

**Ena Malin discusses her career  
at the Olds mansion on Main Street in Lansing, MI 6/26/2004**

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5 Shirley Bradley: This is Shirley Bradley and this is June 26 and we're at the home of Mrs.  
6 Ena Malin and, uh, we're just going to chat. She used to work for R. E.  
7 Olds' daughters and we're just going to chat about her experience working  
8 there. [0:20] How did you happen to, how did you happen to go to work  
9 for them?  
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11 Ena Malin: Well, when we came to Lansing and, you know, that was '62, we came in  
12 '60, right? It's a long time. I keep forgetting because I got so many  
13 [inaudible 0:34] surgery, my husband passed away, you know, that was a  
14 little too much for me. We came to Lansing [inaudible 0:41] want a job,  
15 you know, [inaudible 0:43].  
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17 Shirley Bradley: You needed a job.  
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19 Ena Malin: I need a job and I said to my husband I cannot stay being home. What can  
20 I do? I don't understand English and he got a job in a company, but a  
21 small, for Olofsson. It's over there behind Pennsylvania there was a  
22 factory somebody recommended and he got the job. But in those days  
23 paid \$1.50 an hour, you know. If you live [inaudible 1:09] rent, you have  
24 to live. At least it was not so expensive like right now everything is high  
25 [inaudible 1:16].  
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27 Shirley Bradley: Everything is very expensive.  
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29 Ena Malin: Yeah. And I went to the employment agency, which I hardly know  
30 English [inaudible 1:24] I have to work and [inaudible 1:26] housework,  
31 you know, where I can live and a little bit save money and buying a house.  
32 And she said "That's a good idea." And still I was young so I went to the  
33 [inaudible 1:41] one lady from Germany. She was born here but they are  
34 from Germany and she said "Yes. I have a lady, a very wealthy lady, and  
35 she [inaudible 1:51] the lady in her house." And that was on Washington  
36 [inaudible 1:56].  
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38 Shirley Bradley: [1:57] On Washington Avenue?  
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40 Ena Malin: Yeah. Washington Avenue. And, uh, so the lady she called and arranged  
41 and the next day I went over there. And she had a Spanish fellow who  
42 lived in school here but they were close with his parents. You know, they  
43 were wealthy people and he went to college here and so he was living in  
44 the house. And then when she saw me and my husband because she need  
45 a chauffeur and needed somebody in the house, you know, keep the house  
46 and go do the shopping so that's why she hired me. I could not speak  
47 English. It was a hard time for me.

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2Shirley Bradley: [2:35] Now where did you come from?  
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4Ena Malin: I come from Germany.  
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6Shirley Bradley: You came from Germany. [2:39] Whereabouts in Germany?  
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8Ena Malin: Essen.  
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10Shirley Bradley: Pardon me.  
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12Ena Malin: Essen.  
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14Shirley Bradley: Essen?  
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16Ena Malin: Mm-hm. So and she hired. It was kind of hard for you learning, you  
17 know, slowly pronounce [inaudible 2:50].  
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19Shirley Bradley: Oh, I'm sure.  
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21Ena Malin: It was tough. I made it.  
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23Shirley Bradley: So you came to work as a cook and a housekeeper.  
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25Ena Malin: Well, I was 17 years because I be handy for everything. I can wash and I  
26 can iron and I can cook and I can take care of the house. Also, I was  
27 shopping too.  
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29Shirley Bradley: You did the shopping too.  
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31Ena Malin: Yeah. Because she never shopped.  
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33Shirley Bradley: Oh. [3:13] Now we're speaking of the person you worked for was that,  
34 was that Bunny or?  
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36Ena Malin: Oh, no, no. That Bunny is her sister. She was living then in Palo Alto on  
37 the farm. They were having a big farm and then the house but the house  
38 was [inaudible 3:25] and [inaudible 3:27] Mrs. Anderson, Gladys.  
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40Shirley Bradley: You worked for Gladys.  
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42Ena Malin: Yeah.  
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44Shirley Bradley: Mrs. Anderson.  
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1Ena Malin: Mrs. Anderson [inaudible 3:33] which very nice [inaudible 3:36] nice  
2 [inaudible 3:37] because, you know, with the home they restored. There  
3 were a lot of nice stores and everything [inaudible 3:44] was handy.  
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5Shirley Bradley: Yes, yes. There were a lot of wonderful stores downtown in Lansing.  
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7Ena Malin: Yeah. Oh yeah. You should see it. It was nice. There were homes there  
8 where you can take [inaudible 3:52] whichever you needed. There were  
9 fancy [inaudible 3:56] not, well, it was expensive but there were fancy  
10 stores. There were movies there.  
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12Shirley Bradley: Yes. Movies.  
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14Ena Malin: And, my gosh, I said I was so close to just going across the street and  
15 [inaudible 4:07]. In those days when you walked across the street, the  
16 police come and say you're not supposed to walk across the street. Oh, I  
17 don't know.  
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19Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] They didn't want you to cross the street.  
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21Ena Malin: You know, when you go across the street. I said "Oh, I'm sorry. I don't  
22 understand too much English." He said "That's okay. [inaudible 4:22]."  
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24Shirley Bradley: [chuckle] Don't do it again, huh? [chuckle]  
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26Ena Malin: Don't do it again. I said "Oh, no, no. I won't."  
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28Shirley Bradley: [4:28] So you were 17 years old when you came here?  
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30Ena Malin: No I was old. I was [inaudible 4:32].  
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32Shirley Bradley: You were in your 20s. And that's when you went to work for...  
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34Ena Malin: I went to work...  
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36Shirley Bradley: ...Gladys Olds Anderson.  
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38Ena Malin: Anderson, yes.  
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40Shirley Bradley: [4:39] And the house was on Washington?  
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42Ena Malin: On Washington.  
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44Shirley Bradley: [4:41] Was it near, uh, Mr. and Mrs. Olds' house, her mother...?  
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46Ena Malin: Too...

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2 Shirley Bradley: ...her mother and father?  
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4 Ena Malin: That was her father's house where she was.  
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6 Shirley Bradley: Oh. It was, it was that house.  
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8 Ena Malin: That was the house.  
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10 Shirley Bradley: Okay.  
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12 Ena Malin: Oh my. There was garage where the chauffeur was living in garage  
13 apartment.  
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15 Shirley Bradley: The chauffeur lived in the garage.  
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17 Ena Malin: And we were living upstairs. We had to live with her inside the house.  
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19 Shirley Bradley: So you lived there in her house.  
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21 Ena Malin: Oh yes. I was living [inaudible 5:05] three rooms and downstairs  
22 [inaudible 5:07] kitchen. I do their cooking [inaudible 5:10].  
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24 Shirley Bradley: You cooked downstairs. [5:14] And you lived on the third floor?  
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26 Ena Malin: No. It's first floor.  
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28 Shirley Bradley: I'm sorry.  
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30 Ena Malin: First floor.  
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32 Shirley Bradley: First floor.  
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34 Ena Malin: On the second floor [inaudible 5:20].  
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36 Shirley Bradley: Um, I've seen pictures of the, of the inside of the house. It must have  
37 been beautiful.  
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39 Ena Malin: Yeah. It was. There was big music room.  
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41 Shirley Bradley: [5:31] Now the music room, was that on the first floor?  
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43 Ena Malin: That was on the second floor.  
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45 Shirley Bradley: Second floor.  
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1Ena Malin: Mm-hm. On the third floor there was a big ballroom, you know, for  
2 [inaudible 5:42] dancing.  
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4Shirley Bradley: Hm, ballroom.  
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6Ena Malin: Ballroom that was on the third floor.  
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8Shirley Bradley: Oh. Did they...?  
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10Ena Malin: On the second floor.  
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12Shirley Bradley: [5:48] And did they entertain a lot?  
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14Ena Malin: No. They entertained even [inaudible 5:52] was there, you know, the  
15 father and mother [inaudible 5:54] Gladys and Bunny. There were only  
16 two girls.  
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18Shirley Bradley: Yeah.  
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20Ena Malin: They enjoyed that because it was large, very large room and wood floor,  
21 you know, they were dancing, you know.  
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23Shirley Bradley: Wooden floor for dancing.  
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25Ena Malin: Yeah. On the first floor there was just the living room and the dining  
26 room and the kitchen and an office. That was it.  
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28Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
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30Ena Malin: But it was a nice house built not large. You know, it was small built, a  
31 very nice and pretty house.  
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33Shirley Bradley: Oh, I see.  
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35Ena Malin: Mm-hm.  
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37Shirley Bradley: Not as large and spread out.  
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39Ena Malin: No, no. It wasn't.  
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41Shirley Bradley: The rooms weren't huge.  
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43Ena Malin: No.  
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45Shirley Bradley: Except for the ballroom.  
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1Ena Malin: Ballroom, that was only ballroom. Dining room [inaudible 6:38] like to  
2 have because a lot of family was there, you know, and a lot of time I  
3 worked late hours because when she had a party, she had a lot of parties...  
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5Shirley Bradley: [Inaudible 6:49].  
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7Ena Malin: ...all the people, you know, in her age and the husband passed away. A  
8 lot of times she invite in the evening for dinner I have sometimes 10  
9 people by myself cook and serve.  
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11Shirley Bradley: Oh my. All by yourself.  
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13Ena Malin: [Inaudible 7:02].  
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15Shirley Bradley: Without any help.  
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17Ena Malin: Uh-uh. When there's a little more people, then she give me help  
18 [inaudible 7:08] I have to hire, call some lady she come and help.  
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20Shirley Bradley: Hire someone to come in and help...  
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22Ena Malin: Help.  
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24Shirley Bradley: ...with the serving and the dishes and [inaudible 7:15].  
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26Ena Malin: And the dishes, there's a lot of dishes, you know, they not eat from one  
27 plate. They eat [inaudible 7:19].  
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29Shirley Bradley: Oh, they must have had beautiful china.  
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31Ena Malin: Oh yes. She had beautiful china. They usually buy in England.  
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33Shirley Bradley: Buy it from England.  
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35Ena Malin: From England, even Germany, you know, [inaudible 7:30] she had bought  
36 a lot in Detroit. You know, Detroit was nice before, nice stores, yeah,  
37 because I went with her to Detroit. You can have all kind of dishes if you  
38 have [inaudible 7:46] to pay.  
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40Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
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42Ena Malin: And the [inaudible 7:49] dishes there and the linens you know, Damask  
43 tablecloth that was really...  
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45Shirley Bradley: Oh, Damask tablecloths and linens and lovely things from...  
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1Ena Malin: Lovely things.  
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3Shirley Bradley: ...from the stores in Detroit.  
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5Ena Malin: A napkin that was big that you can cover yourself [inaudible 8:08] eat  
6 [inaudible 8:09] these people. I mean you put a paper napkin. They were  
7 really linen, not linen, uh, Damask.  
8

9Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
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11Ena Malin: Damask [inaudible 8:17] I did no laundry because then a woman came and  
12 done the laundry.  
13

14Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
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16Ena Malin: I did only the shopping, yes. I go shopping every day because they not eat  
17 [inaudible 8:31] you cook and keep in refrigerator [inaudible 8:32].  
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19Shirley Bradley: Everything fresh, so you shopped every morning.  
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21Ena Malin: Every morning I said to my husband "Let's go to the store." And we go to  
22 Goodrich. Goodrich was used to be over there Main Street and [inaudible  
23 8:49] Street. I bought only meat in store.  
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25Shirley Bradley: Main Street and St. Joe.  
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27Ena Malin: Yeah, that was Goodrich. I never buy someplace else because [inaudible  
28 8:57] lot of lamb.  
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30Shirley Bradley: Oh, they liked lamb.  
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32Ena Malin: They liked lamb, mm-hm. [Inaudible 9:02] steak, you know, New York  
33 T-bone steak.  
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35Shirley Bradley: New York T-bone steak.  
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37Ena Malin: Yeah.  
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39Shirley Bradley: That kind of thing but usually lamb.  
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41Ena Malin: A lot of lamb. I make [inaudible 9:12] 59 cents a pound or 50 cents if you  
42 take a little lamb, you know, the little lamb and then I bake [inaudible  
43 9:23] you can make into [inaudible 9:25] hash or something else  
44 [inaudible 9:27].  
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46Shirley Bradley: [9:30] So where did you learn to cook?

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2Ena Malin: I really no learn anyplace except in [inaudible 9:34].  
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4Shirley Bradley: Oh, you didn't do it before you went to work there.  
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6Ena Malin: Yeah.  
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8Shirley Bradley: Well, you must have been good, though.  
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10Ena Malin: Well, now I'm no good. Since I'm alone I don't want to cook for myself.  
11 You know, she was very nice. And then, she had Chinese people that  
12 worked 14 years worked for them.  
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14Shirley Bradley: [9:58] Who worked for her?  
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16Ena Malin: Chinese people.  
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18Shirley Bradley: Chinese people.  
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20Ena Malin: For 14 years.  
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22Shirley Bradley: Fourteen years. [10:03] Now what did they do, the gardening or?  
23  
24Ena Malin: No. He was just like, like my husband. My husband was working in a  
25 company at night and when he come home about 1:00 or 12:30 like that  
26 'cause he go at 4:00 and come back midnight in the house then he sleep  
27 couple hours. In the morning he get up and he go if I need to go to the  
28 store or he had to take her to the beauty parlor or he had to take her to the  
29 office.  
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31Shirley Bradley: So he was her chauffer during the day.  
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33Ena Malin: He did daytime help for her wherever she want to go.  
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35Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
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37Ena Malin: When she say I go today to the bank. [inaudible 10:38] to the bank we  
38 have across the street there was [inaudible 10:40] bank. She write a, she  
39 write a check and you go and cash it and bring her money. [Inaudible  
40 10:45] to the beauty parlor, my husband has to take her and he has to take  
41 [inaudible 10:49] or she want to go someplace for lunch or go wherever or  
42 to dinner [inaudible 10:53] take if she know that there are some friends  
43 picking her up but [inaudible 10:57] we were busy. We [inaudible 10:59].  
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45Shirley Bradley: Busy all day long.  
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1Ena Malin: All day long. Because then she want to go [inaudible 11:03] she go to  
2 [inaudible 11:04] office [inaudible 11:05] upstairs she had it.  
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4Shirley Bradley: Upstairs. Mm-hm. The finance company.  
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6Ena Malin: [Inaudible 11:10], yeah.  
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8Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
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10Ena Malin: And then she said to me “[inaudible 11:13] I need [inaudible 11:14] go to  
11 the bank.” So then [inaudible 11:17] go to the bank, then she go to the  
12 beauty parlor. He bring then she [inaudible 11:23] “Pick me up.  
13 [Inaudible 11:24] I need to go to the bank. I need to [inaudible 11:27]. I  
14 need to go shopping.” You have to have somebody take her so then my  
15 husband was all the time in the car [inaudible 11:34] car. Then I go  
16 shopping too.  
17  
18Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
19  
20Ena Malin: I say “You have to take me to the shopping for dinner.” I was everyday  
21 shopping because she no like, uh, [inaudible 11:43]. Sometimes when I  
22 [inaudible 11:45] a little bit meat she say we can make hash tomorrow for  
23 lunch or whatever but usually I have to [inaudible 11:50].  
24  
25Shirley Bradley: Usually something new and fresh every day for every meal.  
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27Ena Malin: And vegetables have to be fresh and [inaudible 11:56] apple when we  
28 have to make an apple pie and all kinds of stuff, you know, because she  
29 wanted to eat apple pie. She was nice. I cannot complain. She helped me  
30 a lot.  
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32Shirley Bradley: Did she?  
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34Ena Malin: Yeah. She does because we in a couple of years, 3, 4 years we bought a  
35 house.  
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37Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
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39Ena Malin: Mm-hm. She helped me.  
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41Shirley Bradley: [12:16] This house here?  
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43Ena Malin: No. We were living on Leslie [inaudible 12:20] Leslie [inaudible 12:20].  
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45Shirley Bradley: Over on Leslie Street, you lived there before.  
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1Ena Malin: Oh yeah. Before. When we bought the house [inaudible 12:28]. There  
2 was people living [inaudible 12:31]. We have to move out this house on  
3 Leslie because there was so many dope.  
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5Shirley Bradley: Many dogs?  
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7Ena Malin: Dope.  
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9Shirley Bradley: Doors?  
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11Ena Malin: Dope so much people taking, the young people they taking all kind dope,  
12 drinking.  
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14Shirley Bradley: Oh, dope, oh.  
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16Ena Malin: You cannot live there. My husband say I'm scared. They can kill us both.  
17 I said I'm not surprised. Next door there were two [inaudible 12:53]  
18 drinking. The owner [inaudible 12:55]. Who rent it, I don't know. Who  
19 you can complain? You cannot complain. They're throwing bottles on  
20 the floor and all kind of stuff so we sold the house for nothing, just get out.  
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22Shirley Bradley: Just to get out of there and come here.  
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24Ena Malin: [Inaudible 13:07].  
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26Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
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28Ena Malin: It was bad. I [inaudible 13:11] because it was nice house, old fashioned  
29 building and oak everything. It was really [inaudible 13:18]. I got  
30 upstairs room and three room upstairs and downstairs three so I rented the  
31 upstairs [inaudible 13:26].  
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33Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
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35Ena Malin: Because there were so many dopes, those kids [inaudible 13:30] fence.  
36 We put a fence [inaudible 13:32].  
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38Shirley Bradley: They'd come right across anyway. Um, going back to when you worked  
39 in the Olds mansion, um, [13:42] you never met Mr. and Mrs. Olds did  
40 you? They passed away.  
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42Ena Malin: Oh, no. They passed.  
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44Shirley Bradley: They had passed away in the early 1950. Um, uh, and you worked for  
45 Gladys and [13:51] did she have children?  
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1Ena Malin: Yeah. She had two children. She had a daughter and boy and he – her  
2 daughter is in California but I hear she is very sick.  
3  
4Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
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6Ena Malin: And Olds is passed away.  
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8Shirley Bradley: Yes. He passed.  
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10Ena Malin: You read in the paper.  
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12Shirley Bradley: Yes. I, I knew him.  
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14Ena Malin: And he was 82, I believe.  
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16Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
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18Ena Malin: Yeah. And she passed away.  
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20Shirley Bradley: Uh, Gladys.  
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22Ena Malin: Gladys [inaudible 14:15] and her sister passed away [inaudible 14:17] she  
23 was blind.  
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25Shirley Bradley: Oh, Bunny, Bunny is gone also.  
26  
27Ena Malin: Yeah. She died and she cannot see. She lost her vision.  
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29Shirley Bradley: Oh no.  
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31Ena Malin: Mm-hm.  
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33Shirley Bradley: [14:32] Um, so, so the children were about what age when you went to  
34 work there?  
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36Ena Malin: [Inaudible 14:37] Olds was married. He had five kids. They were grown  
37 children.  
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39Shirley Bradley: Oh, so Gladys's and her husband, their children were, uh, they were grown  
40 when you went there or they were...  
41  
42Ena Malin: Oh yeah, no. They were grown.  
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44Shirley Bradley: They weren't small children.  
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46Ena Malin: No, no, no.

1  
2 Shirley Bradley: Oh, they were grown up.  
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4 Ena Malin: [Inaudible 14:54] I [inaudible 14:59] there. I think that I believe it was in  
5 June I start to work [inaudible 15:05].  
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7 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
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9 Ena Malin: ‘Cause I was [inaudible 15:06] that time a job somebody recommend me,  
10 say you better go couple years [inaudible 15:10] you’re young and work in  
11 a house. You can save a lot of money because you don’t pay no rent, no  
12 nothing, no food.  
13  
14 Shirley Bradley: Right. You can just save your money.  
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16 Ena Malin: Save your money, you can buy a house. So my husband said “Okay, if  
17 you want to do that.” So that’s why we [inaudible 15:26].  
18  
19 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
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21 Ena Malin: They were partying and fighting or sometimes [inaudible 15:31]. I was in  
22 the kitchen [inaudible 15:34] big party [inaudible 15:35].  
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24 Shirley Bradley: Good thing you were young and strong, wasn’t it?  
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26 Ena Malin: Yeah. [Inaudible 15:37]. I was [inaudible 15:38] midnight [inaudible  
27 15:39] because from 6 to 7, that would be 12 hours [inaudible 15:45].  
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29 Shirley Bradley: [15:47] Did they talk a lot, Gladys and her husband and the children...?  
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31 Ena Malin: Her husband...  
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33 Shirley Bradley: ...did they talk a lot about grandma and grandpa?  
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35 Ena Malin: Uh, she’s divorced.  
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37 Shirley Bradley: Oh, she was divorced. So she was...  
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39 Ena Malin: And he passed away before she passed away.  
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41 Shirley Bradley: Oh, her, her, her ex-husband.  
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43 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
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45 Shirley Bradley: Mr. Anderson.  
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1Ena Malin: Yeah. He passed away.  
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3Shirley Bradley: Oh, but I didn't realize that they were divorced.  
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5Ena Malin: Yeah, they were.  
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7Shirley Bradley: [16:08] So she was living there by herself?  
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9Ena Malin: Yeah, she was living by herself and then she had from Spain he was  
10 [inaudible 16:17] here in the college [inaudible 16:19] because friends  
11 with his parents and he was living in the house.  
12  
13Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
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15Ena Malin: So but she, but she no like stay alone so she took him in the home. She  
16 support him with money...  
17  
18Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
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20Ena Malin: ...and with food, with everything. It's because usually she go [inaudible  
21 16:36] out for about 10 weeks and then she'd say if you need money  
22 [inaudible 16:42] he go to the bank and they leave him check, so. And we  
23 were only three, my husband and me and the Spanish guy and he was  
24 young, you know, active because, you know, rich house and he came from  
25 rich family. And she [inaudible 16:58].  
26  
27Shirley Bradley: Oh, he came from a rich family in Spain.  
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29Ena Malin: Yeah. From Spain because they have an orange plantation.  
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31Shirley Bradley: An orange plantation.  
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33Ena Malin: Yeah.  
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35Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
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37Ena Malin: And he was very close to her, so I was nothing. But sometimes he got me  
38 on the nerves too because he think he owned the place because she give  
39 him, you know, privilege and I was nothing.  
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41Shirley Bradley: He had privileges and you were...  
42  
43Ena Malin: Yeah. I was only working there.  
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45Shirley Bradley: So he acted kind of like he owned the place.  
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1Ena Malin: Like he owned the place [inaudible 17:24].  
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3Shirley Bradley: Kind of order you around.  
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5Ena Malin: Yeah. He tried to. Um, so I, one day I lost my temper, I said I'm not  
6going to [inaudible 17:32]. I don't know this fellow. I've never seen him  
7in my life. So I called Olds, Olds, that's his, uh, her son.  
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9Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
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11Ena Malin: And she gave me house money. She'd say for three people \$200. There  
12was enough money and I don't ask for money, then I say I don't have no  
13money. I said you [inaudible 17:51] all the money is gone then we'll have  
14to go and get a check in the bank [inaudible 17:57] bank [inaudible 17:58].  
15  
16Shirley Bradley: So you didn't have any money to run the household with.  
17  
18Ena Malin: Yeah. Because he asked me for money, this fellow, so I have to give to  
19him and she said...  
20  
21Shirley Bradley: Oh, I see.  
22  
23Ena Malin: ...if he asked for money so then I give \$20, then I give \$35, so \$200 was  
24gone [inaudible 18:14] \$100 from him so left me only \$100 for three  
25people [inaudible 18:19].  
26  
27Shirley Bradley: To run the house.  
28  
29Ena Malin: Run the house.  
30  
31Shirley Bradley: Buy the food.  
32  
33Ena Malin: And I have to pay the bills. I have to pay newspaper, I have to pay dry  
34cleaning, [inaudible 18:26] something else. I have to pay from my house  
35money.  
36  
37Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
38  
39Ena Malin: So I don't [inaudible 18:31].  
40  
41Shirley Bradley: So you were given an allowance to run the house.  
42  
43Ena Malin: Yeah.  
44  
45Shirley Bradley: But you were having to give this man from Spain...  
46

1Ena Malin: Yeah.  
2  
3Shirley Bradley: ...because he asked for it.  
4  
5Ena Malin: Yeah.  
6  
7Shirley Bradley: He thought, he thought he had it coming to him.  
8  
9Ena Malin: Yeah. [Inaudible 18:40].  
10  
11Shirley Bradley: [18:41] How long did he live there?  
12  
13Ena Malin: Well, I was there three years and he was there [inaudible 18:46] before I  
14 came.  
15  
16Shirley Bradley: He was there before you came and he was there three years after, then he  
17 finally left. [chuckle]  
18  
19Ena Malin: Finally I don't know. He probably passed away. And he was a bachelor,  
20 you know.  
21  
22Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
23  
24Ena Malin: And you know Spanish people they're – she go a lot to Spain [inaudible  
25 19:02] to his parents.  
26  
27Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
28  
29Ena Malin: It was good, it was bad, you know, good day and bad day.  
30  
31Shirley Bradley: Good days and bad days.  
32  
33Ena Malin: If the fellow was not there, then it would be okay but when stranger in the  
34 house, you know, they were close together.  
35  
36Shirley Bradley: Right.  
37  
38Ena Malin: So I have nothing to say so I told Olds, her son, I say, he ask me so much  
39 money. Don't say nothing, he said, you know, just give to him because  
40 [inaudible 19:28]. You cannot say no because she might jump on him.  
41  
42Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
43  
44Ena Malin: So then he said you give the money then he said, if you need it, you call  
45 me then I give you check.  
46

1 Shirley Bradley: Oh, so give him what he needs and if you need more, call me...  
2  
3 Ena Malin: [Inaudible 19:42].  
4  
5 Shirley Bradley: ...Olds Anderson said, okay.  
6  
7 Ena Malin: You know, that's, it was, um, she was fine. I [inaudible 19:49].  
8  
9 Shirley Bradley: She was very nice to work for.  
10  
11 Ena Malin: She was nice to work and she helped and...  
12  
13 Shirley Bradley: Oh, she did help you sometimes.  
14  
15 Ena Malin: Yeah. She does. If you were nice to her and you know how to treat her,  
16 she's nice [inaudible 20:03] but she was okay. She [inaudible 20:08].  
17 There were Chinese people, I said to you they were working for 14 years  
18 and he passed away [inaudible 20:16] San Francisco to go back wherever  
19 there is Chinese people moving there. She sent him money [inaudible  
20 20:24].  
21  
22 Shirley Bradley: Um, I don't understand. The Chinese person that worked for her got sick.  
23  
24 Ena Malin: Yeah. He [inaudible 20:29] because he moved from Lansing out. He  
25 wanted to go to San Francisco, you know, because he said over there San  
26 Francisco has a lot of Chinese people there.  
27  
28 Shirley Bradley: Oh, he wanted to go back to San Francisco where he, there were people  
29 that he knew, people like him.  
30  
31 Ena Malin: Because they hold, Chinese people they hold together, you know, they  
32 [inaudible 20:45].  
33  
34 Shirley Bradley: Yes. They stay together.  
35  
36 Ena Malin: Stay together, I mean, your own people. And she does send him money  
37 when he was sick [inaudible 20:53].  
38  
39 Shirley Bradley: I'm sorry. I forgot. When he worked for her, what did he do?  
40  
41 Ena Malin: The same job. He was a chauffeur.  
42  
43 Shirley Bradley: Oh he, he did chauffeuring.  
44  
45 Ena Malin: The same.  
46



1 Shirley Bradley: Like your husband had done.  
2

3 Ena Malin: And her, uh, she was [inaudible 21:04]. Fourteen years is a long time.  
4

5 Shirley Bradley: Oh yes, it is.  
6

7 Ena Malin: But they're okay with me.  
8

9 Shirley Bradley: [21:18] Um, the house, the furnishings in the house, were they what had  
10 been there when her mother and father lived there do you think?  
11

12 Ena Malin: Yeah. They were all there when her father and mother was lived. Their  
13 whole furniture was there and everything else was there because she  
14 married with Anderson.  
15

16 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
17

18 Ena Malin: And they divorced, she divorced him.  
19

20 Shirley Bradley: [21:40] They weren't married very long or?  
21

22 Ena Malin: No. They were [inaudible 21:42] married. I don't even know how long  
23 they were married.  
24

25 Shirley Bradley: Long enough to have two children.  
26

27 Ena Malin: Two children, a boy and girl.  
28

29 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
30

31 Ena Malin: Now Olds passed away [inaudible 21:51] two years [inaudible 21:52].  
32

33 Shirley Bradley: Yeah.  
34

35 Ena Malin: He passed away and Patty she's in California, married. Her husband  
36 passed away also. That was a couple, before a couple years [inaudible  
37 22:04] but she remarried right away to somebody else.  
38

39 Shirley Bradley: She married somebody else after her husband passed away.  
40

41 Ena Malin: Somebody else.  
42

43 Shirley Bradley: Um, so there must have been a lot of the family pictures on the walls.  
44

45 Ena Malin: No. There weren't.  
46

1 Shirley Bradley: No. Not too much?  
2

3 Ena Malin: Mm-hm. [Inaudible 22:23] pictures [inaudible 22:24].  
4

5 Shirley Bradley: Um, I've seen the pictures.  
6

7 Ena Malin: I don't even see her on the wall.  
8

9 Shirley Bradley: Really? She didn't even have pictures of herself on the wall.  
10

11 Ena Malin: No, uh-uh, [inaudible 22:32], alone yes, but not with her husband.  
12

13 Shirley Bradley: Not with her husband. Uh-huh. Pictures of the children.  
14

15 Ena Malin: Yeah. There were Olds and Peggy and [inaudible 22:42].  
16

17 Shirley Bradley: Um, I've seen the pictures of the huge organ that was – [22:48] was that in  
18 the ballroom.  
19

20 Ena Malin: Yeah. That was in the ballroom, mm-hm, and...  
21

22 Shirley Bradley: [22:52] Did you ever hear it played?  
23

24 Ena Malin: Nobody played.  
25

26 Shirley Bradley: Nobody played it.  
27

28 Ena Malin: [Inaudible 22:55].  
29

30 Shirley Bradley: Oh, wasn't that a shame.  
31

32 Ena Malin: Yeah. And Olds he got two girls. He had two girls. No, a girl and a boy.  
33

34 Shirley Bradley: Olds Anderson had a girl and a boy.  
35

36 Ena Malin: And they didn't play either.  
37

38 Shirley Bradley: And they didn't play either.  
39

40 Ena Malin: Then Old remarried second wife. He had Betty and Trina. I think he had  
41 five kids with her.  
42

43 Shirley Bradley: [23:18] So Mr. Olds Anderson was married twice?  
44

45 Ena Malin: Yes.  
46

1 Shirley Bradley: Oh, his first wife...  
2  
3 Ena Malin: Her son.  
4  
5 Shirley Bradley: Her son, Olds Anderson, yes. He was married and divorced and married  
6 again.  
7  
8 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
9  
10 Shirley Bradley: And he had a total of five children.  
11  
12 Ena Malin: That was in the newspaper too.  
13  
14 Shirley Bradley: Was it? You know, it's been a while since I've read all of that and I don't  
15 recall.  
16  
17 Ena Malin: Yeah. There were five kids.  
18  
19 Shirley Bradley: He was a very nice man. I had met him different times...  
20  
21 Ena Malin: Definitely. Yeah. He was.  
22  
23 Shirley Bradley: ...when he would come to the museum.  
24  
25 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
26  
27 Shirley Bradley: You know, the R. E. Olds Museum.  
28  
29 Ena Malin: R. E. Olds.  
30  
31 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm. He was very kind to us there and we have some nice pictures of  
32 his parents.  
33  
34 Ena Malin: Mm-hm.  
35  
36 Shirley Bradley: Uh, we have a special room that has the 1897 Oldsmobile in a big glass  
37 case.  
38  
39 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
40  
41 Shirley Bradley: It's the very first Oldsmobile ever made, well, one of the first. I think he  
42 made four but anyway, uh, and in that room there are pictures of Mr.  
43 Ander – uh, Mr. Olds. R. E...  
44  
45 Ena Malin: Olds. Yeah.  
46

1 Shirley Bradley: ...as a child and then as a young man and then as married and then with  
2 his wife Metta and the two girls...  
3  
4 Ena Malin: Yeah. The child.  
5  
6 Shirley Bradley: ...sitting in the, it looked like maybe a parlor in the picture.  
7  
8 Ena Malin: Yeah. I saw that picture in the, in the house.  
9  
10 Shirley Bradley: In the house.  
11  
12 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
13  
14 Shirley Bradley: And, um, the one girl was over near him and the other girl was sitting in a  
15 chair and they were, the one girl was looking at a book. The photographer  
16 probably said – and I can't imagine how long they had to sit still because  
17 the cameras in those days weren't quick like they are now so they  
18 probably had to sit like that for quite a while, while that picture was taken.  
19  
20 Ena Malin: Yeah. There were two [inaudible 24:54], um, Bunny and [inaudible  
21 24:59].  
22  
23 Shirley Bradley: Bernice and Gladys.  
24  
25 Ena Malin: Bernice and Gladys.  
26  
27 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm. And they called Bernice Bunny.  
28  
29 Ena Malin: Bernice Bunny.  
30  
31 Shirley Bradley: That's a cute nickname, isn't it?  
32  
33 Ena Malin: Yeah. It is.  
34  
35 Shirley Bradley: Yeah.  
36  
37 Ena Malin: But they all sick and they all died. Bunny is gone.  
38  
39 Shirley Bradley: Everybody is gone.  
40  
41 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
42  
43 Shirley Bradley: There's just probably grandchildren...  
44  
45 Ena Malin: There's grandchildren.  
46

1 Shirley Bradley: ...left in Lansing.  
2  
3 Ena Malin: Lansing. Nobody [inaudible 25:20]. Olds [inaudible 25:21]. No.  
4 [inaudible 25:26] passed away in February.  
5  
6 Shirley Bradley: Who did?  
7  
8 Ena Malin: Olds.  
9  
10 Shirley Bradley: Oh yes.  
11  
12 Ena Malin: He passed away last February, yeah.  
13  
14 Shirley Bradley: I think so.  
15  
16 Ena Malin: Yeah. It was February. I remember when I came from house and  
17 somebody said Olds passed away. He was 82. She's gone. She had a  
18 stroke [inaudible 25:46]. That's why she passed away.  
19  
20 Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
21  
22 Ena Malin: [Inaudible 25:50] 'cause I went to their house when she had the stroke  
23 [inaudible 25:54]. She couldn't talk [inaudible 25:56]. Most of the time  
24 you don't understand what she said because [inaudible 26:00] stroke.  
25  
26 Shirley Bradley: Because of her stroke.  
27  
28 Ena Malin: Because of her stroke [inaudible 26:02].  
29  
30 Shirley Bradley: [Inaudible 26:02].  
31  
32 Ena Malin: Martha Dixon she was a very close friend.  
33  
34 Shirley Bradley: Martha Dixon was her close friend?  
35  
36 Ena Malin: Mm-hm.  
37  
38 Shirley Bradley: Oh. And we're talking about Gladys now.  
39  
40 Ena Malin: Gladys.  
41  
42 Shirley Bradley: Gladys. [26:13] And Martha used to come quite often to the house?  
43  
44 Ena Malin: Quite often she took her for lunch [inaudible 26:17] I believe in Mexico  
45 travel.  
46

1 Shirley Bradley: Oh. They went traveling together.  
2

3 Ena Malin: They traveled together. She traveled a lot.  
4

5 Shirley Bradley: Did she?  
6

7 Ena Malin: Yeah. She does. Once in a while, [inaudible 26:28] she went to Spain for  
8 10 weeks.  
9

10 Shirley Bradley: She went to Spain?  
11

12 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
13

14 Shirley Bradley: Well, that's maybe how she met that young man that...  
15

16 Ena Malin: No. He wasn't there.  
17

18 Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
19

20 Ena Malin: He wasn't there because she left [inaudible 26:40].  
21

22 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
23

24 Ena Malin: Make me lots of headache too because he bring his own friends and I have  
25 to cook for those friends. I cannot say nothing because...  
26

27 Shirley Bradley: Oh no.  
28

29 Ena Malin: ...he was the boss and I was nothing [inaudible 26:52].  
30

31 Shirley Bradley: You're the employee.  
32

33 Ena Malin: I was the employee and when he say I have to do that.  
34

35 Shirley Bradley: So he could bring his friends in and...  
36

37 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
38

39 Shirley Bradley: ...put on lavish dinners that you did... [chuckle]  
40

41 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
42

43 Shirley Bradley: ...that you did all the work for.  
44

45 Ena Malin: Because he had the power. They were both very close together so I was  
46 [inaudible 27:06].

1  
2 Shirley Bradley: [27:07] How, how many years was he there?  
3  
4 Ena Malin: Uh, I was [inaudible 27:11] he was before me.  
5  
6 Shirley Bradley: So he was there before you came.  
7  
8 Ena Malin: Oh yes.  
9  
10 Shirley Bradley: So he was already in the house.  
11  
12 Ena Malin: Yes, right. Because she traveled so much that she knew his parents. I  
13 don't know who they are. You know, rich people they find all [inaudible  
14 27:23] communication. Rich people, not with us poor.  
15  
16 Shirley Bradley: Right.  
17  
18 Ena Malin: [Inaudible 27:27] rich people. And she went a lot to Spain too and she  
19 went to Italy. One time, she went to Italy for 10 weeks.  
20  
21 Shirley Bradley: Oh, that would be wonderful, wouldn't it, to go to Italy. [chuckle]  
22  
23 Ena Malin: Ten weeks, I said my God, she's not coming back home.  
24  
25 Shirley Bradley: But it's such a beautiful country, so much to see.  
26  
27 Ena Malin: Yeah, yeah.  
28  
29 Shirley Bradley: Well, that, um, so it sounds like her life was happy.  
30  
31 Ena Malin: She was happy but they would drink. She was drinking.  
32  
33 Shirley Bradley: She was what?  
34  
35 Ena Malin: Drinking.  
36  
37 Shirley Bradley: Oh, she was drinking.  
38  
39 Ena Malin: [Inaudible 27:59], uh, I don't know if this should be in newspaper.  
40  
41 Shirley Bradley: We won't tell that.  
42  
43 Ena Malin: No.  
44  
45 Shirley Bradley: Nothing, nothing is going in the newspaper from this.  
46

1Ena Malin: I don't want.  
2

3Shirley Bradley: This is just, um...  
4

5Ena Malin: [Inaudible 28:08] I don't like it [inaudible 28:12] because, yeah, she liked  
6 – she told everybody she liked to drink. Mm-hm. And this fellow, young,  
7 was, they were companions for her. He liked drinking, she liked drinking.  
8 They were sitting in the evening and drinking.  
9

10Shirley Bradley: So they'd have lots to talk about and that sort of thing. Um, I remember  
11 when I was a child walking by the mansion and watching the fountain in  
12 the yard. There was a...  
13

14Ena Malin: Yeah. They have, yeah.  
15

16Shirley Bradley: It was so pretty.  
17

18Ena Malin: Lot of flowers and I think it was a blue fountain [inaudible 28:47] blue  
19 water.  
20

21Shirley Bradley: Blue water in the fountain?  
22

23Ena Malin: Well, they paint it.  
24

25Shirley Bradley: Oh, they painted the fountain blue so it looked like...  
26

27Ena Malin: Mm-hm.  
28

29Shirley Bradley: Oh, is that right? Oh my goodness.  
30

31Ena Malin: And that was looking so nice and there were, they have extra yard  
32 [inaudible 29:01] there.  
33

34Shirley Bradley: I wondered who took care of the yard.  
35

36Ena Malin: The yard, the flowers [inaudible 29:05] he was from Germany, older man.  
37 He worked quite a long, long time. She no want to let him go.  
38

39Shirley Bradley: 'Cause he was good.  
40

41Ena Malin: He was good and then he take care of the little pool. There was no  
42 swimming pool. It was just a little pool, you know. Because we were  
43 living on Washington [inaudible 29:22] bad because Washington was a  
44 bigger house and then she bought an East Lansing house and that was like,  
45 um, like a shed. It was not – very poor house she bought in East Lansing



1 and she paid good price on it but she remodeled so much, to the front door  
2 she – I don't know what the...  
3  
4 Shirley Bradley: She liked to remodel  
5  
6 Ena Malin: Remodel because she don't like the style from the house. The house was  
7 very low.  
8  
9 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
10  
11 Ena Malin: The first house built [inaudible 29:48] the first house was there that her  
12 sister bought her. Her sister bought a bigger house [inaudible 29:59] she  
13 had a house [inaudible 30:01], you know, little couple of flowers, couple.  
14  
15 Shirley Bradley: [30:06] So they both had a house in East Lansing?  
16  
17 Ena Malin: They had both.  
18  
19 Shirley Bradley: [30:09] And did she move out of the big house where you had worked?  
20  
21 Ena Malin: Yeah. 'Cause they had to leave because the State built the road.  
22  
23 Shirley Bradley: Oh, because the house was being torn down to make way for the freeway.  
24  
25 Ena Malin: For the freeway. And they paid her \$200,000.  
26  
27 Shirley Bradley: [30:21] How did she feel about having to leave there?  
28  
29 Ena Malin: It was not very easy. She was crying. I said – there was noise too. You  
30 see the traffic, the cars, because there was corner, you know.  
31  
32 Shirley Bradley: Yeah. On the corner.  
33  
34 Ena Malin: It was on the corner and the traffic day and night and she was really tired.  
35 She didn't want to move from the house. You know, that's her father and  
36 mother house.  
37  
38 Shirley Bradley: And that was where she was born and raised.  
39  
40 Ena Malin: She's born there.  
41  
42 Shirley Bradley: Didn't want to leave. No, I'm sure not.  
43  
44 Ena Malin: And she [inaudible 30:45] she would cry. I says [inaudible 30:48] and she  
45 bought in East Lansing. She wanted close to her sister together, you  
46 know.

1  
2 Shirley Bradley: Live close to her sister.  
3  
4 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
5  
6 Shirley Bradley: Yeah.  
7  
8 Ena Malin: Because her sister was alone.  
9  
10 Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
11  
12 Ena Malin: And she was alone.  
13  
14 Shirley Bradley: She was alone.  
15  
16 Ena Malin: Because her husband passed away.  
17  
18 Shirley Bradley: Aw.  
19  
20 Ena Malin: And Gladys she's divorced so they wanted close together live.  
21  
22 Shirley Bradley: Sure.  
23  
24 Ena Malin: Her sister was alone and she don't have any boyfriends, no nothing. She  
25 all by herself.  
26  
27 Shirley Bradley: All by herself.  
28  
29 Ena Malin: Uh-huh.  
30  
31 Shirley Bradley: [31:16] Um, so did you have to help with the packing up when she  
32 moved?  
33  
34 Ena Malin: Oh yeah.  
35  
36 Shirley Bradley: A lot of work that must have been.  
37  
38 Ena Malin: Oh yeah. When you move, you know even you got small house, when  
39 you start moving out, clean all of those cabinets and everything plus other  
40 stuff.  
41  
42 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
43  
44 Ena Malin: You are kind of worn out. I [inaudible 31:33] upstairs but we have to  
45 move [inaudible 31:39] on the account the State wanted it because...  
46

1 Shirley Bradley: And they were such beautiful houses...  
2  
3 Ena Malin: They were.  
4  
5 Shirley Bradley: ...up and down the street by them.  
6  
7 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
8  
9 Shirley Bradley: They had lovely houses.  
10  
11 Ena Malin: Oh, there was back [inaudible 31:49] house there was a lady I think from  
12 Scotland, very wealthy lady, the house beautiful and they tear them down.  
13 [Inaudible 31:56] the house built so nice. They all are gone.  
14  
15 Shirley Bradley: I know. They're all gone.  
16  
17 Ena Malin: She had the house [inaudible 32:04]. There was a garage where the  
18 chauffer was and there was a house where the yard man was working. He  
19 had privacy, he got a house. And we were living in her house...  
20  
21 Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
22  
23 Ena Malin: ... before she died. There were three houses there.  
24  
25 Shirley Bradley: Three houses.  
26  
27 Ena Malin: Three houses they demolished.  
28  
29 Shirley Bradley: All demolished.  
30  
31 Ena Malin: All demolished. So the chauffer had extra privacy. The yard man had  
32 privacy. And we had privacy. There all three gone.  
33  
34 Shirley Bradley: All gone. Isn't that a...?  
35  
36 Ena Malin: And they were good houses.  
37  
38 Shirley Bradley: They were beautiful houses. I do remember them.  
39  
40 Ena Malin: Yeah. You know, they build differently today. Today [inaudible 32:43]  
41 fast, fast. I [inaudible 32:45] garage [inaudible 32:46] because then the  
42 house tearing down where the yard man was living and my husband asked  
43 are we going to have a new garage built. And she said think how much  
44 you need [inaudible 32:56] garage built.  
45  
46 Shirley Bradley: Take whatever you need from the garage for your own garage.

1  
2Ena Malin: [Inaudible 32:59]. Yeah. Then he took [inaudible 33:02] the yard man  
3 was [inaudible] 33:04 on Leslie himself because he know how to do that.  
4 They still live there but the people there don't care.  
5  
6Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
7  
8Ena Malin: [Inaudible 33:14].  
9  
10Shirley Bradley: [33:15] So where did you go after? Did you go and live in East Lansing...?  
11  
12Ena Malin: No.  
13  
14Shirley Bradley: ...in that house?  
15  
16Ena Malin: Yeah. I go live in East Lansing. You're right. I was living in East  
17 Lansing but their house was a tiny build.  
18  
19Shirley Bradley: Was it?  
20  
21Ena Malin: Very tiny. Sometimes when I go in East Lansing to [inaudible 33:32] and  
22 I see that I say, oh, what a poor house. It was low, you know.  
23  
24Shirley Bradley: Low to the ground.  
25  
26Ena Malin: Low to the ground.  
27  
28Shirley Bradley: So different from what...  
29  
30Ena Malin: Different where you live on Washington. They were nice house and big.  
31  
32Shirley Bradley: And a three-story house.  
33  
34Ena Malin: Three-story house, three floors. And so now their house, but she wanted  
35 close to her sister. Her sister has a better house, very large house with  
36 swimming pool, with everything. But she was alone, the kids all married  
37 [inaudible 34:02].  
38  
39Shirley Bradley: Grown up and married, so she lived alone.  
40  
41Ena Malin: Yeah. [Inaudible 34:04]. She don't have no boyfriend, you know. She  
42 lived by herself.  
43  
44Shirley Bradley: Gladys donated land for the Woldumar Nature Center.  
45  
46Ena Malin: Yeah. For Woldumar.

1  
2 Shirley Bradley: Yes. Woldumar. Mm-hm. [34:17] Uh, did she ever live out that way?  
3  
4 Ena Malin: That was a [inaudible 34:20] house. It was a brick – a stone house, not a  
5 brick house.  
6  
7 Shirley Bradley: Stone.  
8  
9 Ena Malin: Stone house. And you probably had someplace reported in the newspaper  
10 where there was fire.  
11  
12 Shirley Bradley: Yeah.  
13  
14 Ena Malin: Somebody put a fire.  
15  
16 Shirley Bradley: Yeah.  
17  
18 Ena Malin: And that was in, in I think in the [inaudible 34:36] January time because it  
19 was cold.  
20  
21 Shirley Bradley: It was cold.  
22  
23 Ena Malin: It was cold because [inaudible 34:42] said “Don’t you see that Mrs.  
24 Anderson her house burned.” I said “What are you talking about?” And  
25 the yard man was living because he had [inaudible 34:51] Woldumar and  
26 he got [inaudible 34:53].  
27  
28 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
29  
30 Ena Malin: [Inaudible 34:55] they have everything [inaudible 34:58]. There was a  
31 gate that when you go drive in to her house.  
32  
33 Shirley Bradley: A stone gate.  
34  
35 Ena Malin: A stone gate where the people live and open it the door when you go out  
36 or you come and then he open automatically the gate.  
37  
38 Shirley Bradley: I see. I’ve seen that house.  
39  
40 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
41  
42 Shirley Bradley: It was right by the road...  
43  
44 Ena Malin: By the road.  
45  
46 Shirley Bradley: ...but you had to go past that...

1  
2Ena Malin: Yeah.  
3  
4Shirley Bradley: ...to go back into her house...  
5  
6Ena Malin: Mm-hm, yeah.  
7  
8Shirley Bradley: ...which was down by the river, I imagine.  
9  
10Ena Malin: Yeah. So and we – that was I think in December because it was cold.  
11 Yeah, there was ice and [inaudible 35:25] say “We cannot drive. It’s too  
12 icy.” I said “Well, I want to see their house.” They were burning, you  
13 know. Show on TV ice and it was stone house. Now how they burned up,  
14 I don’t know. Somebody put gas probably inside.  
15  
16Shirley Bradley: You think it was...  
17  
18Ena Malin: Yeah.  
19  
20Shirley Bradley: ...an arsonist.  
21  
22Ena Malin: Arson that’s what [inaudible 35:42] because they were fireproof.  
23  
24Shirley Bradley: There was what?  
25  
26Ena Malin: Fireproof.  
27  
28Shirley Bradley: Oh, it was fireproof.  
29  
30Ena Malin: Yeah, it was fireproof, yeah. [Inaudible 35:51] gas and somebody  
31 [inaudible 35:55], you know.  
32  
33Shirley Bradley: Somebody angry.  
34  
35Ena Malin: Angry.  
36  
37Shirley Bradley: Somebody crazy.  
38  
39Ena Malin: Yeah.  
40  
41Shirley Bradley: You never know.  
42  
43Ena Malin: And you can – you never know. And that was I remember in December  
44 he said “We cannot drive.” There was ice. There really was ice. I said  
45 “Please take me. I want to see the house.” I’ve been in this house so  
46 many times, you know.

1  
2 Shirley Bradley: You were, you had been in and out of that...  
3  
4 Ena Malin: Yeah. I was in this house.  
5  
6 Shirley Bradley: [36:15] What was it like inside?  
7  
8 Ena Malin: Oh, beautiful. There was everything in the house was made in Italy.  
9  
10 Shirley Bradley: Like marble fireplace.  
11  
12 Ena Malin: Yeah. Everything [inaudible 36:26].  
13  
14 Shirley Bradley: Lovely paneling.  
15  
16 Ena Malin: Everything was fireproof. I can't understand who did it and how he did it,  
17 I really [inaudible 36:33] because everything is beautiful. She sold to her  
18 sister when she divorced, Mrs. Anderson.  
19  
20 Shirley Bradley: When Gladys divorced she sold the house to her sister.  
21  
22 Ena Malin: Gladys' sister, she sold to her sister and her sister [inaudible 36:47]  
23 everything [inaudible 36:50].  
24  
25 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
26  
27 Ena Malin: And they looked and [inaudible 36:56] who did it.  
28  
29 Shirley Bradley: [Inaudible 37:00].  
30  
31 Ena Malin: And who bought it. I don't know if you heard of Dr. Badgley?  
32  
33 Shirley Bradley: Dr. Badgley.  
34  
35 Ena Malin: Dr. Badgley is [inaudible 37:08]. Yeah, he lived someplace on  
36 Washington he has the office. I know he's Dr. Badgley and he bought a  
37 house and that burned it up.  
38  
39 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
40  
41 Ena Malin: Yeah. You have probably in the newspaper. You just ask them. Dr.  
42 Badgley, he is a surgeon [inaudible 37:29].  
43  
44 Shirley Bradley: He was a surgeon.  
45

1Ena Malin: He's a surgeon. On Washington he got the office. I don't know if you  
2 know his business because I know that because I know from the yard  
3 man and this man was from Italy. His name was Joe.  
4

5Shirley Bradley: His yard man.  
6

7Ena Malin: There was a yard man, his name [Joe Garibo 37:44].  
8

9Shirley Bradley: [Joe Garibo 37:46].  
10

11Ena Malin: Yeah.  
12

13Shirley Bradley: And he was the yard man for this Dr. Badgley.  
14

15Ena Malin: No, no. He was from Mrs. Anderson, from Mrs. Anderson [inaudible  
16 37:54] her sister [inaudible 37:55] had his house and, and for Chris, uh,  
17 [inaudible 37:58] somebody did it because he said [inaudible 38:02] Dr.  
18 Badgley he know that during they were talking to because Dr. Badgley he  
19 bought this house from Mrs. Anderson.  
20

21Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
22

23Ena Malin: She sold to him.  
24

25Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
26

27Ena Malin: There's a lot of confusion.  
28

29Shirley Bradley: Well, I guess.  
30

31Ena Malin: Yeah. It's a lot...  
32

33Shirley Bradley: Complicated.  
34

35Ena Malin: Complicated. It's someplace probably in the paper, in the State Journal  
36 there was [inaudible 38:23].  
37

38Shirley Bradley: Yeah, oh yeah.  
39

40Ena Malin: Yeah.  
41

42Shirley Bradley: [38:27] Um, what, about when, what year do you think it was that that  
43 house burned? Maybe 15, 20 years ago?  
44

45Ena Malin: Yeah, that's about [inaudible 38:35].  
46



1 Shirley Bradley: At least, huh?  
2

3 Ena Malin: At least. Maybe even more because I was living, I wasn't living here. I  
4 was living on Leslie.  
5

6 Shirley Bradley: On Leslie when that happened.  
7

8 Ena Malin: And I lived here from '73.  
9

10 Shirley Bradley: Oh, you've been here since '73, so before that.  
11

12 Ena Malin: Before that.  
13

14 Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
15

16 Ena Malin: They have to have it in the newspaper. That was big, big newspaper  
17 [inaudible 38:58].  
18

19 Shirley Bradley: Big story.  
20

21 Ena Malin: Big story because that was big house and a stone house.  
22

23 Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
24

25 Ena Malin: It's fireproof and...  
26

27 Shirley Bradley: How in the world, huh?  
28

29 Ena Malin: And how in the world somebody put the gas or something because they  
30 cannot put [inaudible 39:12] burn the house. It's impossible.  
31

32 Shirley Bradley: [39:15] They never really found out what happened?  
33

34 Ena Malin: No. And the insurance that Dr. Badgley bought them, Mrs. Anderson  
35 [inaudible 39:21] Mrs. Roe from her sister and he told her. Then Joe, the  
36 Italian fellow, he said "I lost my pants." That means he lost the house  
37 because the house cost money.  
38

39 Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
40

41 Ena Malin: But I don't know who paid the insurance, he got the insurance or Mrs. Roe  
42 got the insurance or Mrs. Anderson, whoever, they have to pay insurance,  
43 you know, because [inaudible 39:47].  
44

45 Shirley Bradley: Yeah. [Inaudible 39:47] house.  
46

1Ena Malin: ...burned up and she pay high insurance, you know, but I cannot find out.  
2 There's too many confusion, you know, people [inaudible 39:55].  
3  
4Shirley Bradley: Right.  
5  
6Ena Malin: I'm pretty sure they [inaudible 39:57] usually they do keep [inaudible  
7 40:00].  
8  
9Shirley Bradley: You know what's in there now? There's a very expensive subdivision in  
10 there now. The, the gate house where the gatekeeper lived...  
11  
12Ena Malin: Yeah.  
13  
14Shirley Bradley: ...has been all rebuilt. It's still stone but, uh, they have remodeled it and  
15 then right next to it, the road is open.  
16  
17Ena Malin: It's open.  
18  
19Shirley Bradley: It's open to Lansing Road and you can drive back in there and you go in  
20 and it kind of winds around and then it turns in a big circle and comes  
21 back out and they sold lots in there. Uh, and, oh my, the lots are terribly  
22 expensive and the houses that are in there are half million dollar houses. I  
23 mean they're like mansions. And that property comes right up against the  
24 Woldumar property.  
25  
26Ena Malin: Hm.  
27  
28Shirley Bradley: And Woldumar had the option at one time to buy that property before the  
29 land developer came in but they didn't have enough money and, of course,  
30 developers have all kinds of money.  
31  
32Ena Malin: Yeah. That's right.  
33  
34Shirley Bradley: And so they bought that chunk, uh, that goes all the way back to the river  
35 and, uh, when the roads – there's a cul-de-sac, the road goes down and  
36 makes a curve and then it comes to a dead end.  
37  
38Ena Malin: I know.  
39  
40Shirley Bradley: It's a cul-de-sac and beyond that through the woods is another house but  
41 it's way down on the river and you can't see it from – unless you're on the  
42 river in a boat.  
43  
44Ena Malin: On the river on a boat.  
45  
46Shirley Bradley: But that's what's become of it.

1  
2Ena Malin: Yeah. There was a house where Bunny was living. Bunny that's when  
3 her sister [inaudible 41:25] Bunny. She was living there but then she  
4 moved out and it's so many problems, you know, [inaudible 41:32] over  
5 there was too loud That was nice place, really quiet place. You don't  
6 hear, you don't see nothing, but I was not there [inaudible 41:42].  
7  
8Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
9  
10Ena Malin: [Inaudible 41:44] the house burned down and my husband is not there and  
11 I cannot ask him. I'd like to see because I've been there.  
12  
13Shirley Bradley: You wanted to see it.  
14  
15Ena Malin: And I saw it. I went inside. I would serve the people when they have big  
16 party then I have to go and help them.  
17  
18Shirley Bradley: Oh, so you worked in the house when they'd have entertainment.  
19  
20Ena Malin: Oh yes. When they have big party, then they ask me because I know the  
21 house too and I know her on Washington that house so I know how to do.  
22  
23Shirley Bradley: Sure.  
24  
25Ena Malin: So then she ask me "Ena, you have to go tonight. You go to my sister and  
26 have the party." That was Woldumar.  
27  
28Shirley Bradley: [42:17] So they took you out there and brought you back?  
29  
30Ena Malin: My husband take me.  
31  
32Shirley Bradley: Your husband took you out and brought you back.  
33  
34Ena Malin: And brought me.  
35  
36Shirley Bradley: Um...  
37  
38Ena Malin: Because he helped too.  
39  
40Shirley Bradley: Oh, he helped too.  
41  
42Ena Malin: Yeah. And Joe, the Italian guy, he was working for 40 years...  
43  
44Shirley Bradley: Hm.  
45

1Ena Malin: ...for Ms. Anderson. Then he got to her sister [inaudible 42:33] because  
2 when she divorced then she didn't want to stay alone. [Inaudible 42:37]  
3 her sister. She said "Joe can work for me." Because they were all in  
4 house [inaudible 42:42] one place so he know [inaudible 42:44] and he  
5 was working and his wife working just like me. She did all of their  
6 laundry for them.  
7

8Shirley Bradley: For her.  
9

10Ena Malin: And there were extra [inaudible 42:58] there [inaudible 43:00] extra  
11 laundry. When I have [inaudible 43:03] there was laundry room in there  
12 for me because I cannot do everything, shopping.  
13

14Shirley Bradley: So they finally hired a laundry woman.  
15

16Ena Malin: The laundry was everybody hired the laundry [inaudible 43:12] people  
17 [inaudible 43:13]. I pay from house money. I have to pay newspaper  
18 from house money, I have to pay the laundry woman from house money,  
19 and then I buy groceries.  
20

21Shirley Bradley: And the groceries.  
22

23Ena Malin: And the groceries. Mm-hm. [Inaudible 43:26] \$200 a week then I, I have  
24 my bills and have my [inaudible 43:31] and she give me money.  
25

26Shirley Bradley: And then she paid you your salary.  
27

28Ena Malin: Then she paid me salary, yeah, so. But that's [inaudible 43:37].  
29

30Shirley Bradley: [43:38] So total how many years did you work for the, for them?  
31

32Ena Malin: I think I start in '62. Then we bought a – '62, I was couple of years there,  
33 I bought a house on Leslie.  
34

35Shirley Bradley: Owned the house on Leslie.  
36

37Ena Malin: Yes, because I [inaudible 43:54] something happened, at least I got a  
38 place...  
39

40Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
41

42Ena Malin: ...to go. I don't have to go [inaudible 43:59]. I think I work five years or  
43 maybe even more. I don't remember what year [inaudible 44:06].  
44

45Shirley Bradley: Five or six years maybe you worked for them.  
46

1Ena Malin: Yeah. That's [inaudible 44:08].  
2  
3Shirley Bradley: In both places, Woldumar place and the...  
4  
5Ena Malin: Woldumar place I just helped for her sister.  
6  
7Shirley Bradley: [throat clearing] You were just helping.  
8  
9Ena Malin: Yeah. For her sister there. On Washington I was [inaudible 44:19].  
10  
11Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm, mm-hm.  
12  
13Ena Malin: And this Spanish guy he was long time because I came he was there and  
14 he was in college.  
15  
16Shirley Bradley: [44:28] And were there any other, uh, [throat clearing] people that worked  
17 in the house like housemaids to do the cleaning or you did everything?  
18  
19Ena Malin: No. I did.  
20  
21Shirley Bradley: You did it all.  
22  
23Ena Malin: [Inaudible 44:37]. She hired [inaudible 44:40]. I know she said those  
24 Chinese people worked for 14 years.  
25  
26Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
27  
28Ena Malin: And then I think the second one that moved to San Francisco, you know,  
29 'cause San Francisco there's a lot of Chinese people...  
30  
31Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
32  
33Ena Malin: ...[inaudible 44:55] there.  
34  
35Shirley Bradley: Sure.  
36  
37Ena Malin: [Inaudible 44:57] then he passed away but she does send him money.  
38  
39Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
40  
41Ena Malin: They worked for 14 years.  
42  
43Shirley Bradley: Well, it sounds like those were years when you worked hard but they were  
44 good years.  
45  
46Ena Malin: Yeah. It was good years.

1  
2 Shirley Bradley: [45:09] And as you look back on it, you think that was a good time for you  
3 and your husband?  
4  
5 Ena Malin: Well, [inaudible 45:15] don't have nothing, maybe I [inaudible 48:18] to  
6 work, you know, you don't pay no rent and she paid so we saved the  
7 money. We bought a house on Leslie.  
8  
9 Shirley Bradley: So that was good.  
10  
11 Ena Malin: That was for me very important house and I say if something happened,  
12 they can't, well, they can throw you out too.  
13  
14 Shirley Bradley: Oh sure.  
15  
16 Ena Malin: Yeah.  
17  
18 Shirley Bradley: Oh sure.  
19  
20 Ena Malin: She told me one time, you know, [inaudible 45:34] go.  
21  
22 Shirley Bradley: [45:36] Oh, she was angry about something or you were?  
23  
24 Ena Malin: I don't know. Sometimes, you know, older people act, you know,  
25 sometimes it's maybe something in her head. She said if you don't like it,  
26 you just go.  
27  
28 Shirley Bradley: Oh. [chuckle]  
29  
30 Ena Malin: Just like that.  
31  
32 Shirley Bradley: Oh my.  
33  
34 Ena Malin: I said [inaudible 45:52].  
35  
36 Shirley Bradley: Why did she do that, huh?  
37  
38 Ena Malin: And scares me because I say, my gosh, I just bought a house. I have to  
39 pay the house. Then I ask her, I said "Can I stay with you, please?" She  
40 would smile and she say "Yes, you can."  
41  
42 Shirley Bradley: Oh.  
43  
44 Ena Malin: So you have to know how to...  
45  
46 Shirley Bradley: You have to know how to handle people.

1  
2Ena Malin: How to handle, honey. It's [inaudible 46:12] work for rich people you got  
3 all of the pleasure. No. You have to know. They can turn anytime.  
4  
5Shirley Bradley: They can terminate you whenever they want to.  
6  
7Ena Malin: Yes. If you work in company, you see how many companies you hear  
8 sometimes on the news discrimination.  
9  
10Shirley Bradley: Mm-hm.  
11  
12Ena Malin: [Inaudible 46:28].  
13  
14Shirley Bradley: It's a scary time.  
15  
16Ena Malin: It's scary. I was scared because I wasn't speaking English good then and,  
17 you know, and you stranger in the country. It was not very easy [inaudible  
18 46:40].  
19  
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21/mlc