

Track 3 **Viola Bego** (1898-1998) Mar. 29, 1980 Niles, Ohio (daughter of **Ed Porter**, son of **Levi Porter**, son of **Andrew J. Porter**)

Viola: He had been, but he ain't married now.

Earsel: He married **Luther Conn's** girl.

JC: Does he have any kids?

Viola: He had four kids, but I don't know their names.

Earsel: Not Luther Conn, but **Arthur Conn**.

JC: What's her first name? Do you know?

Earsel: Ya, tell you in a minute. Ah boy, can't think of nothing.

Doris: That is a sign you are getting old.

Earsel: You don't have to tell me. I know that. (laughing) Do you remember Mom, what it is?

Viola: No I sure don't. I've seen her a time or two up in Ohio.

JC: You say they have four kids?

Earsel: **Lillie Mae** is her name.

Viola: Lillie Mae. They've got two girls and two boys. I don't know their names. What's them children's names?

Earsel: Well one of them is named **DeWayne**. Another is named **Bobby Joe**.

JC: Is that a boy?

Viola: Ya.

Earsel: And what is them two girls names?

Viola: Lord, I don't know.

Earsel: One of them is named...I ought to know it. Ain't seen them for a few years.

Viola: I ain't seen them since they was little bitty things.

Earsel: Ain't that awful? Not knowing your grandkids names.

JC: And then you had a baby that died?

Earsel: Ya.

JC: What was it's name?

Earsel: I don't know. Do you remember Mom?

Viola: No, I don't know if it had a name. It was born dead.

Earsel: I can't think of it.

JC: Ok. You have some other children, right?

Viola: Ya.

JC: Ok. Who is your next child after **Earsel**?

Viola: Lou.

JC: Lou?

Viola: **Lou Epperhart**, uh huh. I've got two dead. **Verlie Mae**.

Earsel: _____ (2:24)

Viola: I guess so.

Doris: You help each other.

JC: And then who is after Verlie?

Viola: Lou is after Verlie.

JC: And who did Lou marry?

Viola: **Ralph Cline**.

Doris: _____ who died. (2:35)

JC: Oh. Do they have children?

Viola: Ya, they've got three.

JC: What is the first one's name?

Viola: Clarice.

JC: A girl? **Clarice**? Is she married?

Viola: Ya.

JC: Do you know who she married?

Viola: No, I swear, I don't know who she married.

JC: Does she have any children?

Viola: Yes, she's got one little boy. I don't know his name.

JC: Do you know Lou's address?

Viola: She lives here on Mason Street.

JC: In Niles?

Viola: Ya, right up here on the corner.

JC: I'll just call her or something to find out all of that on her.

Viola: Lou is the one who died. Her husband lives up there. But he ain't home right now.

JC: Will he be home...

Viola: No he is in Kentucky. He won't be home until tomorrow.

JC: Oh, ok. Then who is after Lou? (3:30)

Viola: **Irene.**

JC: Irene? Is she married?

Viola: She's got no children.

JC: Who did she marry?

Viola: **Jay Johnson.**

JC: Jay Johnson.

Viola: Lives in Kentucky.

JC: Where do they live in Kentucky?

Viola: Lawton, Kentucky.

JC: Then who is your next child?

Viola: Cloteen. **Cloteen Roseberry.** She married a Roseberry.

JC: How do you spell Cloteen?

Viola: CLOT double E N.

JC: And she married who?

Viola: **Renford Roseberry**.

JC: Renford?

Viola: Uh huh. Grayson, KY.

JC: And they have kids?

Viola: No.

JC: No children? They live in Grayson. Who is your next child?

Viola: Did you put **Jack (Epperhart)** down?

Doris: He didn't get him.

JC: Is that your son?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: No, I didn't. Is Jack married?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: Who did Jack marry?

Viola: He married Boles, **Yvonne Boles**. (4:42)

Doris: Now did you put **Epperhart**? See this is not Porter.

JC: Ok. You didn't have any children by your 2nd husband did you?

Viola: No.

JC: Ok. Does Jack have any children?

Viola: Ya. He's got **Cathy**. She's married.

JC: Do you know who she married?

Viola: Ya, she married...

Doris: Erma.

Viola: **Erma's** boy. **Doc Lewis**.

JC: Doc Lewis?

Viola: That ain't his real name. That is all I know.

JC: I've got that at home. I'll look it up.

Viola: They've got one baby.

JC: Ok. Then who is after Cathy?

Viola: **Joyce Epperhart.**

JC: Is Joyce Married?

Viola: No, she ain't married.

JC: Ok. Do they have any other...

Viola: **Timmy.**

JC: They have Timmy?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: And he's not married?

Viola: No, and **Ronnie.**

JC: Do you have any other children? Is Jack your last?

Viola: No, **Raymond.**

JC: Raymond?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: Is Raymond married?

Viola: Ya.

JC: Who did he marry?

Viola: He married...Oh I don't see why people can't think of nothing.

Doris: Well you are doing awful good.

Viola: Earcel.

Earcel: Huh?

Viola: Who was it Raymond married. I swear I can't think...

Earcel: Well he married...I'll think of it in a minute.

Viola: I know but I can't think of it at all.

JC: Does she live here in town?

Viola: No, down there below Globe somewhere or another.

JC: Does he have any children?

Viola: Ya, he's got 2 girls.

JC: And they are not married?

Viola: No, they are not married. **Connie** is the oldest one. And **Chrissy** is the baby one. They went to school up there at Globe.

Doris: Do they?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: You guys don't remember his wife's name?

Viola: **Betty**.

JC: Betty. That's good enough. (laughing)

Viola: **Betty Hamilton**. You know everything just comes and goes.

Doris: Well whose girl was she?

Viola: She was **Lonnie Hamilton's** girl.

Doris: Lonnie?

Viola: Uh huh.

Doris: From Flat Fork?

Viola: No. I don't know where he was from.

JC: So you just have seven kids?

Viola: Ya.

JC: Do you have any of these kids addresses? I probably won't write them, but that way I will have them.

Viola: **Irene** is Lawton, KY and **Clo** is Grayson.

JC: **Cloteen**?

Viola: Ya. She is Grayson, KY and Irene is Lawton. **Raymond**, I don't know. He moved over there since my daughter died, and I don't know it. I ain't never been there and I don't know their address.

JC: What about **Earcel**'s address?

Viola: Lawton.

Doris: He stays here doesn't he?

Viola: He stays here sometimes. He just stays here a little while, then back down there.

(VIOLA'S UNCLES – SONS OF LEVI PORTER) (8:43)

JC: Let me ask you some questions. Your Uncle **Jim Porter** (s/o Levi, s/o AJP), he has two kids?

Viola: Uncle Jim never had but one as I remembered of. He's dead. His name is **Estill (Porter)** and he's dead. That is the only one that ever I know'd of.

JC: His son was Estel?

Viola: Estill that was his son's name.

JC: Somebody said that he had a daughter named **Irene**.

Viola: I never heard anything about that one. (9:25)

JC: Do you know anything about **Estill's** children?

Viola: **Estill** wasn't married.

JC: He wasn't.

Viola: No. He died when he was about 12 years old.

JC: What about **Byrd Porter's** (s/o Levi, s/o AJP) children. He has several doesn't he?

Viola: Ya. He's got several, but I don't know their addresses.

JC: Is **Bertha** still living?

Viola: No, she is dead.

JC: What about **Florence**?

Viola: **Florence** is living last account I had of her. When I moved from Mansfield, she was living in Columbus.

JC: Is **Linnie** or **Arthur** living?

Viola: Ya, **Linnie** is living. She lives in Prestonsburg.

JC: Do you know her married name?

Viola: **Linnie**, No, I don't.

JC: What about **Florence**, do you know who she married?

Viola: She married **Ed Sizemore**, but he is dead.

JC: And she lives where?

Viola: She lived in Columbus last account I had of her.

JC: What about **Arthur**?

Viola: Arthur, He's dead you know.

JC: He is? **Byrd's** son **Arthur**.

Viola: I guess you was a thinking about **Allen**.

JC: No he had one named **Arthur** too.

Viola: No.

JC: Maybe he died when he was young?

Viola: No, we lived right by them, close by them. Growed up together.

JC: What about Byrd's boy **Andy**?

Viola: **Andy**, he's dead.

JC: And what about **Jewell**?

Viola: **Jewell**. Last account I had of her she was a living in Arizona.

JC: In Phoenix?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: What is her married name?

Viola: She wasn't married when I seen her last. (11:05)

JC: So she goes by Porter?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: Phoenix, Arizona?

Viola: Uh huh. **Allen** lives in Arizona too.

JC: Ya, I've got his address. I've written to him, but he didn't write back. What do you know about **Cal Porter's** (s/o Levi, s/o AJP) family?

Viola: Well I just know they left here, and that is all. They come back one time before I was married. That has been a long time ago. **Andy & Elbert**. **Andy's** dead and **Elbert** is too.

JC: No **Elbert** is still living.

Viola: Is **Elbert** living?

JC: He is the only boy that is living, cause I wrote to him.

Viola: Oh, where do they live at now, West Virginia?

JC: Ya, I've got his address, do you want it?

Viola: No. I guess it would be good to send...

JC: All three of the girls are living. I've got their addresses too. **Verlie (Dawson, d/o Cal Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, she wrote to me I guess.

Viola: Ya. That is who I named my little girl after, **Verlie**. (12:18)

JC: Oh ya?

Viola: Uh huh. And **George**, is he dead?

JC: Ya, there is just one boy living and three girls.

Viola: Just one?

JC: Ya.

Viola: They had **George** and **Andy** and **Elbert**.

JC: And **Willis**.

Viola: **Willis**, ya.

(VIOLA'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS) (12:40)

JC: Who else do I need to ask you about. Oh ya. Does your brother **Albert (Porter, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)** have any kids living?

Viola: Ya.

JC: Do you know any of their addresses?

Viola: He's got one **Ottie (Gibson)** that lives in West Virginia.

JC: Is that a boy?

Viola: No, it's a girl, Ottie.

JC: Do you know her married name?

Viola: No I don't. She lives in West Virginia. He had a girl named **Mary (Moore)**, and she died too. She lived in California.

JC: You don't know any of his living children's addresses? Just Ottie.

Viola: Ottie is the only one he's got a living.

JC: How many kids did he have?

Viola: **Mary (Moore)** and **Evert (Porter)** and **Ottie (Gibson)**. They are all dead.

JC: Mary, Ottie and who?

Viola: Evert. He's dead.

JC: So he just had the three kids?

Viola: Uh huh. (13:50)

JC: Then what about **Charlie (Porter, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, your brother Charlie? Does he have any kids living?

Viola: None that I know of.

JC: How many kids did he have?

Viola: Let's see, **Lucy** and **Charlie**. He's dead now. He had a boy named **Charlie**. He's dead. They had one more girl, but I forgot her name. It's been 40 years since I've seen any of them. Long time before I was ever, I can't remember. They lived in West Virginia.

JC: Oh they did?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: Why?

Viola: After Charlie died, his wife Mandy and them went to West Virginia. She got married again.

JC: Oh. Who did she marry? Do you know?

Viola: No. She is dead now.

JC: Who was Charlie's wife?

Viola: Parish.

JC: **Mandy Parish**?

Viola: **Mandy Parish**. She is dead now.

JC: Who was Albert's wife? (**Albert Porter**, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)

Viola: **Weisse Bloomfield**.

JC: What about your sister **Martha (Porter Brown Mays**, d/o Ed Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)? (15:20)

Viola: She married **Homer Brown**. He is dead too.

JC: Do they have any kids living?

Viola: They've got one a livin, **Lula**, lives in Dennison, Ohio.

JC: What's her name?

Viola: **Lula Belle**. She lives in Dennison, Ohio.

JC: Do you know her married name?

Viola: No, I sure don't. It ain't Cartwright. It's something like that. But that ain't it.

JC: **Cartwright**?

Viola: I believe that is what it is.

JC: And she lives where?

Viola: Denison, Ohio.

JC: Dennison, Ohio?

Viola: Uh huh. I don't know her address. It is just Dennison, Ohio.

JC: Did Martha have any other kids?

Viola: Martha?

JC: Ya.

Viola: Yes, by her last husband, she had **Noice**, she married **Henry Mays**.

JC: How do you spell Noice?

Viola: N O I C E

JC: OK. And Noice was a girl?

Viola: No, he was a boy.

JC: And who was Martha's 2nd husband?

Viola: **Henry Mays**. And she had another boy, Virgil, not Virgil. Oh shucks. Marvin, **Marvin Mays**.

JC: So she just had two boys and a girl.

Viola: Two boys and **Lulabelle**, and that is all she had.

JC: And **Lulabelle** was **Homer Brown's** daughter?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: The boys were **Henry May's** sons?

Viola: Uh huh

JC: I hope you don't mind me asking you all of this.

Viola: No.

JC: Cause you are one of the best sources. This is your family. I want to get them while I can.

Viola: I ain't much help.

JC: Ya you are.

Viola: I can't remember nothing at all.

JC: Who did **Will (Porter, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)** marry?

Viola: What did you say?

JC: Who did Will marry, your brother Will?

Viola: Lord a mercy, I don't know.

JC: Does he have any kids living?

Viola: No, he didn't have no kids at all.

JC: And you don't remember his wife.

Viola: No, he moved away from down there, and I don't know who he married.

JC: What about **Clyda (Porter Henderson, d/o Ed Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**?

Viola: She married a **Henderson**.

JC: What is his first name?

Viola: **Will (Henderson)**. (17:56)

JC: And did they have any kids?

Viola: Ya, they had three.

JC: What were their names?

Viola: **Edna**. She married a **Barker**. She lives in Indiana.

JC: Where at? Do you know what town?

Viola: I did know what town it was, but I can't think of it right now.

JC: A big town?

Viola: No, Richmond. Richmond, Indiana.

JC: What is his first name, the Barker?

Viola: Tom. **Tom Barker**.

JC: And who is **Clyda's** other two children?

Viola: **Edna. Mary**, she married a **Lowe**. They live up here someplace.

JC: And what is his first name.

Viola: **Luther**.

JC: And they live here in Niles?

Viola: Uh huh. And **Dee**.

JC: Dee?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: Who did Dee marry?

Viola: Well they have been married so many times, I couldn't tell you. (laughing)

JC: I'll write one of them to find out. Let's see, did you say **Grace (Porter Barker, d/o Ed Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)** lives in Phoenix?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: And she married a **Barker** also?

Viola: Uh huh.

JC: What is his first name?

Viola: **Den.**

JC: Dan?

Viola: No they called him Den, D E N.

JC: Maybe it was **Dennis**, short for Dennis?

Viola: Might be.

JC: Did they have any kids? They live in Phoenix, so I could write and get their...

Viola: ya, you could write her and get that.

JC: **George (Porter, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, he is living. (19:31) **Roy (Porter, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, , he lives in Soldier. What about **Earl (Porter, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**, does he have any kids living?

Viola: Oh Lord yes. He's got a big bunch of kids.

JC: Who are some of them?

Viola: Well the oldest girl is name **Lois**, but I don't know who she married. **Phyllis** was the next one. **Janet**, and **Gay**, she lives in New York. I don't know her address.

JC: Do you know who she married?

Viola: No, I don't know who she married. She's been married two or three times. I don't know who she married the last time.

JC: Does **Earl** have any sons living?

Viola: Ya, **William Porter** is living. He lives at Lawton.

JC: What is his name?

Viola: William.

JC: Oh, William. Any other sons?

Viola: No, I think that is the only son he's got.

JC: What about **Noyce (Porter, s/o Ed, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**? Does he have any kids living? Where does he live?

Viola: Ya, **Noyce** is living. His oldest boy is dead. **Edward Porter**.

JC: Ok. I can probably get his address.

Viola: Ya.

JC: **Myrtle (Porter Daily, d/o Ed Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**. (20:58)

Viola: Myrtle, she's dead. Her husband is dead too. All the children but one. **Dan Daily**, she married **Bill Daily**. Myrtle got burned up, her and one of the boys.

JC: She did? She married Dan Daily?

Viola: She married Bill Daily.

JC: Her son is Dan Daily?

Viola: Ya, he is a living.

JC: Where does he live at?

Viola: He lives up there, I guess you know where he lives up on Mocabee Creek. Up there below **Charlie Mabry's** store up on the hill.

Doris: Mom and Dad probably do, but I haven't been over there for so long.

Viola: Jacobs is their post office.

JC: OK. **Minnie (Porter Stamper, d/o Ed Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)**. She is dead then?

Viola: Ya.

JC: Does she have any children living?

Viola: Ya, she's got **Lorene**, and uh Junior.

JC: Junior? Is that his full name?

Viola: Ya. **Junior Stamper**. She married a Stamper.

JC: What was his first name?

Viola: Arvel.

JC: Arvel?

Viola: Ya.

JC: And where does this Junior Stamper live?

Viola: He lives in Ohio somewhere or another. Someplace in Ohio.

JC: Is **Arvel Stamper** still living?

Viola: Ya, he is living.

JC: Where does he live?

Viola: He lives in Ohio too, but I don't know what place. Ain't no place close to here.

JC: Do you know where any of Minnie's kids live? (22:31)

Viola: Minnie, she'd got a daughter **Lorene** that lives above Morehead a little piece. That little place near just below Morehead, I forget the name...

Doris: Robin?

Viola: No. It ain't, its backs towards you...

JC: Elliottsville?

Viola: No, it ain't that way. It's down below Morehead just a little piece. Farmers I believe it is. Farmers down that a way.

JC: Ok. What's her name, her married name, **Lorene (Brown)**?

Viola: She married a **Brown**.

JC: I bet she... that is another intermarriage I think. Do you know **John Porter's** (s/o AJP) daughter **Lucy** that married **William DeBord**?

Viola: No.

JC: You've never heard of them?

Viola: I've heard of them.

JC: Their daughter married a Brown. That might be some of their family, because they live at Farmers.

Viola: Do they?

JC: Ya.

Viola: Well that might be some of their people.

JC: She's up in her 80's I think.

Viola: Well.

JC: So that might be the same family.

Viola: Might be. I've never seen her.

JC: Well that is all of your family then.

Viola: That's all.

JC: Big family. (23:56) That **Levi (Porter, s/o AJP)** had a big family didn't he?

Viola: Oh ya, poor old feller.

JC: So what else can you tell me about the old Porters?

Viola: That is all that I remember. I can't remember nothing. I told **Cathy's** husband, "Lord you tell **Erma** to come up here. I'll have to get her to write that letter." I can't see to write. I got it wrote and couldn't read it.

JC: Did **Erma Lewis** (d/o Wint Porter, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) write that for you?

Viola: No, sister Betty's boy wrote it. The wife's boy wrote it.

JC: Oh. I had a bunch of questions, so I just wrote em out.

Viola: She asked me and I told her but she never read it over. She didn't ask me very many (24:50) She just _____.

JC: Did you ever hear anything about **Levi's** dad being in the Civil War? Your Great Grandpa Porter?

Viola: No.

JC: You know his name was **Andrew Porter**?

Viola: No, I never heard that before.

JC: Oh really?

Viola: I never had heard that. That's what puzzled me. I never had heard that name called before.

JC: So you had never heard about your great grandpa?

Viola: No, I had never heard that before.

JC: You ever see this picture before?

Viola: No, not that I can remember.

JC: That is your great Uncle **Alick (Porter, s/o AJP)** right there. That is your great Uncle **John (Porter, s/o AJP)**.

Viola: Ya!

JC: And this is their brother in law **George Dwelly**. He married their sister. And there is **Kate.(Pelfrey Coffee Porter)** That is Alick's 3rd wife. Katie.

Viola: I remember seeing her. She is dead now.

Doris: I remember her.

Viola: Ya, Aunt Kate. I remember her.

JC: One of those little girls down there is **Erma Lewis**. (d/o Wint, s/o Alex, s/o AJP)

Viola: This little one? Is that her?

JC: Ya, and there is **Wint. Reese (Porter, s/o Wint, s/o Alex, s/o AJP)** back there.

Viola: Ya.

JC: That is all Reese's family.

Viola: Ya, that reminds me of Reese. And Uncle Wint too.

JC: (addressing Doris) You saw that one didn't you. Papaw had that. It is a little one. I copied it.

Doris: Which one is Erma?

JC: This one I think. That's **Wint, Jasper's** brother, and there is **Alick**. (s/o AJP)

Doris: I remember Aunt Kate.

JC: That is probably not too long before Alick died. Alick and John died the same month.

Viola: They did?

JC: Ya, just a few days apart.

Doris: I remember Aunt **Jude** (wife of Wint, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) so well.

Viola: Is her picture in there?

Doris: Right there by Uncle **Wint**.

Viola: Oh yes, she is kind of looking down. That favors Aunt **Ann** too don't it?

Doris: Ya. Grandma you know, Aunt **Senia** (wife of Jasper, s/o Alex, s/o AJP) used to go over there with Aunt **Jude** a lot, her sister in law. She thought a lot of her you know.

JC: Every picture I've ever seen of **Wint Porter** (s/o Alex, s/o AJP), he is never looking at the camera. He is always looking off to the side. He must have been scared of it or something. It looks like a creek bed back there. Did they used to drive down the creek bed with those little cars?

Viola: I guess they did.

Doris: That was about their best road wasn't it?

Viola: Best road they had I guess.

JC: I was going to ask Erma where that was taken at. Maybe she would remember. That is why I brought that.

Viola: That might be somewhere close to their home. Somewhere, I don't know.

JC: I think that is that **George Dwelly's** car. He came from Robertson County to visit. That is George Dwelly's daughter right there, **Lula**. His wife (**Mary Porter Dwelly**, d/o AJP) had already died I think. See there is the creek there, and it looks like it runs back through there.

Doris: Well the _____ and that would have been their best road. (28:23)

Viola: I went to Kentucky the last time down there, went down in the mud just setting flat. A wrecker pulled up. We had went to the store. Had to call the wrecker to get us out. Wasn't 10 minutes we looked back and seen him coming. Wasn't no way for us to get. He come right on and got right in the same place where the wrecker had pulled us out. They must have met on the road, that wrecker, and he dropped down in that mud. Just went down in that sand. The wheels was spinning but it wasn't catching the ground. Just setting. _____ (29:11)

JC: Do you know who your Uncle **Jim (Porter, s/o Levi, s/o AJP)** married?

Viola: **Minnie Jarvis**.

JC: Oh that was her name?

Viola: Uh huh. **Minnie Jarvis**. Me and Aunt **Ann** and **Bertha** went there and stayed all night one night, when they lived at Olive Hill.

JC: Was **Byrd's (Porter)** (s/o Levi, s/o AJP) real name **Elbert**?

Viola: I never did hear, all I heard, it might have been, I don't know.

JC: It seemed kind of strange, cause **Bob's** name was **Albert (Rush "Bob" Porter)** (s/o Levi, s/o AJP), and then they said his name was **Elbert**. That seemed kind of strange.

Viola: I never did hear nothing but Byrd.

JC: And **Jim Porter** (s/o Levi, s/o AJP) was a lawyer?

Viola: Ya, he taught school a while, and he practiced law _____

JC: When did your dad (**Ed Porter**) die?

Viola: He has been dead about, almost 20 years.

JC: Was it about 1960 when he died?

(30:16) END