

Interview with Caroline Gutzman

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Interviewer Dr. Gabe Logan (GL): If you could please state your name and your birth date for our records.

Caroline Gutzman (CG): Caroline Gutzman

GL: And could you spell that?

CG: G-U-T-Z-M-A-N

GL: Mhmm

CG: And my birth date is October 12 1942

GL: Okay, Caroline, where are you from please?

CG: Marquette

GL: Marquette. Okay what brought your people to the Upper Peninsula? I always like these questions. [Both Laugh]

CG: Well, I don't know the original, from my mother's side, they were up in Champion and Ishpeming because they were miners the men were miners.

GL: Oh

CG: And my dad was from Skanee although I think his parents came over from Sweden

GL: Scandia or Skanee

CG: Skanee

GL: Up in

CG: By Baraga

GL: Yeah up by Aura and that area

CG: In fact, he was a lumberjack to begin with up in Oregon or Washington

GL: Oh

CG: And because there was a difference in age, there was a twenty year difference between my mom and my dad and so he was in the WWI and then he went out to Oregon or Washington, I can't remember which one she told me and then he was a lumberjack, but then I don't know what brought him over to Michigan

GL: Okay, well probably cutting trees, there are a lot of them

CG: Yeah I don't know [Both Laugh]

GL: So you have this idea what was work, when did you, you grew up in Marquette

CG: Right

GL: And then would you go to school here to high school and graduate?

CG: I went to John D. Pierce, which was an addition on Northern

GL: Okay

CG: And stayed on school, and then I got married

GL: What age did you get married?

CG: 17

GL: 17, and did you go onto college then or did you go to work?

CG: No I stayed home and raised my three girls

GL: That's a lot of work

CG: Until the youngest one was in first grade, and then when she was in school all day then I went to work

GL: What was your job; well let's back up there, what did that mean raising three girls? What was entailed, take me through a typical day of raising three girls, I'm sorry I'm one of five boys so [Both Laugh]

CG: Well it didn't get hard until they got to be teenagers

GL: Oh my lord I bet it was

CG: Yeah! But well, I should say a little before that too, but yeah we had our ups and downs they were a handful

GL: So was it starting the day off and getting them ready for school?

CG: Well yeah as each one went into school, up until that time we were just, we had a group of friends that we associated with and we would you know go on picnics and swimming out at Deer Lake and sometimes Lake Superior in the summer months

GL: Mhmm

CG: In the winter months, we would snowshoe into camps and we did activities like that with them when they were little. As they got into school then it kind of subsided because then they went to different schools, their friends and them and it depended where we lived, because we were moving around with my husband's job he worked on county road commission and so he had to live near the facility he was working at. Sometimes he worked at Marquette which was,

the garage was out on Wright Street where Northern has their baseball field or something like that

GL: Mhmm yup

CG: That's where the garage was.

GL: So was he a mechanic or whatever it took?

CG: No, he drove the snowplows and the sanders, and he was a truck driver

GL: So then, if he had, a winter job in Marquette pushing the snow around for example, you would all locate into this area so he could be close to it?

CG: Well it summer and winter, it was a fulltime job, so wherever the garage that you know he was employed at

GL: Oh I see

CG: There was one in Ishpeming, one in Skandia, and one in Marquette, and one in Big Bay. So he worked at the Marquette one and the Skandia one so that's why we moved out towards Skandia because we had to be out closer to the garage so that when he was called

GL: And then when he was at work what were you doing? What would take up a day of your work?

CG: Well I was just a homemaker

GL: There's no 'just' about that [Both Laugh] So a homemaker

CG: I was a homemaker yeah, I was kind of a, I don't know. What do you say I was kind of a lady that had to have her house in order and everything had to be done. So I was busy with the kids make sure they got up and learnt how to make their bed and take care of their duties that they had.

GL: Good Momma [Both Laugh]

CG: As they went to school, they had to make their beds before they go to school and I had to get up and go down and make their breakfast and get them off to school and pack their lunch

GL: and then you had a little farm out there, is that correct?

CG: Well this is when they were younger we lived in town

GL: Okay

CG: Just down by the college we lived there and then as we moved out to, was in Beaver Grove, was where we moved out there it was on the highway and then we were there for 10 years before we built our house out on his mothers and dads property, they had the very best property to build a house

GL: Okay in - ?

CG: Green Garden the Mangum area

GL: And then that was a little but more rural did that allow you to have a garden, did you all have a garden and chicken and cows or just - ?

CG: we had turkeys and we had

GL: Turkeys?

CG: And we had cows

GL: Cows

CG: And we grew potatoes and bailed hay and grew hay

GL: You bailed hay, you bailed hay?

CG: No, I didn't bail hay, I picked potatoes

GL: You picked potatoes

CG: But I didn't bail hay

GL: What did that entail, picking potatoes, I'm not from the Upper Peninsula I never picked a potato so if you could educate me on that, what does that mean?

CG: So of course it's in the fall, that's when you harvest them and the first time, when I first met David it was when I should've just run.

GL: I've had those relationships [both laugh]

CG: He brought home to meet his mother and dad which was on the farm and it was potato season time so he said "I'm going to show you what we have to do to pick potatoes" well the first stock they take the tractors and the diggers the potatoes diggers they called them, go up the rows down the rows and then you have to go behind with a basket and pick up the stock and shake the potatoes off and pick them up as you went along, each hand pick you know potatoes you would get ten cents a bushel. You were really making money.

GL: That's a hard ten cents

CG: It sure was. But the first stock I picked up was full of field mice and that was the end of my picking for that day [Both Laugh] But I was only you know 16 at that time. I was so use to living in town. I didn't have any of that stuff you know that I didn't have to deal with. My dad had a garden but it wasn't anything like that. So that's my introduction to potato picking. And then as we you know his Uncle Bernie Kepp [Spelled phonetically] and his Aunt Grace lived down the road from that, and they had a potato farm so it was a bigger you know, that was my father in laws picking that we did so he had a bigger area, land all over the place, so we would come out to pick potatoes to earn money

GL: The family or?

CG: Just David and I, the kids at that time were too little

GL: So this was supplementing your income

CG: Getting married that young we weren't rich.

GL: You were 17

CG: I was 17 almost 18 and he was 19 and so we just, and when we got married he was working at the Marquette Bottling Works and only making 50 cents an hour so when he on the county the gave him \$1.50 an hour, we were rich.

GL: Oh my gosh, oh yeah!

CG: We were rich, but we knew weren't rich when we had to go pick potatoes. [Both Laugh]

GL: Humbling background, I've had a lot of those jobs.

CG: So that's what we did, just whatever we had to do to make money

GL: So then, you're raising your children, working in the house, and you're supplementing your income. According to the biography, you took a job at a grocery store and I was having trouble with the name of it, Anglos?

CG: Angeli's

GL: Angeli's, what was that, what was Angeli's?

CG: Angeli's Super Valu. It was a grocery store down on Washington Street where I started, where the Co-op is now.

GL: Okay

CG: And then they built the Marquette Mall eventually after a couple years of working there, they expanded to the Marquette Mall to make a larger store and we all moved up there and that's where river side auto is right now. So I worked there for 16 years.

GL: What were your jobs, what were your first jobs when it was on Washington Street, what would you do there?

CG: I would clerk, stock shelves whatever they you know filling time

GL: Is, I go to a store now a clerk's scanning; I don't even know why they are needed really, what would you have to do as opposed to today, scanning grocery, what would that entail clerking?

CG: We didn't have scanners we had the old cash registers not the you know the fat keys like this but I mean they keys you had to press the price of the item in and then either you bagged the grocery or there were boys who would bag the groceries

GL: So probably most the transactions were cash or checks and you were counting change back

CG: Yes so that was the old store on Washington Street but when we moved to the mall we did get updated registers and they were more, not computerized, just a little but more accurate you know and gave us a little less work to do and they had a conveyor belt that would bring the groceries down and it would go down and then the boys would pack them and then they put in tubs and then send them out on a conveyor belt and people would pick their groceries up outside at a, they would drive up with their car, and the boys would put them in their car.

GL: Oh, that's clever, that doesn't happen any longer

CG: Nope, it's very nice until they mix the boys didn't pay attention and then they would mix up the bags.

GL: Of course! [Both Laugh] So was this in the 70s then the early 70's or -?

CG: Yeah I would say it was in the mid 70's because I waited until Kathy was in first grade. So she was born in '65 and so she went to school in '70 so it would be about '72 around '72.

GL: This kind of coincide with the women's movement of the 70's do you recall, did that have an impact in the Upper Peninsula and in your life or was it this idea of women entering the workforce?

CG: Yeah I don't think you know we were more inclined to wait till the kids go to school, or you know the majority of my friends did anyway. Well some of them went to school, went to college, went on to college later on after high school.

GL: Okay

CG: But not even, you know there wasn't even a lot of them that went on to school because they got married younger.

GL: Sure

CG: And then they would, they married the air force boys because KI Sawyer [Air Force Base] is out there.

GL: oh right, the air force is out there

CG: and then they moved on to different location so it was kind of like sporadic you know

GL: Did Angeli's, did they hire mostly women to work in the store, was it a mixture of male and female?

CG: Mixture, They had boys for carry out

GL: Okay

CG: And Mike would hire a lot of the high school kids to give them part time jobs

GL: Okay

CG: And so would the clerks too, they were a lot of the young girls that were in school yet, because there was a lot of part time work

GL: You said you stayed with them 16 years?

CG: Mhmm and then they closed.

GL: They closed

CG: And then I went over to the Red Owl

GL: To where

CG: To the Red Owl, that was a grocery store too

GL: How did you say it?

CG: Red Owl

GL: Oh Red Owl

CG: Mhmm, and then I worked there a couple years before they closed [Both Laugh] so then they said why don't you go up to Econ? And I said I don't think they would let me in the door [Both Laugh]

GL: Stores close when she comes in [Both Laugh]

CG: Yeah watch out

GL: That is fairly remarkable to have an 18-year career in the grocery business. Were women, not the general, were women allowed to advance into upper management in these stores or were you pretty much still in check out and checking out groceries and clerking?

CG: Yeah you had a department like I had the health and beauty aid department that I took care of while I was you know, not right away but when I got up into the mall grocery store I took care of a department but didn't affect my pay at all. I was still paid the same. Some went into the office work on of the girls went into the office and did work in there. Most you know they had men for butcher and produce, women in the produce department and just hired a variety.

GL: Were you in charge of ordering health and beauty aids?

CG: Mhmm

GL: Okay so that was one of yours responsibilities as well

CG: And stocking, stocking the shelves when they came in.

GL: So was this more of a supplementary income for the family, were you a two-income family then?

CG: Mhmm right

GL: With the kids, okay. So from there what happened? I think you went back to school correct?

CG: No, I didn't ever go to school, I didn't go to college at all I just worked at that time when the closed I was just doing I worked at Kindy [Spelled phonetically] Optical for a while and some private duty homework you know I just did that until, until the kids were out of school, graduated and out. So I didn't have to work anymore.

GL: Then what did you do, so the kids left you and you don't have a part time job

CG: No, no I didn't do anything, I just basically did a lot of church work, I was involved with my church and I still am.

GL: Which denomination and which church?

CG: First Baptist church right across from the Fine Arts building at Northern

GL: Okay and what type of involvement would you have there with the church

CG: You name it I did it, except for the treasurer, I didn't do the treasury job I had enough with money. [Both Laugh] I taught classes, Sunday school classes and I led vacation bible school, I sang in the choir I did, right now I'm the church clerk

GL: Was the Vacation Bible School there at the facility or would you go out to one of the camps?

CG: No each church would have their own Vacation Bible School

GL: Mhmm

CG: So one year that was, it was at the new church, the old church was right across the street from the library up here and it burnt down so I had gone to that church all my life and then when it burnt down we built the new one over by Northern. So the Vacation Bible School was held over there

GL: Okay, did any of these activities, and again, I am fairly a newcomer to the U.P., did the Baptist church have any community extensions that you would work with, such as a Christmas drive, or helping out members of the church community that were elderly. Did you ever take part in any of that?

CG: Oh yeah. We work with the older people in the church and help them out when they need you know assistance especially if they were shutins.

GL: Yeah

CG: We would go over and visit and help them out doing things but basically just you know like I said work within the church, not volunteer work, not any paid position or anything like that. So that's kept me busy, so with everything else.

GL: Was there a women's club in the church that you belonged to?

CG: Mhmm, I still do, Women's Missionary Society

GL: The Women's Missionary Society, what's their mission?

CG: Well, we make, we do things to earn money throughout the year like rummage sales and different drives you know like collecting bottles and bake sales and whatever we can do to make money and we contribute to like the local things like Salvation Army, the Christian radio station, care clinic, harbor house, various things we give money to.

GL: Sounds like quite the community pillar.

CG: Well were a very small church, very small church. But what money we make is donated to different missionary and outreach which we are American Baptist which affiliated down in Lansing we give money to that so that is a world outreach. So our monies are all spent for missionary work. So that's basically what we, and have you know within the church we will also buy things that the church needs or something to contribute that way.

GL: So then the kids are grown and out of the house and you have your spiritual life and the church community, what are you doing out on the farm, are you and your husband - ?

CG: My husband passed away about five years ago

GL: About five years ago?

CG: Mhmm

GL: So when you were out on the farm would you all continue, did you have your crops or - ?

CG: You know we would grow a small garden for ourselves

GL: Okay

CG: We didn't and well the potatoes we did sell. David would take them into town and sell them at the Hotel Northland, which is now the Landmark, and he would go to the We Energies and people would order potatoes from us all the time. So he would take them out in the pick-up truck and sell them

GL: In a potato bag?

CG: Mhmm

GL: Here's your bag of potatoes

CG: That's what we would do, we'd hand pick the potatoes and he would grade them so then they were graded as you know large potatoes and medium potatoes and small, and when we'd pack them up in potato bags and he'd take them out to We Energies and Landmark or whoever wanted potatoes they would order. It was just a hand done you know process not with a lot of machinery, we had tractors and the trailer I mean the wagons and stuff like that. The barn but we didn't have a lot of you know expensive machinery.

GL: How big of a potato patch would you have? Are we talking a football field or - ?

CG: An acre for, ours was about an acre.

GL: That's a lot.

CG: Yeah it was a lot of picking

GL: Did you take part in the planting as well?

CG: Well I would you know take care of the kids so they didn't get in his way. But he was out there with the tractor and the potato planter

GL: Okay

CG: That would plant the potatoes, but he would have to cut them, so that there's eyes

GL: Yup

CG: And then put them in the potato planter and then they drive them around the field.

GL: When you would bag them by hand, again excuse my ignorance, I presume you have a wagon load of potatoes from behind the tractor and then is there a chute on their and you hold a bag underneath it?

CG: No, it was just, what did I say, not a trailer but like a wagon, a big wagon. When we picked up potatoes with the bushels, we would just take and dump them onto that wagon

GL: Okay

CG: And then he would haul them over to the barn the barn yard we called it and he would stand there, we would stand there and separate them according to grading it's called, grading the potatoes and then we would bag them according to what the grade was. So if it was, you know if they wanted regular potatoes then you know the bigger potatoes the little ones, everyone liked the little ones you know. There was a preference that they wanted. So we would do that, that was our thing and then, like I said we had beef cattle a couple of years

GL: Do you remember what type? Angus or - ?

CG: No, I don't know what they were

GL: Okay

CG: They were just black and white cows, but I dint know he would have known, I just didn't get into the animals very much

GL: There big

CG: There big [Both Laugh] you're lucky I stayed with you, I don't like anyone bigger than me. [Continued Laughter] Kids wanted horses and I said nope, no horses. But then we had turkeys he raised turkeys and then people would order turkeys and then they'd come, at our house and he had a guy that would come and kill them at before thanksgiving and then they would come and clean them, oh they thought that was just it.

GL: The customers would come clean the turkey?

CG: Yes and I would go in the house

GL: That sounds like a good way of doing it from my perspective

CG: Yeah! [Both Laugh] I told him you want to do it; you do it I'm not doing it. So I would go in the house when would do that because I didn't have the stomach for doing that, for killing animals

GL: Yeah

CG: He was the hunter not me

GL: So an acre of potatoes, a little farm, raise turkeys, have enough room for cows, those aren't small, that certainly takes some area. Raising your children, active in the church, what about recreations?

CG: Well he was never a traveler so we didn't do much traveling at all we just kind of go within the U.P. we would go around the U.P. and take the kids to see Sault locks and you know different things that were available to see, Fayette and different places, that's about the extent of the traveling we did do a little, went out to Atlantic city, New Jersey one time and up to Minnesota where his brother lived, we had to go there because he said he wasn't going to talk to us anymore if we didn't. [Both Laugh]

GL: Did he ever come see you?

CG: Oh yeah that was home you know so they come to visit there but like I said David did not like traveling, did not like driving, and city traffic and all that sort of stuff, so we made a couple treks downstate where my brother is just not a steady diet of any big travel just little traveling.

GL: Let's see what else, so we have this farm life, how did farm work change, this is a good question, how did farm work change, so bear with me here on this, your first experience picking the mouse potato to the twilight of working on the farm there with the mechanized machinery how did raising potatoes or turkeys or growing potatoes and turkeys how did that change with the technology, did it get bigger, did your land get larger, did it become easier, was it still - ?

CG: Well no we didn't continue on with the turkeys and cows you know too long, that was just basically food for, the cows we'd have those butchered and put that in the freezer, The turkey, I bought my turkey they could kill their turkey and do what they wanted but I wanted to find mine at the store. You can tell I was a city girl,

GL: No it sounds like you've become a country girl [Both Laugh]

CG: So anyway, that what's they would do in the garage, I told him so many times his garage got clean because he would have to clean out the garage when they butchered the turkeys and he waxed rutabaga and would grow rutabaga along with the potatoes so he would sell those too but you know that was basically a hands on thing too, there was not basic machinery involved and they set up tables and hot water, you would have to have hot, hot water that kind of stuff to pluck all the feather off of it, but there was no we had tractors and we had machinery that his dad had because it basically came from there, his grandma and grandpa were the original owners of the

property out there which was the 30's and 40's so they had the you know David's grandpa and grandma started there and then they had 11 children and then David's mother and dad took over there because they got sick and so they lived with them to take care of them, you know passed it on to David because the other boys, they had two other boys, neither one of them stayed with the farm. So they were gone so David picked up where his mother and dad left off

GL: Okay. There's a little Lutheran church out there, were they part of that community?

CG: His dad was

GL: So that was, I don't know a lot about it but that Lutheran church was a little German community that found their way up to the U.P. and he was part of that?

CG: His grandpa helped with building that

GL: Okay

CG: So yeah they were all of that denomination but David's mother was Catholic so that is kind of when his dad was not involved at first he was but then after a while he stopped going there.

GL: Catholic, Lutheran, and your Baptist

CG: Yes [Both Laugh] yeah we had some difficulties too there when we got married.

GL: It sounds like it worked out

CG: Yeah 53 years, so anyway it was like I said it was not boring

GL: No doesn't sound like it

CG: Hunting, David would hunt you know there's a lot of woods out there so he would do his deer hunting and bird hunting and that's

GL: Were you in charge of cleaning those animals? So the game?

CG: Nope that was his, he wanted to do that

GL: So working there at the grocery stores, I say that plural, and raising the children, and then there out so then you "retired", retired I am throwing quotation marks up there back to the farm and working with the church it sounds like quite the full life, were there any other activities that you could, I don't know, that you could squeeze anything else into the day with all that quite frankly.

CG: Yeah, no I didn't, I didn't belong to a lot of you, you know clubs or anything like that. David belonged to the lions club when we were younger and so I would you know take part and in functions with him in that.

GL: What would be some of the lions club function?

CG: I just basically go to the meetings they would have meeting and just talk about what they, David really didn't do too much with them you know. He just joined when one of his friends

asked him to join so he wasn't real involved with it. But they worked within the community doing things

GL: How did you see Marquette change over the years over your life?

CG: Oh dear it surely did because when I was going to school I lived shortly you know about 3 blocks away from Northern and so we had you know we would ride our bikes every place when Marquette started growing, I don't know when that was when I was before high school but before that out by the west end was all trees you didn't have any malls or you didn't have to walk or ride bikes out there because it was too far and all trees and there was a restaurant out there Hamburger Heaven they called it, that we could, if they had a car if you were lucky enough to have a car we would drive out there and get hamburgers but there was not activity out that way, there were people living out there but no stores. And so we would our activities were right in Marquette, down town Marquette now where like down where lower harbor is now that was coal dock and the building across the street is where we held our high school dances and so it was all basically within you know a walking distance not anymore. Everything is so spread out.

GL: Okay you think about moving out to a farm now you get your car and you drive, and that's quite different when you just contextualize it like that. Everything is self-contained in Marquette Green Garden probably was the sticks

CG: Well they you know, they were considered the country kids

GL: The country kids

CG: They would have to be bussed in and then they couldn't stay for anything after school because they would have to be bussed home you know where we walked to school

GL: They had chores

CG: Yeah had to go home to milk the cows his mother and dad had milking cows and stuff like that and so they had a little different life than the city kids

GL: How did the, again, the weather affect the farming up here, lets begin with the cows, what cows are big creatures and you have 4 feet of snow, did you have a barn, or would you have to heard them out or were you can't let them out to hunt.

CG: No, no that's why we would grow the hay you know and of course you have to buy the feed for the and stuff like that. They didn't go into the barn which was down the road we had lean-to or you know where they could go in, the guys built shelters for them that was all open and a front that the tree sided and a roof over it, that's where they would go because we only had them for a period of time before you butcher them as soon as they got big enough you could butcher them

GL: Fatten them up

CG: Yeah and the same with the turkey shed we still call it the turkey shed it was an old railroad house not a house but a where people would wait for the train to come by you know because when we first moved out there, there were steam engines that would go behind our house they

would they had the railroad track back there now there's no trains so now it's the railroad grade we call it down there

GL: So you and your family inherited that stop?

CG: Yeah well yeah, his cousin brought in over because he worked for the railroad and they brought it into the back of our yard and property there and that's what we turned into the turkey shed, we had it fenced in where the turkeys were and then this was my duty when I was working because he would go to work at 7:00 in the morning and I wouldn't go till 9:00 and these dumb turkeys would pick at each other and if they got any kind of blood they would kill each other so I would have to go down in this mess and separate those turkeys and put them in the house down there so they wouldn't kill each other

GL: That was a morning job?

CG: Well yeah when they, had to go down there feed them

GL: I'm sure the other critters like foxes and so forth would try to get in

CG: Well that's why we had the big fence up so they couldn't get in but we had rabbits down there too for the kids, not at that time, that was earlier. So those turkeys were my job in the morning before I went to work, take care of the turkeys

GL: Gets the kids up and take care of the turkeys [Both laugh]

CG: And I still buy my turkey at the store! [Continued laughter] Yeah it was exciting

GL: And then you come home, then get up, and do it again

CG: Yeah, well I would come and make supper, and feed the kids, help with homework, go to bed, get up and start all over again.

GL: Were your kids going to Marquette or was there school in Harvey by then?

CG: Well they did in grade school they went to Harvey

GL: Then they came and had to do Marquette High School

CG: Junior high and high school

GL: I think we can help the museum out quite well here, this center out with what is women's work, it sounds like it was a lot of work. Sounds like it was unique work

CG: Yeah, yeah you didn't you know dilly dally you got busy and you did what you had to do

GL: Did the income, was that supplement the family income then right?

CG: Mhmmm yeah I'll tell you a story about my girls when they got to be teenagers, there were some air force guys living down the road. So David and I had gone somewhere and we came home there they are all out on the deck cooking steaks on the grill and we said "where did you

get the steaks” and she says “down in the freezer”, and I say “down in the freezer, I say that’s our food for the winter” “well what’s the difference” she says, “it’s free”

GL: Oh my [Both Laugh]

CG: Those steaks were free and they did the same with the gas, we had a big tank out in the yard for the tractors for the gas for the tractors and my nephew says to my brother in law he was needing some gas one day and he says “why don’t you go over to uncle David’s, he has free gas”

GL: Tree gas, come right out of the tree

CG: No Free gas

GL: Oh free gas [Both Laugh] again with the free

CG: Go get some from Uncle David it’s free, so everybody thought because you lived on a farm and had all this stuff that it was free

GL: Yeah just magically pops up

CG: Yeah right [Both laugh] yeah that was our life

GL: Sounds like a full life, sounds like a fun and full life

CG: Yeah

GL: Alright well is there anything else you would like to add

CG: Nope, just as we got older things you know died down because you couldn’t do it anymore

GL: Who’s taking care of the farm now?

CG: There’s no farm, I’m on there, I inherited everything when David died his both brother are dead his mother and dad are dead so I’ve got 72 and a half acres left and we have given 5 acres to my middle daughter and her husband because when they got married they were married 3 months lived out of trailer out on Yalmer Road and it caught on fire so they lost everything so they had to come home and live with David and I so then when in order to get rid of them she was 26 when she got married so she stayed with us for 9 months they stayed with us, we deeded over 5 acres to them so they could build a house down the road because she didn’t want to move into town she absolutely refused to go to town, so they live down there now.

GL: So do they take care of the property and - ?

CG: No they take care of theirs I take care of mine you know

GL: Do you lease out the land to other farmers now or is it just kind of - ?

CG: Oh, we grew Christmas trees too

GL: Christmas trees?

CG: Yeah we grew Christmas trees and panted Christmas trees for supplemental income too.

GL: How did that go?

CG: There still over there in the 40 across the road from what's left of them so it's, I have a friend that comes out, they are friends of ours when we were younger I took care of his son when I took care of two of my grandchildren and he is just a super guy he helps me with he and his wife come over and help cut the grass and do anything you know because he hunts there he can hunt there he takes his 4 wheeler and goes and rides in the woods he's loves to do that, so he helps me a lot with taking care of stuff

GL: Keeps an eye on the far reaches of the property as well

CG: I told him he's the son I never had [Both Laugh] But he is such a super guy and he just retired from the state police he was Sargent at the post up here, he retired so he as all the time in the world now that, he says I can come over anytime I want now and in fact he was over yesterday.

GL: So you've seen that area, so that's kind of, I don't consider that the country anymore, people live out there and commute to Marquette

CG: Yeah we have several doctors out there, who live out there

GL: Doctors?

CG: Mhmm

GL: They are probably not farming

CG: No, no, no, no, well doctor Shownick [Spelled Phonetically] he's retired now he was a cancer doctor and his wife got horses out there down from Seeds and Spores. The other one too well one of the owners of Seeds and Spores is a doctor and there are a couple more down that road and up the road.

GL: That's a pretty area out there, I could see why.

CG: Yeah so, that was our life.

GL: Okay well alright Mrs. Gutzman I really appreciate you coming in.

CG: Okay.

GL: Thank you so much.

CG: I hope I didn't bore you too much.

GL: I find it fascinating. So this is Gabe Logan signing off, Thank you again.

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