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me: when where you born

Gram: JULY 4 1936

me: who where your parents

Gram: Mary & Adolard ST. Andre

me: How many people where in your family

Gram: 6 including my parents

me: what where their names

Gram: Mary Adolard Ronald myself Maryann & John

me: where where you born

Gram: Ishpeming

me: who was the first member of your family to come to America

Gram: My mother came from Italy

me: how did she get here

Gram: By boat

me: why did she come

Gram: Her mother brought her over because her husband was already here

me: what event has the greatest impact on your life

Gram: My marriage I suppose
me: Are you married

Gram: Yes I am

me: To who

Gram: Richard Stearn

me: How many children do you have

Gram: ~~5~~ 6

me: What are their names

Gram: Thomas, Daniel, Diane, Joan, Mike, Renee

me: Did you go to school

Gram: Yes I did

me: Where

Gram: North lake grade school Ishpeming High school

me: How many years did you go

Gram: 13 counting kindergarten

me: What was school like

Gram: Lots of fun

me: What subjects did you have

Gram: English, Spelling, math, Geography
In high school I took Business course

me: what were your favorite classes

Gram: History commercial

me: how did you get to school?

Gram: I walked to mouth lake and took the bus to Ishpeming high school

me: Did you go to high school

Gram: Yes

me: how many kids graduated from high school

Gram: about 98% of my class

me: what were the teachers like

Gram: strict but fair

me: Do you have any interesting stories about school

Gram: I remember one time I left my English class and when the bell rang you were supposed to be in class and I went down to my locker and I had to go from the first floor to the 3 and when I got to class the teacher asked me what I was doing this is my class

He said ~~was~~ once that hell mings
you can not come into this class
and sent me down the the primeables
office and he said to come back the
next day.

me: How many responsibilities did you
have as a child?

Gram: Well I keep my room clean do the
dishes thats about it

me: What kinds of interests did you
have as a child

Gram: I played baseball went swimming
played tennis run played kick
the can

me: Where you on the swim teams

Gram: There was not a girls swim team
when I went to high school
are you talking about high school
or grade school?

me: High school

Gram: High school I was Vice president of
the Journal Council I joined every-
thing but downed I am not
a good singer.

I loved just jamming on
But there were some things
girls were not allowed doing

me: would you say you were active

Erin: Yes

me: what do you think is the difference
between times of today and times of
yesterday?

Erin: To much pressure today todogood
to much emphasis on getting
ahead now

my grampa interrupts to ast me for
a coke #0 much supervised activities
and they should do more on there own
like when we where kids

me: what was the area like when
~~you~~ you where growing up?

Erin: in grade school at month lake
we ~~used~~ would go to a show on
saturday afternoon we needed
17¢ to get in and I was allowed
a quarter

high school I came into town
to go to the youth center for dances
school activities football games movies
me: where did you go to the movies?

Gram: The Ishpeming Theatre

me: when you were growing up what did
you do in church?

Gram: in church I played the organ in
high school at St Pauls church in
Mouth Lake.

me: Did you travel much as a child?

Gram: Yes I remember traveling in Grade school
& High school my parents and I went to
Arizona once a year lower Michigan
went to see baseball games in Detroit
they would take all of us kids
where every they went but once when
they went to California and they
only took my oldest brother

me: do you travel much now
that you are older

Gram: we usually take a trip once a
year ~~where~~ we travel around
the up to go camping in the
summer and go to camp

me: where is your camp

Gram: south of Ishpeming

me: is not a job I ask baby sit

Gram: Did you have a job before you
were an adult

me: what was your first real job

Gram: My first real job was working
at the penny store

me: what did you do there

Gram: I took orders I tell typed

I did returns worked at
the counter loaded freight down by the phone

me: Did you go to college

Gram: no

me: How did people react to the
Stock market crash of 1929

Gram: Well I was not born in 1929
so I can only go by what my mother
said. They took it hard but my
mother worked and went to school,
my dad found it hard he ~~wasn't~~
worked since he was a kid

me: Did the stock market crash affect
the area at all

Gram: Not much as but other
families moms brother &
sister ~~and~~ raised
her so they found it hard

me: How did your family make money during
the depression?

Gram: What was the year 19 what

me: I don't remember

me: Do you do any center work or anything
like that?

Gram: No But I used to teach religion

me: Did you do anything as a child that you were not supposed to do?

Gram: My mother said I was never home when I had a dentist appointment. My mother would get mad because I was never there we always would fight over who would do the dishes & my mom would always say when my ~~tasks~~ tasks are dirty I will wash the dishes.

me: Is there anything you would change about your childhood?

Gram: About my childhood? No I had a good childhood my parents were there all the time my mom worked night shift but she was always there for lunch when I was in grade school and always there for supper or my dad was

me: would you say you had
a good life

Gram: I had a good childhood
either mom or dad
was there on one
of them while

me: well thank you

I'd not know who
to interview