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me: When and where were you born?
President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Nina
Her: I was born in Ishpeming, ^{and} Date was ^{abt} Sept 19th
1924.

Me: How old were you when the stock market crashed?

Nina: Oh approximately 6 or 7 years old

me: Did you have a garden?

Nina: Yes we had a huge garden. We had to if we
wanted to eat.

me: What kinds of foods did you grow?

Nina: We grew potatoes and vegetables cabbage and turnips
and carrots and lettuce, tomatoes.

me: Did you go in the food lines?

No: we didn't have to we grew our own food.

Nina: My grandmother had a small farm and livestock and
and ah we sold some to to ah get cash and majority of it we
used for our own purposes. We had chickens which naturally we
got our eggs from there and and ah then before winter we ah
they we killed they were killed for food for the winter. mm

me: Did you think the stock market crash was President
Hoover's fault.

Nina: Well, he certainly had to take his share of the blame.
I wouldn't say it was entirely his fault but ah I would

I would say a good portion of it was he certainly wasn't a very compassionate man.

me: What were your opinions on the way President Hoover handled the depression your country was in?

Nina: I don't recall to much ^{of it} but I remember the comments the adults made. They weren't very much in favor of him.

me: Do you remember F.D.R.'S Presidential Campaign?

Nina: Oh portions of it I do. Naturally at that particular time well we didn't have any t.v. All we had was Radios to listen to and and ah what we read in the paper's well ah. Naturally we had to take their word for for whatever they they printed and he certainly was a very a well liked man. He was very popular.

me: Did you vote for FDR?

Nina: I wasn't old enough to vote.

me: Did your Mother?

Nina: I ^{do} believe my grandmother voted for him.

me: Did you agree with his Ideas on the New Deal?

Nina: Yes; he ^{was} certainly was for the working man. he might of been a very wealthy man himself but I think he had a lot of compassion for the working man.

me: Did you have a job? your Mother have a job?

Nina: My father worked in the mines.

me: Did they pay you good wages?

Nina: No, they were quite ^{quite} low wages at the time but ah compared to the cost of living well ah you certainly could make ends meet if you were a frugal person.

me: How long did he work there?

Nina: My father worked in aah mines for CCI for 45 yrs.

me: Did your parents help any other people?

Nina: No:

me: Just kept your food for yourself.

Nina: Well some of it aah had to be sold for for cash, majority of it we used for our own purposes.

me: Did your family grow closer during the depression?

Nina: Well It was normal family life.

me: What did you do for entertainment?

Nina: The majority of my entertainment was reading, I used to go to the library and get books to read.

me: Do you remember listening to President Roosevelt on the Radio?

Nina: Just faintly, I never listened to the radio very much

me: Did you go to school?

Nina: Oh yes

me: Where did you go to school?

Nina: Well my elementary ^{ch} years were aah ^{at} Salisbury School and from there I went to the Grammar School In Ishpeming, And we didn't have a bus to ride in those days, I walked a mile and a half to school, And I walked A Mile and a half back, There I went to the Ishpeming High School and aah again I walked to and fro from school.

me: How has Education changed since you were In school?

Nina: "Clearing throat" Well, there not as strict as when we

Nina: went to school. We had certain dress codes, The girls were not allowed to wear slacks When you walked down the hall you walked like a lady, There was no

they didn't permit ~~any~~ Running Around Or O. S. hood talking when you went to the library. Well, you you were expected to sit there and study and aah mind your own business in other words. The instructors were very ^{aah} definite in what they wanted from a student there was no umm ^{no} fooling around. If you didn't do your your schoolwork they certainly let you know in on no uncertain terms that umm you either get a good mark or you fail. (go ahead)

me: Did you have lots of homework?

Mima: Definitely, Majorly.

me: Ick

Mima: Majority of our work was aah aah with with homework

me: Did they have cap and gowns for graduation

Mima: Oh yes, they haven't they haven't changed much from aah what they are now today

me: Did you feel like you were poor?

Mima: No, I was never ^{ummm} made to feel that that we were poor. We always had aah food on the table. I can't remember ever missing a meal course my aah grandmother was a very frugal person she was very ambiscious as far as her garden was concerned. We never bought bread. Everything was homemade pies, cookies, bread, everything was homemade.

me: Did you go to church?

Mima: Definitely; I think I lived in church on Sundays

me: Did you feel there was a rise in crime?

Mima: During the Depression years really I wasn't exposed to very much of it I led a very ^{su}crutal life. My grandmother umm didn't believe in drinking or smoking. She was a Christian woman.

Me: Was there Illegal drinking?

Nina: Illegal drinking, I think there was some going on.

Me: Peddling moonshine or anything like that?

Nina: Well, I didn't know of it at the time but I understand know that aah from talking to different people and that. That aah there there was a certain amount of it going on. I wasn't exposed to any of it.

Me: Did they have local bands or choruses?

Nina: Yes, I I believe they did. I umm I was never allowed to attend any dances of any kind. My Grandmother didn't believe in my attending on of them because of my age. My umm exposure to dances ^{and} that was limited to school dances

Me: Were there the usual kinds of weddings, funerals, reunions and other family activities? Were they like today's

Nina: I don't think ^{thk} they have changed to much know. In fact I think they had more of them then then what they do know I think T.V. has umm aah more less ruined umm families gettin together people getting together ^{and presidin} like they ~~did before~~ that was alot of our entertainment in those days was going to visit a certain family or umm spend an evening having somebody over. Where as know people don't visit anymore like they use to. And I think alot of it is due to aah T.V.

Me: Did authentic groups live in 1 group?

Nina: Ethnic Groups

Me: Ya thats Right

Nina: Yes, I think Aah in Ishpeming especially aah were I grew up certain areas of the community were Italians another group aah I would say alot of them lived together was aah English or Cousin Jack or Cornish whatever you would call them. And umm French more less gathered together

Me: Were you helped by the Home Owners Loan?

Nina: No

Me: Did anyone lose faith in the American Way?

Nina: No, I don't think so we were brought up ^{aah} to believe that if you want something you work for it.

Me: What kind of Appliances did you have then?

Nina: Well, my grand mother had umm umm washing machine and aah refrigerator

Me: Did you have like couches and

Nina: Oh, yes ^{yes} we had nice furniture and I didn't know the value of it at the time but umm all of our beds we brass beds And I'd give anything to have one now.

Me: Did you have flu Academic or measles?

Nina: Yes,

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