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with

MRS. MABEL SCHUYLER

MR. ROGER SCHUYLER

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ARENA: This is interview #2 with Mrs. Mabel Schuyler and Mr. Roger Schuyler. The date is November 3, 1971, in Whittier, California, Arena interviewing. Mrs. Schuyler, can I begin by going back over some of the material we discussed last time, but just concentrate a little more on some of the details, or maybe some more incidents, some more experiences that you recall. For example, you knew the President. You lived in the neighborhood and would see him from time to time. What do you recall about his remembering you after he became famous all over the world, and of course he still is? Do you recall meeting him after he became Vice President? Did he remember you and how did he come up and address you?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I remembered him at the wedding of his niece, Lawrene Nixon, down at Newport Beach [Californial]. He remembered me and said I was a neighbor of his mother and she would come over there and have tea over the kitchen table. He had so many interviews, but he did remember me.

ARENA: He remembered your name, do you recollect?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

ARENA: He did know you by name.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

ARENA: Speaking of the President's mother [Hannah Milhous Nixon], and your acquaintance with her, what experiences do you recall of being in close contact with her? For example, was it mainly while you were helping out at the store, or was it mainly in connection with the East Whittier Friends Church, or both?

M. SCHUYLER: No. I used to clean house for her, and I went to her house and a funny little incident happened. She wasn't in the house at the time, but Eddie [Edward Calvert Nixon] couldn't find his clothes. I had put his clothes all in the drawer, for a change. He phoned to me the next morning and wanted to know where his socks were. I told him, "I put everything in the drawer." And so I guess he found them; I didn't hear any more. But that was kind of a funny incident.

ARENA: This was Edward you're speaking about.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

ARENA: About how old was he at the time?

M. SCHUYLER: I guess he was ten, eleven, something like that, just a boy, never knew where their things were.

ARENA: Were the Nixons easy to work for--you did work for them?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

ARENA: Were there ever any problems over the amount of money that you received, or anything like that?

M. SCHUYLER: No, I always took what they gave me, and that was that. No, I never had any arguments on that question. I do today--I go and stay with an old lady--she pays me what. . . Of course, it isn't a hard job, it's just being there as a companion.

ARENA: Did you help Mrs. Nixon--by Mrs. Nixon here, of course, I mean Hannah Nixon--when she was a widow? Did you visit her in that period?

M. SCHUYLER: No. I had some friends from Michigan, and we went over to the house on Beach Boulevard. She was living there then as a widow. And these people who were from Michigan were high school friends of mine, and they were very much delighted to meet Mrs. Hannah Nixon, because they had heard so much about Dick and they're great Republicans, so they were very amused and happy to think Mrs. Nixon showed them all the places that Dick went and what he had done, serving the Queen of England, or was there, and the free pass that they gave him. The people thought that these were just wonderful and can't speak highly enough for Mrs. Nixon.

ARENA: And these were your friends, your personal friends, and Mrs. Nixon was willing to take time, and even take pictures out and go over these individual pictures.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

ARENA: Did she do this more than once with you, Mrs. Schuyler?

M. SCHUYLER: No, that was the only time. That was the only time we had occasion to do it. We had a Sunday school party once at her place. They had a progressive [dinner] and I think they served--I don't know what course it was there. We served the dessert at my house. I don't know what course it was served there; it was one of the courses. They were dressed in Japanese costume, she and the other lady that was helping her. She brought out some pictures then and showed us. It was the Sunday school class party.

ARENA: I believe you said this was a progressive. What do you mean by that?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, the first course, like the juice or something like that, you have in one home, and then at the next home there was another course. Then the main course was in another home, and the dessert course we had at our house.

ARENA: Is that still done, that custom?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes. But then, we're kind of old-fashioned in our ways of doing.

ARENA: This was done back in the days when the President was a youngster, too.

M. SCHUYLER: No, he was in Congress, I guess, or Vice President or something then.

ARENA: But I mean, this idea of having progressives, was that done way back when he was a youngster going to Sunday school?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I guess so, because I . . .

ARENA: As long as you can remember, that was done.

M. SCHUYLER: That was a custom, we used to always go. I don't think they do so much of it now, because people don't entertain like they did. But our Sunday school class went from one house to the other and had a lot of fun with it.

- ARENA: Did just about everyone in the East Whittier Friends Church, back in the days before World War II, before 1940, when the President left to go to the OPA [Office of Price Administration] and then went into military service, before that time, did just about everyone know everyone who were members of the church, and did this socializing take place between the rich and the poor and the in-between, as you recollect?
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, I think so. I think it was. I think we were more sociable because we all knew each other. Now, if you go over there to church, it's just a few that are the old people. Now I'm one of them, that are living, and Mr. [Robert H.] and Mrs. [Mary E.] Sullivan. My husband and I and Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were the only ones left of that group that . . .
- ARENA: The original group, Hannah Nixon [Francis Anthony] Frank Nixon and that group.
- M. SCHUYLER: They're all gone now. All but Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan. He's in his eighties and she is, too. And, of course, we all go back and forth, more or less, in church.
- ARENA: Would you mind saying what Mr. Sullivan's business or occupation was? I'm assuming he's retired now.
- M. SCHUYLER: I don't know just what he did, but during the later years of his life he was a janitor there at the church, a custodian.
- ARENA: Does he still work there or still help out?
- M. SCHUYLER: No, his family thought he better just quit. They were afraid he might fall, and his hearing wasn't very good.
- ARENA: Do you recall any occasion when the President, whether he was Vice President or Senator or Congressman, at any time, do you recall his coming back and speaking before the members of the church?
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes, they had a big dinner there at the church. They had a twenty-five-dollar-a-couple dinner, and Dick was there as a speaker. He was a senator then. And he played the piano, or they asked him to. And I think that--was it [Dwight D.] Eisenhower then, or [Harry] Truman--but anyhow they asked him to play and he said, "Well, I'll play the Missouri Waltz." So that's what he played, at this dinner. There was a hundred or so people there. And I don't know yet what they raised the money for, unless it was for the church, but I know he was present at that meeting, and his mother was, too.
- ARENA: Do you recall that the President, in addition to playing the Missouri Waltz, also gave a talk?
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes, he gave a talk.

- ARENA: Any idea what the subject matter was? Was it a brief talk, a few remarks?
- M. SCHUYLER: No. It was brief, like you would have at any banquet. I don't know just what he did talk about, don't know what he talked about. I was there, because I helped make pies in the kitchen, I know; we made apple pies; that is, we got the dinner.
- ARENA: Speaking of making apple pies, do you recall when the parents of the President, both Hannah and Frank, both used to make them? Do you recall that they made them from different recipes? Did each one have his own particular style?
- M. SCHUYLER: I don't know that, but I know they would melt in your mouth, the cakes and things that they made. I used to buy them, because I worked at that house and I used to buy them as I'd come home from work. And they were just delicious, especially his angel food cake.
- ARENA: In addition to pies, they also made angel food cakes? Both Frank and Hannah, or just Frank?
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, I don't know who made them; I just don't know who made them.
- ARENA: Did they may any food items besides pies? Did they cook take-home food?
- M. SCHUYLER: No, they never did that.
- ARENA: Do you know if the other boys, the President or Donald [Francis Donald Nixon], had any interest in cooking, even as a hobby, maybe?
- M. SCHUYLER: I never heard of it. He was a meat cutter, and he looked after that part of the store.
- ARENA: Were you there, or do you recollect when Donald was in charge of the restaurant addition that was put on the store? Do you recollect if he did any cooking then, or was that done by an outside hired person?
- M. SCHUYLER: That was done by hired personnel.
- ARENA: Was there any particular feature in the restaurant? Did they specialize in any item, or was it breakfast, lunch and supper, and the usual thing?
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes. Yes, that's just what it was, the usual, what they would serve at any restaurant.

- ARENA: Do you have any idea if they served something different, like Mexican food or Chinese food or Italian food, or anything like that, ever?
- M. SCHUYLER: I don't think they ever got to that. I know they used to serve this fried shrimp which was very good. But he had his cook. He hired a cook to do this work.
- ARENA: What type of people tended to eat in the restaurant? Were these people traveling, we'll say, from long distances on to Los Angeles [California] and would stop, or would regular neighbors, regular citizens, eat there?
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, I think he served travelers, and I think it was a lot of people from the Leffingwell Ranch. The executives would come up there and eat. They always had a pretty good crowd whenever I was in there.
- ARENA: Did they have formal banquets, ever, where there would be a group, or anything like that?
- M. SCHUYLER: Not that I know of.
- ARENA: This would be mainly just a restaurant business.
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes.
- ARENA: Do you recall during these different periods when the President, as a young man, would be receiving these honors; his name would be in the newspaper for winning a debate, or possibly when he was on the football team at the college, when he was admitted to college, do you recall what Mrs. Hannah Nixon or Frank Nixon did in the way of discussing it? Do you recall, for example, that they would bring the subject up, say, "My son had his picture in the paper," that sort of thing?
- M. SCHUYLER: No, I don't know as I ever heard that. She wasn't any hand to ever hold up her family in the eyes of the public. No, I never heard her say anything about it.
- ARENA: Everyone seems to agree that Mrs. Hannah Nixon worked long hours and many days, every day of the week. Do you recall where there was a kind of change in that? I'm wondering, for example, when her son became a lawyer and began to practice--and I understand they moved into the city, I believe the house was on Worsham Drive, up here on top of the hill behind Whittier College--did that make any difference? Did she not then make pies and not then work in the store, and so forth?

- M. SCHUYLER: I think she worked on, just the same as ever. I don't think that made one bit of difference.
- ARENA: Did she continue to be as active in church work? And did she come back to this church, as far as you recollect, or remain with the one in Whittier?
- M. SCHUYLER: No, she came back to the one in East Whittier.
- ARENA: Even though she lived in Whittier. Do you think she might have attended both, or would attend functions . . .
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, she might have attended some functions at the church in Whittier, but . . .
- ARENA: But she definitely did not drop out of East Whittier . . .
- M. SCHUYLER: No.
- ARENA: . . . when she and her husband, Frank, moved into the city?
- M. SCHUYLER: No. They didn't live there very long. I don't know what was the reason, but they didn't live there very long but what they came back out. I think they bought that house on Beach Boulevard, and then. . . . No, he went on to. . . .
- ARENA: There was that period when, after military service, he went on to Congress, of course, and then he lived in Washington with his wife, [Patricia Ryan] Pat Nixon. Then, you might recollect, in 1947 they [Frank and Hannah Nixon] moved to Pennsylvania, where Mr. Frank Nixon bought this farm. Do you recall Mrs. Hannah Nixon ever discussing that or talking about moving there before she left, and what she was . . .
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes. She thought it was a pretty good move, they'd be on the farm and look at nature and have some cows, and I guess they had a cow.
- ARENA: Do you recall anyone discouraging them about the weather aspects--that there would not be Southern California weather there in Pennsylvania?
- M. SCHUYLER: No, I didn't hear that part.
- ARENA: Did you receive any letters from her, by any chance?
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

- ARENA: And just out of curiosity, have you kept these? Are you one of these savers of things? You don't have to get them now. I was just wondering if you did.
- M. SCHUYLER: I've got one letter that she cut out of a paper, a history of the Schuyler family, and she sent it to me.
- ARENA: In other words, this dealt with the history of the Schuylers in that part of the country, and she sent that to you, for your interest. As a matter of fact, did you have a chance to do any personal research and find out if it was a relative of your husband?
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, it is, in a way, but [James] Jim Schuyler, that's Harry's boy, is making a book, a history of the Schuyler family way back, so he's got the whole thing.
- ARENA: I see. But isn't that interesting that she would do that? Do you recall in that letter, or any of the letters, that she complained about living in Pennsylvania?
- M. SCHUYLER: I've never heard her complain of anything. She's always been a very satisfied woman to everybody else. But whether she didn't like it or not, I don't know.
- ARENA: We'll just pause here for a minute. I'm glad that you're able to join us, Mr. Roger Schuyler, and I was mentioning to your mother and I'd like to ask the same question of you: Having known the President as a young man before he became famous, knowing him as a neighbor and seeing him in the store, and so forth from time to time, and in church, when you met him after he became famous, both as a member of the United States Senate, then later as Vice President, and possibly since he has become President, what do you recall of your personal encounter with him? Did he remember you? Did he know your name, and did he in any way seem uncomfortable or seem ill at ease, seeing you after so many years?
- R. SCHUYLER: No, he recognizes me right off the bat. Not only my brother, but myself.
- ARENA: What were the occasions, by the way, when you did see him, since this period when he's become so famous?
- R. SCHUYLER: I've seen him at various occasions. Well, particularly the two funerals, his mother and his father.

Of course, his father passed away first, then his mother. Well, we talked briefly, just certain little things that happened in the past, you know. He remembered me very well.

ARENA: At the funeral itself, the mother's? No, maybe I interrupted there, I'm sorry.

R. SCHUYLER: Yes, at both, Mrs. Hannah Nixon's and Mr. Frank Nixon's, who were the mother and father, of course. And he recognized me right off the bat there. I guess the faces are more or less the same, but he called me directly by name, at the time, yes, and he asked how things were, and so forth. I think you were with me at both occasions, weren't you Mother?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, and Dad [Marcus Schuyler] was, too.

R. SCHUYLER: And Dad was at Mr. Nixon's funeral; well, he was at Mrs. Nixon's, too, yes. Well, he treated us just like old neighbors, you know, friends of the past. He didn't forget us, I'll say that.

ARENA: Did you see a lot of strange faces, by the way, at the funeral services? Were there a lot of out-of-town people there?

R. SCHUYLER: Yes, at both funerals, there were a lot of strange faces which I did not recognize. And of course, I do recognize most of the relatives. He has many relatives, as you know.

M. SCHUYLER: Mrs. Nixon's relatives, they weren't much his.

R. SCHUYLER: Well, anyway, the valley, not only East Whittier and Whittier area, there's the relatives that are related to the Nixon family. I recognize most of them, and like you say, there were quite a few outsiders. I imagine they were curious. A lot of people are, you know, people that do get famous or attain certain positions of life, well, others are wondering if he's the same person or not, or what he looks like. I guess it's a common occurrence among the average individual to find out, well, what type of individual is this person, if I can get close to him in person. I think that's quite common, don't you.

ARENA: A natural curiosity in all of us, yes, to see famous people and to wonder how they act in times of crisis that we all have. Yes, I guess we're all that way. Would you mind describing the funeral services, say, first with the father, Mr. Frank Nixon? Were these begun, we'll say, right here at the East Whittier Friends Church, and then the entourage continued on to the Rose Hills Cemetery? Was that the way it was handled? And there were remarks mentioned at Mr. Frank Nixon's funeral? Did someone deliver a special eulogy, I'm wondering?

M. SCHUYLER: Who was it?

R. SCHUYLER: Oh, that was . . .

M. SCHUYLER: It was Mr. Ball, wasn't it?

R. SCHUYLER: Charles Ball was the. . . . No, he was at Hannah's, Mrs. Nixon's funeral. Also Billy Graham.

ARENA: Was he at both? I know he was at Mrs. Nixon's.

R. SCHUYLER: There were three ministers.

M. SCHUYLER: At Hannah's, it was. Now at Frank's . . .

R. SCHUYLER: At Hannah's funeral there were three ministers. The one who was previously at the East Whittier Friends Church, George Jenkins . . .

M. SCHUYLER: Jenkins was the one for Mr. . . .

R. SCHUYLER: That's Dr. George Jenkins. He is at the Alhambra Friends Church at the present time.

ARENA: And the other ministers?

R. SCHUYLER: And the other ministers, Charles Ball, who was minister at the church at that time. [Interruption for telephone call]

ARENA: In the meantime, I'll be talking with you, Mrs. Schuyler. You did attend the funeral services yourself of Mrs. Hannah Nixon. How would you describe the manner in which they were conducted and the names of the people there?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, the whole body of the church, half of it was the relatives.

ARENA: That's interesting.

M. SCHUYLER: And then in the prayer meeting room, that's a parlor, and in all the places they could find they had loud speakers that were. . . . Then when they came down to view the remains, why it was a line from all over the church, came in the church and came down through there.

ARENA: Was the funeral service conducted in the church itself, or at a funeral parlor?

M. SCHUYLER: No. It was in the church out here, and Mr. Nixon's was, too.

ARENA: And would you recall what Dr. Billy Graham's presence meant at that time--whatever you recall that he said or did?

M. SCHUYLER: No, I can't remember what he said.

ARENA: How about the idea that he did come? Were you surprised that he was there, others buzzing about the presence of Dr. Graham?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I suppose so, but I was surprised to see him sitting in the pulpit. When they walked in, the three ministers. . . . Ball was a minister that had preached there and they liked him and he always took great pains with Mrs. Nixon, and this Mr. Jenkins, also, another one that. . . .

ARENA: Mr. Schuyler, or Roger, would you mind going over again what we discussed briefly while the machine was off--the tape recorder--would you mind going over again the occasions when you have seen Dr. Billy Graham and the members of the Nixon family together, including the funeral services conducted for Mrs. Hannah Nixon?

R. SCHUYLER: Yes. When Mrs. Hannah Nixon lived on the boulevard which is more or less kitty-cornered from the East Whittier church, which she loved very much, of course, I used to stop by quite a bit and pick up her trash cans for her, because I've known her practically all my life, you might say, and I'd always take her trash cans back. She hated to have anybody go out of the way to do something because she was very independent, and you couldn't help but respect her for that, but she would appreciate it very much. So this is what I did. And one evening when I took the trash cans down I stopped at the door there, which I always did and asked how she was, or she came to the door, and she said, "Won't you come in?" And I walked in, and there was Dr. Billy Graham sitting in the chair with a cup of tea and some cookies which Mrs. Nixon made. I was quite alarmed to see him there. That's the first occasion I had to have close contact with Dr. Billy Graham.

ARENA: Do you recall any remark about Mrs. Hannah Nixon being his second mother?

R. SCHUYLER: He mentioned that Mrs. Hannah Nixon was--well, he liked to refer to her as his second mother. He thought a great deal of her, and he would stop there on different occasions when he was on the coast here in his religious work and, when possible, he would make arrangements to take her with him on his different religious occasions which he had here. And he treated her very nicely, what few times I've

seen him with her. In fact, I think there was one plane trip, I recall, on which he picked her up in the plane that Billy Graham was in and, where did they go? They went somewhere together.

M. SCHUYLER: I don't know. I never heard of it before.

R. SCHUYLER: It was one of these . . .

ARENA: One of these rallies?

R. SCHUYLER: . . . rallies that Billy Graham . . .

ARENA: . . . that he conducts all over the world, of course.

R. SCHUYLER: Yes. Anyway, he took her to this rally, and she was very pleased to go, and I guess she was quite highly honored to be there with him. But that's the first time I actually came in contact with him. Then at the funeral, after the funeral of Mrs. Hannah Nixon, he was leaving by the side door, going toward the hearse, he recognized me and nodded, but of course, that was no time to carry on a conversation of any type. But he did recognize me.

ARENA: He did recognize you from that previous experience.

R. SCHUYLER: From that previous experience, because Mrs. Hannah Nixon introduced me to him. Of course, he recognized my face, because we had a short conversation there. Then, I excused myself and left. But I thought he was a very nice person to talk to.

ARENA: Do you recall, possibly, any of the things in that brief conversation that did come up?

R. SCHUYLER: Well, the conversation which I recall, he seemed to think very highly of Mrs. Nixon, and that impressed me very much. He must have had a lot of respect for her, because he wouldn't have taken her to these different places. Of course, being Dick Nixon's mother, but I think there was something else. It was that he liked her as an individual.

ARENA: Do you recall if this was when the President was Vice President, or after that period? Do you think this was in the sixties or in the fifties, that experience of your meeting him? Well, she was a widow, that might be another thing now.

R. SCHUYLER: She was a widow at the time, yes.

ARENA: She lived at this home--this was the last home . . .

R. SCHUYLER: This was the last home where she lived. Now, in this home that Don Nixon lived in, but it was owned by Mrs. Nixon. But Don Nixon and his family lived there before she moved from her home where she used to live on Highway 39, below Whittier Boulevard, what they used to call, well, they call it Beach [Boulevard] now. It was La Mirada Boulevard at that time.

ARENA: Where they have this Swedish restaurant there, I believe?

R. SCHUYLER: That is the same home that the Swedish restaurant is in today. Now she, after the death of Frank Nixon, moved to the home where Don Nixon and his wife [Clara Jane Nixon] lived. They went to the beach, Newport Beach [California] area, and she lived there until she went to the rest home. At the rest home is where she passed away, and I don't recall what year. It wasn't too long ago. I have to check my dates on that, but I do recall that very much. My uncle, who is Harry Schuyler, has property right next to that which was Mrs. Nixon's property there where she lived before she was taken to the rest home. And, of course, I did a lot of odd jobs for him on the outside, and at the same time I'd always go over to see how Mrs. Hannah Nixon was, if there was anything I could do for her.

ARENA: How would you describe Mrs. Hannah Nixon's personality and her presence in the company of such world-famous figures as Billy Graham? For example, on other occasions where, possibly, you saw her and her son when he was Vice President, at some affair. Did she seem to be nervous? Did she seem to be in as complete control of herself as though she were with you in church, or something like that? Did she seem to have command of herself? I think the normal thing for any person, when they're around someone famous, is to be a little nervous, a little squeamish. How did she seem?

M. SCHUYLER: I think she was very quiet and calm. That was her nature. Whoever she met, why she met them as she always did in her home.

ARENA: Whether it was a famous person or just someone who was doing work in the house.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

R. SCHUYLER: I'll say this about Mrs. Hannah Nixon: As long as I can possibly remember her, from childhood, which was quite a few years ago, she's always been the same. Like my mother mentioned, she's been a very calm person, and regardless of who the person might be, whether he's famous

or what walk of life that individual might be in, she was always the same. She didn't like to make herself as a big spectacle of any type. She always wanted to be one that everybody remembered. She said she didn't want the idea of anybody giving her the bighead or anything like that. She was just an individual, that was the way she wanted to be treated.

ARENA: Realizing that anyone who's in politics makes enemies --that's just a part of the game--do you ever recall some unpleasant incident, where someone did say something nasty to her--I'm sure she wouldn't begin it--but where a nasty incident took place and how she handled that?

R. SCHUYLER: Well, I'll say this: When she lived in the home where Highway 39 is, below the boulevard, at that time I remember I used to stop there and see Mrs. Nixon and Frank quite often. Now this happened when Dick Nixon was Vice President, I think Frank was gone at the time.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, he was.

R. SCHUYLER: Well, anyway, she used to receive all these letters from different parts of the world. Here was a bushel basket full of letters of various types, and I know she mentioned a few letters she had there. There was one, particularly I recall. I thought it was very vulgar, because Mrs. Nixon had no enemy as far as I know. She loved everybody. She was that type of individual. She always had a good word. She said, "I guess politics can be pretty dirty." But she said, if that's what Dick wants to do--Richard she would call him--that was all right with her.

M. SCHUYLER: She never called him Dick.

R. SCHUYLER: But she said, "Why do people have to send such nasty letters?" One incident was the toilet paper. Well, I won't go into detail how the toilet paper was, but it had a lot of nasty notes on it. It came from the state of Missouri. I remember the postmark, and it was very vulgar, and Mrs. Nixon was very upset at how people could be so low. She said, "I haven't done anything to these people." She said, "I guess that's part of the political battle that some people like to do." You know, these dirty things which I mentioned.

ARENA: As far as you know, Roger, did she ever say that or complain in public about people who would do things like that? Do you ever recall that?

R. SCHUYLER: In public, I think my mother was with her more in public. But this is in her private home, and it sort of struck me, because being around a woman of this type I respected her very highly for being calm, and she seldom, if ever, raised her voice. Even at times when other

people would be angry, she would be very calm and cool about things. But that upset her, some of those letters that were mailed to her. She didn't know who they were, it was just the idea that she was the mother of the Vice President at that time. And she just couldn't get over how people could be so low, because she has been a very religious person all her life, and she's been very active in church work. And I don't think, to my knowledge, I've ever heard her even say, "damn."

You know, you can't help but admire an individual of that type. She always treated me as one of her boys, and it gave me a nice feeling, and I'd always do all I could to help her when I could in these different phases of life that I mentioned.

ARENA: I just want to understand this correctly. I think you touched on it earlier. She did not ask you to do these things?

R. SCHUYLER: No, she did not ask me, she would never. But I'd see these empty trash cans because I'd stop, and if I'd see them out near the boulevard at that time I'd always stop, pull them down. She'd have at least one or two, sometimes three out there, and she had them filled up with leaves and papers just like anyone else would, you know. But I know at different times when I did stop, she seemed to have a little bit of a struggle pulling these cans down the drive, so I'd always make a point to take them down for her when I saw them out there, and she appreciated it very much.

ARENA: Knowing the Nixons--Mrs. Hannah and Frank--as you had before the President entered politics and after he became such a world figure, knowing them before and knowing them afterwards, you don't think that her personality changed, basically, as a result of this really fundamental change that happened to the family? The idea that he became Vice President and then President, but you find that her basic personality remained the same throughout. You could see her back in the store, reacting to different problems just about the same way as she did when her husband was dead and she was alone. And still people would write, you know, these letters, but she was still the same type of person with it all.

R. SCHUYLER: To me, she definitely was. To me, she did not change as an individual. Because, like I mentioned, she treated all three boys equal, as sons. Because, I know she spoke very highly of each one. Just because, as she said, Richard was Vice President at the time, "My boys are still my sons, and as far as I'm concerned they're all equal." Now, she mentioned that to one lady--I don't recall the lady who she mentioned that to--because this certain lady asked, "Now, I imagine that Richard being Vice President now, that you probably rate him pretty high." She said, "No, he's just one of my three living sons, whom I respect as a son."

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ARENA: We'll continue now, Mrs. Schuyler, and as I asked a moment ago, do you recall that Mrs. Nixon did not attend too many eating socials at the East Whittier Friends Church?

M. SCHUYLER: While Mr. Nixon was alive.

ARENA: And what was the reason for that?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, he didn't believe that people ought to have banquets and things in church. The Bible said not to eat in the House of God. And so he always held that as the way he thought.

ARENA: And Mrs. Nixon would respect it, while he was living.

M. SCHUYLER: And Mrs. Nixon would respect it while he was living. But, she used to come over after he was gone, and oh, if we had some potlucks or something regular in the basement, why she'd come.

ARENA: Now, speaking of religious things, people have always argued religion, I guess, and . . .

M. SCHUYLER: . . . they always will.

ARENA: . . . and they always will. I was just wondering if you recall Mr. Frank Nixon's getting into some religious discussions, maybe arguments, as he did over politics, and were these about the same as in politics?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I don't know anything about it. When I hear people talking religion, arguing, why I step out. I don't like to hear it, and I think it's their problem, and it's their thought, and if that's the way they express it, all right. That's the way I look at it.

ARENA: So, if Mr. Frank Nixon did start a political argument, or a religious argument, or if somebody else did, you just didn't wait around to hear the end of it, anyway.

M. SCHUYLER: No, I didn't. I just thought, well, it's his work and that was that.

ARENA: But he was a serious student of the Bible.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, he was. He used to teach. You see, he came from Yorba Linda [California] here. That's where Dick was born, in Yorba Linda, and he was a member

of the Quaker church there, I guess, and he used to teach a Sunday school class with Merle West's sister, you know, that's the writer.

ARENA: Jessamyn West.

M. SCHUYLER: Jessamyn West. And oh, I don't know, he named several that used to be in his Sunday school class there at Yorba Linda. I guess he knew the Bible pretty good. Now, he was a pretty good Bible student. So, I don't know much more than that.

ARENA: Do you think he ever felt badly, or did he ever show that he felt badly, about his not having much in the way of a formal education? Were you aware that he did not go on much beyond the sixth grade, for example?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I never knew that. I never knew how far he did go in school, but he wanted his children to be on the top notch, and they've been there.

ARENA: How did he indicate, if you can recall, that he did want his children to get as much education as they could? Do you recall that coming up, with you or with other persons where you might have been in the neighborhood?

M. SCHUYLER: No, I haven't.

ARENA: Because they certainly did. They've all finished high school.

M. SCHUYLER: And college. You see, Eddie Nixon went to Duke University, and he graduated from there.

ARENA: The President got a law degree, of course.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, he graduated from Whittier College and then he went to Duke [Law School]. So I don't know, but I know he probably wanted it done that way, or it wouldn't have been. And Harold [Samuel Nixon] I don't know. He was the oldest boy. I think he went up to some school in the East, Boston [Massachusetts] or somewhere, and he was taken sick.

ARENA: Do you think that might have started his sickness, being away in the cold of the East like that?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I don't know, I just don't know. I went to his funeral. But the boy that died right after we came here was Arthur [Burdg Nixon]. I think he would have been about the same age as Roger. We hadn't lived here very long when he died. I don't know if they ever found out what he died with or what was the trouble, or anything about it. If

he had lived, he would have been about the age of Roger; it was in that category. They were boys then, and he was taken sick, nobody seemed to know anything about it but he died; wasn't sick very long, I guess.

ARENA: Do you recall how the members of the family showed their unhappiness over that? I'm sure they were all unhappy, of course, but do you recall how they showed their unhappiness over the death?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I guess they were really sorrowful to think that Hannah had so much sadness. I don't recall.

ARENA: Do you recall their bringing it up in discussions, or anything like that, with you?

M. SCHUYLER: No, I don't. No, I never heard it.

ARENA: [To Roger] We're talking about the death of the sons, including Arthur. Arthur is the one who died shortly after you arrived here, your mother was saying.

Roger, would you mind doing what we were talking about when the tape was off a moment ago, giving a kind of general inventory of the things you have, including photographs or brochures or letters that deal with the President and his family, and his period of history. Just, you know, thinking off the top of your head. These could always be checked out more in detail, and don't worry if you don't have the exact dates or the exact numbers.

R. SCHUYLER: I know I have run across things in the garage since my dad passed away. I haven't had time to check over a lot of his papers and things. I know he had several brochures together in regard to Richard Nixon's early start as a politician, and I don't recall the date offhand, but it was just when he started running against [Jerry] Voorhis.

ARENA: That would be right after the war period, of course, 1945.

R. SCHUYLER: Yes. I think, if I'm not mistaken, it was either 1946 or '47. I'm not sure of the date. But I did run across these brochures that show the Nixon family at a young age at that time, compared to today, just starting out in his political history as a congressman. So I will check on those and see what I can find.

Then, regarding pictures, I have a few pictures. One, I recall, is a picture of the old Nixon service station which, at that time, was the Gilmore Oil Company. It had the big red line, as a lot of elderly people remember that lived on the coast at that time. And I will check on those pictures, too, and see what I can find, and

then I will turn them over to you for information, or whatever might be of value to you in this program here. I do have some old newspapers. I imagine that different people who have been interviewed have some of those newspapers, too, of the past.

ARENA: You never can be sure, though, that you have the same ones. What you have might be just the one that nobody else has.

R. SCHUYLER: So, I do have some clippings. I will try and look through this stuff and see what I can find, and what I have of value in this program. Well, we'll check it over when I find it.

ARENA: Do you happen to have, as you showed me there, possibly some old pamphlets and brochures and announcements of the East Whittier Friends Church; particularly, something that might announce, for example, that Richard Nixon was going to be at the pre-service, playing the violin, or participating in some particular service, even in the choir? If convenient, if you do go through old papers and find anything like that, bear in mind that we're interested in every aspect of his life, his religious life, economic life--if anything shows him on the job, so to speak, it might be just tending to his vegetables in the market, and I don't think that anyone has a picture of that, yet. But we know that he worked in the marketplace. He helped earn income by looking after the fruits and vegetables, so anything like that that you might have. Maybe you happened to be taking a picture of something else, and he just happened to be reading a book in the marketplace. Some people recall that he did read while he was doing that job. And, of course, that makes an interesting story.

R. SCHUYLER: Sure.

ARENA: And a picture would just help to confirm it that much more. That's why I say, anything like that.

M. SCHUYLER: I've got a bulletin from the church when it was dedicated. Do you want that?

ARENA: That would be fine.

M. SCHUYLER: And I've got one that was for the 40th anniversary of the church.

ARENA: That would be fine.

R. SCHUYLER: Also, Mother, in some of the things that Dad had, I noticed--I just roughly skimmed through--if I recall, there were several programs, which most

people throw away, you know--a program of your Sunday occasions, etc. I know there were a few there, I recall, especially of Frank Nixon and different picnics and he was the leader, and I think there was one or two, if I'm not mistaken now. Dick did play the piano at that time.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, he played it for Sunday school.

R. SCHUYLER: If I can run across these church bulletins I'll be very happy to turn them over for the benefit of the program.

ARENA: That would be fine, really. Anything like that would help, even though there is some other information, you can't get too much information, in a sense. These brochures do disappear at the time; people seem to throw them away, but then you're sorry.

R. SCHUYLER: Well, every time one cleans the garage, you know, you get rid of a lot of stuff which, well, "What am I keeping this for?" Same old story.

ARENA: If there's anything in the way of personal letters come your way, that would be most helpful.

R. SCHUYLER: Now I've mentioned Bill Milhous, Sr. [Charles William Milhous].

ARENA: Yes.

R. SCHUYLER: Now, if I recall, he was a great hand for collecting a lot of interesting things. When the time comes, maybe that would be of value to you.

ARENA: As a matter of fact, we put that question to just about everyone we interview. Frequently, they ask us. They bring up the information that they have these old letters or old photos, and it's good to know who has them, even though we don't take them at that time or you don't have them right in your hand. But it's good to know who has them, so we ask these questions and then someone can follow up.

Is there anything you recall, Roger, concerning the President's athletic life? I don't know if we got into this much, at all. We do know that he played football. Someone mentioned that Mr. Frank Nixon was happy to go off to see the President play in his high school years when he was a Fullerton High School. I was just wondering if you, possibly, recall anything like that. He played at Fullerton High School football games. He didn't play much on the college level, although he was on the team.

M. Schuyler; He didn't go to Fullerton High School, did he?

ARENA: That's a strange thing; he went to both. He went to Fullerton High School for his first two years, and that would be 1926 and '27, beginning in the fall of '26 and beginning in the fall of '27, and then he transferred to Whittier High School for his last two years and from which he graduated in 1930.

M. SCHUYLER: Well, that's the first I ever heard of it.

R. SCHUYLER: I don't recall, of course, because I was quite a bit younger, but anyway I do recall this: I think the Nixon family, as well as several families in that certain area, had a choice of schools. I know we had the choice of either going to East Whittier [Elementary] School or Lowell [Elementary School]. And it just so happened that the borderline was in between. So they did ask the different families where they wished to send their children, so that's probably why. He was entitled to go to Fullerton district or Whittier district. It was either one of the two high schools, or Lowell School or East Whittier School, and that was it at that time.

ARENA: If I'm not mistaken, you and Donald Nixon both went together to Lowell.

R. SCHUYLER: Yes. In fact, I do have a picture of Don in the eighth grade.

M. SCHUYLER: You were in what grade then?

R. SCHUYLER: I think I was three years behind Don Nixon.

ARENA: And he's a couple of years behind the President.

R. SCHUYLER: Yes. But I recall Don Nixon. He was big for his age, and he stands out like a sore thumb in this picture at Lowell School at the time. And I was a little kid, I think possibly in the fourth or fifth grade, but I do have the picture of the Lowell School at the time it was taken. That's something else I better check on.

M. SCHUYLER: You see, Lowell School is a--what is it they call it, two counties--it's within two counties, and that's why they give them the privilege of going to Whittier [High School] or Fullerton High School.

ARENA: Is that still the case, possibly, do you know?

M. SCHUYLER: No, I don't think so.

R. SCHUYLER: I do not know what the answer is today, but at that time, like my mother mentioned, the borderline was where I mentioned a while ago, for the school itself,

the Lowell School, which we have pictures of the old school. Of course, Dick did not go there; he went to the East Whittier School, right?

ARENA: Yes.

R. SCHUYLER: But Don did go to Lowell School, plus the other relatives who were in this area at that time, with the other people.

M. SCHUYLER: But Don did, and so did Eddie. He went there, too.

ARENA: That's right. And his teacher was Mrs. [Gladys] Starbuck for a while.

R. SCHUYLER: The school itself, as you probably recall, is located right on the county line in the Los Angeles [County] side, so the children had opportunity. . . . I think Idaho [Street] was the dividing line.

ARENA: Do you recall, by the way, Roger, if you were bused, or how did you get to school?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, you were bused.

R. SCHUYLER: I went on the bus, and also rode the bicycle back and forth to school. It was either one or the other. But I remember riding on an old Model T bus at the time, years ago, when I started out in my first grade class at Lowell School. It was an old Model T bus, and then later on they got a more modern bus. It wasn't a good hill-climber. They had to back up, I think, on some of the hills in order to get the kids up to the top of La Habra Heights there, because the kids that went there at the time. . . . There was only about a hundred kids that attended Lowell School, first to the eighth grade, and it took quite a while. The fellow who drove the bus was named Mr. [Omar] Mendenhall, he drove the bus and did all the janitor work at the school at the time. I think he had his hands full.

ARENA: Then you don't recall, personally, attending any of these high school football games in which the President played.

R. SCHUYLER: No, but I do recall the college games where he used to sit on the bench. I know, I would sit right behind the Whittier College football players. I was very interested in the Whittier College football team at the time. And I know, to my knowledge, I think Dick once in awhile would get in, if he was lucky, in some of the games where Whittier College built up a few points; I think the coach--that was Chief [Wallace J.] Newman, who was coach at the time--sent Dick in at the latter part of the game.

ARENA: But he wasn't a regular.

R. SCHUYLER: He was not a regular player on the Whittier College team at the time.

ARENA: It is written in various books about the President that he was given credit for having a lot of spirit, and this was important, even though he wasn't in the game. I was just wondering, from where you sat, could you see or hear him encouraging the other players? Could you comment on that idea?

R. SCHUYLER: What I recall, he did have a lot of spunk and spirit. I know a lot of times he'd get up off the bench and cheer his team on. I guess he was hoping for the coach to call him in the game any time. But I know when he sat on that bench there it seemed like he was quite nervous; I imagine he was probably aching to get in there and play football.

ARENA: I don't know if it means anything, but just out of curiosity, do you recall where he sat on the bench? I was wondering if it was the tail end or was he lost in the middle? Did the coach put the least likely fellows at the tail end, and was he occupying that, or that just doesn't come to mind?

R. SCHUYLER: It doesn't come to mind just offhand. It seemed like, to me, he was more or less on the right side. I was sitting on the north side and was facing the field, so that would be on my right, which would be the west side at the time. That was the old Hadley Field. Or was it the Wardman . . .

M. SCHUYLER: No, Hadley.

R. SCHUYLER: Hadley Field, right.

ARENA: Was there a lot of community spirit and community support for the teams, including East Whittier, at that time?

R. SCHUYLER: Yes, definitely. Of course, I attended Lowell School. When we played East Whittier [Elementary School] we played soccer, which was indoor ball at the time. We played soccer and basketball. Of course, East Whittier was, oh, about four or five hundred students at the time, compared to Lowell's one hundred, which outnumbered us, but we made a good showing against East Whittier; in fact, we beat East Whittier one year in soccer. We were very proud of that, beating East Whittier, which was actually a giant among the schools at the time. But I

don't recall seeing Dick in athletic programs until I went the Whittier College. He did, like all boys do, toss a football or basketball in his spare time, when Mr. Nixon wasn't around encouraging him to go to work, or something, you know. At home, the boys would get out and throw the balls around, but when Frank came home he liked to see the boys working.

ARENA: Speaking about your early educational years, Roger, and since some of the Nixons attended the same schools you did, namely Lowell School, both Edward and Don, what do you think about the education you got there in a small school like that?

R. SCHUYLER: It was small, but I think, actually, as a small school I learned much more, because your teachers were able to work with you and show you, to give you more time, I think.

ARENA: Do you feel as though you did get to know the teachers personally?

R. SCHUYLER: Oh, definitely, very personally, because at the time when we attended Lowell School they had these picnics, and everything that was done, it felt like it was part of the old, I don't know, it was a home feeling.

M. SCHUYLER: Every year we used to go to Pomona [California], was it Ganesha Park?

R. SCHUYLER: Ganesha Park in Pomona. It's still located in the same place, over in Pomona, north of the freeway.

ARENA: Is there anything special about that park?

M. SCHUYLER: No, that's a park where we all liked to go.

R. SCHUYLER: Well, it was located in the hills and they always had the swimming pool, and it wasn't far. Actually, it was close to the Los Angeles County Fair, and it was on the west side of the Pomona Hills, which would be more or less to the business side of Pomona. And it was north of the Pomona Freeway; in fact, you can see it from the San Bernardino Freeway when you drive to and from San Bernardino [California] to Los Angeles [California].

ARENA: Roger, let me ask you this personal question: Knowing that the President had much more education than you--he had gone on to law school, came back and was a professional man--you had grown up with him, did you find that as you both grew older, if you ran into him in town or in church, that he was changed in that he was harder to talk to in

these later years when he was a professional man, or was he still the same old neighbor and just as easy to converse with?

R. SCHUYLER: Well, as far as our meeting, the times I've run across Dick and run into him, and so forth, he'd always recognize me, always call me by my first name, and especially I remember when he was running for Congressman, he was new at the time in the political game, but I think he was quite excited, I think he really wanted to make a go of it, you know, at the time. And Hubert Perry, actually, of the Bank of America, was behind him; that is . . .

ARENA: Would this be the father, Herman Perry?

R. SCHUYLER: The father, Herman Perry, and I think a few others got together and they encouraged Dick to go on. I think [Thomas W.] Bewley was one of the individuals.

ARENA: Mrs. Schuyler, knowing the history of Whittier and East Whittier, as you do, were there others who had gone into public office like President Nixon, and were they alike or unlike this new candidate? Was that the typical type of person, or was it common for people in Whittier to run for Congress? After all, he could have come from so many other districts. Did Whittier have an active interest in putting people up for office before this time, do you recall?

M. SCHUYLER: No. I don't recall any.

R. SCHUYLER: Well, I do recall this: I didn't mean to interrupt, but as you probably have the information regarding Mrs. Herbert Hoover. She went through Whittier College, as you probably have records of, and I think the Hoover Building, wasn't that built in memory of President Herbert Hoover? No, not the hotel . . .

ARENA: There is a Lou Henry Hoover Building.

R. SCHUYLER: Yes. Herbert Hoover, the President of the United States at the time, I think when she passed away. She passed away quite a few years before he passed away, and I don't know whether she attended the four years at Whittier College, but she did attend Whittier College.

ARENA: In other words, that experience on a really top level, having a local daughter, in this case, rather than a local son, having a local daughter become the first lady of the land, meant that Whittier wasn't new to the idea of having someone famous in politics. And President Nixon doesn't represent something that they had no experience with.

M. SCHUYLER: That would be interesting to check into. Mrs. Herbert Hoover, because she lived, I think, on the boulevard in the old [Harley] Jordan home, right near where Whittier Boulevard runs into the viaduct at Pickering [Avenue] and Washington [Boulevard], as you're going west toward Los Angeles. You'll see it on the left, just before you hit the viaduct, which is the Union . . .

ARENA: Does that house still stand, Roger?

R. SCHUYLER: The house still stands. It's right next to Blue Haven Motel.

ARENA: I see.

R. SCHUYLER: But I thought that was quite interesting, and I don't know how the two got together, but anyway that's what little I know of Mrs. Herbert Hoover. She went to Whittier College, and I think there are some people in Whittier who remember her, if they're still living.

ARENA: If I'm not mistaken, is there some connection between the bell of your church and the school that she attended? I believe Pastor [T. Eugene] Coffin mentioned something along those lines.

M. SCHUYLER: Well, the bell that they use now was in the old Lowell School, and of course, as they built the new school, they had buttons they pressed instead of having the old school bell. So Mr. Charles [Wright] Milhous, that's Bill Sr.'s [Charles William Milhous] father, purchased that bell, and when our church was dedicated, or just before it was dedicated and built, why he had that bell put on the church. So that's the story of the bell.

R. SCHUYLER: Now Bill Sr. [Charles William Milhous] is the one whom I mentioned that lives down at Laguna Hills [California]. Yes, he lives out there with his dad. They came out here from Indiana in 1913, as you probably have records of by other people.

ARENA: The thing I was wondering about, Mrs. Schuyler, quite a few of the Milhouses were staunch members of the First Friends Church in Whittier. And evidently some were here, but were the majority over there in Whittier? Or were there a goodly number here in East Whittier, as well?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I'll tell you. There was Mrs. [Emma Hadley] Kenworthy's mother, Edith Hadley, and she was a Milhous; and Mattie, Aunt Mattie [Martha Jane Milhous Ware] lived there on Russell Street. And there was Jesse [Griffith] Milhous and Charles [Wright] Milhous.

- R. SCHUYLER: Well, I think Bill Sr. [Charles William Milhous] can clear this up in the Milhous family.
- M. SCHUYLER: And of course, Jesse [Griffith] Milhous was the grandfather to the writer.
- ARENA: Oh, Jessamyn West. And that's where the Jesse comes in. I see.
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes.
- ARENA: And, on the question of the Milhouses here, there's one other name that I was going to ask you about-- it just escaped me for the moment--well, you did know . . .
- R. SCHUYLER: [Oscar O.] Marshburn, of course, he's very active in the First Friends Church in Whittier.
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, I'll tell you, as I've heard Mrs. [Emma Hadley] Kenworthy tell the story, that [Franklin] Frank Milhous, the old gentleman, who is the father of Hannah [Milhous Nixon] and her family, he came out here first and brought all his dry goods with him and everything from Indiana. And then it seemed that he thought it was such a lovely country that he bought up land here, orange groves and such; so here comes Jesse Milhous, he was a brother, and he bought some land over here by the church, and then Mrs. Kenworthy's mother [Edith Milhous Hadley] and father [Reverend Lewis Isaac Hadley], they bought land right there, so there's where the land all is; and this Mattie Ware [Martha Jane Milhous Ware]--that's who it was, Mattie Ware-- she was another sister, and she bought ten acres down the street, too. And [Charles Wright] Charlie Milhous, he was a druggist back in Indiana, and he bought over there on the corner where he lived.
- ARENA: The gentleman I was thinking of a moment ago, and I want to ask you how he figures in, is [Griffith [William] Milhous.
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, he's a half brother to Hannah [Nixon].
- ARENA: Do you recall this gentleman?
- M. SCHUYLER: He was the choir director of the church. These kids took music lessons from him.
- ARENA: I guess you do recall him.
- R. SCHUYLER: I recall that. That was the piano lessons. I wasn't too interested in piano at the time. He had quite a time, I guess, with us kids.

M. SCHUYLER: Well, he played the piano. And Harold Schuyler, that's my other boy, he played the violin. And you know, I'd get them to practice. "Harold's going too fast!" "Roger's going too slow!" "Here we go!"

ARENA: Would this be right in your own home, Mrs. Schuyler? And he would come and give the boys lessons at the same time?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

R. SCHUYLER: He'd give me piano lessons first, then he'd give my brother Harold a violin lesson. Of course, I don't think either one of us were too crazy about it at the time, but you know how the parents are, they want their children to be very active in music at as early an age as possible. So that was the experience that we went through. But I do regret not bettering myself in piano afterwards. But I guess, it was sort of a helpless cause, but I do have some knowledge of piano playing.

ARENA: Do you recall the Milhouses getting together? I was just wondering if it was known by the other members of the community, the idea of the milhous family congregating at Grandfather Franklin Milhous' home there, which is now the [Whittier] Quad area? Was that a known event, or was this fairly common with other families as well?

M. SCHUYLER: Well, I don't know. That was much before my time, I guess, because there was a big family in Frank Milhous' family. I think he had been married twice. And I think there was a sister. This Griffith Milhous, and I think there was a sister [Mary Alice Milhous], but I can't remember what her name was. I always heard Mrs. Kenworthy tell about the family gathering. And then in Hannah's family, there was her sister. She lives in Riverside [California], if she's still living.

ARENA: Mrs. [Edith Milhous] Timberlake, who is ill.

M. SCHUYLER: And then Hannah, and then . . .

ARENA: Olive [Milhous] Marshburn?

M. SCHUYLER: No, she was one of the youngest of the family. And there was a brother in there.

ARENA: There was an Ezra [Charles Milhous], also.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes. He's dead, I think, now, isn't he?

ARENA: I believe so.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, he died not very long ago. And then [Martha Milhous] Gibbons . . .

ARENA: She was the nurse.

M. SCHUYLER: Mattie Gibbons, and then there was another one, I think, another girl.

ARENA: There was an Elizabeth [Milhous Harrison], who married Russell Harrison, Sr., who was his first wife.

M. SCHUYLER: Yes, and she died when she was quite young.

R. SCHUYLER: She died of cancer, wasn't it?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes.

ARENA: I'm not sure, but I do know she died young, and this left Russell Harrison, Jr. . . .

R. SCHUYLER: Russell Harrison, Jr. with two sisters. Have you contacted the two sisters, by any chance?

ARENA: Would you give their names, please?

M. SCHUYLER: Lucille [Harrison Parsons] . . .

ARENA: Parsons, yes. I have met her. It was Mr. Edward Nixon who introduced us, as a matter of fact.

R. SCHUYLER: There was another one.

M. SCHUYLER: Well, the other girl died.

R. SCHUYLER: Oh, did she pass away?

M. SCHUYLER: Yes. She died years ago, I guess just after she graduated.

R. SCHUYLER: I know the mother died when they were a very early age in life.

ARENA: I see. Yes.

R. SCHUYLER: Well, you mentioned Mrs. Kenworthy. I'll give you this information now. Have you, by any chance, interviewed her or the two daughters?

ARENA: No, would you mention their names?

- R. SCHUYLER: [Edith] Caroline Kenworthy Hunnicutt, who is now Caroline Jackson, married again. The Hunnicutts, now there's another old family of Whittier.
- M. SCHUYLER: Well, they don't come under . . .
- R. SCHUYLER: Yes, but Caroline is a daughter of the Kenworthys . . .
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes.
- R. SCHUYLER: . . . that you mentioned, who lived next to us on Russell Street; now, also, there's Lelia [Kenworthy] McClean.
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes, she used to work for Frank Nixon.
- R. SCHUYLER: And she could probably tell you more. There's a lot of interesting information there. Now, she was in the same Sunday school class as the President. Also, she worked in the old Nixon store, right Mother?
- M. SCHUYLER: Yes, she worked for them.
- ARENA: Do you have any idea of her present whereabouts?
- R. SCHUYLER: Okay. Caroline would be in Whittier. She married a [Marion] Jackson. Now . . .
- M. SCHUYLER: It wouldn't be in that book, because she's a member of the First Friends Church in Whittier.
- R. SCHUYLER: If you had the directory, I think you'd find the answer there.
- M. SCHUYLER: I don't know what that Jackson's name is. He's a brother to . . .
- R. SCHUYLER: He's a brother to Albert. Albert Jackson is a member of the East Whittier Friends Church and it was his brother who married Caroline Hunnicutt, so that would be Caroline Kenworthy Hunnicutt Jackson, would be her three names--her maiden name, her two married names. And I think that she would have some very interesting knowledge.
- ARENA: I thank you very much for your time, your help and your patience.