

Wedding Day

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Gertie Fowler:

I'm here in L'Anse au Loup with Julie Butt Ryland, and Julie is gonna be celebrating her sixty fifth wedding anniversary on the 4th of October, she married Hubert Ryland, so she is going to tell me about her wedding day now.

Okay, Mrs. Ryland, tell me about what went on, on the day you was married.

Julie Ryland:

We left East St. Modeste in the morning, and we come to Pinware and got aboard the boat and drove to ah.... in the boat to ah...West St. Modeste.

Gertie Fowler:

What kind of boat now was that?

Julie Ryland:

Ah... motorboat.

Gertie Fowler:

Motorboat.

Julie Ryland:

Yeah. And we drove to West St. Modeste and had to walk from West St. Modeste to Capstan Island.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Julie Ryland:

Wet and blowing and all as it 'twas. And we went to a man be the name of Uncle Harry Fowler and asked him for his motorboat and he told his son "if 'twas to rough to go to L'Anse au Loup to stay," he said, "but" he said, "if the wind calms down, you can have me boat". So in the evening the wind dropped and Wilfred, that was his son, he brought us up.

Mr. Ryland:

.....we walked from East St. Modeste, to Capstan Island.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay, go on.

Julie Ryland:

Okay, so.... Uncle Eb Butt.....

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

.....and John Ryland and me sister Caroline, and ah.. Raymond Cabot, walked to Capstan Island. That's the crowd that walked up there.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

So they we left then and went from L'Anse au Loup in boat.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup.

Julie Ryland:

And ah.... there was another man, Hazel Barney and ah.... Ellis Letto was waiting, but Parson Richard wouldn't marry them until he married us.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

He wanted to marry

Gertie Fowler:

How come

Julie Ryland:

.....us first.

Gertie Fowler:

....he wanted to marry ye first?

Julie Ryland:

'Cause Hubert asked 'em first see.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Julie Ryland:

And he wouldn't marry Ellis then 'til he married Hubert, and waited for Hubert to come up. So we went over to the church and we went in, got married and Hazel and Ellis got married. Then we went over to he's house, where we kept our supper up to.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

We had ah....

Gertie Fowler:

What did you have for supper?

Julie Ryland:

We had ah.....mashed potatoes and what else? Cake and pie stuff like that.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

And ah... baked beans, and ah.... Mr. Richard the minister that married us, and Uncle Mike O'Brien had roast capelin.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Julie Ryland:

They had it there for supper, he couldn't. He couldn't eat ... nothing sweet, say.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Julie Ryland:

And they went.... they got roast....Hubert had Capelin...and they went and they got capelin for him.

Gertie Fowler:

So what about your wedding dress, now. Where did you get your wedding dress to?

Julie Ryland:

Aunt Rose Linstead, made me wedding dress for me, bought the material to Fred Rylands.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Julie Ryland:

Fred's shop. Fred had a shop. And ah... pretty green.

Gertie Fowler:

Pretty green. Okay

Julie Ryland:

Yeah.

Gertie Fowler:

So did you have a ring or anything?

Julie Ryland:

Oh yes, me ring.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Okay.

Julie Ryland:

That's he.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

Bought he from Jack Bolger.

Gertie Fowler:

So how many people now turned up for the supper.

Julie Ryland:

My dear we had most all of what's in L'Anse au Loup what could come, to our supper.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

Me mother and father wasn't up here, because it was too bad for them to get up, it was too windy, it was in the Fall, see and they never....

Gertie Folwer:

Okay. You was...so you was gonna come regardless.

Julie Ryland:

Yes. (laughs)

Gertie Fowler:

(laughs)

Julie Ryland:

Yes, I was gonna come regardless.

Gertie Fowler:

So the baked beans, now and that, who baked...

Julie Ryland:

Different ones.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Julie Ryland:

Like ah... people asked people to

Gertie Fowler:

..... to make them for ye.

Julie Ryland:

And they made pies and cakes and brought up. And we brought up some pies with us. Me and Caroline.... Caroline brought up some.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. So gettin' back to the boat, now gettin' back to the boat, like was that boat covered in, or anything or.....

Julie Ryland:

Nope, just a open boat.

Gertie Fowler:

Just a open boat.

Julie Ryland:

Yeah. And Uncle Eb now he had poor old John Ryland drowned almost with what they use to put the flag down in the water and dip..

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

And dip it around John's head.

Gertie Fowler:

Why.....why did you have a flag? Because that was the tradition....

Julie Ryland:

Yeah

Gertie Fowler:

.....then if you....

Julie Ryland:

Yesyes.... and that was our brides boy see, John, And Uncle Eb and Caroline and Becky.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Julie Ryland:

And Uncle Jim Ryland was our father giver.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes maid. 'Cause your father couldn't get up.

Julie Ryland:

Yeah.

Gertie Fowler:

So anything else you want to add to your story?

Julie Ryland:

And we had the dance..... where did ...

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, did you have a dance.....

Julie Ryland:

Yes, we danced. I thought we danced over in Steward Ryland's porch but he told me usually they danced up the school.

GertieFowler:

Oh. Okay. Over in the old school.

Julie Ryland:

Yeah we use to come up there.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Julie Ryland:

Yeah.

Gertie Fowler:

So did you think things changed since ah.... in sixty five years.

Julie Ryland:

Yes. Things changed my dear.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, for sure. Okay

Julie Ryland:

Now they have the biggest kind of weddings.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Julie Ryland:

Yeah.

Gertie Fowler:

So is that all you want to add to it today.

Julie Ryland:

Yes maid, yeah that's...

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Well thank you for sharing your memories with me. I hope you have a.... I can't say hope you have sixty five more, but I hope you have a few more.

Julie Ryland:

Yes my dear. Yeah.

Gertie Fowler:

Very Good. Thank you now.

