackson Porter) Marion, IN JCPorter@indy.rr.com

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Eva At beginning of tape therapy blood work.

JC Hmm

Eva So, I don't know what it is.

JC Boy, that doesn't sound like very fun.

Eva Well, uh, I was, uh - - I was in an awful fix, but they took me to the hospital. It happened to me in a matter of hours, but I had been kind of draggy. Something, I just thought it was the hot weather.

JC Hmm. Well, I sure hope you get over that.

Eva I'm, I'm doing fair.

JC Well, maybe I'll get down to ---- I'd like to visit with you sometime when I'm down there.

Eva Well, I just wish I could, you know, could visit with you and go to some of these people that I've talked to -- **Dr. Arvis Porter**, here in Morehead, the other day—

JC Yeah

Eva and he said that **Mr. Vincent**, who was killed in an accident a few months ago --- on some of the Porters. And I'm going to try to contact his wife and get ahold that book, -

JC Yeah

Eva and see what they've got,

JC Huh? Well, I, I notice in your letter that really, you know, you surprise me. You, you start talking about the Porters from Robertson County and moving back to Carter (County).

Eva Right

JC Could you tell me what all you've heard about that, you know your family?

Eva Well, see, mostly what I put in there is what I remember my grandmother (**Margaret Belle Brown, King, Dowdy**, d/o **Sena Porter Brown**, d/o **Andrew Jackson Porter**) telling, you know. (Eva is referring to a letter that she had wrote to JC)

JC Yeah

Eva See, my grandma lived to be quite old and I can remember back to 1924 myself.

JC Yeah

Eva So with what little, uh, I can remember that my grandmother has told and then what other people have told me.

JC Yeah

Eva Well, I, I thought you --- maybe you might be able to use bits and pieces.

JC Yeah, I -- Well, did the Browns ever live in Robertson County?

Eva The Browns?

JC Yeah

Eva No, but see, my grandmother, it was -- lived in the edge of Elliott and Carter, you see.

JC Yeah

Eva Lived with her grandfather (**Andrew Jackson Porter**).

JC Yeah

Eva And it was her great grandma that was blind.

JC Huh?

Eva Which would have been **Andrew Jackson Porter's** mother. See?

JC Huh

Eva And when you see --see?

JC Yeah, yeah

Eva **Sena's** daddy was my grandma's, grandpa's, grandma, you see.

JC Huh

Eva And his mother was her great grandmother ---

JC Yeah

Eva who was still living when she could remember – could remember.

JC I'll be darned. And how old was your grandma when she ---

Eva She was in – I guess she was about eighty. She died in 'forty seven' you see.

JC Yeah

Eva That was Belle, you see, that was Belle Brown. (**Margaret Belle Brown King Dowdy**)

JC Yeah. Why I mean, uh, how old was she when as a little girl, when she visited with them and remembered her great grandma?

Eva Probably, probably before she was nine years old. See her mother died (Sena) at nine years old when my grandma (Belle) was nine.

JC Yeah

Eva Which would have been '88' (1888), same year that her father would have died, that is Sena's father would have died.

JC Yeah?

Eva See?

JC Well, let's see. Andrew Porter died in '88'.

Eva Well, my grandma's mother, Sena did too.

JC I see, they, they died the same year?

Eva Well, see, my grandma (Belle) was just nine when her mommy (Sena) died.

JC Yeah

Eva That was Sena.

JC Well, let's see, that'd be '80' –'86' then when Sena died.

Eva Yeah, that's right.

JC yeah

Eva Wait a minute – nine – '80', no—'70' yeah '76'.

JC yeah

Eva **(3:00)** '86'

JC Yeah, right around there.

Eva Yeah, she died then before her father did.

JC Yeah

Eva Cause he (**Andrew Porter**) died in '88'. See she might have even visited there after her mother died.

JC Yeah, Huh, wonder when her great grandma died that she remembered.

Eva Well, Now, that I can't tell you.

JC Yeah

Eva But, uh, she would've, if I could've remembered it to have asked her. She would have known.

JC Well, (laughs) I wish you would've. (laughs)

Eva I do too.

JC I've never heard any one mention Andrew Porter's mother before. That's why I was so surprised.

Eva Now they moved her back. I've heard this, heard her tell the story so many times -- on a sled.

JC Yeah?

Eva She was blind and she was sick, you know --

JC Yeah

Eva and wait for somebody to notice her to light her pipe for her.

JC Huh?

Eva And grandmother would do it.

JC So they moved, moved back to Carter County in the winter?

Eva Must have. Yeah, they moved her by sled anyway.

JC Yeah. Did, did your grandma ever say anything about her grandma, Andrew Porter's wife? (**Lucy Cornett Porter**)

Eva Well, you know, I, uh, I don't remember. See, I had no reason than to remember these things ---

JC Yeah

Eva like I have now.

JC Yeah

Eva And just bits and pieces comes back to me that I've heard my grandmother tell me, you know.

JC Yeah. Well, Andrew Porter's wife would've died when your grandma was three years old, in '79'.

Eva Yeah

JC So, uh –

Eva Well, don't you imagine --- Well, now wait a minute.

JC So she probably wouldn't have remembered her.

Eva No, she probably wouldn't have. It was probably just, just some of the girls still at home. See, Aunt Jane never did marry and my grandma said she stayed with Aunt Jane and probably she kept house for her daddy. But my grandma, after her mother died, stayed with Aunt Jane. **(Jane Porter, d/o Andrew Jackson Porter)**

JC Aunt Jane who?

Eva Aunt Jane Porter.

JC She did?

Eva Yes

JC Why I didn't know that. Now, that's telling me something. Tell me more about that. (laughs)

Eva Well, now ---

JC I've been looking for that.

Eva that's all I can remember about that. My grandma was little ---

JC Yeah

Eva and when they would be washed, you know the women wore great big long skirted dresses ---

JC Yeah

Eva and my grandmother wondered if she would have to wash them kind of big dresses when she **(4:50)**

JC Laughs

Eva and Aunt Jane, you know, washed those big dresses ---

JC Yeah

Eva and when grandma was little then.

JC I'll be darned.

Eva Un Huh. She stayed with Aunt Jane.

JC Well –

Eva And probably that was when she remembered her grandmother – her great grandma ---

JC Yeah

Eva and her grandpa.

JC Well, that, that's just unbelievable. I've been all over the country talking to all our relatives, the old people and I've never heard'em mention their Aunt Jane.

Eva Well, well now

JC She's the oldest daughter in the family and I knew she was never married, but none of them remembered her.

Eva Now my grandma has talked about Aunt Jane **(5:20)** now see my mother didn't realize. (Volume is low and I can't hear the audio until **(6:25)** Which one of her daughters lives over by you? **Grace Bumgardner**. She was a Pelfrey, **Grace Pelfrey**. I used to date Grace's son years ago. (6:21)

JC Yeah I'll be darned. Well, this is incredible. I, you know Harlan Porter, Kate's son. **(Harlan Porter, s/o Alexander Francis Porter, s/o Andrew Jackson Porter)** Well, I talked to him and he, he remembered hearing of his Aunt Sena Brown, but he only heard the name.

Eva Well, now **(6:38)** One of them was killed on a tractor.

JC Hmm

Eva **(6:46)** -----I saw **Charley** in church, oh, a few years ago on Porter Creek.

JC Now, **Charley** knew, because I saw a paper he wrote out Andrew Porter's children and that's how I knew that Sena married **Flem Brown (Fleming)**. I'd never run across that.

Eva Well, now I had met him and we had talked ---

JC Yeah

Eva about the family a few years ago at church. And see my great grandma Sena is buried over there and **(7:00)** at the Fairview cemetery.

JC She doesn't have a tombstone does she?

Eva Evidently not, but, but one of them told mother if she'd come up they'd go with her, show her where the grave was, but we never got around to it.

JC And they knew where the grave was?

Eva Uh Huh

JC Huh, I'll be darned.

Eva One of them did at least.

JC Yeah, huh, I, I'll be darned.

Eva I'll have to ask mother. See, mother doesn't live right close to me and I, I'll have to ask her –

JC Yeah

Eva which one it was that knew where the grave was.

JC Well, this, this is just incredible. I've never, you know hear, I've –I talked to all the relatives and I've (laughs). Well, you know what nobody knows anything. And then I'm just amazed that you've heard of this Aunt Jane.

Eva Yeah. Well, now my grandma lived with Aunt Jane after her mommy died.

JC Yeah, and did Aunt Jane – where, who did she live with? Andrew?

Eva Well, I would suggest she, probably lived with her dad, you see --

JC Yeah

Eva and her grandmother.

JC Yeah

Eva I'd say they were and my grandma was at the time. And I always imagine that she remembered her great grandmother's pipe, from that her living there..

JC Yeah, Did, did you ever hear of Jane's youngest sister Emma?

Eva No, now, that I hadn't heard anything like that. Now, I, I had intended to go visit one of the distant cousins up here, in the edge of Elliott County. She had some material on it. Then there's the, uh, **Dr. Porter's mother**. And then there's the **Conn** woman that Dr. Porter says knows, some of, you know, of the family, and I plan to go talk to him when I get able.

JC Huh? This woman – your distant cousin, which one is she descended from?

Eva Uh -- **JC**

JC Oh, **John, John C Porter**

Eva Uh Huh, Uh Huh

JC Would that be **Mae, Mae Porter, Herman's wife?**

Eva No, no, she's, she's an old maid, the one that I'm talking about. You, you probably remember hearing of **Ethel**.

JC Oh, Ethel, yeah.

Eva She is a sister to Ethel. Now, Ethel doesn't know too much about the family. I used to work with her and she didn't know as much about the family as I did.

JC Yeah

Eva Uh, we would talk about once in a while.

JC Yeah

Eva But, uh, her sister is supposed to know quite a bit and has some pictures. Now, my grandmother's pictures, one of my cousins have them and as soon as I get feeling like doing it, mother and I are going (to) go look at them,

JC Yeah

Eva I know they had enlarged pictures of the family.

JC Oh, is that right?

Eva And I hope those enlarged pictures, though got destroyed several years ago, but I hope that the originals that those were enlarged from, that my cousin has them.

JC Yeah, I hope, I sure hope they do. I, I, you know, want to write my book in about two years and I'd love to have them in there.

Eva Right

JC That'd be great. Uh, yeah.

Eva Any other bits and pieces that I can pick up I'll forward to you, and if you can't do any better, you can put a chapter in like that. **(9:50)**

JC & Eva Laughs

JC Well, I wanted to find out more about this **Sam Porter** that could be Andrew's father.

Eva Well, now what happened was several years ago, a friend of ours told me that my mother and his wife were distantly related. Well, we talked a little bit about it and found it was through the

Porters. So, a couple years ago there was some elderly ladies, quite elderly ladies in the congregation where I was, so they were talking about the Porters and **Lewis** and this and that. And I thought maybe one you women can tell me what I'd like to know.

JC Yeah

Eva So, I asked how was the Porters and the Lewises connected and they told me that , uh, two sisters – one had married the Lewis and one had married the Porter and they were our connection. They were Harris's, so it was **Dr. Sam Porter** that the Harris girl that was married was my ancestor. Well, if that's true it has to be his, uh—

JC Father

Eva Father & mother, Uh huh.

JC Well, that, that sound's good, but I'm skeptical. I mean, you know, I've searched so long. You can't blame me.

Eva Right

JC I don't doubt your word.

Eva Yeah

JC But, uh, let's see, how, how'd they know this **Sam Porter** was related to us?

Eva Because it was, it was going directly back of Porter family, that, they were related to up here, you know.

JC Oh

Eva See, they live here in this area.

JC Oh, they do? Lewis women do?

Eva Oh, one of them is a, well, they, well, they were Lewis's ---

JC Yeah

Eva and they are married. Let's see, one of them is a Kissinger and what was the other one's name? Anyway, both of them spoke up about the same time when I asked and said, well, I can tell you that and they started telling me.

JC Huh? Well, you said this Porter, was from Virginia?

Eva Un huh. They, they were from Old Virginia. So, they told me now, I'm just repeating what ---

JC Yeah

Eva they told me. That's an old, old residential family here, the Lewis's are.

JC Yeah

Eva And, uh, uh

JC Hmm

Eva **(11:45)** evidently they did know, because, uh, this man that told me about it. Uh, he knew about Uncle **Jim (Porter)** that was killed in the superintendent's office – in superintendent of school's office at Sandy Hook.

JC Oh, he did?

Eva Un Huh

JC And, and he claims kin to him?

Eva His wife was related to him. Uh huh – distant cousin to him. See?

JC Is that right?

Eva Now --

JC Well this, this sounds too good to be true. I can't believe this.

Eva Now that was how he connected us up. You see.

JC Well, if he knows all that, he –that's you know (laughs) that's definitely our family, if he knows all that.

Eva Yeah that's right. Uh huh. Now that was **Marvin Atkins**. He's dead but his wife's still living, Marie, and he and mother are fairly, you know, fairly close friends.

JC Yeah

Eva And he was the one that, who told us. Well, you don't know it, but **(12:40)** talking about mother, you know, were distant cousins.

JC I'll be darned.

Eva And he started telling us about it.

JC Who would be the best person to talk to about this?

Eva Well, let me see, **Mrs. Kissinger**, I guess, and I don't – I guess I'll just have to see her sometime and get her to give me the full particulars about it.

JC Does she live around Morehead?

Eva She lives up on Christy (Creek) somewhere. They have a phone, but they have an unlisted number, you can't get it.

JC Oh, on Christy Creek?

Eva Un huh, (Road) 32

JC Yeah That would be a Morehead address?

Eva Un huh, uh –Let me see – I can't see—

Eva (Calling out to husband in another area) Patty?

Patty What?

Eva What is the full Kissinger's name? Everett Kissinger's wife – Mrs. Everett Kissinger.

JC Everett? Huh, I suppose, if I wrote them a letter it would go right to Christy Creek and that would probably ---

Eva Well, just address it to Morehead. Let's see. Patty, would they get their mail out of Morehead or off of from Elliottville? (Answer not heard on tape)

Eva Gets out of Morehead, he said.

JC Out of Morehead?

Eva Un huh

JC Do you know, uh, let see **Jim Porter** who lives Elliottville? He's 80. He's this **John C. Porter's** son, (s/o Andrew J. Porter).

Eva Well, now, I think – I'm not real sure, but I believe that he might be the **Sam Porter** that used to work for Marvin Adkins. (He) drove a truck for him.

JC Well that – Is that right, it might be? He's 80 – or 80 – 81 (years old). He'd be a first cousin to your grandma.

Eva Yeah. Well now, several years ago, you know, they used to drive a mail from Morehead to Sandy Hook in a little old truck.

JC Yeah

Eva They'd carry passengers --

JC Yeah

Eva occasionally, uh. That might not be the one.

JC Hmm

Eva Well, did you ever hear of **Bob Porter**?

JC Yeah, those in Ohio?

Eva Well, he did, but I think he's dead now, the older one. The old **Bob Porter (s/o Levi Porter)**. He was, uh, lived around this area a lot, you know, most of his life.

JC Yeah

Eva And then he was a cousin of mother's. See we knew we had cousins scattered all over and mother kind of kept a little bit track of them, and we've got some of the **Hursts**, uh. Mrs. Hurst was Bob Porter's daughter. So we go right clear on down.

JC Yeah, **Mrs. Arthur Hurst**

Eva Yeah, You know her? Huh?

JC No, but I, I, --- You know but tracing down descendants, I remember the name. Does she live in Fleming, let's see Flemingsburg?

Eva (15:00) Yes, she lives Fleming County. Uh huh.

JC I've written to her but I never got an answer.

Eva Well now, they've had bad sickness and then, and she had a son who killed himself not too long ago –

JC Oh

Eva and really upset. Now that is Bob Porter's daughter.

JC Yeah

Eva And Bob Porter is the son of one of the Porter men. But, I can't tell you which one, but mother could.

JC He's the son of **Levi** (s/o Andrew Jackson Porter) the oldest Porter boy.

Eva Yeah, Levi, I guess, uh huh.

JC Yeah, he is. I talked to his son up in Ohio – that Don Porter.

Eva Yeah, Don's the baby one, I think.

JC Yeah

Eva Uh huh

JC Yeah, I talked to him. Yeah, that's (laughs), I'm just amazed that you know all these Porters, cause the way I talked to all these old Porters, they – they didn't even hardly know they were there.

Eva (15:36) I'm the only one in the family who could do this for you, really. Laughs

JC Well I, I've written to the ones in Ashland. Let's see – Ida's grandkids.

Eva Uh huh

JC And they just didn't know anything about it.

Eva Right

JC I, I'm so surprised, you know.

Eva But see, I always listen, but you know that I can tell you I've got first cousins I can tell their birth month and most of them their birthday. I (can) tell birth month and year.

JC Laughs

Eva Mom's brother's children & her sister's children ---

JC Huh

Eva and they none of them would know when my birthday was, I don't guess.

JC Yeah

Eva And see, eleven in one family, I guess seven in both families and then another one had seven and another one had one.

JC Yeah

Eva I could give birthdays of every one of them.

JC I'll be darned.

Eva But none of the rest of them could.

JC Laughs. That's, that's incredible. Do you remember any other old stories off-hand? About –

Eva No

JC the old family?

Eva No, **(16:28)** I was just thinking a day or two ago when I mailed that letter. I thought of something just after I put the letter in the mail and then I forgot about it already again.

JC Laughs

Eva But it'll come to me. I thought well I should have put that in.

JC Yeah

Eva But, it'll come back to me. I'm getting awful forgetful, myself, and I just have to write things down just when I happen to think of them.

JC Yeah

Eva It's not that I forget the details; it's just that they slip my mind when I want to do things.

JC Yeah, well I'm just amazed. This is, this is incredible. Even the old Porters didn't know that they'd moved to Robertson County. I mean the old ones living now.

Eva They didn't?

JC They, they knew that, something about it, but they didn't really know the details. They didn't know for sure.

Eva Well I've, I've known that all my life, and you know ever since I was old enough to remember anything about my great-great-great grandma coming back from Robertson County (KY) on a sled.

JC Is that right? Did you ever hear why they moved to Robertson County?

Eva No, I had never heard that one. Mother might have. I, I just haven't, Well, maybe I did hear it and never thought about it.

JC Yeah, well –

Eva I just –

JC Well, who all moved out there besides Andrew and his family? Have you ever –

Eva I don't know that even.

JC Yeah

Eva Now my, uh, my folks they, you know, my, my direct ones stayed here.

3JC Yeah, Sena

Eva Yeah

JC Yeah, she was married in '71' and I think Andrew left in '73' and went to Robertson.

Eva Right

JC And he was only there for oh, 5 or 6 years, I think.

Eva Yeah

JC And then he came back. But it's strange why he would have moved out there to begin with.

Eva Well, uh, people sort of followed certain trades back then and I'm wondering what his main trade was. Do you have any idea?

JC He was a minister for one thing.

Eva Well, he probably had a church there.

JC Well, well, you know, he – they lived in Grayson County. Me and my cousin, we went back there last summer ---

Eva Uh huh

JC and we found the house they lived in, the house your, you know, your grand- your great grandma was born in.

Eva Right

JC It was just, you know, we couldn't believe it. Everything fell together and there it was.

Eva Uh huh

JC And it was a beautiful farm – 262 acres. He owned ---

Eva Uh huh

JC and they lived there for 20 years, but then the Civil War came and Levi was a Confederate. First his dad went in and then Levi took his place and he was in 4 years and then as soon as the war --
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Eva I think that's in the book that this man has for (18:13) where the son bought his dad out.

JC Yeah

Eva Out of service now. I think that he mentions that Arvis Porter, Dr. Arvis Porter mentions that the other night when we were talking.

JC He did?

Eva I believe, I believe he did. Anyway, I, I've heard that anyway.

JC From Grayson County, Virginia?

Eva Yeah

JC Well ,well, laughs, **Dr. Arvis Porter**? Let me write that down. Does he live in Morehead?

Eva Un huh

JC He practices there?

Eva He's a young guy, but now he's not too sure of anything. He just, things he's heard—

JC Yeah

Eva that been told.

JC Well, so what, what's his number or address? Could you tell me that?

Eva Oh. Let me see.

JC Ok

Eva (I'll) Turn the light on here and look at the phone book in a jiffy.

JC Ok. Well, I'll, I'll go ahead and tell you as you're looking.

Eva Ok, Ok.

JC Uh, well then in 1866, Andrew sold his farm and moved and they all moved up around up in Carter County, --

Eva Un huh

JC and in '67' he bought 150 acres, but the old – let's see, one of the daughters, she moved down to Allen County, Kentucky.

Eva Yes, she never did come to Kentucky, I mean to Carter County.

JC No

Eva Just come across the line there. (Her) husband worked there as I understand it.

JC Oh, you heard about them?

Eva Yeah

JC Oh, tell me.

JC & Eva Laughs

Eva Ok. Wait just a minute until I find this --.

JC Laughs

Eva Arvis (19:52)

JC This is unbelievable. Laughs, Nobody ever heard of her in the Porter family. I talked to all of them.

Eva Emma. Was it Emma? Was that her name?

JC No, **Elizabeth** (d/o Andrew Jackson Porter)

Eva Elizabeth? It'd be a Betty – Aunt Betty.

JC Yeah

Eva Yeah, I heard, now Aunt Betty

JC And she married **Isaac Newton Hunt - IN Hunt**.

Eva Well now, honey they's some Hunts that down here in Bath County that say they're some relation to mom.

JC Is that right?

Eva Un Huh. To the Porters. Now his residence is Sherwood Forest.

JC Sherwood Forest?

Eva Uh huh, his office address is 115 University Boulevard.

JC Ok, University Boulevard.

Eva Uh huh, Morehead, Kentucky

JC And does it give his home phone?

Eva Uh, yeah, 784-5384 is his home phone.

JC Ok, yeah, I might call him sometime. This is just unbelievable.

Eva Now he's got a different, uh, uh, branch of the Porters now, than your grandparents and my grandparents, you know.

JC Yeah

Eva It's his grandparents, I guess that he's got, you know,

JC Uh huh

Eva So, he's got different names in his family than we've got in ours.

JC But somehow –

Eva Goes back to the same ones in the very back, you know.

JC Huh?

Eva But It's just like that your, your parents, grandparents, and great grandparents, are different than mine, you know. That's the way it is with his. So he has some names I didn't know about.

JC Well, I'll have to talk to him. Well now, what did you hear about this **Elizabeth Hunt**?

Eva Well, these, these, Hunts down here that are in Bath County --

JC Uh huh

Eva they, they can't -- now my mother was one who told me they had said they were relation to us. Now I have seen'em, but, I'd never even questioned them too much about, uh, you know, about the relationships. But he said it went back to the Porters.

JC Yeah

Eva And she always asks me, when I see her, about my brother, I just have one brother (**Jay Wheeler**) and she always asks me about him.

JC This woman that claims she's related.

Eva Yeah, claims the Hunts are related to mother.

JC Do you know her name?

Eva No, I don't, I don't even know.

JC You recon you'll --

Eva She's got a store and I just come in there occasionally, but I will find out.

JC Yeah, do that please, What store in Bath County

Eva It's a little used furniture and antique place down here on (highway) 60 and I don't even know what the address would be.

JC Huh

Eva Don't know their names or anything, you know, first name.

JC And what you'd say about the Elizabeth Hunt's husband? Just worked across the state line? Or --

Eva Yeah, he worked over in Kentucky when they were married, just a youngster, I guess, the way that's that I have heard it now.

JC Yeah

Eva Uh, and when they married – see when they were going to move she didn't want to come on up here because of the boyfriend, and they got married. I think she was only supposed to be 16 or so years old.

JC Yeah

Eva Real young anyway.

JC And she didn't want to move with the rest of the family?

Eva No, see, she didn't want to leave her boyfriend.

JC So that's the reason they got married.

Eva Uh huh and she stayed.

JC Now that's interesting. They were married in August of 1865, and the Porters sold out in February 66.

Eva Yeah

JC That's –

Eva She didn't -- they were going to come, Uh, you know, but she just didn't want to leave the home and come.

JC Well –

Eva That's the story I've heard (22:59) and I'll tell you who, now, but she's dead and then her sister just died is, uh, she was working for **Uncle Jim** in his office when he was stabbed. And she told mother a lot of things about the Porters, you see.

JC Huh

Eva Mrs. Evans

JC Mrs. Evans?

Eva Uh Huh

JC But she's dead now?

Eva Yeah, she's dead and her sister Lynn Thompson, just died yesterday.

JC Hmm

Eva From up in there. And this lady was a Thompson before she married. She married an Evans and she was supposed to have been an offspring of some of the Porters.

JC Oh, really?

Eva Uh huh, so evidently we had one that married a Thompson sometime or other.

JC And they lived around Elliott County?

Eva Yeah, in Elliott County because she was working for Uncle Jim when he was stabbed.

JC Well, this'll probably come out in the Olive Hill Times – the obituary, won't it?

Eva Uh, this – Mrs. Thompson?

JC Yeah

Eva Uh, it'll be in, I don't know, it'll be in the Rowan County one , that I know because she's over here in one of the funeral homes.

JC Oh well, if, if you see that obituary, will you cut it out for me?

Eva I will. I surely will, uh huh.

JC Yeah, I -- that she claims to be a descendant of our Porters?

Eva Well, I don't know about her, but Mrs. Evans –

JC Oh

Eva Her mother, that she and mother, now, I said she might not have been a Porter, might have been a Brown.

JC Yeah

Eva You know.

JC I see.

Eva Because, see, that one I may be mistaken about because she just told mother that, you know, she was telling mother and she wanted mother to go with her to the family reunion back up in Elliott. They were both elderly at the time.

JC Yeah

Eva I guess mother was 72 or 3 (years old) then and Mrs. Evans was probably about 75 (years old).

JC Huh

Eva My mother will be 80 (years old) Saturday.

JC Oh, she will?

Eva Uh huh

JC I'd like to talk to your mom.

Eva Uh Huh, Hmm

JC Maybe, I'll get to come down for Christmas.

Eva Well, maybe you can.

JC I'd sure like to.

Eva Uh huh

JC Yeah, I was down in July. Well, my Uncle's **Ed Porter** (s/o Everett, s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, so Andrew Jackson Porter) that owns the tire Center there.

Eva Uh huh

JC He's my uncle, my dad's brother.

Eva Yeah

JC Uh, and my grandpa's **Everett Porter** (s/o Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o Andrew Jackson Porter) that lives in Globe. Do you know him?

Eva No, I just, you know, I know about the tire center. I have been there --

JC Yeah

Eva a few times.

JC Yeah

Eva But, it's a shame that people don't know their relatives though, isn't it?

JC It sure is, but I'm amazed (laughs) that you know all of ours. (Laughs) I mean it's incredible. I'm amazed.

Eva Well, it's just that I always listened --

JC Yeah, that -

Eva and I had a great curiosity --

JC Yeah, I'm just --

Eva and you know my mother and my grandmother would talk about the family --

JC Yeah

Eva and I listened.

JC Did you ever hear them talk about **Steve Porter** (s/o Andrew Jackson Porter) that went to Wisconsin?

Eva Well, yeah, I've heard them talk about it, but I didn't, you know, realize that he'd gone to Wisconsin. And my grandma knew all of, her uncles, you know.

JC Yeah

Eva She had lived up in there until she, I guess until she went to, uh. Well, I don't know –they lived at (25:49) when my mother was little over in Carter County.

JC Yeah

Eva And I guess she didn't leave Carter County until mother was about 8 years old and then came to Fleming.

JC And, and –

Eva And the last time – second time, you know, the last time

JC Yeah. Sena died of Tuberculosis, was it?

Eva Pardon

JC What, what did your – Sena Porter – Sena, Sena Brown die of?

Eva Probably was T.B.

JC Yeah?

Eva Probably was because Uncle Bennie and, and, - uh, Aunt Lillie, and Uncle Tommy, now I don't know about Uncle Tommy, but Uncle Bennie and Aunt Lillie, both had T. B.

JC They did?

Eva Uh huh, and then my grandmother had some younger children that had T. B.

JC Yeah and you said Lillie did marry a **Baylem** and had some children.

Eva **Baylem Phillips**

JC Baylem Phillips?

Eva Yeah

JC Yeah, that's amazing. (Laughs) That's - - Is there any other old stories you can think of off-hand?

Eva No, not right off-hand. I can't think of the one I thought of the other day, that I thought I should have included, and I didn't,

JC Yeah

Eva but it'll come back to me.

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