

Track 1b Everett Porter (son of Alex, s/o AJP) Nov. 23, 1979 (tape 27 side B)

Everett: I guess **Ross (Porter, s/o Wint, s/o Alex, s/o Andrew J. Porter)** and **Ernest (Porter, s/o Sam, s/o Alex, s/o AJP)** both is older than **Harlan (Porter)**. (Ross & Ernest were born in 1906, and Harlan in 1908)

JC: Ya.

Everett: But then I _____.

JC: No. You don't remember your brother **Isaac (Porter)** do you?

Everett: No. **Louada (Porter)** either. Or my mother (**Laura Fulton Porter**). Now all three of them died, it was bound to have been right close together. Then all the rest got grown, and then when they started dying again, they was all gone first thing you know, but me. My Uncles, Aunts, they died too.

JC: Did your dad (**Alex Porter, s/o AJP**) teach Sunday School?

Everett: Huh?

JC: Did your dad teach Sunday School up here at (**Fairview Methodist**) church.

Everett: No, he went to Sunday School. ____ scholar.

JC: Scholar? Why's that?

Everett: Some fellers ask questions you know, that was in the lesson, if anybody could answer it, all right. **Will Porter**, did you ever get acquainted with **W.A. Porter** (s/o John C., s/o Andrew J. Porter)?

JC: No.

Everett: Well he taught school. It was in the Sunday School lesson, like 40 pages? I forget now how many of the church members fell in one day, on account of 40 pages? Why Uncle **John (Porter)**, he was sitting there. Why, what if, Uncle John, _____ (laughing) He could have fell though the floor. Him a man, a school teacher. Trying to teach the bible and didn't know about fornication? (2:20) Old **John Porter**, he said, "That's one kind of sin?" (laughing) (2:27) _____ right around the house. He kicked his hind end my opinion.

JC: How old was **Will (Porter)** then?

Everett: What?

JC: How old was Will then?

Everett: Oh he was a man. He might have grown a little after that. I think he was teaching school.

JC: How old was Levi's (son) **Bob Porter**? Was he older than you?

Everett: Bob? Ya.

JC: About how much older?

Everett: Well, a right smart little bit. I know _____ who lived down there, had a little store down there where **Wint (Porter, s/o Alex, s/o AJP)** lived, and I was just a kid. (3:28) Pa (**Alex Porter, s/o AJP**) and Liz (**Lizzie Stewart Williams**) that was his 2nd wife, my dad's 2nd wife. She came in to selling washing machines. These old rocking kind you know you run the lever back and forth with your hands.

JC: Ya.

Everett: He had a buggy. They would tie a washing machine on the back of that buggy and they would go out. And they would stop, a party talked like they might buy it if it suited them. They would wash a few things for them. And then _____(4:00), He had a store house up there. I've seen it nearly full of washing machines. They'd sell a lot, then they would put out the order and they'd ship em to em. Then they'd have to go the same time again and deliver them, and collect.

JC: How old was **Byrd (Porter)**, his brother?

Everett: Huh?

JC: How old was Byrd, his brother? **Byrd Porter**?

Everett: Byrd? Ya **Bob (Porter)** was his brother.

JC: Was Byrd older than Bob?

Everett: No. There was **Ed (Porter)**, then **Cal (Porter)**, then **Byrd (Porter)** I guess, then probably **Lula (Porter Roberts)** the girl. Then **Art (Porter)** was the youngest. How many did you have down?

JC: There was **Ed (Porter)**, then they had one name **Laura (Porter)** that died. She died young.

Everett: Named what?

JC: Laura. They had a daughter named **Laura (Porter)**. Then they had **Calhoun (Porter)**.

Everett: He must have died when he...

JC: Who Cal? No he moved to West Virginia. He is the one who moved to West Virginia.

Everett: **Byrd (Porter)** lived up there. **Cal (Porter)**, he lived off somewhere. He lived over on **Sinkin** somewhere for a while. He moved away from there and died away from there.

JC: Ya.

Everett: I don't know how old he was when he died or not. To tell the truth about it, our family and Uncle Levi's didn't run together much. **Charlie (Porter, s/o Alex, s/o AJP)** and **Art (Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, Arthur was pretty much the same age. They run together a little. Oh they was tricky. (6:07) Arthur would come over, he'd come the Head of Leatherwood come across through there. He found a big hornet's nest and a big log. Charlie was going home with him. Pa didn't was us to mix with em. But that

is where a boy wants to go, where his daddy don't want him to go, you know. Arthur told (Charlie?), they was the same age, he wanted to be his buddy, wanted to be ____ (6:43) Arthur said to Charlie, he said, "I lifted the end of that log that I come over, and he said, I bet you can't do it." Charlie, he was right down in the woods, he was right down a trying to lift it. He looked and uh hornets was all over him. That was a trick. (laughing) It had a hornet's nest under it. He moved that log and they left. He was trying to lift the log, and he never noticed it. He looked and Art was running, had his hands over his head. He was leaving there. (7:40)

JC: How come **Lizzie (Stewart Williams)** and your dad (**Alex Porter**, s/o AJP) got divorced?

Everett: She wouldn't stay there that much. She stayed in Missouri (laughing) ____ (8:20) Ever since I can recollect, she would go up there and stay two or three months at a time. Four or five. The last time, she stayed 12 months. He had a divorce ready. And he had a woman ready. As quick as he got a divorce, he brought the other one in. Seven children.

JC: She had seven children? (8:56)

Everett: But there was one that stayed with his grandpa, that didn't come. But the oldest girl, she had one to make up for his. The one that left. There was one that stayed with old man **Coffee**. She (**Kate**) was a **Coffee**.

JC: You had a pretty big family about that time.

Everett: Huh?

JC: A pretty big family.

Everett: Ya there was 10 ____ (9:26) I got a little ____ with one of them, the girls. They soon took it to her grandpa ____ (9:40) (laughing)

JC: They didn't want you two to get together huh?

Everett: Huh?

JC: They didn't want you two to get together?

Everett: Nah. Didn't have no time for dating ____ (9:54)

JC: **Jasper (Porter)** lived with **Wint (Porter)** for a while there?

Everett: Huh?

JC: Did Jas live with Wint for a while?

Everett: ____ him and **Millard (Porter)** they batched. They couldn't get along with that 2nd woman (**Lizzie Stewart Williams**) of Pa's. ____ I guess **Wint (Porter)** set up housekeeping for them down at the lower end of Pa's place. (10:28). And they went down there and they batched a while. That didn't last

long, I don't think. I remember being down there when they was living there. I recollect when Jas married; he married a Hall (**Senia Hall**). Boy you talk about somebody having a time. Nobody but Jas would ever put up with it. (Laughing) No, if you know Jas. No, they wouldn't stay together a week ____ (11:04). Jas was easy going.

Millard was high tempered, but I never had a better brother. I'm talking about to me. I don't think anybody could tell him (11:30) He wouldn't take no. I like that _____ (11:32).

Everett: (talking about a car going by) They are getting cheap ride out of that one.

JC: (11:49) Can you tell me anything else about your grandpa (**Andrew J. Porter**)?

Everett: Oh my grandpa. He was dead before I can remember.

JC: So he taught school?

Everett: Huh?

JC: Was he a preacher?

Everett: Not that I know of?

JC: Did he teach any school?

Everett: What?

JC: Did he teach school, your grandpa?

Everett: Well I don't know that. He was in the army, and uh, they had a big family. And they made arrangements for Uncle **Levi (Porter)**, as quick as he, I think they jumped his age up about two years, the authority did. And as quick as he got old enough they agreed to take **Uncle Levi** in his place, and let him come to be with his family. That's the biggest thing that I recollect telling about.

JC: Didn't your dad talk much about his dad?

Everett: Huh?

JC: Didn't your dad talk much about his dad?

Everett: No.

JC: He didn't?

Everett: Not to me he didn't. Oh there is things I'd like to ask. A lot of things come up now that I wish I had inquired about, but there is no way to find out.

JC: No. I was going to take a couple pictures of those pictures your wife has in there. She wanted me to take pictures of them. So I will run out and get my camera then. It's in the car.

(13:53) End