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Q. Adolph, can you hear me?

A. Yeah, now.

Q. What is your name, Adolph?

A. Huh?

Q. I need you to tell me your name, full name.

A. What you say, your name?

Q. No, your full name, what is your name?

A. Adolph Larson.

Q. Adolph Larson, when were you born, Adolph?

A. Huh?

Q. When were you born?

A. Costella, Pennsylvania.

Q. What was the name of the town?

A. Costella.

Q. Costella, when, what year was that?

A. That was 1889.

Q. In Costella, Pennsylvania. When did you come to Iowa, Adolph?

A. Huh?

Q. When did you come to Iowa?

A. Come to Iowa, oh I was about three years old something like that, I can't remember that.

Q. Where did you come, where was the first place you lived in Iowa?

A. I came to Buxton, Iowa

Q. To Buxton?

A. No, Muchakinock.

Q. Muchakinock.

A. Muchakinock, then my folks moved to Given, Iowa, a little town right by.

Q. Okay, when did your folks move into Buxton, you recall that? About 1900 or was it later? How old were you when you first came to Buxton?

A. Let's see, in 1889, I was born then...

Q. Remember how old you were when you went to Buxton, was it before school, was it before you started school?

A. No, I don't know.

Q. Okay. But how long did you live in Buxton, then Adolph, when'd you move?

A. From about 18, let's see, I was born in 1889, I was about 4 or 5 years old.

Q. You moved to Buxton?

A. That was 19, say 1905. Moved to Buxton in 1905.

Q. Okay, and then how long did you live there?

A. Until I came here, 1920.

Q. 1920, so you lived in Buxton in those days?

A. This was 1920, yeah.

Q. Okay, 1920 that you moved from Buxton, where did you go after you left Buxton, Adolph?

A. Huh?

Q. Where did you go after you left Buxton?

A. I came here than opened the pop factory, had a pop factory _____ so.

Q. Didn't you have a pop factory in Buxton too?

A. In Buxton, yeah.

Q. Did you?

A. I sold that and came here in 1920.

Q. Where was the pop factory? Here's a map of Buxton can you read pretty well, Adolph? Can you read up here? Was the pop factory over in here some place, across the creek?

A. No, where's the office, the Consolidation Coal Company office?

Q. I think in here someplace.

A. Well I was just a little ways from that, down there on the little by-road between the park there.

Q. Okay, how long did you own that pop factory there in Buxton?

A. Oh, I don't know, 19 I moved to, I was in Buxton and then I sold that pop factory and I don't know what day it was, and was still there. Then I moved her to Knoxville.

Q. Who did you buy the pop factory from?

A. Huh?

Q. From whom did you buy the pop factory?

A. Here?

Q. No, Buxton?

A. Oh, I forget the name, two boys there, I sold it to them.

Q. Was it a Charlie Nevens?

A. They didn't have much luck with it.

Q. Do you remember a man nameed Charlie Nevens?

A. Who?

Q. Charlie Nevens, Nevens, Nevens, yeah.

A. Was they farmers?

Q. No, he owned the pop factory at one time, I understand. What kinds of pop did you make there, what flavors?

A. Lemon, strawberry, orange, cream, grape, all of it.

Q. How many bottles of pop did you produce a day? What'd you work 5 days a week or 6 days a week?

A. I don't know. It was by hand machine and tromp every time you had to tromp down on the machine. Then wehn I moved here to Knoxville, I was here about 4 or 5 years and then I bought the automatic machine. You just put the bottle on and the automatic washer. We used to wash them by hand and then bought a washing machine and oh big as this bottle and put the bottles up there and they go around and get scalded and washed and rinsed and ocme out and then you pick them up and put on

- A. (cont'd.) the machine, in the machine. That was the syrup then we put this jar up above the machine and either one ounce or two ounces whichever we wanted. Once the machine was done why they transfer the can, the cork on it, or cap.
- Q. Where did you buy the syrup for the pop when you were in Buxton there? Where'd you get it, it come in on the train?
- A. The syrup?
- Q. Uh-huh.
- A. The extract.
- Q. The extracts, where'd you get them?
- A. In Chicago.
- Q. Chicago?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And they would be brought on the train, the train would bring them to Buxton, huh, and you'd pick them up at the depot, you recall any of that?
- A. There's a liquid carbonic company in Chicago too, I think.
- Q. Okay, and you bought the extracts from them?
- A. Yeah I bought, they got extracts and then they put the gas.
- Q. The gas into the water?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay, how did you sterilize the pop bottles in those days?
- A. Huh?
- Q. How did you clean, sterilize, the pop bottles in those days, was it with boiling water?
- A. Sterilize?
- Q. Uh-huh, was it with boiling water?
- A. The washing machine sterilize them.
- Q. Well you said in Buxton you did, you said in Buxton you did it by hand.
- A. Huh?

Q. Did you do it by hand in Buxton?

A. I can't hear what you said.

Q. Did you do it by hand in Buxton?

A. No, no machinery.

Q. A machine?

A. Yeah.

Q. You sure about that?

A. Yeah, a electric with electric and there's a pump in there I suppose and pump the water.

Q. Okay, were your parents Swedish?

A. Huh?

Q. Were your parents Swedish?

A. Yeah, they came from Sweden and just...

Q. To Pennsylvania?

A. It was about two years before I was born, they came to Pennsylvania.

Q. What did your dad do in Buxton, did he mine, was he a miner?

A. He was a miner, yeah.

Q. What part of Buxton did you live in?

A. In the company house.

Q. Company house, you lived in the company house? Can you tell me on this map where you lived in Buxton. Did you live in one of the Swede Towns? Here's West Swede Town over here, remember the reservoir and the ice house and this was the Methodist Swedish Church over here, remember any of that? Adolph here's the railroad tracks, okay, and here's West Swede Town right above the reservoir. Did you live there, did you live over here, here's East Swede Town.

A. No.

Q. You didn't live over there?

A. We lived in West Swede Town and East Swede Town. East Swede Town first, and then they moved to West Swede Town.

Q. You did?

A. And then I had the pop factory by the depot, across the railroad track a little ways.

Q. Behind the depot?

A. I can't see it on there.

Q. When did you buy that pop factory, how old were you?

A. In Buxton?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. I bought it from Monroe Merchantile Company, the company store.

Q. You bought it from the company?

A. Yeah.

Q. Here's a little different map, same map but different markings on it, Adolph, was your pop factory about here?

A. Where's the depot?

Q. How about here, here's the depot and this is your pop factory right here, would that be it?

A. Yeah, that's it.

Q. Right above the depot?

A. Uh-huh.

Q. Pay office?

A. By the railroad track, where's the railroad track at?

Q. Right here. Was there an icehouse?

A. A little ways from the railroad track.

Q. Was there an ice house near your pop factory?

A. There was a bakery.

Q. A bakery, you remember a bakery?

A. I don't know whether the ice or not....

Q. Was the pay office over here by the pop factory, a little distance?

A. Where's the pay office?

Q. Reight here I have it.

A. Well that's where it was between that and the depot. It was a road, there was a road come right by the pay office and it came by and I had a pop factory right there and the depot here. They used to send the coal and the chute and there was _____ the car clear up on top of the hill and they load feed and deliver the coal to the depot.

Q. Yeah, I remember a lot of people talking about that. Were you ever in the, you were in the company store, weren't you?

A. Huh?

Q. You were in the company store downtown?

A. Yeah.

Q. What was it like, can you describe it for me?

A. Let's see, W. A. Wells had the company store at one time.

Q. W. A. Wells?

A. And then Buckingham was the supervisor.

Q. A man named Buckingham, did you know the Buxton family?

A. Huh?

Q. Did you know the Buxtons, Ben Buxton?

A. Did I live in Buxton?

Q. No, did you know him, did you know Buxton?

A. Oh yes.

Q. Can you tell me about the man?

A. No I just saw him that's all. He was superintendent, I used to work in the store when I was a kid about 15 years old and he used to go up to the depot and pay the freight bills and that's about all I know about him.

Q. Okay, remember the Armstrong family, Hobe Armstrong?

A. Huh?

Q. Hobe Armstrong?

A. He lived way up on East Swede Town.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. On the way to Albia.

Q. Did you know him very well?

A. I know the boy.

Q. Which one?

A. Hobe.

Q. Okay, Art? He was called Art too wasn't he?

A. He was the one that worked; He was a young feller here he was about 17 or 18 years old, and he used to milk the cows, they made him go out and milk the cow and he run away from home, was gone about two weeks, and he come back home ragged and everything and he seen the old man and he said, "Daddy, I'll milk the cow and the whole damn bull if you say so." He got his job back.

Q. Which one was that?

A. That was Hobe, young Hobe.

Q. Young Hobe, okay. Did you know Charlie?

A. Huh?

Q. Did you know Charlie Armstrong?

A. Yeah, he run the butcher shop.

Q. Right, right. Did you know Johnny Baxter, Hope Armstrong's?

A. John Baxter?

Q. Yeah.

A. He had a little grocery store there.

Q. Yeah, he had a butcher shop too down in Sharpe End.

A. A drugstore.

Q. Okay, now I shut this off for a while. Okay, Adolph, I would like now to ask you about your family there in Buxton, Okay?

A. About my family?

Q. About your family, you say you lived in the company house.

A. One brother, he got his leg cut off in the coal mine.

Q. What was his name?

A. I forget right off.

Q. Okay.

A. And Lewis, I think.

Q. Lewis, Okay, was he older or younger than you?

A. Huh?

Q. Was he older or younger than you?

A. He was younger, he was about 16 years old when he got his leg cut off. So he worked with my dad and a slate fell down and crushed his leg and they tried to fix it there and it got blood poison and so they sent him to the Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines and they cured it then he got an artificial leg. So he had an artificial leg on him.

Q. Who else was in the family?

A. Huh?

Q. Who else was in the family?

A. There was 2 or three girls, they all got married. Annie, she was the oldest one, she's passed away. She was 96 when she passed away, I think, 3 or 4 years ago. I don't know what become of the others, they moved to, I think the girls moved to Colorado. They worked there in Colorado _____, my sister lived in Colorado there too, she lived there.

Q. Your dad was a miner?

A. Huh?

Q. Your dad was a miner?

A. Yeah, coal miner.

Q. Was he a miner all the time that you lived in Buxton?

A. Yeah, that's all he done was coal mining.

Q. How about your mother, what did she do?

A. Mother, she didn't do anything, just kept house.

Q. She kept house?

A. Yeah.

Q. Can you tell me a little bit about your mother?

A. She never did do very good in talking English.

Q. She never talked....

A. But Dad, he kind of learned good, he could understand them.

Q. So you spoke Swedish in the house?

A. Oh yes.

Q. What was your mother's first name? Your mother's name?

A. In Swedish it was Brita.

Q. Brita?

A. Its Britia like Bertha.

Q. Okay, Brita, what was her...

A. They got a sister by the name of Bertha, she's over lives over at Chariton now.

Q. What was her maiden name, what was her last name before she was married? your mother

A. My mother?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. Larson.

Q. Larson, no that's her married name.

A. She didn't have to change her name. She married a fellow by the name of Larson.

Q. Okay, do you remember their friends there?

A. Huh?

Q. Who were your parents' friends there in Buxton, what were their names. Which church did you go to.

A. Lutheran Church.

Q. Okay, the Ebenezer? Ebenezer Lutheran Church?

- A. We all went to the Lutheran Church.
- Q. Okay, you weren't Methodist, you were Lutherans?
- A. We were just Lutherans.
- Q. Do you remember some of the families in that Lutheran Church?
- A. Manny Bloomgren, he still lives in Buxton, he lived up to East Swede Town on the farm there.
- Q. I talked to him about two weeks ago.
- A. You did?
- Q. Yeah, he's in fine health.
- A. Is he getting along all right?
- Q. Oh yeah, he's got glasses for his cataracts.
- A. He's living now?
- Q. Who Manny Bloomgren?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you know his brother, Carl?
- A. Carl Bloomgren?
- Q. Uh-huh.
- A. Oh just when he was a kid.
- Q. Just when he was a kid?
- A. I didn't know him.
- Q. Do you remember Carl Kietzman?
- A. Who?
- Q. Kietzman, he married one of the Armstrong girls.
- A. No.
- Q. No, don't recall that huh? Okay.
- A. I can't remember it.

- Q. Can you tell me a little bit about the Swedes there in Buxton? How did they celebrate Christmas? Adolph, do you remember that?
- A. Oh, don't ask. Christmas tree and then all the kids would get a present under the Christmas tree and they had programs so....
- Q. When did you go to church?
- A. _____ used to have lots of socials on Saturday night and we'd all go get the night off and then that's where the young folks would come to social. We'd dance afterwards out in the yard.
- Q. They'd let you dance?
- A. Huh?
- Q. They would let you dance?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Really?
- A. That was East Swede Town.
- Q. Okay, remember going to church when you were a boy on Christmas day?
- A. Huh?
- Q. Going to church on Christmas day, what time did you go to church, did you go to church really early on the morning of Christmas day?
- A. It was way early one morning I don't know for about 5:00 in the morning and then about 9:00.
- Q. Okay, what did you do on Christmas Eve, you recall that?
- A. No.
- Q. Were you confirmed in that church?
- A. Huh.
- Q. Were you confirmed in the Lutheran Church?
- A. Confirmed?
- Q. Confirmed.
- A. Oh, I was confirmed there, yeah.
- Q. Oh, I was confirmed there, yeah.

Q. Did you go to Swede school there?

A. Yeah.

Q. Did you?

A. Confirmed in the Lutheran Church, about 7 or 8, they're all dead now.

Q. How old were you?

A. All the group, I think Manny Blumgren... I think 11.

Q. How old were you when you were confirmed?

A. About 16 years old.

Q. About 16 years old. Do you remember going to Swedish school in the summertimes?

A. Oh yes.

Q. Okay, did you go every summer?

A. A little church right back of, a little way back of the church, the Lutheran Church when they had Amond Larson. He's no relation, he was Amond Larson, used to have a grocery store in East Swede Town.

Q. What was his first name?

A. Amond Larson.

Q. Amond?

A. Lewis Larson, he was his brother and he had, I think he was a teacher for the Swede church for Swede kids.

Q. Okay Swedish school, what happened in Swedish school? When did you go in the morning? Was it for the whole day or was it just for...

A. 9:00 in the morning till about 3 in the afternoon.

Q. Okay, and what did you do, what did you study?

A. Huh?

Q. What did you study at Swedish school, you studied Swedish in Swedish right?

A. Oh just the Bible and catechism.

Q. Catechism? Did they have a student minister in from Augustana? Was your teacher a young minister from Augustana?

- A. I went to Augustana at the college when I was about 18 years old.
- Q. You did?
- A. Yeah. I just went there about 6 months. Then I got to thinking about the boys and Dad working in the mine, I thought I got no business out here. let me go. I'll go back to Buxton and help the boys and Dad in the mines. So I went back to Buxton, I just went about, oh preparatory, you call it, getting ready for the regular college, and I went to school in Buxton, but then that wasn't very good. I went to about 7, it wasn't....
- Q. What school did you go to in Buxton?
- A. The company store, the company store way up on top of the hill.
- Q. Which school, did you go to school in East Swede Town?
- A. No, the Buxton, that's the Buxton kids, English kids. They didn't have no English teacher on West Swede Town, or East Swede Town, it's just Swedes/
- Q. During the year they even had Swede teachers?
- A. Huh?
- Q. During the school year, did you go to English speaking school during the school year?
- A. I can't get that.
- Q. Did you go to English school during the school year?
- A. Oh yes, but Swedish school in July, August, June, July, and August. I think Swedish school and then English school for the rest of the time.
- Q. Okay, which English school did you go to?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Where was it in town?
- A. Just English school, I think colored kids and all.
- Q. Okay Adolph, here's this map.
- A. Huh?
- Q. Here's the school, one school was in East Swede Town, here's a school on Fifth Stree, and there was another school down on Eleventh Street. Which one did you go to?
- A. Way up there.
- Q. This one?

- A. Yeah. That was in the company house.
- Q. That's the East Swede Town school you went to apparently. How far did you go into school, 8th grade?
- A. Swede School?
- Q. No, English school.
- A. Yeah, I guess it was, I don't know.
- Q. 8th. grade. Was there a high school in Buxton?
- A. No, there wasn't a high school.
- Q. No high school that you remember huh? What did you do once you were out of school, you went to Augustana you said but you worked in the company store. Did you work in the company store right after school, after you quit school?
- A. No, I woked at the company store in the summertime.
- Q. Okay.
- A. That was before I went to college and I quit school and worked for freight bills for the company store and just running errands and going for people to pay their bills. They used to give 7, 8, 9 hundred dollars just in a sack. I'd go up there and pay the bills _____, their freight bills. They wouldn't dare now, they'd run away with it, but I never took any money.
- Q. Was that in paper money or in gold?
- A. Huh?
- Q. Was that in paper money or gold?
- A. No, that was gold.
- Q. Gold.
- A. That's all they had there at that time.
- Q. How big a gold pieces would they handle, \$20 gold pieces?
- A. Huh?
- Q. \$20 gold pieces; any bigger, did they have any bigger gold?
- A. No, 5, 10, 20 dollars.
- Q. Five, 10 and 20?
- A. Yeah.

- Q. Okay, I heard that some people said they had two and a half dollar gold pieces, is that right?
- A. What?
- Q. Remember two and a half dollar gold pieces?
- A. I don't remember that.
- Q. You don't remember that, okay. Then you started the pop factory, right?
- A. Huh?
- Q. You had the pop factory for a while, you ran that?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. And you owned it?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. You bought it. How much did you pay for that pop factory, Adolph?
- A. I bought it from the company store.
- Q. How much did you...
- A. I got my fingers cut off in the coal mine and my brother-in-law, his name was Albert Isacson, he was the livery man with a team of horses.
- Q. From the company store?
- A. Yeah. And he come up here to buy the pop factory and he said you make money there so I bought it, and it was a good thing, I did make some money out there.
- Q. Did you?
- A. Yeah, uh-huh. The company store buy all the pop, colored people come in and just buy.
- Q. They drank a lot of pop, huh?
- A. Yeah, there's no end to it.
- Q. Well, how much did you pay the company store to buy the pop factory, you recall?
- A. I think it was about \$600.
- Q. Okay, how did you pay?
- A. I had, I cut my fingers before and I got money, I got about \$800 or \$900 dollars from the coal mine from when I got hurt.

- Q. For compensation?
- A. And I had the money then I paid them about three or four hundred dollars and then I paid it off and then they bought the pop for the rest of it.
- Q. How long did you own that pop factory?
- A. Oh, it must have been about 4 or 5 years, I don't know, something like that.
- Q. But you made some money?
- A. Oh yeah; 8 ounce bottles then.
- Q. Did you use corks or did you use stoppers on the bottles?
- A. No, the machine would cap it, put the cork on it, snap it just like it is now. Same kind of top.
- Q. A cap.
- A. Yeah, a cap.
- Q. Metal cap?
- A. The same that they got now.
- Q. Okay. Was your name ever on the bottle itself, Larson? What was it called, was it called the Buxton Bottle...?
- A. I don't know, why, it must have been the Buxton Pop Factory.
- Q. Buxton Pop Factory it was called, huh?
- A. But then when I come to Knoxville here in 1920 and bought this from the Kirkfield brothers and it wasn't any good. Old machinery, so I got rid of all of it. I had to buy a new machinery and I've done, I bought it on top. I used to buy extract from the Liquid Carbonic Company in Chicago and so I bought, the guy wanted _____ he was Coca Cola went to Coca Cola convention in Kentucky and the bottlers convention, got acquainted with him there and he told me to get the machinery cost about oh washing and bottling machine cost about 9 or 10 hundred, a thousand dollars and I had it paid for in about 4 years. I bought it off top.
- Q. This was here in Knoxville, right?
- A. Yeah. I had a checking account so I got it paid for.
- Q. What were the good days in Buxton?
- A. Huh?
- Q. When were the good days in Buxton, when did Buxton start to go in decline?

- A. When were the good days in Buxton?
- Q. Yeah, Buxton, of course, disappeared. When did it start to decline, remember?
- A. No.
- Q. No. Okay.
- A. It just run out, the coal mine give out, the coal mine _____ and they ran a train from Buxton out to 18 there.
- Q. Which one did you, did you work in 18?
- A. Yeah, that's where I got my fingers cut off.
- Q. Did you work in any others, did you work 16 or 17?
- A. I worked at 16.
- Q. 16?
- A. Sixteen and the I was running the loader and then they opened 18 and told me I'd have to go to 18 and run the machine there.
- Q. You remember a man named Walter Plumn?
- A. Huh?
- Q. Walter Plumn?
- A. I can't remember him.
- Q. He was a motorman too, at 16.
- A. I run the motor at 16, yeah.
- Q. Where you a company man at 16?
- A. Yeah, uh-huh.
- Q. Okay, you were not in the union?
- A. A hauler first, and then I got the motor.
- Q. Did you work at any of the others like 10 or 12?
- A. Ten, 16, and 18, that's all.
- Q. Okay, 16 and 18.
- A. Yeah.

- Q. You remember some of the other groups there in Buxton, Adolph? There were black people, right?
- A. Say what?
- Q. There were a lot of black people there in Buxton?
- A. About two-thirds of the population. But they were good to get along. You get to fighting whenever you want to but then usually down in Coopertown, why on Saturday night somebody get killed or shot or something, old woman would cut up their husbands with a razor or something. We used to go down there and find out who it was got killed, and who got hurt and that was down in Coopertown.
- Q. Do you remember the joints in Coopertown?
- A. Huh?
- Q. You remember some of the joints in Coopertown? Some of the taverns, some of the places that you could go and have some booze?
- A. There was a drugstore on the way to...
- Q. Here's Coopertown right here.
- A. Coopertown?
- Q. Right.
- A. Where's the road, where's the road we went to....
- Q. Yeah. This is the Monroe Mahaska County Road right here and this is Coopertown right in here, Okay.
- A. It was on the corner down here. It was in Mahaska County and the other part was in Monroe County.
- Q. They couldn't sell booze in Monroe County, right, and in Mahaska County so that, so that was a rough part of town over in Coopertown, huh?
- A. Huh?
- Q. That was a rough part of town, in Coopertown?
- A. Where?
- Q. In Coopertown.
- A. In Coopertown it was all rough, yeah. But they had shacks, they had shacks there and
- Q. They called them shacks, huh?

- A. In Coopertown you go across the road and you're in Monroe County. Otherwise you're in Mahaska County, but they most generally get....
- Q. Remember the names of the shacks, did those shacks have names? Just called them shacks?
- A. Shacks.
- Q. Just go and have a drink, huh?
- A. Oh yes.
- Q. What'd you drink in those days?
- A. Oh, I used to drink once in a while.
- Q. Well what?
- A. _____
- Q. What would you drink? What would you drink?
- A. Oh, beer or whiskey whenever you get a hold of.
- Q. Anything you get a hold of, huh?
- A. You'd buy whiskey there at the drugstore and it was good but you buy whiskey at these shacks, they made it their selves. You know put half water in it and everything so you bought it at the drugstore, well it was a seal on it then a bottled seal.
- Q. You remember a bootlegger by the name of Daddy Red?
- A. Who?
- Q. Daddy Red.
- A. Daddy Reb?
- Q. Red, Daddy Red. A big black man, had a red complexion.
- A. Yeah, I know him.
- Q. Did you know him really well?
- A. Huh?
- Q. Did you know him well?
- A. No, I just know he run that saloon there and I was down there two or three times with my brother-in-law, but I was just a kid then, I mean about 14 I didn't drink or I just went with my brother-in-law and he bought a beer, they always had pop, and he taken care of it.

Q. Was he a gambler?

A. Whiskey or beer of something like that.

Q. Was Daddy Red a gambler?

A. Huh?

Q. Did he gamble, Daddy Red?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. Did you know some of the gamblers there?

A. No.

Q. Okay, do you remember a man that run a lunch wagon by the name of Reasby?

A. Huh?

Q. Reasby, ran a lunch wagon, downtown Buxton had a lunch wagon.

A. No.

Q. You don't remember that, huh? Okay, now the Swedes tended to their own homes didn't they there in Buxton?

A. Huh?

Q. The Swedes tended to own their own homes?

A. Not in East Swede Town, they did in West Swede Town.

Q. Okay, they did. You remember the Slovak people there in Buxton?

A. Huh?

Q. Slovak people, Slovish people.

A. Oh yes, different kinds.

Q. Okay, you remember some of these people?

A. No.

Q. Remember the Buxton Wonders, Adolph?

A. Huh?

Q. Buxton Wonders.

A. The coal mining ball team. That was a good one.

Q. Did you see them play?

A. Huh?

Q. Did you ever see them play?

A. Oh yes.

Q. Do you remember some of the people on the team?

A. No, I can't remember the names now.

Q. Where was the ball park?

A. Huh?

Q. Where was the ball park?

A. It was way on the edge of town, north or south of the company houses, just on the edge, along the highway.

Q. Did they charge you admission to go into the, how much?

A. I can't remember.

Q. How much rent did they charge for the company houses?

A. Not very much, about 8 or 10 dollars.

Q. Eight or ten dollars per month?

A. I think so. I never rented, my folks had one.

Q. Adolph, the man who ran Larson's store, was he a relative of yours?

A. No.

Q. Just another Larson.

A. His name was Emmanuel Larson. He was a nice fellow.

Q. Was he?

A. Yeah. Lewis Larson was a school teacher, a Swedish school teacher. But it was most generally catechism at school there.

Q. You remember the Buxton Band?

A. Yeah.

Q. Did you see them perform?

A. I don't remember any of the guys but they had a good band.

Q. When would the band perform? When would the band be playing?

A. They played down at the park _____, a way from the ball, pop factory the park was there and they'd play there all and then they had the carnival there and stuff like that.

Q. How many people were in the band?

A. I don't know.

Q. Do you remember the uniforms?

A. Oh, it was eight or ten.

Q. How did your mother deal with sickness when you kids were sick, did she ever use asafedity, remember asafedity? No.

A. I don't know.

Q. Okay, what would she do when you kids had colds, Adolph? How would your mother treat colds?

A. They most generally cured the cold, they had grease or something to, on the breast. And they had some kind of cough medicine, I don't know what it was.

Q. Okay.