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Q:

All right first of all the first question's always the hardest right?

A:

Yeah.

Q:

We just need to know your name and the proper way to spell just so we have it right.

A:

Uh, my name is Ruth Sellet. S-E-L-L-E-T.

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Q:

OKAY. Just one T?

A:

Just one T.

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Q:

Okay, great. First um, give us a little background. When and why did your family move to the Fernald area?

A:

Uh, we moved, used to live up in Colerain Township in a small house. And my kids was getting bigger and we want a bigger yard for them and more space for them. So we came down here and looked at this house and we liked it. We bought it.

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Q:

Did you know that the plant was right up the street when you bought the house?

A:

No, no. We thought it was a place where they made dog food. We didn't really know what it was.

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Q:

So had you driven past up there?

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A:

I can't really say we did, we didn't you know. Like I said we didn't even know what was up there. But as far as ever driving by the place and looking at it, no you know. I think if you don't know what's up there why drive by it you know. We thought it was a place that makes dog food.

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Q:

And uh what kind of physical characteristics did the plant have that made you think it was a place that they made dog food?

A:

I think that they had something like checker flags or checker something up in there and that gave us an idea that's the place that make dog food you know. Um, we never discussed it with anybody around here. We just never talked about it until everything started coming out about it you know.

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Q:

So when did you find out what they really do at Fernald?

A:

Well, Mrs. Yokum up the street, she's with that club, I can't think of the name of it, she start coming over and start telling us things what's going on. And we had a well in the back yard and we was drinking well water. And uh after we heard what's everything going through the air we know it was hitting the roof and going down into the cistern that we was drinking. So that's when we kind of got concerned about it you know.

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Q:

So that was maybe the mid '80's, around '84?

A:

Yeah, yeah.

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Q:

So there was quite a lot of media attention as to what was going on at Fernald at that time. How did you and your family react to that?

A:

Uh, to be honest with ya, we didn't pay any attention to it. It was just another article in the news, uh we just didn't pay any attention to it really you know. It's like, it's news but we don't really care, get my point on that? I mean, we didn't pay any attention to it.

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Q:

So when Mrs. Yokum came and started to talk to you a little bit about the area you lived in, how did you react to the news?

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A:

Well, I was shocked. Because I didn't figure that the United States Government would do that to the American people. I mean even though they have the plant up there they should have known that people lived around the plant and they should, they should realize what we was getting. You know, and they continued on doing things that to this day I can't understand why. And it just wasn't fair to the American people what they was doing to us.

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Q:

When you found out that there was uranium being released into the atmosphere and those types of things and you realized there might be a problem with the water, um, how did you feel about the government?

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A:

Um, I thought they was very unfair to us knowing that we had a well water and then we was drinking that water and wasn't saying anything. And I thought it was very unfair for them to know that it was falling on our roofs and going down to our cistern when it rained and we was drinking that water. So I think it was very, very unfair of the United States to do that.

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A:

I mean, you know we don't live in Germany, we don't live in Paris or Rome. We are in the United States of America. And for the government to do that, it's unreal. You know, that's how I feel against it.

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Q:

Also along those lines of the water issue, you live very close to the river, did you have any concerns about the river?

A:

No. Because we don't go in the river. Uh, if we did fish in the river, we didn't eat them, we'd throw them back. So as far as the river, no it didn't bother me in the least. You know, I didn't put my foot in it or nothing so I no, I wasn't concerned about it. That's another thing why we bought this house because of the river you know and uh no the river didn't concern me a bit, no.

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Q:

Now when FRESH started to make the Federal Government aware of how the surrounding community's felt, um, did they in any way try to put it right?

A:

Oh, what do you mean by that?

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Q:

Um, like the bottled water. Did you do the bottled water?

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A:
I did the bottled water.

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Q:
Can you tell us a little bit about how that came about?

A:
Uh, 1991 I believe it was, uh, they closed my well down due to contamination. And they started bringing in, hauling in water from Ross, Ohio. Well that was just as bad as getting my water. So I said I won't drink that water. So Fernald started bringing me in 5 gallon jugs whatever, and they did pay for it. And uh, it continued up to the time I got my city water. So they was very nice on that.

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Q:
How long did you have to be on bottled water?

A:
Oh, over a year I think. Which still and all when you get water from Ross, they was in as bad condition as we was. So you still have to wash your clothes in it. You still have to take a bath in all this water, I mean if you think of all the things what you have to do with water and thinking well if this water's coming from Ross, they claim it's clean but is it really.

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A:
I mean you don't know you know. Uh, I have a granddaughter comes here, we have a pool for her you know and she plays in water, was that safe for her? She would drink the bottled water because I wouldn't let her drink the other water but still and all you know when your grandchildren come here and play, we had a big pool, and when they come in here and play in the pool..

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You know I don't think you would like your children to play in that water. You know like the Fernald people came here one time to test my garden in back or to test this well water, well what they did, they came in here in these white, what do you call these white uniforms, with a big mask and rubber gloves and they turned my well water on. I said what is this?

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I said you people come in here with these uniforms on, you won't touch the damn water but you want us to drink it, now does that make sense to you? And then like they went back in our garden and they took a couple things which I gave them permission to take and here again they're all in this big white uniform like they're out of space or something and they won't touch it but they expect us to eat it.

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Now wouldn't you wonder? When you see something like that. You know when they wouldn't even turn the well water on to touch it in their hands. They have to have this white gloves on this big uniform on. It's funny to me now but it wasn't then.

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Q:

And what year did they come to test your water and your garden?

A:

Oh, gee, probably '92, '93, something like that.

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Q:

So it wasn't that long ago?

A:

No. No.

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Q:

Did they explain to you uh, what they were looking for?

A:

Contamination I guess you know. I mean, you'd have to be stupid if you didn't know what they was looking for. Now they still come oh maybe once every three months or something like that and call me and ask me if they can go over the hill and get some dirt from the river bank. Of course I said yeah, you know why not. So they still once, I say once maybe every 3 months and they go down there and get water or dirt. I don't know what they get. I don't really pay attention to them you know, but they still do that.

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Q:

And how are they dressed now?

A:

Uh, casual. They're not dressed in those big white outer space suits with rubber gloves on you know. I wish I would of taken a picture of them in that you know because I, that was really funny to see that. You just can't imagine that they came down the house and they want my family to drink the water.

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Q:

Now when they discovered that there was contamination in your well, how, just go back to that day and tell me how you felt about that?

A:

I was mad. Very mad. Because down the road, we're all right now, down the road, what's going to happen to us. Uh, like I said they, they knew we was drinking that water. We had no other choice except to drink it which we didn't know all this stuff was going on but they knew it you know. It's better to tell the truth than a lie. Let the American people know what's going on you know. Instead of sitting by and lying about it.

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A:

Like I said, didn't they care for the people they was, that lived around here. I mean, we're taxpayers, we're American people, you get my point on this. So yes, we was really pissed off about it. And we was thinking about selling, but would you sell, would you buy my house? Knowing all this was going on. You know, nobody would buy this property. I don't even know if they'd buy it now. I haven't tried it and don't want to but at that time you couldn't have sold this house if you wanted it.

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A:

So, yeah I was quite upset with them. And my husband says we should have never bought down here but that's his way of saying you know. You don't know. But I think now we're safe but then again, who knows. You know, something else could pop up. And all that stuff that's seeping underground, is it still seeping. We don't know that either you know. But.

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Q:

And uh, did you know any Fernald workers at all?

A:

No. No, uh, so funny 'cause I was telling my mother about Fernald and uh, I had a stepfather and she said to me she says well your stepfather helped build Fernald. He was in construction. And I said well I didn't know that. And she says well if you would have asked me I would have told you what the place was. So she knew all the while but we never thought to ask her what that was. And she knew what it was 'cause my stepfather helped build it.

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Q:

Really, what was his name?

A:

Lee Donley. Yeah, he was a carpenter.

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Q:

Wow.

A:

Yeah.

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Q:

Now do you, do you attend any of the public meetings now?

A:

No.

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Q:
Did you ever go to FRESH meetings?

A:
Uh, I didn't go to FRESH meetings. Uh, I went to all the water meetings. I'm not a person to belong to a lot of clubs and different things like that. I just never got involved in that stuff. I know Mrs. Yokum, she's really involved in it and I just, I just don't get involved in stuff like that. I'll fight for my family but, I think other people should fight for themselves too. So no I don't get in that. No, you know.

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Q:
How do you feel about the work that's going on at Fernald now?

A:
As far as them moving stuff out? Well, I don't think they'll ever get cleaned up. It's been, too much stuff has been spilled. Uh, there's too many tanks under ground. I think if they ever tried to get those out, it won't do any good. As far as Fernald, I don't think it will ever be cleaned. You know somebody mentioned why not put a park in there. I don't think so you know.

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Q:
What would you like personally to see done with the land that Fernald's sitting on once it's torn down?

A:
Just leave it. You know 'cause really what can you do with it? Uh, if you try to grow anything in there you don't know what you're growing. Just leave it. It's a waste of space and that's what it's going to be forever, you know. What else can you do with it? Unless they put an office building in there, one small office building isn't going to help anybody you know.

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A:
That's awful big land to try to do anything with it. So I heard they was going to try to make a park but that's hearsay. So I don't know if that's true or not but I don't know you know. I just kind of like to be in my own house and mind my own business.

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Q:
Now you mentioned the public water supply. Can you tell us a little bit about that and how it came about?

A:
Uh, well people around here has no city water. Of course Fernald contaminated everybody's well. I'm the only one that had the well down here and my well's contaminated and the rest of the people ordered water. So they decided to put the city water in and give the people within two miles, put their water in for nothing which that was great.

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A:

But Fernald doesn't understand that the people around here wouldn't have needed the city water if they hadn't contaminated our well and water in the first place. So they're the ones that forced us really, a lot of people didn't want that water, they forced a lot of people to get this water. Which I was glad to get it.

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A:

Of course we had well water and I could use all the water I wanted and never had a water bill. But what we pay for water bill is nothing. I mean I'd be glad to pay it just to know I got water here. And my grandchildren comes here and plays in the water sprinkler. But uh, they was, they was good to us in that. They paid for, had the water put in and have it hooked up which that's very, very expensive.

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A:

And uh they did that with people in 2 miles of Fernald so I'm glad we got city water. In fact now you can play in it and don't have to worry about it.

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Q:

How far away are you from the plant here?

A:

Uh, within 2 miles of Fernald.

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Q:

Are you in the medical monitoring program?

A:

Yeah.

Q:

Can you tell us a little bit about that?

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A:

Okay. Once a year I go up to Mercy Hospital in Hamilton. I can get any test done that I want. Any, and not get, I don't have to pay for it. I get my mammogram test through Mercy Hospital once a year. I get a pap test, I get a chest x-ray. I can get any kind of test I want and I don't have to pay for it. But the only thing I get is my mammogram and of course my pap test I go to my regular doctor you know. So they are good in that you know.

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Q:

And how did you get involved in the medical monitoring program?

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A:

Uh, everybody around here got involved in it. Um, and I get this for the rest of my life. But everybody around here has been involved in it. I think people within the 2 miles gets to go for nothing.

And you can have anything done that you want, anything and you don't have to pay for it. And I think that's great you know.

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A:

'Cause a lot of people don't have you know money to have everything done to them that they want. But through Fernald you can so that's one good thing. I mean Fernald's isn't, I guess Fernald isn't all bad you know.

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Q:

Uh, were you part of the class action suit that took place?

A:

Yeah.

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Q:

Can you tell us a little bit about that?

A:

Well we got money out of it but I still think no matter how much money you get, you still uh, it's not enough money for what they did to you. You know as far as your health wise 'cause really you don't know what's going to happen to you down the road if anything's going to happen to you. So I think money wise, money isn't everything you know. So that's how I feel about that.

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Q:

What types of things do you worry about? Not only for yourself but your family because of the contaminated well especially?

A:

Uh, my children, my grandchildren. Uh, 'cause I, like I said, we had a pool and uh, they'd come down here and play in it. Of course you know kids always has their mouth full of water and uh you worry something like that about your children your grandchildren. Now my 2 children, uh, they're okay. Which they was in the pool too, then you have your grandchildren you just worry about are they going to be okay. But so far they're okay too you know.

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Q:

Do you know anybody in the area, um, that you've discussed these issues with besides Edwa?

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A:

Oh yeah. We all do around here. Uh, Tonor's next door you know. Of course she moved in after all this was over with. And uh, Mike next door, he moved in after it was all over with. So actually the regular people that lived here has all moved away. So they kind of moved away at the wrong time 'cause they wanted to keep their house but they didn't like what was going on.

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A:

And my husband and I discussed it, we decided not to sell our house, we'd just sit here and see what happens. And I think everything has actually turned out you know. If Fernald doesn't release any more stuff through the air or don't do anything stupid any more you know. Maybe we can trust Fernald a little bit or can't we trust them? You know that's how we feel about it.

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A:

'Cause I think once you buy your home and you like it, you don't want to sell and move. I don't want to move away from my kids. So that's why we stayed here. Yeah.

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Q:

If you could sit somebody down from, well it used to be the Atomic Energy Commission, or the Department of Energy right now and tell them how you feel about Fernald and what has happened, what would you say to them?

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A:

Why? Why did you do it? I mean, you know they say I'm a crier. They say it was a mistake. Was it a mistake. We don't know. We have to believe what they say you know. But I would say to them why? Knowing, you know like I say, people, why did they have to do it to us you know. Wasn't there some way that they could control that?

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A:

Uh, did they think of the people that lived around here? It's things like that I would ask them you know. And ask them why. Because it's awful hard, we don't live in a foreign country where we have to be afraid of all this stuff that's going on. I mean this is the United States of America you know. People, United States people don't think of radiation and things like that you know.

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A:

You just don't think of it. Like where you live as you wouldn't dream of thinking about it you know like we do down here or like we did down here. But I guess it's all right now but who knows you know. Whatever they tell you from Fernald you got to believe them. You don't know if they're lying or telling the truth. You just think well, I'll believe them for now you know. That's how we think about it. But that's it.

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Q:

While all this was happening and shortly after you found your well was contaminated, what type of emotional difficulties did you have dealing with that?

A:

Uh, oh God there were so many things. We, we didn't want to come outside. We didn't want to walk through the grass. We didn't want to eat stuff out of our garden. Um, we didn't want to drink the water out of our cistern. Uh, we didn't want to drink our well water. See what we'd do, we'd take our well water and fill up our cistern and turn the well water off and drink the water out of the cistern.

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A:

Well, we didn't want to do that. I mean it was just, so many things that you didn't want to do thinking there's radiation. And uh, you know the only thing I could think of is, you watch these movies like I did when I was a kid or grew up. And see these people in radiation has these big sores all over ya and I thought, oh God that's how we're going to look.

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A:

I mean you really get some crazy thought in your mind really you know. But that's, that's how it were when we found all this out you know. So.

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Q:

And how old were your children when you found out?

A:

Uh, let's see, Pam is 35. Twenty-three, twenty-four. Then my oldest daughter uh she was already gone by the time this hit. Uh, my youngest daughter though, she's had 3 miscarriages and I don't know how true it is but Mrs. Yokum says due from radiation. I don't think so but that's what she says. Uh, she has a very hard time getting pregnant. So you can take that as it is. I don't know if that's true or not you know. She knows more about it than I do.

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Q:

And how did your children react, your older daughter was gone already, how did she react, well how did both of them react to finding out? How many kids do you have?

A:

Nothing. I have two girls.

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Q:

You have two girls.

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A:

Uh nothing. You know, uh, I think 23 I don't think you realize how bad radiation is you know. So no she didn't really think nothing about it. 'Til she did say to me one time, when my granddaughter was in the pool, she's says mom, is that well water? And I said yeah, she says I wish you wouldn't let Lauren swim in it. So I took her out of the pool and never left her back in it.

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Q:

Did they worry about your health and your husbands health?

A:

Yeah, yeah.

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Q:

And what did they say about that?

A:

Well, uh, my youngest daughter, she wanted us to sell and move and I said where we gonna go you know? And I said for the price we paid for this house, I love my yard, I love my river, I says where we gonna go Pam? She said well find a different place. I said no, we'll stick it out here you know. Like I said, I love it here. So, this is where I'm going to die this is my house, you know, it's mine. So when I get my prosthesis I'm going to start walking down by the river again. We like it here you know.

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Q:

Okay. When, when you started having difficulties with the water and um, how did your husband react to it?

A:

He got mad. Um, he, he got really mad and he said let's sell, get the hell out of here. I'm going back to what I said before, who would buy the house? Everybody around here knew what was going on. Everybody in the newspapers knew what was going on. There was no way we could have sold this house. So you know how wife is to her husband, I just told him, oh shut up you know.

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A:

I think a husband complains more than a wife does you know. So we talked it out and he settled down you know. What can you do with a husband, you know what I mean?

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Q:

Did you ever get a chance to talk to anybody from Fernald about your difficulties?

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A:

Oh yeah. They would come down here and uh, you know they would talk to us about what was going on and we told them what we thought. And uh, 'course like I said, you know they'd come down and test our well water with uniforms and test our garden in uniforms. But yeah, every once in a while they'd come down and talk to us you know.

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Q:

And who was it usually? I mean not necessarily names but?

A:

Uh, I don't know, hon, all I know they worked for, I remember all they worked for was Fernald you know the government and I would tell them what I think you know. And my husband would say oh, you shouldn't tell them that. I said, why not I'm telling the truth. You know that we are citizens of the United States and they shouldn't have done that to us.

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A:

He's says well your gonna have the FBI on you and everything else and I said I don't care. You know, so he kind of got perturbed with me when they would come down here and I would tell them what I thought. He would just sit back and listen, I would open my big mouth. You know how men are.

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Q:

So he was worried that the government would have some kind of retribution?

A:

Yeah, he would worry about you know are they going to send the FBI down here or whatever you know. And I said I don't really care, you tell the truth and nothing's going to happen. He says I know but he says you shouldn't be telling these people that. I said what the hell, they did it. I mean not them personal. But the people that worked up there did it.

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A:

So he wouldn't really sit there and talk about anything that he thought would hurt our family with the FBI. But, and no I never had the FBI come, no. So, you know.

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Q:

When you moved in and it was the mid '70's or so, it was kind of a Cold War still going on and were you aware of Fernald's mission as far as the Cold War went?

A:

Not really. No, you know. Uh, I don't really get involved in a war. I don't really get involved in politics. If I looked at you and said gee I'd like to have you as President, I'd vote for ya. I'd learn little about ya, but I don't really get involved in that stuff you know. It's like this war that's going on now, I don't really get involved in it.

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A:

There's nothing I can do for it. Sometimes I think we should go over there and bomb the hell out of them just to get out of there. But uh, who am I to say that I'm only one person. So no, I don't really get involved in all that stuff you know. My husband does but I don't. So you start talking about what's going on over there now, I'd say I'm sorry I don't know what you're talking about. I just don't get involved in it.

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Q:

So generally um, how do you think that the plant affected the surrounding community?

A:

Uh, I think it affected it bad. Uh, again this is hearsay, uh, a lot of people has died of cancer which they say they got from Fernald. I'm no doctor so I can't say yeah, they got it from Fernald. Uh, I don't think they can even say it unless they know for sure. Um, but I think they infected the whole neighborhood around here you know.

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A:

Uh, a lot of people wanted to sell their homes but they couldn't, couldn't sell them. But I think since the waters been in and since it's kind of calmed down a little bit, I think people around here is, is okay now. Uh, Mrs. Yokum, she's in that, what's it called? (Comment - FRESH) FRESH. Uh, she's really involved in it and I'm not.

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A:

I could, but like I said before, I don't like to get involved in stuff like that, so I don't get involved in it you know.

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Q:

Now uh, when you moved here what kinds of myths or legends or anything did you hear about the plant?

A:

I didn't hear anything about the plant when we moved here. Uh, we moved here in '70, '76 and we didn't hear anything about that plant. Nobody talked about it or you know uh I never talked with anybody. Nobody said anything to me about the plant. Nothing when we moved here. And in 1978, uh, we got tired of paying for water and having it hauled in so that's why we dug a well.

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A:

So in 1978, we dug for that well and from '78 all the way up to '91 we was drinking the water. So but I like my house and I'm staying. But as far as the neighbors around here, no, nobody ever talked about anything. Uh, the lady next door, she died of cancer. Can you really prove Fernald did it? You know, I don't know, I'm no doctor.

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A:

Uh, uh, man two doors down, he died of cancer. Again, I don't know I'm no doctor. You know, so I don't know.

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Q:

If Fernald could give you some type of retribution for your difficulties, what retribution would that be?

A:

I don't know. What could they give you know. Uh, it's over and done with to me. Unless they escape more dust through the air, which I hope they don't. But uh, I don't really know, you know. To me I think it's over with, I hope so. Unless they get in the city water, do something to our city water, but I don't really know, you know.

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A:

Do you mean money wise? I think money wise, uh there's no money on earth that they could give to you for what they've done to you, you know. I mean as far as, like I said we don't know what's going to happen down the road so as far as money wise if you get cancer, that money's not going to help you. That's my husband, so, he's the one who went out and bought the truck to go back to work.

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A:

But no, you know I don't know what they can give you. Money wise, I don't think so. Apologize, I don't think they would do any good. So I really don't know you know. I don't know.

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Q:

Good. Okay, we're going to pause the tape here.

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Q:

Um, I forgot what it was.

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Q:

Um, when our people called you and asked you if you wanted to do an interview, um, and told you a little bit about the Fernald Living History Project, um I just, what are your impressions of the project?

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A:

To be honest with you, I don't really know you know. I mean, I really don't know. As far as coming down here for the interviews, I've had them before so you know interviews don't really bother me but the rest, I don't really know you know. Like, I don't know.

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Q:

Who have you talked to in the past?

A:

Well, like I said, people from Fernald has come down um, the people uh from the *Post* has been here, from the *Enquirer* has been here. So uh, people's been here on and off due to Fernald. You know but mostly people from Fernald has been here. And you know you, like Mr. Smith or Mr. Jones comes here, you can't really this is the way I'm, I'm being honest with this, you can't really give him hell for what's going on at Fernald, he didn't do it, he just works there.

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A:

I mean that's how I feel about it. Just like you, you work you know you don't have to take a lot of crap off of people. That's how I felt about it you know. Then my sister was here one day, she says "why are you being so nice to those people." I said "Shirley they just work there, they didn't do this." So I mean why be crappy to somebody when it's their job you know. So I try to be nice to people.

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Q:

And we thank you for it.

A:

Thank you.

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Q:

Um, do you feel that um, folks here in the community have any control over how Fernald is cleaned up or do they have any control or say in the process?

A:

Uh, that FRESH club I think is trying to get a lot of control over Fernald as far as how they clean it up and things like that you know. Like I said I don't get involved in it. But Mrs. Yokum probably can really tell you how, how she thinks of it you know. Because she lived here way before I did. But I don't think they'll ever get Fernald cleaned up.

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A:

How can you get a place like that cleaned up when there's big tanks under the ground and they're leaking? You know, what do you do with them? And I understand, 'course this is all hearsay, it's all leaking south. Well we're south of Fernald so is it coming our way? That's why they was in a hurry to put this city water in here 'cause it's all going to go under this ground.

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A:

But I like to know when it starts coming under this ground. Is it going to hit the Ohio River? I always did say that. You know, how fast is it leaking and how fast is it going to run you know. Is it going to hit this river, is it going to hit the Ohio River or what. 'Cause the way I understand it they uh, they

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can't stop the leaks that's in these big tanks under the ground. So I don't know.

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Q:

Have you ever been to the Fernald site for a tour or anything like that?

A:

I wanted to go many, many times, my husband won't go. He says I don't want to see that, he says uh, how'd he say that, he said the next time somebody comes and talks to me about it, he says I'll cuss them out. He's rude but uh, no, we had our chance to go up and he said no he didn't even want to see it you know. I we don't have nobody up there that works there so we can't ask them you know. But uh, Mrs. Yokum, she's been through it a couple of times but we've never seen it.

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Q:

If you could take a tour, what would you like to see?

A:

Uh, I don't, I really couldn't tell you you know. Uh, what can you say you want to go see. There's probably so many things that you would like to see, can you just say well I want to see this and this and don't, and this or the other you know. I'm nosy, I probably would want to see it all. You know, where the contamination was, where the tanks are and all, I would want to see all that. But like I said, I'm nosy. So I would see all that

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Q:

Is there anything you'd like to add, anything that we didn't talk about that you'd like to cover?

A:

No. It's just you know that like I said, I don't think Fernald should have done what they did to us. Uh, we are American people. You expect this maybe in Russia or someplace you know but not here in the United States you know. And uh, that's how I feel about it.

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Q:

Well thanks for taking the time to talk with us today.

A:

You're welcome

Q:

I really, really appreciate it.

A:

You're welcome.

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Q:

Thanks, okay. Nat sound, that's right I always forget about nat sound, we just have to be quiet on the

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set for a second and we'll get some nat sound here.