

Track 2 - 1979 Interview with **Gertrude Linville** (1891-1998) (daughter of **Sarah Fulton Linville**, daughter of **Henry Fulton & Nancy Reveal**) in **Robertson County, KY**. Also **Lucy Cleaver Curtis Linville** (1893-1991) (daughter of **John Eckman Cleaver & Elizabeth Dotson**)

JC: I talked to **Mrs. Brunker**. Do you know her?

Gertrude: I don't know who that is.

JC: Ya, she is related. She is a sister to **Mrs. Reed** who lives down here. Do you know **Mrs. Reed**?

Gertrude: Reed?

JC: Ya, she was a **Fulton**.

Lucy: Oh, you know, **Jack Reed's** wife. What's her name?

Gertrude: Oh I can't recall it right now. If you would call it I'd know. **Marcella**.

JC: And I talked to her sister that lives in **Cynthiana**.

Gertrude: Oh yes, that is, what is her name?

JC: Her name is **Brunker** now.

Gertrude: What is her first name?

JC: I don't remember.

Lucy: There is one that lives in Mason, ain't they?

Gertrude: Yes.

Lucy: About **Mayslick**?

Gertrude: I can't think of her first name. It's **Irene**. Who did she marry? Do you know who she married?

Lucy: No. Now I just \_\_\_\_\_

Gertrude: I don't imagine they could tell you any more than I told you.

JC: No, probably not.

Gertrude: Cause I am so much older than they are.

JC: Ya

Lucy: All the **Fultons** down in here are gone, pretty near.

Gertrude: Ya the older ones are.

Lucy: His is a **Porter** and that is what he is hunting.

JC: Your grandparents would be my great-great-great grandparents.

Gertrude: Is that right?

JC: Ya, **Henry Fulton**, he'd be my great-great-great grandfather.

Gertrude: That goes way back doesn't it?

JC: Ya it does.

Gertrude: And you say your name is...

JC: Porter

Lucy: This is the way we spend our time.

JC: Reading books huh?

Lucy: And I work puzzles.

Gertrude: She likes to read the horoscopes. I like to work puzzles and knit. Then I look around and say there is so much to do. Then I say, I aint got much longer to live here. Why don't you know what you want to do. I painted them big posts out there.

JC: You did?

Gertrude: I've been thinking this boy was going to come and paint and I started on the railing around there. I was talking to a girl, his wife mowed the yard. She said well now he is counting on it. He is going to come this evening. He works on the road all night. County road you know. And said maybe he'll come this evening, but I don't care whether he does or not. It is kindly cool this evening.

Lucy: They said it is going to be 40 tonight, so you will have to put an extra cover on your bed.

JC: 40? That is getting kind of cool.

Lucy: And yesterday you liked to burnt up.

JC: Ya, sure did. It was hot yesterday. You don't remember anything else about the **Porters** though?

Gertrude: No I don't. It's like I said, I don't remember my Aunt (**Laura Fulton Porter**). She made one trip back after she left up there. Let's see, what county was it, Elliott?

JC: **Elliott (County, KY)**.

Gertrude: Elliott.

Lucy: You was small wasn't you?

Gertrude: Yes, of course I don't remember.

JC: What year were you born?

Gertrude: 1891

JC: She (**Laura Fulton Porter**) died in 1894.

Gertrude: Is that right?

JC: Ya. They said she had double pneumonia. That is what **Everett (Porter)**, son of Alick & Laura Fulton Porter) said. (3:45)

Gertrude: Do you remember her?

Lucy: He is writing. That's what I call my grandson. Let him write.

Gertrude: I mean Laura Porter.

JC: Do you mean **Arabelle (Porter Walker)**, daughter of Alick & Laura Fulton Porter)?

Gertrude: Arabelle I mean.

JC: Ya, I remember seeing her when I was little.

Lucy: I called him the brat. He said if you live long enough, you will be calling me the brat when I am an old man. He is the baby and that is why I call him the brat.

JC: You've never heard any stories about any of the Porters, and tales they told?

Gertrude: No.

JC: What about your grandpa (**Henry) Fulton**? What kind of man did they say he was? (4:29)

Gertrude: My mother always said he was an awful good man.

JC: Oh he was?

Gertrude: You know I never seen my grandparents. \_\_\_\_\_ I was the youngest of the children. (4:40)

JC: They said he was a good man though?

Gertrude: Yes. I always heard them say that he was an awful good man. Now let's see, who was his wife? Was she a Reveal?

JC: Ya, **Nancy Reveal**.

Gertrude: Nancy Reveal. Well I know my mother always said, Uncle **Dave Reveal**... Us children always said Uncle because he was older than us. She would say that he was her double cousin.

JC: Double cousin?

Gertrude: And I wondered how that comed about.

JC: Like I said before, I was over there looking at those records and I saw a **Joseph Reveal** married a **Polly Fulton**. They were married a year before your grandparents.

Gertrude: I've seen her picture.

JC: Who, Nancy?

Gertrude: No, **Polly Fulton**.

JC: Oh you have?

Gertrude: It was at my Uncles. I told you I had an Uncle **Sam Fulton**, brother to **Laura Porter**. Let's see, I forget what I was going to tell. Go back to it was just hearsay, I forget.

JC: You said something about Polly's picture?

Gertrude: Yes, Uncle **Sam Fulton** had the picture. She was a Fulton wasn't she? **Polly Fulton** married a...

JC: **Joseph Reveal**. I guess he must have been a brother to your grandmother, and he must have been a brother to your grandfather, maybe.

Gertrude: Could be.

JC: That is how they were double cousins.

Gertrude: You say you enjoy a thing like that?

JC: Ya, I do. They don't have any old pictures of your grandparents do they?

Gertrude: No. I don't think my mother had any pictures that she had saved. I don't remember seeing any pictures. Now this boy, he wouldn't know anything about the **Fultons**. I think he is 70 years old. I told you about having an Uncle **Sam Fulton**.

JC: Ya.

Gertrude: This is his grandchild's son in the hospital over at Lexington, having an operation. I think he went up there, I'm sure he did to see **Charlie Porter**.

JC: Oh he did? What was his name?

Gertrude: **Stanley Fulton**.

JC: Sam Fulton?

Gertrude: **Stanley Fulton**. Grandson of my Uncle **Sam Fulton**.

JC: So him and **Charlie (Porter)** would be 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins?

Gertrude: 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins. And you have been to see this **Marcella Reed** is it?

JC: Well I went up there and she wasn't home, and I asked the guy next door where you lived. He knew, and he sent me down this way. I stopped at the corner and asked the lady and she was turning right up this way. She said follow me, and it will be the first house right up here on the left. So there I was.

JC: What was your Uncle **Sam Fulton's** wife's name?

Gertrude: He was married twice now. I can't tell you who (8:12) his first wife was, I'll have to study.

JC: Was her name Banta? **Cynthia Banta**.

Gertrude: Spell that name over again.

JC: B A N T A

Gertrude: How do you pronounce it? It's not Bonta is it?

Lucy: That's what it sounds like.

JC: How would you pronounce it?

Lucy: Bontie

JC: Bontie?

Gertrude: I don't know.

JC: That might be it.

Gertrude: And his last wife was a **Mullikan**.

JC: A Mulligan?

Gertrude: Now that may come to me, but I can't think of it right now, his first wife.

JC: Do you know who your Uncle John's wife was?

Gertrude: Uncle John?

JC: Uncle **John Fulton**.

Gertrude: Sam.

JC: Ya, but now your Uncle John, do you know who his wife was?

Gertrude: Uncle **John Fulton** did you say? (9:19)

JC: I asked about Sam first, now I am asking about John.

Gertrude: Who was it?

JC: I don't know, I'm asking you. (laughing)

Gertrude: You know I never heard anything about em, only what my mother told me about em. That they was in the service. And one of them died. I don't know if the other ever got out of service and come back. I know very little about them, just what my mother told.

Lucy: Do you know if they was ever married or not?

Gertrude: No, they wasn't married.

JC: As far as you know, they weren't ever married.

Gertrude: And what was your father's name?

JC: My father was **Don Porter**.

Gertrude: John Porter.

JC: Don. Donald. And his dad was **Everett Porter**. And Everett's dad was **Jasper Porter** and Jasper was the son of **Alick (Porter)** and **Laura Fulton**.

Gertrude: We might be a little bit of kin, mighten we?

JC: Ya, a little bit. Let's see how close we would be. (10:24) Figure out how many cousin we are. You would be there, and I would be here. You and my great grandpa would be first cousins. So you and my grandpa would be 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins. You and my dad would be 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins, so you and I would be 4<sup>th</sup> cousins.

Lucy: Don't count that too much.

JC: No, that is pretty far down. We would be 4<sup>th</sup> cousins, I guess.

Gertrude: And you've seen this **Everett Porter**, my 1<sup>st</sup> cousin?

JC: Ya.

Gertrude: I have some pictures here of him. He was standing by the window. You could see **Arabelle** in bed. He was standing at the edge of the trailer, but I don't know, those pictures are around here somewhere, but I just don't know where they are. I've got em put away somewhere.

JC: You never heard where the **Porters** lived when they lived in Robertson county did you?

Gertrude: No I didn't. I don't know where.

JC: I looked in the records down here last year, and I never found any deeds for them. So I don't guess they owned any land here, but I know they lived here.

Gertrude: They come from **Virginia**, I've heard my...

JC: Ya. I don't guess your grandpa **Fulton** rented any rooms or anything like that did he, or rented a house?

Gertrude: No, I don't think so.

JC: They must have been pretty close neighbors.

Gertrude: I was just a studying. It seems to me like, recollection (12:09) I might have seen **Alick Porter**. I just can't remember. He didn't come with any of the others when they held the revivals. (12:19) They were both preachers, Steve & John.

JC: They might have shown you a picture of him. Maybe he came back with his wife. Well you wouldn't have been old enough to remember that.

Gertrude: That is too far back.

JC: He died in 1928.

Gertrude: Did he?

JC: Ya, he was 74 I think.

Gertrude: And where did you say you lived at?

JC: Marion, IN, about half way between Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne. Could I get your address, in case I ever want to write you a letter?

Gertrude: Mt. Olivet.

JC: That's it? No address?

Gertrude: Just Mt. Olivet.

Lucy: **Mt. Olivet, KY.**

Gertrude: My first name is Gertrude.

JC: Let me find a piece of paper to write on in here. I've got so many notes. I'm going in circles. I'm just collecting everything that I can. When I get home, I will figure out where it all goes.

Gertrude: I tried to tell you what little I knew, but it wasn't too much.

JC: Well it was pretty interesting. (13:39) LINVILLE?

Gertrude: LINVI double L E.

JC: And you don't have a regular street address?

Gertrude: No.

JC: No post office box?

Gertrude: No.

JC: What's your zip code here?

Lucy & Gertrude: 41064

JC: 41064 Let me give you a card with my name on it. That way you will remember your 4<sup>th</sup> cousin. I'll write on the back of it, great-great grandson of **Alick Porter & Laura Fulton**. Or do you want me to write it on the front?

Gertrude: Just anywhere where it is plain and I can see it. (Clock strikes 4:00)

JC: There you go.

Gertrude: Thank You.

JC: You're welcome. You've helped me out quite a bit.

Gertrude: Well I done the best I could.

JC: Maybe I should go over and talk to, her name would **Mrs. Dwelly** now, wouldn't it? **Nona Baker**.

Gertrude: Yes, she married the **Dwelly**. I don't know for sure, but I doubt that she could tell you very much. Because she would just know what her husband...

JC: She might have heard something, you never know. She might have an idea where the old family bible is. You never heard anything about the old Porter family bible probably?

Gertrude: No I never did.

JC: Neither has anyone else. Maybe it's here? (Robertson County, KY) I don't know.

Lucy: I would think some of the girls might have had it.

JC: There were five sons and six daughters (of **Andrew J. Porter**). I have checked through some of them. I don't think any of the sons children got them.

Lucy: They ought to remember the old family bibles though. Those who had a family bible.

JC: None of his children are living. Only a very few grandchildren.

Lucy: Not to many are interested until they get older. Then they commence a wondering why, how, I wish I'd asked.

JC: Then it's too late. Ya if I had waited until I was 60, people wouldn't be here to talk to, and I would never find out.

Lucy: Like I heard my sister say, I think her grandmother **Cleaver** died when she was 16 and she stayed up there quite a bit. She had a heart ailment. (17:02) She said if I had just only knowed, or had thought about it, I could have found out a lot about the **Cleavers**. We never saw none of Daddy's people by him coming from **England** you see. We don't know anything about them at all. Way back there, some of them remembered corresponding with some of the kinfolks. None of them ever come over here of course. And these never went back over there.

JC: Ya they should ask while they are young I guess. (17:43)

Lucy: And when you get older you'll say, "I wish I would have known more about them." I know grandfather (**Cleaver**) they said was crown guard at **Queen Elizabeth's wedding**. And grandmother was a flower girl. So I know that way back that way.

JC: That would be interesting to check into.

Lucy: Ya, whenever **Florence** gets it all fixed up. That is my sister's girl. It might be right interesting to read. They come down here to me you see and got a whole lot about them that they didn't know. I just happened to think about mother, about Aunt **Laura**. My mother was a **Dotson**. She looked over at her husband and grinned and said, "I've never heard of her before." That was Aunt Laura. She had been married twice. She married a **Tucker** the first time. That's a funny name ain't it? She married a **Wilson** the last time. (18:57) There is a lot of funny names, like Wolf. I don't know where anybody would have got Wolf from. I had a great niece. **Goldie** was my niece. Her child would have been my great niece wouldn't it? She married a **Wolf** from Indiana. They lived down about **Covington**. Her father was a preacher. They separated. Why is it these kids separate? Well I separated twice. Married twice, lived with both of them 20 years.

JC: I don't know.

Gertrude: If I take a notion to write this **Everett Porter**, do you suppose his address is the same? I don't remember.

JC: **Enterprise, KY**, Is that it?

Gertrude: Well let's see. I knew the route was all. It just won't come to me what town it is now. The name of that town with the route you know.

JC: **Olive Hill, KY**?

Gertrude: No I don't believe it was Olive Hill. Seems to me like it was another one.

JC: It'd probably be Enterprise. Enterprise is the name of where he lives. I think he has lived there a long time. I wrote him a letter and just said **Everett Porter** Enterprise, KY and put the zip code on there. I'm sure he got it.

Gertrude: Now what kin would he be to you?

JC: He'd be my great-great uncle.

Gertrude: Your great great Uncle?

JC: Ya. I imagine he would write you back. They are kind of slow about writing though. They take their time writing back.

Lucy: When you get older you are that way. You say, I'm gonna write, and I'm gonna write. Then you go do something else and forget all about it in a few days. There was three of us. This lady over here. She is younger than we are. She is about 63 I reckon. She has had quite a bit of sickness. I think it has bothered her mind. I think she had a light stroke. It took all three of us to make a sound person and then it wasn't too sound. We forgot. You do that when you get older. We thank the good Lord that we know what we do know. I can go ahead and cook. I'm the cook here.

JC: You are? (21:49)

Lucy: You like pimento cheese I expect? Well I hadn't made none for a long while. So I said, I'm gonna fix some pimento cheese today. I went in there and fixed my cheese and fixed it all up, and put my salad dressing and said this don't look like pimento cheese. I never put no pimentos in it. It never dawned on me that I should put pimentos in it. I said maybe they eat cheese\_\_\_\_ used to be. Well they ate them and nobody never did know that pimentos had to be in there. I had **Reuben** here and I gave him a sandwich of it. He said that was the best bite of cheese he'd ever had. In a day or two before it was all gone it dawned on me. I said well Lucy, you never put no pimentos in that. No wonder it didn't look like pimento cheese. I said Dorothy, why didn't you tell me? I never did think about it. \_\_\_\_\_

JC: Ya a couple of them I guess. Would it be OK if I used your phone? I'll call collect. But I wanted to....

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