

Transcription: Anne Pritchard Oral History Interview (Part One—Meet to Anne Pritchard)

PK—Patrick Kinghan (Interviewer)

AP—Anne Pritchard (Narrator)

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PK: So welcome. Thank you for doing this. Thank you for being with us, Anne. It's really exciting to have you here—uh virtually. But it's exciting to talk to you about the collection. So, I guess the first thing that we wanted to talk about is your connection to Ted Ryder, how you know him. All that sort of stuff.

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AP: Ted is my uncle, or was my uncle. He was my mother's older brother. And there were just the two of them in the family. And, yeah.

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PK: So, you were telling me that you sort of knew him just as your uncle, and all that sort of stuff, so talk a bit about that.

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AP: I just knew him as a regular uncle, you know? And as I grew older, I became more aware of, that he, you know, he had diabetes. And then there were some stories—family stories—that he had diabetes as a very young child. And over the years, then we heard more stories about the fact that he was really very ill as a very young child, and eventually travelled to Toronto and got very early insulin. But it was very just general stories.

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PK: Interesting.

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AP: Not a lot of specifics.

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PK: Right. Yeah, no, fair enough. And you also, of course, knew his mother—Mildred.

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AP: Oh yeah. That was grannie.

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PK: Yeah.

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AP: Yeah. Yeah, she was very affectionate. You know, she was my favorite grandma and I spent a lot of time with her. They lived, we lived in Granby Connecticut and they lived in West Hartford Connecticut. She and my grandpa—Earl Ryder—and so we would basically...we were their only grandchildren (my older brother and my younger brother and myself), and so we, you know, that was our family, we spent a lot of family time together. And Ted was in and out of that because he lived in various other states and things, but he would come back every now and then. So we got to know him more later on in life when he ended up living with my grandparents before they ended up, you know, dying, so.

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PK: Right, yeah.