

*GOVERNOR'S MANSION
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Interview
with
Governor John C. West,
Mrs. Lois West,
and daughter Shelton Bosley

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[Interview Begins]

Terry: I'm here with Governor John West, who is also a former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and has been a public servant of this state and the nation for many, many years. Governor, I welcome you. We are talking about the Governor's Mansion and life as it was at the Governor's Mansion when you were there, you and Mrs. West. Tell me, Governor, the first day after the inauguration, what was it like to move into the Governor's Mansion?

Gov. West: Well, of course it was quite a thrill and I'll always remember it, but I remember one incident in particular. Of course, we knew that all of the help were convicts, they were from the penitentiary. I walked through the house introducing myself, and [walked] into the kitchen, there was a black man, a cook with a large hat on. He turned to me and he said, "Lord, Mr. West, you knows me. Your firm defended me. Us lost." So that was my introduction to the help at the Governor's Mansion. And of course, over the years there, we developed a real relationship with them and a real respect for the rehabilitation that comes from the penitentiary system, particularly those working there. I remember James. We got him a parole and he did well. Anyhow, it was quite an experience waking up and being a part of the Governor's Mansion, knowing it was going to be your home for four years, which it was. We enjoyed it.

Terry: One thing that I've always said that the governors of South Carolina all have in common is the house across the street over there, the Governor's Mansion. You all may have differed in politics and things of this sort, but you've all shaped South Carolina's history in one way or the other. And the other thing that you have in common is living in the Governor's Mansion. Would you like to comment on that a little bit in terms of the common experience?

Gov. West: There is certainly a sense of history there, as you see mementos and the artifacts that are there, and to know that for well over a hundred years it has been the residence of the governor. And I'm delighted to see it being renovated, and of course it has been through some renovations. Governor [Ernest F.] Hollings was the first governor that had small children and he had to add the wings. We used it much as it was. We found it comfortable, not ostentatious.

We used it quite a bit for entertaining. I well remember early on, Anne Agnew, who was director of the State Employees Association...Anne was a great friend. She came to me and she said, "You know, I think it would be nice for you to have a reception for all of the state employees, because many of them have never had an opportunity to go to the Governor's Mansion." And I said, "Well, that sounds like a good idea." She said, "Well, we'll have it on a holiday." And I said fine. So I went home and told Lois that

night. I said, "I agreed that we'll have a reception here for state employees." She said, "How many state employees?" And I embarrassedly said, "Well, I'm not sure." On Washington's birthday we stood in line for eight hours and there were several thousand came through. Had it not been cold that day I'm sure they wouldn't have gotten through. It was a real thrill to see the state employees... This was their home and their house, and to be able to see them come through and the thrill they experienced was the thrill we enjoyed too. Of course, my wife tells a story on me that I sort of chickened out. That after several hours, there was a telephone call, it was from Speaker [of the House Sol] Blatt, who usually talked at some length. Usually I tried to keep the conversation short. Well, I allegedly went up and stretched out on the bed and talked for thirty minutes to the Speaker. I didn't try to keep him. . . But she [Mrs. West] stayed there the whole time and I give her credit for that.

Terry: When you opened the house up to the public like that, was there security or was it basically just open the gate? We didn't have the complex here back then...

Gov. West: Actually, we didn't worry too much about security then. Fortunately, we had a couple of SLED agents and a Highway Patrolman and they sort of monitored the situation, but security we never felt was a real problem. It could have been, but we were never concerned about that.

In fact, one of the humorous aspects, one night they had a demonstration or something—it was during the Vietnam War, or it was in the aftermath of that, and there were people marching. Well, of course all of the servants were convicts. And people would often think that they would be security risks. Well, when the demonstrators were coming toward the Governor's Mansion, they [the servants] were the ones that were the most protective.

Of course again I tell a story that my wife doesn't particularly approve of, in fact, she nixed it after a time. But we had a custom that worked very well, inviting people for overnight guests, especially legislators, but also visiting industrialists. Again, I think back—particularly the northern industrialists, the opportunity of spending the night in the Governor's Mansion was quite an experience and a good sales tool. When we were getting ready to go to bed, I [would] tell the story that "We have twenty-four hour service, and if you want a glass of milk or a sandwich or anything, just dial nine, twenty-four hour service." Then I would add with only a half-smile, "You know, I have to tell you that the help here are convicted criminals." But I said, "You don't have to worry, they go through all of the screening process. In fact, we have the ultimate screening process for several of them here. They are men who killed their wives and we determined that the wives nagged." [laughter] My wife didn't think that was an appropriate story to tell even though there was a certain amount of truth in it. So I had to scrap that story. But it was a good one for a while.

Speaking of the convict labor, I had another experience that I still remember. I had the South Carolina Supreme Court, five members, for lunch one day. We had an excellent meal. There was a new cook by that time. And when we finished the meal, the court, several of them were saying how fine the meal was. And I said, "Well, you will note, gentlemen, that I did not have place cards. That was deliberate. The cook is here by a three to two vote of the court and I didn't want him to know, Mr. Chief Justice, where you and the other two were sitting."

We had some great times. We particularly enjoyed having the members of the legislature and their wives spend the night with us and many of them still comment about that. We had a photographer there who took pictures and so we recorded those visits and so on.

Terry: You used the Mansion a great deal for economic development purposes. Can you talk a little bit about that?

Gov. West: Surely. As I say, we found that particularly people... In the northern area, the governor is more important than in the southern area. For example, in New York, while the governor is far removed, South Carolina is a smaller state. So you get a New York industrialist to come down and spend the night in the Governor's Mansion and have a dinner, it's really a big thing, and it created a warmth and an atmosphere that oftentimes led to an announcement that a new plant would be built in South Carolina. We entertained and we had the Lace House, the Mansion and the pool. On at least several occasions we would have a function going on in each of those areas, a reception and a dinner. And we had some great occasions there.

Terry: How were you and Mrs. West able to balance one occasion off of another if they were going on at the same time?

Gov. West: Well, frequently I would show up at one and she [at] the other one, and maybe we would mingle during the social hour at one and go and have dinner at the other. It was a constant challenge but a real reward, because the people appreciated the hospitality, the quote "southern hospitality."

Terry: I think that we do have a great reputation for hospitality, but you all must have been pretty busy. I mean the house must have been busy with events just about every day. I'm sure you all had to go elsewhere in terms of some of these events but the house must have been open for quite a number of hours a day.

Gov. West: Yes. And fortunately, we had a great staff. And incidentally the man who ran the staff then, Willie Brown, is still there, thirty years later. Willie

organized and directed the staff and he was just an invaluable person, and without him and a very dedicated group that he supervised, we wouldn't have been able to do what we did.

Terry: What were your days like when you didn't have any activities or the events you had to attend, what was life like at the Mansion back then?

Gov. West: There weren't many days in which there was just nothing happening. Usually on Sundays I had a policy of not accepting invitations. We would go to Sunday School and church, sometimes play golf in the afternoons. Maybe I would call some friends and others in. So we did keep sort of a family atmosphere there. We had our children, who were in and out. [Daughter] Shelton was at [attending the University of South] Carolina and stayed with us some. So we had our children in and out. And they enjoyed having their friends there. It was a real experience for them.

Terry: We have heard that from other governors too, that their children really liked to bring their friends over to spend the night and this type of thing. That happened a good bit?

Gov. West: Oh yes, Shelton was at Carolina and [son] Doug was in law school. [Son] Jack was out of law school, I guess. They had many of their friends there. And I still see those friends, many of them, and they remember the occasions that they were there.

Terry: Going back just for a second to the economic development, what do you think was your best coup in terms of acquiring a foreign entity to come to South Carolina?

Gov. West: I suspect Michelin was the one. The Michelin people did perhaps the most due diligence of any company that ever located [here] in our experience. They had narrowed the locations down to Tennessee, Virginia, and South Carolina. Tennessee and Virginia went together and proposed that one Michelin plant be put in one state and one in the other. They sort of double-teamed us, but we enlisted quite a number of people, including General [William Childs] Westmoreland, who was working with us at that time. The Michelin people, one of the things that they did, they had a consultant team to determine the effect of the Baptist religion in South Carolina on the work ethic, or something like that. And we finally, of course, won.

I took great pleasure in teasing my fellow governors from Tennessee and Virginia that we beat them. I told the story, which wasn't very nice for me to do so, that at the first meeting of the governors after Michelin announced, they were saying, "Well, you so

and so, you stole our company.” I said, “Well, you tried to double-team us.” And finally I said, “Well, it was a very simple decision ultimately. You know, [Alexis] de Tocqueville was one of the great Frenchmen of all time. They sort of followed his philosophy. And when they saw that South Carolina had a Democratic governor and Tennessee and Virginia had Republican governors, that was the final word.” That didn’t make me any more popular with the governors, but it was just a side comment.

Terry: And of course Michelin has been moving into the state more and more now.

Gov. West: Oh, the original commitment was made in the early seventies, and of course they have expanded and extended to Anderson County, to Lexington County, to Greenville, Spartanburg... It’s been a major, major...

Terry: That was a real gold mine in terms of economic development.

Gov. West: We had earlier solicited the Hertz Company, [Fallbacker?/ Hertz?], in Spartanburg. We had started a major program of soliciting foreign investments, and it bore fruit of course, and now we have BMW and the others. But at one time in the early seventies we were able to say that we had more West German industry in South Carolina than any other state in the nation. It was really due, as much as it could be said, to one person, Dick Tukey, who was the director of the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. And he started the program of actively soliciting foreign companies, primarily textile-oriented. And I went to Europe many times with him as lieutenant governor and subsequently as governor. It was a good move.

I see that Lois and Shelton have come.

[Tape stopped while Mrs. West and daughter Shelton join the interview]

Terry: We have been talking a little bit about life at the Mansion, primarily as it dealt with economic development and things of this sort. But what was it like to grow up there? What was it like to live there?

Mrs. Shelton West Bosley: It was fun. I actually didn’t grow up there because I was about seventeen when Daddy was elected. But it was nice because you had that sense...I think about the Hodges with small children, and that was a different task than my parents had. I was old enough...I knew how to make my own bed and do all that. So I enjoyed it for what it was. It was a nice time. It was great to get to be with them. Because I used to get a schedule every day of their campaign trip. And when he was finally elected, I burned the schedule. Because they, literally every day of the week,

would go from one end of the state to the other. And at sixteen, seventeen, I remember thinking how many kids didn't want to be with their parents, they were rebelling. I wanted to see mine. So once we moved into the Governor's Mansion, it was nice because we had dinner together. I got to see them every night. And it really was nice, they're pretty nice folks.

Terry: Did you get to live there all four years?

Mrs. Bosley: I was in the middle of my last year [of] high school. Then I went to Winthrop [College, now University] my freshman year, but I came back the next year to the University [of South Carolina] and I lived in the Mansion. During most of that time. And it was fun. It was real nice.

Terry: Did you all have pajama parties and special events over there?

Mrs. Bosley: Sure, sure. I mean, I was in college and they did the same as any other parents, they would make time out, you know. They were nice because they always included my friends. They had, I think it was an opera singer they were entertaining after the opera, and they had a nice reception. And my sorority sister and I were helping serve coffee and tea because it was fun. You go ahead and tell it from there.

Mrs. Lois West: The caterer came in and said, "Well, this is very nice, but you know, it's late and these people need to get out of here. Now y'all go on home and maybe the people will leave." And Shelton thanked him and went on pouring coffee and tea. And he came back and told her to go, and he came back the third time, and she said, "I'm sorry, I can't go, I live here." [laughter]

Mrs. Bosley: People were very thoughtful. It was a lot of fun. Did normal stuff, but it was an exceptional time, too.

Terry: What was Christmas time like?

Mrs. West: It was pretty hectic because we entertained every night. We started, I think, [with] the Carillon Parade. And we entertained that night and then we entertained every night, different things that John had obligations for. We entertained SLED. Pete Strom [SLED chief] used to say that I ruined his operation because his undercover agents shaved their beards and got cleaned up for it and it took them two weeks to get dirty-looking again.

Mrs. Bosley: Daddy said he had “invititis” because you literally would have a hundred to a hundred and twenty people for sit-down dinners all through the Christmas season. It was fun, you know, these were people you worked with all year.

Terry: We were talking about the having dual dinner parties, you know, one in one part of the Mansion and one at the pool house or someplace like that. What was that like? How did you prepare for something like that?

Mrs. West: Well, we had a wonderful staff. The staff was primarily people from the penitentiary. We didn't have many paid employees, I think that came in later. They have a chef now. I just finished a wonderful luncheon. And the head chef is marvelous, the executive chef they have. It was a delightful luncheon Mrs. Hodges did. You just did it, you did what you needed to do.

Terry: One thing that I was curious about, in the interview we did back in 1976—what are your thoughts about how the Mansion has changed? This [the Mansion complex] was not walled off at the time with gates and things like that. And you haven't had a chance yet to see the Mansion again, but we will. But in terms of the progression of the Mansion, what are your thoughts?

Mrs. West: I think every governor that comes in, and first lady, it is their house and they do what they want to do. And I think it's a natural progression.

Terry: You all, and I talked to the Governor about this already, opened the Mansion up shortly after the inauguration for all state employees. Tell me a little about that from your vantage point.

Mrs. West: Yes we did. [laughter] John came home and said, “Oh, I told Anne Agnew that I'd have all the state employees for coffee and tea.” And I said, “Well, that's nice, do you know how many state employees there are?” And he said, “No.” And so I told him. He said, “Well, they won't all come, will they?” [laughter] But most of them did. If it hadn't been a cold winter day I think they would have all come. But it was very rewarding because it was people who ordinarily didn't get invited to the Mansion. There were people like foster parents, people who generally did not get an invitation. And they enjoyed it, and so it made us very happy to see them enjoy it.

Terry: Who, in terms of celebrities or prominent people, stuck out in your mind [as] visitors to the Mansion?

Mrs. West: Well, Shelton got some boys at the University...Burt Lancaster came, he was coming about making a movie. And he came very quietly and nobody knew he was in town. And so Shelton was at the University. Some of the fraternity boys had the paddles they wanted signed by the governor. And so they called Shelton and asked could she get her daddy to sign them. She said, "Sure, send them on in." So they got the paddles and Burt was having dinner there, so she got Burt Lancaster to sign them too. Well, the boys got real ---- because they thought they had forged the signature because nobody knew he was in, that it was a real signature. [laughter] Too cute.

Terry: Now did you all use the Mansion—we have already talked about economic development utilization and whatnot, but for attracting movies and things of this sort, was that in...?

Mrs. West: You used it for most anything. Economic development. Like Michelin.

Gov. West: I was telling them about Michelin, that was one of the...

Mrs. West: He was fascinated because we happened to know what his favorite wine was. We had been to Switzerland and I had brought back a couple of bottles of Aigle, which was his favorite wine. And so we served it to him and he was very delighted. I think that may have helped get the plant here.

Terry: In terms of the house, were there any major changes in the house, renovations, artwork, or things of this sort?

Mrs. Bosley: We added the dog door.

Mrs. West: Yes, the dog door. Josephine McNair had redone the downstairs just before we moved in and she had done a marvelous job with it. Actually, what I did probably was redo the kitchen, because John entertained a great deal and it was not a very functional kitchen. And so we put in a commercial dishwasher. In fact, we entertained the Hobart people.

Gov. West: They had a convention or something here.

Mrs. West: But we put in a Hobart kitchen really, because that was a two-and-a-half-minute dishwasher. We just streamlined the kitchen where it really functioned properly.

Terry: What was the last day at the Governor's Mansion like?

Mrs. West: It was pretty normal. Actually, I stayed and did a luncheon for Ann Edwards. She told me she was having trouble getting it catered. And I said, "Well, you don't really need the caterer, because you've got the best staff. And I'll just stay and do it for you." And so I was in the kitchen over at the Lace House and doing her luncheon, and I went home after that.

Terry: Was there any remorse leaving such a distinguished home? [laughter]

Mrs. West: The children gave me a pin of a whale laughing. And they said that's the way I looked, so happy, it's got a big grin.

Terry: Because the duties of first lady are...?

Mrs. West: Well, I was happy to go home. I enjoyed being there and I had done everything I thought I could do to make it work. And I was very happy to leave, I had no regrets.

Terry: Governor, knowing what a golf fan you are, did you have anything to do with the little putting...?

Gov. West: The golf green. That's the chipping green, yes. [laughter] I found that one of the inmates at the state penitentiary had worked down at the Augusta National [Golf Club], so we got him out and we designed... It's about a wedge shot, and I used that regularly. Of course, he got paroled and I had trouble keeping it up, but I'm told it's still there. The only problem I remember was, well, one afternoon I decided I needed a longer shot, so I went back and I shanked the ball through the front window. And so from that time on I had to keep it to the wedge shots. [laughter] But I enjoyed that.

Terry: I want to ask each of you this. What is your best memory of the house? We'll start with you, Governor.

Gov. West: I don't know that I have one central memory. I remember many of the occasions when we had dinners there for legislative friends, and I remember several of those as being very special. We had, of course, other dignitaries. Hubert Humphrey was there for a luncheon. Ted Kennedy was there. We had a lot of political dignitaries and they were always very special events. I simply remember having many good times, relaxing with my friends in a very different atmosphere. When you had just your friends

in the home, you didn't worry about political protocol or what you might say or do that might be inappropriate.

Terry: You know, the [Mansion's] second story has always been sort of a sanctuary for the first families. When you think about the second story, don't you think about that, when you think about life at the Mansion, as being your private place?

Gov. West: It was our private place upstairs, and we had a living room and of course our bedrooms were up there, and of course we had a dog there that sort of kept everybody from upstairs. She was the best security we had. [laughter] All of the children who used to come through [to tour the Mansion] always loved to see the dog. She'd stay right at the top of the stairs. We had somebody slide down the banister. I can't remember who that was.

Mrs. West: Children do.

Terry: Mrs. West, what is your fondest memory?

Mrs. West: I think I probably enjoyed all of it. One of the things that John did is he would invite members of the legislature to come and spend the weekend. And we invited them to come and bring somebody they wanted to bring with them. And so, they would come and we'd plan the weekend around what they wanted to do, and they enjoyed it and it was fun for us, we got to really know them. And we made some very close friends that we still have to this day. But that I think is a nicer memory. And some of them later on lived there.

Gov. West: Dick Riley. I remember Dick and Tunky were quite thrilled the first time.

Mrs. West: But it was all fun. It was our home and we just enjoyed it. Everybody seemed to enjoy coming there. But as John said, the dog stayed at the head of the stairs. We had a Weimaraner. And the schoolchildren would come and they'd rather see the dog than the governor.

Mrs. Bosley: Very disappointed if the dog wasn't out.

Mrs. West: I think one of my fun memories is a little girl that came one day. We had Brownie Scouts come. And the phone rang that night and it was the mother calling. She said, "Lois, I'm so embarrassed. My child came home with an armful of flowers out of the Governor's Mansion." And I said, "Well, that's my fault because she

asked me whose house it was. And I said, 'Well, I live here but it's really your house.'" So she went out and picked an armload of flowers [and] took [them] home to her mother. Which I thought was very cute.

Terry: Now, what was it like to be a governor's daughter? Growing up in the Mansion, going to school at South Carolina?

Mrs. Bosley: It was fun and, as I say, it was probably easier for me because I was seventeen. So I was pretty well grounded. So I enjoyed it for what it was. You had a sense of self so you weren't worried about, "Ooh, the governor's daughter." Because I was Shelton West from Camden, South Carolina and being the governor's daughter was a temporary thing. That was fun, but it didn't change my life in that I was going to be so different. It expanded horizons for me.

You were talking about the memories. As I reflect, being an older adult now, back then, it was a real sense of family time, which was nice. But it was nice being a part of their family and seeing how easily they flowed with so many different types of people. We had wonderful opportunities. And that's what being a politician's child does for you. You are lucky that you have that grounding from two stable, good parents, but you also get to meet interesting people and do interesting things. But you know that your life's going to go back to being normal at some point, too. But it's an experience that broadens you for the rest of your life. So it was great. It was a lot of fun.

Terry: Do you all have much in interaction with other first families, or is that something [where] basically people go their own ways after they leave the Mansion?

Mrs. West: I think the wives stay friends, but we live in different areas. I see Ann Edwards occasionally and I see Josephine [McNair]...

Mrs. Bosley: We're all very cordial, I love seeing all those ladies. You know, you give them a big hug...

Terry: The reason I was asking that question [was] because I mentioned to the governor [West] I have a theory about the Governor's Mansion, and that is it's one of the few things that bind all of our first families together. The experience.

Mrs. West: Unless you've lived there, you really don't completely understand it.

Mrs. Bosley: Let me tell my daddy's story on that because this probably sums up what you're saying. Right after Mom had gone on a conference somewhere, Daddy had a DLJ [Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette?] meeting or something in Charleston. And he hates

to travel by himself. And I was newly married. And he said, "Well now, do you and Bill want to go with me?" Daddy said, "Well, Bill, you can play golf." I said, "Well, who's playing?" He rattled off some names and I said, "Well, I don't know any of them, I'll spend the time with you and Mary." And so Bill and I drive up and drop Daddy at the golf course, and there was Governor [David] Beasley, [the] newly elected governor. My husband's Canadian, and he says, "You didn't tell me he was playing golf with the real governor!" [laughter]

So they went out and played. And I said, "Now listen to me, Bill. Now, Daddy's going to come back. Beasley's a Republican, Daddy's a Democrat. You watch, it'll be the first phone call we get—" "You know that Beasley, he's a pretty good fellow." Sure enough, the phone rings that afternoon and I said, "Well, how was your golf game?" Because we were going to some function. He said, "Well, it's good. You know, that Beasley's a nice fellow." I said, "See." It's a unique club to a certain extent. And isn't it nice that they can cross those party lines?

Gov. West: Lois, you ought to tell them your "Friendly Ben" story. That's worth recording.

Mrs. West: Well, it seems that they had a radio show. There was a fellow named Friendly Ben. You would call in [and] discuss topics of the day. And so this particular time, somebody had called in and said that I got a salary of two thousand dollars a month, just for being the governor's wife. Well of course it wasn't true, but that didn't stop anybody. And so they kept calling in and some people would say I ought to get it and some people would say I shouldn't. Finally some lady called in and said, "Now, Friendly Ben, you just leave Lois alone. She deserves every cent of that money for being married to that fool John." John swears to this day I'm the one that called in. [laughter] And I won't answer it.

Terry: Is there anything you want to tell me about the Governor's Mansion?

Gov. West: Of course, you live there four years with a staff, probably fifteen to forty people, all of whom have checkered backgrounds, all who have been sentenced. And you learn the goodness of human nature. That no matter whether they were murderers or robbers or what, there was a good part to them. I came away with a great belief that nobody is beyond redemption. That there is enough good, and if society is able to sense that and develop it, then there are great opportunities there. So I came away with a deeper sympathy for those who had violated the law and who were trying to make their lives over again.

Mrs. West: Willie Brown is a good example. He's serving the lunch out there.

Mrs. Bosley: He's wonderful.

Mrs. West: He's really just a fine fellow. I went with Willie to his parole hearing.

Terry: Oh, did you? I remember him when we did the first book. He was always there to greet me at the front door and took good care of me.

Mrs. West: Willie was always nice.

Terry: The family aspect of it though, in terms of the interaction with the help, do you miss that at all?

Mrs. Bosley: They were like family members. When you left, you missed them.

Mrs. West: I run into some of them still to this day. I served on the Museum Commission and we had lunch sent in, it was catered, and I got a note in my sandwich, said "This is so-and-so, I worked in the yard. And I want you to know I'm working on the catering service. I'm doing fine now." But I got a note with my lunch. And then one day I was at the hospital in Camden, and a group of people went out, and one of them turned around and came back, and she had been the upstairs maid. And she told us, "I want you to know I'm doing like you told me. I'm doing fine." It's very nice.

Terry: Do you have any...?

Mrs. Bosley: Just the same. Everybody treated you like family and we treated them like family, so it was a nice kind of situation for all of us. It was sad when you left, but you also knew that you were moving on and they would be moving on. They had a new family that they'd take good care of, and you wished them well.

Mrs. West: As a matter of fact, when we left, one of the things I did was, the patrolman we were assigned, and the SLED agent, we had them pick up Governor and Mrs. Edwards prior to their inauguration, and so they would have a job. And they got to meet them and they kept them on. That's always nice.

One of the funniest things that happened was the time we had the fellow in the house. We had house guests and somebody rang the doorbell and a houseguest opened the door and invited them in. And I came downstairs and John and our houseguest and this stranger were all in the den. We sat there and talked a while and then I got John off [to the side] and I said, "Who is that, John?" And he said, "I don't know, I thought he was somebody [their guest] Curtis had brought down." And so Curtis said he didn't

know, he thought it was John. [laughter] And we got the patrolman down and he walked him out. He was just a stranger passing by, who we were all having a good time with.

Terry: This has been a great interview. Right now, we need to wrap up the interview and go over to the homestead and relive some memories.

[Interview ends]