

Interviewer: Tell me your name and age for the record please.

Swift: My name is Georgia Swift I am 79 years old.

Interviewer: Okay and so you would have been about how old during the great depression?

Swift: I was in high school.

Interviewer: Oh you were in high school.

Swift: Uh huh I was in high school I graduated in the spring of 1940 and went on to Business College that fall.

Interviewer: Where did you go to college?

Swift: In Nashville through Draughons. But Draughons was more had a more extended program you got your business English and your business math.

Interviewer: Okay and then you came back and worked for the bank?

Swift: Uh huh

Interviewer: That was here in town?

Swift: Yeah

Interviewer: What did you do at the bank?

Swift: Well I did almost all of it you kindly learn to do it all. We had very few men then and at first I did bookkeeping. You go through a period of learning of working with tax books because you have to learn ledgers and all of that and then I worked on one of the big machines posting.

Interviewer: Okay was the war going on when you worked at the bank?

Swift: Yes

Interviewer: I'm gonna go back just a little bit. So you were telling me you were in high school in the great depression you were telling me your dad was a farmer?

Swift: Yeah we lived on a farm and I didn't really feel the force of it as much because we had cattle and we had hogs so we had meat and they butchered hogs and we had ham and sausage and then we had a garden. My mother did a lot of canning we really didn't feel it like some people did.

Interviewer: And how many children were in your family?

Swift: I had there was five girls and one boy. My brother was gone then he went to the Pacific he was drafted and went to the Pacific. But we didn't our house was kindly the house that all the kids gathered at you know in the neighborhood. We didn't feel it like some people did we were fortunate.

Interviewer: Okay now were you in high school or out of high school when Pearl Harbor happened?

Swift: I was out of high school I was going to school in Nashville.

Interviewer: Okay so how did you find out about Pearl Harbor when that happened?

Swift: Well I can't remember exactly where I was when Pearl Harbor. We were talking about that the other day I think it happened I was not in Nashville I was in Clarksville so it must have been on a Saturday.

Interviewer: I know the date but I don't know what day it was.

Swift: Yeah I can't because somebody else said something about that but I really don't I can't recall where I was when I found out.

Interviewer: Okay now you knew your husband then how long had y'all known each other?

Swift: Well I was in high school with his brother.

Interviewer: Okay so he is a little bit older than you.

Swift: Uh huh and yeah we had known each other. I had did not dated him during high school.

Interviewer: Leave anything out you want or I can stop anytime you want.

Swift: The I guess then when I came back and I was working before we married.

Interviewer: Now he was in the army by then when you were working?

Swift: He no he went in service while I was still in school in Nashville.

Interviewer: Okay now you were dating him then when, was he drafted or did he volunteer?

Swift: He went in through the National Guard. And so there was several from Clarksville in that group and he was sent to Camp Forest no yeah Camp Forest. And then they went to California and he came back from California to Fort Seal to officer's training school. And we had planned to marry in March of 1943 at the Methodist Church at home. And he didn't get to come he was in the hospital with pneumonia. So we when he did come in May he only had five days travel time in all and we married at the preacher's home it had to be a small one. And he didn't know just he was just out he was a brand new second lieutenant and the day he called me when he found out he was coming he just said I've been granted a five day leave get everything ready.

Interviewer: And you did.

Swift: And so then I went on with him about a month I went on to Camp Shelby. But he went back and looked for us a place to live.

Interviewer: Okay after he completed officer's school then he got sent to Camp

Swift: Shelby

Interviewer: Shelby and that's in Mississippi?

Swift: Hattiesburg Mississippi.

Interviewer: And how long were y'all there?

Swift: Well let me see we were there for like nine months. We left on the day after Christmas day. I went down in May of 43 and the day after Christmas day we he was sent over to Camp \_\_\_\_ in Texas.

Interviewer: Okay

Swift: And he joined us there and then we went back to Fort Seal once that winter well just for a month for it was just more or less of a refreshment course for him.

Interviewer: Okay

Swift: And then we went to Fort Brag and that's where they did the processing and you know getting them ready to go overseas.

Interviewer: Did you stay there when he left?

Swift: I stayed at Fort Brag and came home they were already on the alert and they were already really making them stay on post and so he thought I should go home. And then he called, I went back to the bank, and he called and said we're gonna be here several days and wanted me to come up for a weekend. So I rode the bus to Fort Brag and when I got there he said do you know I've got a five day leave but it didn't start until midnight Sunday. And I got there on Friday yeah because I left here on Thursday afternoon and I had been on the bus all night. And so we left we were going to do a little cheating and we left at noon on Sunday and this fellow was Harlan was a second lieutenant then and our friend was a major. And he said go on and I'll check you out at midnight so we rode the bus from Fort Brag to Ashville and got in there about 11:30 on that Sunday night. And there was a little tiny Western Union boy standing there and when we stepped off he said are you Lieutenant Swift and he said yes, he said I have a message for you. And it was from our friend who was a major and he said you must come back everything we are ready just like that. And so we went inside and called him in the bus station it was a little tiny bus station. And we went back later looking for that bus station but it had been torn down. And he said you must come back so he got on the bus going back and I got on the one coming into Chattanooga. That was the last time we saw each other but we had opened up both of our bags because when I packed them I kindly had the stuff wherever it would fit we had to go in there and open both of them up and sort the stuff out. So that's where we left each other and he was gone about 18 months.

Interviewer: Okay

Swift: And he got back October of 1945.

Interviewer: Okay and then you came home and stayed with your mom and dad?

Swift: I came home from Fort Brag and went back home lived at home.

Interviewer: And we were talking earlier did you work at the bank then?

Swift: Yes I was working at the bank then. Yeah I come I was kindly on the come and go list there for a while but they were very very good to me about that because Mr. Brewster was one of the officers up front. And his son was in Europe too and his outfit was real close to Harlan's outfit all along. So we had to go by his desk to check in every morning and Mr. Bruster and I would get the map out and we would trace them because you listened at the radio then and they would tell you a little bit about the location of this and that. So we would trace them and he they were very good and yeah I had gone on to work when he called me to come to Brag. Mr. Brewster came by my, I was running one of the bookkeeping machines, and I said what do you think I should do? He said Ms. Georgia I think you should go. And so everybody was very good and I worked for about another year after he came back. And then yeah our oldest son is Richard, Richard Harlan and he was born in November of 1947.

Interviewer: Okay and your husband was home then.

Swift: Oh yeah he had been home two years.

Interviewer: He did not make a career out of the military?

Swift: No he didn't he had all of it he wanted.

Interviewer: He did well we were talking earlier about rationing so tell me a little about what you remember about rationing.

Swift: Okay everything was rationed. It was gas, and tires on cars and but this neighbor of one of my sisters found a car for me. I told him that I would have to put lots of confidence in him I just wanted a run around car you know. And so he got me this 39 Chevrolet and then I got two recap tires later. I had to get ration approved for them because I was driving it to work. A boy across the road from my mother and daddy didn't go to the army for some reason I don't remember why and he had a car. And we rotated and he would drive mine if we were coming in and we had a lady that worked for BF Goodrich rode with us and a man that caught the bus to Fort Campbell. He would ride in with us and then he picked up the Fort Campbell bus.

Interviewer: Oh okay. Do you remember how much rationing you got on the gas or?

Swift: It was very limited. I don't remember exactly I wish I could I had those ration coupons but I couldn't put my fingers on them last night. And of course your flour was rationed your sugar was rationed oh just and then you couldn't buy furniture hardly at all. And when we bought a little house it was on Mumford Avenue right behind okay.

Interviewer: I know where Mumford is.

Swift: Okay we lived next door to the president of the Northern Bank and we lived there for so long. But anyway we were lucky enough the people we bought that little house from went to California. So we

bought a refrigerator and a stove and a kitchen table and chairs from them. And then I bought some living room furniture then and a bedroom and I think I believe I had to wait a little while before I furnished that second bedroom you just couldn't buy furniture hardly. They just were not making that much you know. And the furniture store started getting in a little more; it was a different operation from today I can tell you.

Interviewer: Oh I bet it was. When we were talking earlier you said you'd get your information from the radio mostly.

Swift: Uh huh

Interviewer: Do you remember, because I know you were listening because your husband was there, would they give specific battles or?

Swift: They had to be very particular about what they told. And you know all of your mail was censored.

Interviewer: Okay that's right and so you would get letters from your husband and.

Swift: I told him when I was looking for the ration things last night I said you know I can't really remember getting anything from him where it was cut out. I did get some where they marked over it and it would be but all the mail was censored.

Interviewer: And he was getting your mail as far as you knew.

Swift: Well he got it pretty regular and it was just you know you just really told them everybody was okay and this and that. They would tell the location of the company well they wouldn't exactly say the 258<sup>th</sup> but he was assigned to this 32<sup>nd</sup> brigade and they would tell enough that you could, yeah the 32<sup>nd</sup> uh huh.

Interviewer: Oh yes ma'am.

Swift: They would tell enough that you could follow them.

Interviewer: Okay so you could figure out.

Swift: Yeah

Interviewer: Do you remember about how long it would be before you would get a letter you know like did he write it and you'd get it a week later or?

Swift: If you got it in a week you were real lucky. And I went periods of as much as three weeks and once I went six weeks and didn't get a letter. And he had been we had these close friends of ours were from Denver near Denver. And she called me she got a letter from her husband and he was worried and they called him, his name was Charles Harlan, they called him Charlie you know. And he said call Georgia I can't find Charlie. And so she called me to see if I had heard, they were really worried you know that something had happened to him. But the day she called I got a bunch of mail.

Interviewer: Oh good your mail hadn't come through he had been writing but.

Swift: And it just wasn't going out it wasn't coming through. And then he was send back twice for some days of rest.

Interviewer: Sent back to the states?

Swift: Oh no he went into Holland they sent him to Holland or somewhere like that you know they didn't come back to the states because see they were coming by boat.

Interviewer: And you said no telephone calls you couldn't call him.

Swift: Oh no, no telephone calls from over there that just wasn't heard of.

Interviewer: When he was gone the best he could do was write.

Swift: Yeah and I got a telegram and I can't remember exactly no it was just so different so different.

Interviewer: Did you hear of anybody who lost their sons or husband during the war?

Swift: Oh yes I did. I came in one Saturday afternoon I was living at home near Cumberland Furnace you know. And these two ladies rode into town with me and I was parked on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street right up well not Commerce Building where Willowbees used to be I was a couple of cars down. And when I got back to my car there was a whole bunch around my car and I couldn't imagine what was going on. And one of these ladies she had met somebody on the street and they told her Western Union was trying to reach her. And so she, Western Union was around on Second we had two hotels over there Montgomery Hotel and Tennessee Hotel. Western Union was close by as a matter of fact it was inside the Montgomery Hotel I believe. And her husband I mean her son had been he was in the Pacific one of the islands. And she was riding with me and somebody from I guess it was one of their neighbors out home and they said Western Union has been trying to reach you and she went on around there. Yeah and yeah I knew several uh huh that did.

Interviewer: That's hard I'm sure.

Swift: My brother was lucky he came back and now Harlan's older brother that made a career he was in the Pacific.

Interviewer: He was in the army also?

Swift: Yes and then after that he went to Korea you know he stayed in and he got active duty overseas in Korea. But let's see I'm trying to think the Atkins I can't remember now exactly where he was. Yeah I knew several that lost them. That was part of it.

Interviewer: I know it was hard though. We had talked some in class about the programs that President Roosevelt had started on the New Deal. TVA and WPA, the CCC were you or anyone you know in any of these programs?

Swift: I don't know yes our second door neighbor up here was in the, what was the second one.

Interviewer: The WPA the CCC.

Swift: The CCC

Interviewer: Okay

Swift: The CCC is what he was in. Our second door neighbor they don't live there now they'd moved from there. But he talked about being in the CCC and yeah they did have the WPA. Now they did mostly work on the roads though the highway and rural roads.

Interviewer: And he did that. Were you impressed with President Roosevelt?

Swift: I well remember where I was when we got the word that he had died I well remember that. That was on a Thursday and that was the short day at the bank. And there was we had a department store up the street on Franklin next to where the Capital Theater used to be. So on Thursdays several of us we would stop and run up and get a shampoo right quick and then we why we would do that because she couldn't take us later and then we'd go back and finish balancing you know. And I was under the dryer at the beauty shop and they came and lifted my hood up and the lady was crying like everything. And I said what has happened and she said President Roosevelt has died. Well we really felt like you know everything had closed in on us. We just didn't know being in war like we were then it was a sad sad time.

Interviewer: I'm sure it was he was \_\_\_\_\_.

Swift: Yeah he was and very respected very respected.

Interviewer: I'm sure that was very hard even some of the \_\_\_\_ say that was a tough time.

Swift: It was a tough time to lose a president.

Interviewer: Oh I know what I was gonna ask you. What were you making when you worked at the bank?

Swift: Oh listen your just gonna; we made it was supposed to be \$100 a month

Interviewer: (Can't understand her question).

Swift: One hundred dollars a month. And then we did have that it was a little bit of tax taken out. And I guess that was a I don't remember if that was a savings thing everybody started but I know my money was 92.50 a month yes.

Interviewer: Did that seem like a lot then?

Swift: Well I made the same \_\_\_\_ you know. It was just something.

Interviewer: Ninety two fifty a month and you worked \_\_\_\_ too.

Swift: Yeah

Interviewer: That does seem like, we had talked before the camera bout how cheap things were. You said bread was five cents a loaf what else do you remember?

Swift: Well the you know the tablets that the elementary school used I think they were a dime. And I don't know coke colas were I don't know not more than that.

Interviewer: So when you were back here and he was at war were there like movies to go to was there much entertainment?

Swift: There was movies we had the Capital Theater. And then when he came back before we were married when I was single they would have a midnight movie what they called a midnight movie. It started at eleven o'clock but I know I had to get special permission to come up there to go. But yeah we did see there was movies. But you only had the one picture you didn't have you know now you go in a movie and pick what you want to see. And but they just showed the one.

Interviewer: Was it cheaper if you went to the midnight movie than the regular times?

Swift: No I think the midnight it was more.

Interviewer: Was that like \_\_\_\_\_.

Swift: It was more because they showed some kind of special.

Interviewer: Oh okay. You said earlier that you had gotten \_\_\_\_ with quite a few of the officer's wives and you had \_\_\_\_\_. Did and I know you said one of them called you. Did you keep in touch with most of them during the war?

Swift: Oh yeah I did I kept well there was about four that I was real close with. And you know one of them was from Ohio no Yonkers New York. And we went through there we were with let me see I can't remember the year. I called here and she and her husband divorced after the war. But Harlan and I were just they were a little older than us and they had their car down at Camp Shelby and in fact I helped her get her car back to \_\_\_\_\_. And she tried to get it home when the fellows were leaving to Brag you know they knew they were going overseas. And we were with the tour group several years ago and we had let's see where we stopped the first anyway we were going on into Canada the next day which we did. And we were staying there three or four days and then came out around New Hampshire or somewhere around there and came down through you know the east. But anyway I hadn't heard from her in quite some time can her husband had called here and he had remarried and he had married another lady named Helen which was very confusing to us. But I called here and when I told her who it was she just screamed out and she hollered back at one of her children said oh here's my friend form 50 years ago. And we just talked and talked but she didn't get over to see me because I couldn't tell here which side of town we were on and we were already up in the room you know about to go to bed. And but then after that by the time we made our trip and got back home I had this long long letter from her. And she told me all the things that had happened and yeah I've been in contact with several.

Interviewer: And so you still keep in contact?

Swift: I still well mostly at Christmas time. We did always at Christmas time when their children were young and when our children were young. And we had another one that was from Ohio and then we



had the ones from Colorado yeah Colorado. Now they've been though here and they spent the night here with us two different times when they were they had a daughter living near Atlanta. And so they would stop over.

Interviewer: Well that's nice.

Swift: And we

Interviewer: And these were all people from the group that he went to officer's training with?

Swift: Well maybe they might have been some of these might have been in a class ahead of him because they were graduating them every two months. But they all came to this new unit they formed at Shelby and they all went overseas together.

Interviewer: And they all came back in tact?

Swift: Well no several of them were killed on Christmas day. And we've seen \_\_\_\_ at a couple of the reunions. And then the he had one that \_\_\_\_\_ was killed the same day. And Harlan couldn't tell me we could tell from the radio they were being hit pretty hard and when he wrote me he just said Christmas Day wasn't what you would dream it to be. And that's about all he could tell me about it you know.

Interviewer: Bless his heart.

Swift: But then I found out she was notified and one of the girls called me then and said. And it was real funny one of the reunions we went to I believe this was in Memphis, Georgia there was Lewis Briggs was another officer and he lived up in Illinois. And he was a farmer and he had been back over and pretty well retraced all of this with the Farm Bureau from his town. And he went to the cemetery where the American soldiers were buried over there and he found Harry \_\_\_\_ grave. And he had the picture of it and Mary was there they had asked her and she remarried and she was there. But I felt so sorry that was a surprise to her and he made a close picture of and he also had the picture of he found out who the two ladies that was looking after that part of the cemetery and he got to talk to them.

Interviewer: And so his widow was just shocked when she heard about it?

Swift: Uh huh and he had the picture if and he showed a lot of that was part of our program on Friday night or Saturday night down there in Memphis. And \_\_\_\_ showed his and he more or less what he did he went over with the Farm Bureau and then they dropped off he and his wife dropped off and their son-in-law was stationed over there in Europe I mean yeah in Europe somewhere I think in Germany. And so the son-in-law and their daughter picked them up and they stayed on a couple more weeks and didn't come back they didn't come back with the Farm Bureau. So that's when he did this traveling and that's when he found the cemetery.

Interviewer: And took a picture of that grave and she hadn't ever seen it.

Swift: Uh huh and she was just so pleased to get the names of the people. He said that the cemetery had been well kept. And he was yeah he found it. And he also found \_\_\_\_ but I didn't \_\_\_\_ wife like I did these other girls. And let's see there was one more that was killed there within a few days. But these

two were very very near him that day when they were yeah. I can't remember that other one now there was another one they lost another one. But anyway that was Christmas Day.

Interviewer: That's hard enough but on Christmas Day.

Swift: Yeah

Interviewer: I want you to just tell me a little bit about these things that you got out for me.

Swift: Oh well this is just a list of the class of no this is the group is the one because there's Harvey Willowbee and I know several of these fellows and here he is over on the end over here. And the other one was the graduating class.

Interviewer: Oh this one.

Swift: Yeah that's the graduating class he graduated with at Fort Seal.

Interviewer: And that was where he took his officer's training?

Swift: Uh huh

Interviewer: At Fort Seal Oklahoma.

Swift: That's the field artillery school.

Interviewer: So then you had told me a little bit about this picture.

Swift: Oh yes they had just been home now I think he was already out. But anyway all three of his brothers were in at the same time and which I know their mother wanted their picture made.

Interviewer: Was it just the three boys in his family?

Swift: He had three sisters.

Interviewer: Oh three sisters but all the boys were in the war at the same time.

Swift: Uh huh

Interviewer: Their poor mother.

Swift: Uh huh

Interviewer: That had to be hard. Now they're all from here right?

Swift: Dickson County in Dickson County.

Interviewer: Okay an you still have this it looks like it's brand new. It says March 4, 1943.

Swift: Yeah

Interviewer: And you went out to the graduation at Fort Seal?

Swift: No I didn't because he was gonna immediately come home we were gonna marry later in March at the Methodist Church and then he took pneumonia. And so they put him in the hospital and he didn't so he didn't come. And then the time came for him to be assigned to his unit and so they shipped him down to Camp Shelby. And he got a five day leave then and we had a short term wedding. There wasn't nothing else we could do with him traveling he had to travel and go back in that five days. We did most of the traveling by train I used to catch the evening train here and go to Memphis and then I picked up that southerner that was that real streamline train.

Interviewer: Oh okay

Swift: And I got it ever time except one and one trip going back to Fort Seal it was Fort Seal. We got there I had reservations they would make reservations here for you. But they had that southerner filled with troops and I was getting on the train at the Clarksville station here and I had my ticket in my hand and this little lady reached up and she got a hold of me and she said did I see Oklahoma on your ticket? And I said you did and she said you're down here that's where I'm going. And her daughter was living there and so we stayed right together but when we got to Memphis I didn't get to go on that train and we had to catch the next one which was not too far but it was a much slower train. And not nearly you know the southerner had a nice dining room you could get quite you know you could get nice things like that. When we got to Oklahoma City we missed our connection there and we got off and there was two or three more got off. And then the train was fixing to take off and the man looked at our ticket and said oh stop that train. And he put us back on it and said you will ride so far and then they'll put you off at a crossing and a bus will pick you up. And they did we were right out in the open country I don't know where it was. And we were in there with the Red Cross station and they were serving donuts and coffee to the service men. And I guess at first they weren't gonna let us have any and I guess the lady and I looked awfully hungry and finally they let us have a donut.

Interviewer: Oh bless your heart they weren't even gonna let you have a donut.

Swift: Yeah but they a bus picked us up and carried us on in.

Interviewer: So your favorite was riding the southern then?

Swift: Well was just the yeah that was what we always did. And then you didn't miss your I've forgotten the name of it but I would ride it from Memphis to Oklahoma City. And then I got on another train then that went to Shelby Mississippi or whatever which way I was going.

Interviewer: Where ever you went.

Swift: Uh huh but I would always ride the \_\_\_\_ from Memphis to Oklahoma City and switch to another one. It was comfortable you could get up and walk around and they all had dining rooms on them.

Interviewer: Oh that is nice then. Probably much better than the bus.

Swift: The southern had a real nice dining room.

Interviewer: Okay

Swift: And if you were riding it for any distance well you got I can't remember what they called those but anyway a bed.

Interviewer: Oh to sleep in.

Swift: Yeah a sleeping thing uh huh.

Interviewer: When we were in Europe we still had those. I'm curious about this, handing her a piece of paper.

Swift: Well I found this when I was looking for the food rations and this is where he got the it was July 1, 1945 and he got to go into Paris and he bought me some Chanel #5 I remember that and he mailed it back to me. But he had to it had a stamp on it for perfume you know he had to tell what he was going for said \_\_\_\_\_ gift.

Interviewer: Okay so he has to get that before he goes into Paris to buy you perfume.

Swift: Yeah had the serial number up here I always remembered that.

Interviewer: Oh that was a good and you kept that I think that's wonderful.

Swift: Well I had a big I've got a big thick envelope but I just picked out a few things that I've kept of his army things. Then I've got another one with the group that he was drafted in because we have gone through several reunions with that group. And really had fun with them even though I didn't I knew the Clarksville folks that went with him but a lot of the others I didn't see. And they all went to the Pacific so I've got I kept I've got pictures made at all of them. So I've got a big envelope of the 528<sup>th</sup> and I've got a big envelope of the 101<sup>st</sup>.

Interviewer: Oh okay so you have separate one. Oh and this, this was an interesting story.

Swift: This is just a silk map of Europe and he kept it folded under his belt and so it helped him. He said I would imagine that all the battalion commanders had one maybe I don't know if every man did maybe so. And of course they kept them hid see.

Interviewer: Uh huh and had the map he kept that hid all through the war until he came home.

Swift: He did I'm gonna see if the museum would like to have this.

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ you said you kept the uniform and all.

Swift: Yeah I did

Interviewer: You've still got his uniform with his medals?

Swift: Uh huh yeah and we've got the top coat the heavy trench uh huh. I don't think it has a mark on it or anything. I put them away I guess I was real cautious because we had a dry cleaners for many years. But I put them away in moth proof bags. So they're in good shape and I think it's something we \_\_\_\_.

Interviewer: (Can't understand what she is saying).

Swift: But the headmaster when I called I haven't called anymore

Interviewer: Okay well I can find out maybe and let you know.

Swift: Okay I have several things that \_\_\_\_\_. That's one place that I haven't volunteered I have been working at the hospital as a volunteer. I did before Harlan broke his hip and all. And I think we are gonna start working at the train station because he \_\_\_\_\_ and he feels like it's part of it.

Interviewer: Oh I'm sorry I forgot you've got to tell the train station story.

Swift: Oh well he I was expecting him to get home on October 9<sup>th</sup> and he had told me he thought he would be on the afternoon train.

Interviewer: He was coming from Europe and had gotten to

Swift: Uh huh but he thought that when he talked to me he said that he would be coming into New York. But he didn't they changed that and he came through Jersey and down to Camp Attaberry Indiana and he was really released from there. So he got in in the night on October 8<sup>th</sup> on the two o'clock train in the morning and he called. He called out home and I answered the phone and he said well guess where I am. And he said I'm over at the Clarksville station I said I'll be right over. Well my sister heard the phone and she said you can't you're not going by yourself. So she jumped up and we came in and picked him up. And when we got there and really we just dressed real quick you know and came on over. And they had turned the lights out and he was standing there in the dark nobody else around with his luggage standing there at two o'clock in the morning.

Interviewer: I bet he was so glad to be home he was probably

Swift: Yeah but he was just a day early or if I had known see and he said he just didn't have another chance you know

Interviewer: To call until he got there.

Swift: Uh huh

Interviewer: That's the we know it as the old train station where he came in?

Swift: Uh huh that's the one uh huh

Interviewer: Well some people say those were the most memorable years of their lives, is that the way you remember it?

Swift: Well I think so well I guess I have forgotten quite a bit but still I remember an awful lot of it. And the we were real anxious and we bought a little house well I think about we moved on Thanksgiving Day I believe.

Interviewer: (can't understand what the interview is saying).

Swift: Uh huh and but we moved on Thanksgiving Day of 1945 and our first son was born at that house. And then we built a house on Kleeman Drive and we lived there and we've been in this house 20 years. The other house had bedrooms upstairs and a basement and my utility room was downstairs. So we felt like it was time for us to get on one floor.

Interviewer: But that first one you bought when he got back from the war was just a small

Swift: It was a two bedroom and a living room and close to town. And he went to work with International Harvester.

Interviewer: Okay

Swift: And he worked for Perkins and Miller and quite a bit so he could walk and it was very comfortable. And we did a lot to it we had new hardwood floors put in and it had those wider you know that wider board.

Interviewer: Oh I know what you're talking about my grandmother's house used to

Swift: Okay we just used that as the sub floor and had hardwood put down so it was just it was real good. Well it was old but you know we sold it to the people that run Clarks Jewelry Store. You remember Clarks Jewelry Store?

Interviewer: Yes I do.

Swift: Okay we sold it to them and they lived there well \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ were their names and \_\_\_\_ died and about two months later \_\_\_\_ died. And their daughters had never touched the furniture or anything when they sold it to the city. And then they tore all those houses down for the \_\_\_\_ and what not up behind the jail.

Interviewer: Yeah I hate when they do that.

Swift: We thought the house was old and we wanted a larger living room and a bed. But we wanted a house that you could kindly entertain in you know. But they had a lot of antiques and they lived there the rest of their lives so the house must have been in good shape.

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