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3806 Norman K. Burns, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant.

Recordings: **mfc_na3806_cd2465_01 - mfc_na3806_cd2466_28** 141 minutes

3807 Albert Buswell, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, February 11 and 12, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3807_cd2467_01 - mfc_na3807_cd2468_14** 122 minutes

3808 Sharon Butterfield and LaVerne Craig, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, July 25, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3808_cd2469_01 - mfc_na3808_cd2469_10** 78 minutes

3809 Betty Carlson, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, December 17, 2009.

Recordings: **mfc_na3809_cd2470_01 - mfc_na3809_cd2471_02** 85 minutes

3810 Almere Dinsmore, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, January 28, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3810_cd2472_01 - mfc_na3810_cd2472_09** 32 minutes

3811 Minnie Carter Harvey, interviewed by Donna Wiegler, Gwen May, and Dexter Lee, April 24, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3811_cd2473_01 - mfc_na3811_cd2474_03** 91 minutes

3812 Mike Holmes, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant and Myron Sprague, Jr., July 25, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3812_cd2475_01 - mfc_na3812_cd2475_07** 69 minutes

3813 Richard Jellison, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, November 21, 2009.

Recordings: **mfc_na3813_cd2476_01 - mfc_na3813_cd2476_22** 58 minutes

3814 Bernita Joyce, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, April 17, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3814_cd2477_01, mfc_na3814_cd2478_01** 101 minutes

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3815 Gladys Joyce interviewed by Meghan Vigeant and Donna Wiegler, December 18, 2009.

Recordings: **mfc_na3815_cd2479_01 - mfc_na3815_cd2479_27** 71 minutes

3816 Spencer Joyce, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, June 2, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3816_cd2480_01 - mfc_na3816_cd2481_16** 102 minutes

3817 Dexter Lee, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, January 8, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3817_cd2482_01 - mfc_na3817_cd2482_06** 32 minutes

3818 Gwen May, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, May 25, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3818_cd2483_01 - mfc_na3818_cd2484_04** 108 minutes

3819 Theo May, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, May 26, 2010 and February 11, 2011.

Recordings: **mfc_na3819_cd2485_01 - mfc_na3819_cd2486_13** 125 minutes

3820 Meghan Vigeant and Donna Wiegler, interviewed by Steven McCormick, November 17, 2009.

Recordings: **mfc_na3820_cd2487_01 - mfc_na3820_cd2488_03** 85 minutes

3821 Myron "Sonny" Sprague Jr., interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, fall 2009 and March 31, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3821_cd2489_01 - mfc_na3821_cd2492_12** 251 minutes

3822 Clint Staples, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, July 25, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3822_cd2493_01 - mfc_na3822_cd2493_17** 68 minutes

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3823 Donald Staples, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, February 3, 2010, at his home in Atlantic, Maine. Staples, who was born in Tremont, Maine, talks about his childhood; living near East Point on Swan's Island all his life; joining the Navy after school and serving for about 3 years; things he enjoys about Swan Island now and when he was growing up; what he used to do for fun; his parents bought the Post Office/store, and his father ran the store and his mother the post office; happy to return to the Island after serving; working for Clyde Torrey; raising cows and sheep; owning miniature horses; working on the ferry for 25 years starting in 1971; what working on the ferry entailed and the difficulty of maintaining the ferry in the winter; lobstering both before and after serving in the Navy; still lobstering; problems with lobstering rules and regulations; stories about his ox named Big Fella.

Text: 16 pp. transcript

Recordings: **mfc_na3823_cd2494_01 - mfc_na3823_cd2494_07** 52 minutes

3824 Kevin Staples, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, July 2, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3824_cd2495_01 - mfc_na3824_cd2495_40** 75 minutes

3825 Marguerite Staples, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, November 23, 2009 & April 27, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3825_cd2496_01 - mfc_na3825_cd2497_16** 139 minutes

3826 Marion Stinson, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, November 30, 2009 and May 8, 2010, in Marion's apartment, Atlantic, Maine. Stinson talks about her father working on the ferry when she was younger; her early education and what she did for fun as a child; her mother's work to earn money; her experiences clamming, making wreaths, collecting things from the shore, and other hobbies she has had; her marriages; her piano playing; descriptions of Marion's photographs; what traveling by ferry was like and what happened when the harbor was frozen over; island life when she was a child and people traveling to the mainland; dances and the band that played at the Odd Fellows Hall; her piano playing in the community; worked as a cook in a restaurant; her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also included: recording of Marion's piano playing (CD 2499).

Recordings: **mfc_na3826_cd2498_01 - mfc_na3826_cd2499_11** 127 minutes

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3827 George Tainter, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant and Myron “Sonny” Sprague, Jr., March 25, 2010, in Tainter’s home, Swan’s Island, Maine. Tainter, who was born in 1916 in Minturn on Swan’s Island and is 95, talks about his childhood growing up in Maine and on Swan’s Island; sinking of the steamship Bodwell; steamship North Haven; his education; seining; sardines; later experiences with lobstering and some machine and wood work; working at the Electric Co-op; flying in a plane during a storm to get ice cream in Bangor; his first car was a Model T; running Odd Fellow dances in summer and fall; jobs working at Bath Iron Works and in Connecticut; how he met his wife Lena and started his family; stories of him breaking his neck and of him paying fines for backing up on the interstate; softball; work he did on boats over the years; changes to Swan’s Island during his lifetime.

Recording: **mfc_na3827_cd2500_01 - mfc_na3827_cd2501_05** 86 minutes

3829 Edward Wheaton, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, July 25, 2010.

Recordings: **mfc_na3829_cd2503_01 - mfc_na3829_cd2503_09** 51 minutes

3830 Eva Wheaton, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, January 6 and June 15, 2010 and on March 18, 2011, at Wheaton’s home, Minturn, Maine. Wheaton, who was born on Swan’s Island in 1928 as Eva Staples and married Burton Wheaton in 1946, talks about growing up on Swan’s Island; what her family did during the winter; what they ate; schools she attended; boarding school; diabetes; marriage and children; husband’s dialysis; his work as lobster fisherman and as a carpenter; his death from broken neck caused by car accident; differences between her two sons Jimmy and Stevie; sons taking care of her now; autistic granddaughter; grandfather’s work in the quarry on Swan’s Island; mother’s work in a boarding house for the quarry workers when she was young; what she did for fun as a child; stories about her grandparents; stories her mother told her; her management of her diabetes; financial situation; medical costs; mother’s life and personality.

Recordings: **mfc_na3830_cd2504_01 - mfc_na3830_cd2506_15** 173 minutes

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3831 John Wheaton, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant and Donna Wiegler, November 12, 2009, in his home in Swan's Island, Maine; by Vigeant, March 4, 2011, at his new home in Waltham, Maine. Wheaton, who was born in 1918 on Swan's Island, Maine, talks about how he met and married his wife Lenora; his experience with lobstering; trawl fishing; what it was like being out at sea in storms; using a sounding machine out on the boat; going lobstering with Sara Adam as a helper; which lobsters are okay to catch and what to look for when keeping lobsters; retiring from lobstering and giving away his traps and boat; designing and purchase of his boats; time in the fishing co-op; fishermen watching out for each other; making ferry models; parents Edward Burton and Georgia Alberta Wheaton; siblings; what he did in his childhood and his schooling; time working down on the wharf splitting and packing fish; military service in the medical corps 1941 - 1945; working in military station hospitals; welcome home after being in the service; two children Helen and Edward; time building houses with his brother; disappearance of fish around the island over the years; feelings about having to leave Swan's Island; idea of what makes a good life.

Recordings: **mfc_na3831_cd2507_01 - mfc_na3831_cd2508_39** 142 minutes

3832 Lenora Wheaton, interviewed by Meghan Vigeant, March 4, 2011.

Recordings: **mfc_na3832_cd2509_01 - mfc_na3832_cd2509_25** 67 minutes

3967 Robert Nitsche, interviewed by Sonny Sprague and Kate Webber, January 18th, 2013 in Sprague's house on Harbor Road, Swan's Island, Maine. Nitsche talks about coming to Swan's Island; Howard Rich's begonias; Maynard Staples; Summer visitors; Baseball team; softball team; learning how to build and set lobster traps; Clyde Torrey; Night before the 4th of July story; Picnics at Ferry Terminal; dances.

Text: 25 pp. transcript

Recordings: **mfc_na3967_cd2574_01-19** 83 minutes

3968 Ruth Orcutt, interviewed by Kate Webber, September 29, 2011 and January 29, 2012 in Orcutt's home in Swan's Island and Southwest Harbor, Maine. Part A of the 2 part interview, Orcutt discusses the steamboats on Swan's Island; Newman's store; how the area has changed; the importance of the ferry; schooling; dances; fishing industry; community. Part B, Orcutt talks about her family; sewing; school; family fishing involvement; car accident; playing music; church involvement; women's groups; stories; WWII's impact on the island.

Text: 17 pp. transcript (Part A), 16 pp. transcript (Part B)

Recording: **mfc_na3968_cd2575_01-mfc_na3968_cd2576_15** 160 minutes

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3969 Fred Pease, Lillian Pease interviewed by Kate Webber, July 11, 2012 in the Pease's home on Swan's Island, Maine. The Pease's discuss growing up; moving to Swan's Island; how the island has changed; small community; house repairs; Swan's Island information; individuals from the island; Eskimo custom; meeting Senator Kennedy; garden club; summer visitors; Maine Seacoast Mission; children.

Text: 18 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3969_cd2577_01-14** 81 minutes

3970 James Ranquist interviewed by Kate Webber and Sonny Sprague, April 22, 2012 in the Swan's Island Library. Ranquist discusses individuals and homes; small stores; WWII rationing; factory work in ME; recovering after war; dances and celebrations; baseball; schooling and teachers; joining military; family; summer families; community and stories.

Text: 17 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3970_cd2578_01-09** 66 minutes

3971 Wesley Staples II interviewed by Kate Webber and Gwen May, June 19, 2012 in his home in Swan's Island, Maine. Staples discusses growing up on Swan's Island; community and family events; local culture; Skating parties; Playing the guitar; Local housing around and the most popular convenient store.

Text: 32 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3971_cd2581_01 - mfc_na3971_cd2582_18** 145 minutes

3972 Steven Rockefeller interviewed by Kate Webber, September 4, 2012 at Irish Point in Swan's Island Maine. Steven Rockefeller discusses his parents; early days of Swan's Island during the 60's and 70's; clearing land for houses; mackerel fishing season; paving first roads on Swan's Island; finding out about Swan's Island; Hat Island; childhood on Maine coast

Text: 19 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3972_cd2579_01-10** 118 minutes

3973 Evelyn Rowland interviewed by Kate Webber, October 17, 2011 at Evelyn Rowland's home. Rowland discusses originally visiting through her parents and staying over the summer as a child; the family buying the house; living year round vs. summer only; community; family info; schooling on Swan's Island; Island Retreat development; Island transportation; storms.

Text: 12 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3972_cd2580_01-21** 62 minutes

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3974 Myron Sprague Jr. interviewed by Kate Webber, March 13, 2013 at Sonny's house. Sonny talks about being manager of the Co-op; salmon farming; cod fish farming starting and progression; lobster industry; trap limit on lobster; industrial fishing conflicts; legislation on fishing; changes in lobster fishing; lobster market.

Text: 17 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3974_cd2583_01-17** 68 minutes

3975 Dorothy Stockbridge interviewed by Kate Webber and Meghan Vigeant, September 21, 2011 in her home on Swan's Island. Stockbridge discusses growing up; parental issues; owning a restaurant on the island; fishing; cooking; holiday events and celebrations; clamming; raising children; family; schooling.

Text: 15 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3974_cd2584_01-21** 67 minutes

3976 Dot Barns, Marion Stinson, Carolyn Martin interviewed by Ben McAloon, Kate Webber May 2, 2012 on Swan's Island. Martin, barns, and Stinson discuss old medicine uses; music; dances; schooling and school houses; various local stores; old houses belonging to various individuals on the island; game nights and hangouts; plays; popular leisure activities and involvement

Text: 14 pp. transcript

3977 Donald Staples, David Joyce interviewed by Sonny Sprague and Kate Webber, March 14th, 2012 on Swan's Island. Staples and Joyce discuss lobster business; Richard Kent; oil delivery business; fishing traps: types of traps; effectiveness of traps; unique traps; changes over time in fishing; stores in Swan's Island; decrease in non-lobster fishing; smelting; types of fish.

Text: 20 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3977_cd2586_01-12** 75 minutes

3978 Donald Carlson, David Joyce, Sonny Sprague interviewed by Kate Webber, AnnMarie Macguire, Beverly MacAloon, February 3, 2013 in the Swan's Island town office. Carlson, Joyce and Sprague discuss making wooden buoys; pros and cons of cedar wood buoys; plastic and Styrofoam buoys replacing wooden ones; painting and labeling buoys: identification; difficulties; competition and fishing manners; lobster traps; lobstermen.

Text: 17 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3978_cd2587_01-20** 64 minutes

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3979 Donna Donley, Bonnie Holmes interviewed by Kate Webber, May 9th, 2013 at Bonnie Holmes' house, Freeport, Maine. Donley and Holmes discuss growing up on Swan's Island; childhood activities; schooling; transportation around the island and shore; family; dances; holidays; Swan's Island residents; summer residents; Island ferry; modern Swan's Island.

Text: 32 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3979_cd2588_01-22** 109 minutes

3980 Leonard May, interviewed by Kate Webber and Sonny Sprague, April 22, 2012 in Swan's Island library. May discusses fishing; growing up on Swan's Island; fish markets and companies; lobstering; setting traps and lines; changing price and pay for fishing; seining; twining; Swan's Island stores; alternative fishing.

Text: 14 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3980_cd2589_01-09** 51 minutes

3981 Dexter Lee interviewed by Kate Webber, May 17, 2012 in Kate Webber's home on Swan's Island. Lee discusses Old Fellows; the Rebekahs; alternative exclusive fraternity groups; sheeping; use of livestock on the islands; Clyde Torrey; property owners on the island; summer visitors; Atlantic and Harbor area contrasts; namesakes and Swan's Island landmarks; plays.

Text: 13 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3981_cd2590_01-14** 64 minutes

3982 Liedeke and Ralph Hagopian interviewed by Kate Webber, Sonny Sprague in the Hagopian's home on Swan's Island, Maine, July 12, 2012. The Hagopian's discuss coming to Swan's Island; community involvement; Swan's Island businesses and stores; stories about Swan's Island; Clyde Torrey; Charlie Rowe; community events; Odd Fellows; churches on the island; activities; Changes in Swan's Island community.

Text: 14 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3982_cd2591_01-13** 77 minutes

3983 Mildred "Billie" and William "Bill" Coleman interviewed by Kate Webber, Sonny Sprague in the Coleman's house, Swan's Island, Maine, July 12, 2012. The Coleman's discuss why he arrived on the island and what it was like at the time being an island with the cars and machines available. Fishing was popular, Coleman describes his experience on one of the boats for lobster.

Text: 18 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3983_cd2592_01-15** 65 minutes

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3984 John Bischof interviewed by Kate Webber and Sonny Sprague in John Bischof's apartment, Parker Ridge, Blue hill Maine, February 15, 2012. Bischof discusses his family as well as teaching at the Albany High School; Describes how he learned do use compasses and who got him interested in them especially useful in boating he explains. Talk about his interests such as drawing and the churches he went to as a child; He explains what brought him to Maine and why; Briefly touches on his war experience.

Text: 16 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3984_cd2593_01-14** 65 minutes

3985 Lucinda Lowell interviewed by Kate Webber and Sonny Sprague in Sonny's house Harbor Rd. Swan's Island ME, Saturday March 3, 2012. Lucinda discusses wanting to be a teacher while in elementary school; best friends; walking to school; graduating classes each year; socialization and entertainment activities; community involvement; church; visiting family: special meals, summer visits, stories; dances; lobstering and store ownership; town meetings; stories of friends; thoughts on Swan's Island.

Text: 23 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3985_cd2594_01-18** 91 minutes

3986 Carolyn Martin interviewed by Kate Webber in Martin's apartment, Atlantic, Maine on December 15, 2011. Martin discusses moving to Swan's Island; schooling and teachers; family: moving around, military service, stories, death, making lobster traps; clamming; parent's jobs as welders; health issues; living on the island: the community, stores, gardens; salmon factory; drug issues on the island; ghost tales; mail boat.

Text: 18 pp. transcript

Recording: **mfc_na3986_cd2595_01-19** 91 minutes