

Early Days working in the Cod Fishery

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Gertie Fowler:

Today is September 30th, 2009 and my name is Gertie Fowler and I'm here in English Point today with Helen Trimm or Helen Trimm Buckle and Helen is going to share some memories with me today about when she was young and how she worked with her father and fished.....helped him with the fish and then with her husband and then she moved on to the fish plant. So Helen would you like to share some memories with me?

Helen Buckle:

Yes, my dear. When I was a young girl, about 13 or 14 year old ...well dad was fisherman and we use to always help him with the fish. So we'd see him coming in.... in the bay with his load of fish and we'd all get ready and go down. We never had no oil clothes then. Mom had aprons made with flour bags, had to do them in Linseed Oil, that's what we use to wear around our waist.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

So, we use to go down and we'd have our share at the fish and that and when we get tired at the fish, we'd come up the house with the smaller kids and mom take her turn down at the fish.

We use to have to do the fish, we use to have to head it, and we use to have to help bring it in, salt it, and we use to have to clean off the stage head and that for dad and them and by the time we'd get all that done, dad and them would be on their way back out again. So we use to be constant at the fish, in the summer time.

So anyway ah... we use to ah that would be the start of the fishing season, so we would do all them things then. And then, days it would be blowing really hard, of course, you'd almost blow off the stage head and other days the flies would almost carry you off.

But them times, when the flies get thick, we would go and pick blackberry bushes and put in a whole galvanized washin' tub and put on the head of the wharf and light it. And the smoke from that would keep the flies away from us, hey?

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

But we use to have wonderful times.....

Gertie Fowler:

What about ah.... what about in the night time now? When you use to be working...

Helen Buckle:

In the... in the nighttime we'd go down and ...

Gertie Fowler:

What would you use for ah...

Helen Buckle:

A light?

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Well, they use to use sometimes you'd use an old kerosene oil lantern.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

But some more times, dad would make what you calls the "slut". And that was a big piece of rag down into a tub of seal oil....

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmm....

Helen Buckle:

... and they use to put the rag down in the seal oil and light it, and that would burn for hours and hours. But made it was some stink. (laughs)

Gertie Fowler:

Oh, yeah.... but..

Helen Buckle:

But that was our lights back then. If we never had enough money or enough kerosene oil for our lantern, they would make...they use to call it the "slut".

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay. So did that keep the flies away too, then.

Helen Buckle:

Oh, yeah, when you light he, that would keep the flies away. That would.... you see in the night time there wouldn't be a lot of flies, it was only in the day, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

In the night time it wouldn't be a lot of flies.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, that's true.

Helen Buckle:

Hmmm.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmm.

Helen Buckle:

But that's the kind of things we use to do. Then after that, we... when the time come to wash it then we would have a big old punchin' tub. They use to call it the punchin' hey?

Gertie Fowler:

Right.

Helen Buckle:

And we use to put the water in the punchin' and we'd pick the fish from the salt fish pile and we'd put it in the punchin'. We would scrub the backs with a little brush because the slime would be on the backs and that from the salt, of course, and the pickle. But then when you turn it over, you'd have to wash the paste with a piece of soft rag, where you wouldn't tear the fish up, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. Yeah

Helen Buckle:

Yeah.

And then we would wash the fish, and then we would wheel it to the flakes, and the kind of flakes we use to have was bough flakes.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

We use to make our flakes out of boughs.

Gertie Fowler:

So when would they make the flakes now?

Helen Buckle:

They would make the flakes in the Spring of the year. Go and cut the green boughs and by the time the summer was gone, they was dried right up, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

And the boughs would be turned red, by then. But that's what kind of flakes we had... bough flakes.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. Then after that... that was the drying part of it.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

And the next step was the shipping.

The big schooners use to come in and then you'd have to work just as hard as you worked all summer. 'Cause you had to take it out then, wheel it down and pack it aboard the boats and take it out aboard the schooners. When it'd go aboard the schooners, it was the end of the fish then for that season, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

So the schooner would be anchored off.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. She would anchor off... just off there, just in the steam coming down through Buckle's Point, on our side of the Bay for English Point fish and then when that be aboard, she'd steam on the Forteau side and take Forteau side of the fish, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

Hmm.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

That's the way they use to get it.

Gertie Fowler:

So after you got married now.....

Helen Buckle:

Oh, after I got married, I worked harder at the fish then I worked before I was married.
(laughs)

Gertie Fowler:

Did ya? (laughs) You had bigger responsibilities.

Helen Buckle:

Bigger responsibility then too. I had youngsters then. The first year wasn't too bad, but the second year, I had a baby.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

I had Rhoda the second year. But ah... I had a dear old mother-in-law too.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Helen Buckle:

She use to take care of Rhoda, she'd go in the stage in the day... in the evening time early and she would take her turn to the stage. And then when, after I got Rhoda settled away for the night, she would come up and stay with Rhoda and mind her and I would take the night part of the stage.

Gertie Fowler:

So you was one of the lucky ones?

Helen Buckle:

I was one of the lucky ones. I had a mother-in-law that ... that use to do that hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

She use to take her turn, then I take mine.

Gertie Fowler:

So what... when you worked in the stage now, what part of it did you take care ...

Helen Buckle:

Do?

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

I use to head.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Helen Buckle:

I was a header. Yeah.

Gertie Fowler:

Alright.

Helen Buckle:

And my dear, they use to come in with 70 and 80 kentels of fish, we'd be at it 'til daylight. Mrs. Buckle go down and work 'til 9 or 10 o'clock, 'til I get Rhoda to bed and we'd be down there 'til 5 and 6 in the morning.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

And the old fellow, Mr. Buckle, he was the salter. He wouldn't let no one salt, hey. So I use to head, poor old Bertha use to cut throat....

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

...and Sam use to split, and Jehu use to wheel it to their father, and their father use to salt fish. That's the way it was... everyone had a job.

Gertie Fowler:

So they all fished together, did they?

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. They use to... well it was Sam and Jehu and Jack Buckle use to fish with 'em too.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Helen Buckle:

And, well Baxter didn't fish that much with 'em....but they all ... everyone had their job, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Everyone done their job.

Gertie Fowler:

So what about ah... what about cooking the fish and that, now Helen. What ah... did ye eat very much fish when....

Helen Buckle:

Fish. My dear, be fish, breakfast, dinner and supper back then. You never had time to cook too much.

What we use to do in the morning times, in the night time when we'd be doing the fish we'd keep the tongues and the britches and in the morning time when the boys was gone to haul their trap....

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

... 'cause they wouldn't have breakfast for they went. When they come back, we'd have the great big old bowl of stuff fried up for 'em for their breakfast. Every morning, they'd always come to Mrs. Buckle's house they use to call it, Mom's hey. They use to come to mom's for breakfast, always come their and me and she use to get up 'cause I use to live with her then.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle :

And my dear, we'd make the big old frying pans on the stove and fry the cods tongues, and the cods britches. Some more times, they would bring in a salmon when they'd come out of the trap and we would put he in the pot and boil 'em up fer 'em. That's the kind of stuff we use to do.

Gertie Fowler:

So when did you get time now to make bread and things.

Helen Buckle:

Oh, we'd make bread...well back then you'd made bread in the night anyway, right.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

And you'd make your bread in the night and then you'd let it rise all night and ah... get up in the morning, put it on, between the spells, you'd get your bread done. Between the breaks, run up and down and stuff it in the oven, run down the stage and when you'd think it was cooked, you'd run up again.

Gertie Fowler:

So now when did you, ah.... we was talking about, how you worked with your husband and that. So when did you start, now working... when did it change like from taking care of your own fish until you went to work.

Helen Buckle:

That changed ah... when Jehu start going away....like ah... construction work. Well I didn't have to work at the fish then, as such. 'Cause he wasn't fishing, but then ah....in 1979... I'm not sure if it was '78 or '79, Pat Cabot opened a plant in L'Anse au Loup. I think it was '79, just the same. It was '79.

And we went, I knows, I can remember it, just the same as if it was the day, everyone was going to work to the plant. And me and poor old Hazel, was the only two that never bothered the plant. So I phoned her and said "Hazel, just me and you go to L'Anse au Loup", I said, "down to Pat Cabot's to see if we can get work in the plant."

(Background voice)

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, go ahead.

Helen Buckle:

And she said ah....she said ah... "My Helen maid, it's no go to do that" she said.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

I said "we're gonna do it then," I said.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

"Okay, then" she said. I had me license, so she never had none, so I said "come on up". Two of us went down and went in the office and Pat Cabot ...Pat Cabot was there. And we asked Pat if there was any chance of gettin' some work, in his plant. "My dear," he said, "No" he said, "I got the full crowd". Me and Hazel, left. Hazel said "very good, maid, I knowed we wouldn't going to get no work," she said. (laughs)

So we come on, we got in Edward Barney's and he chased us and he stopped us in there. He said "ye girls, go home and get your clothes and come on back to work" he said. So me and Hazel come back as proud as two peacocks and got all ready and went down and told poor old dad about it. "Oh" he said, "he got the two now." He said. I'll never forget what he said to us, he said "they haven't got to show ye two how to do your work". (laughs)

Gertie Fowler:

Oh yeah.

Helen Buckle :

That what he said to us that night.

Gertie Fowler:

So he had confidence in ye.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. So anyway, the two of us got ready and went down and we worked there 'til Hazel retired in '92, I think it was. And I kept on working 'til....

Gertie Fowler:

Last year.

Helen Buckle

...2009.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. So...

Helen Buckle:

But it was some changes in the plant since we worked there 'til now, too.

Gertie Fowler:

Was it?

Helen Buckle:

A lot of changes. Yes. They're really particular now over the way you do's things, make sure you're clean, and you got clean clothes, your rubbers is clean, your hands is clean.

Gertie Fowler:

It wasn't like that back first?

Helen Buckle:

Well you had to when we walked in the plant, one time, we'd walk into a little string of ... like a little tub of water, they had made on the floor with a cement block. Well you had to wash your hands, but now they got the proper soaps and the proper sanitizers and got the proper sanitizer going over your floor all day long and...

Gertie Fowler:

Yes... yeah...

Helen Buckle:

Got to have all your hair covered

Gertie Fowler:

Right.

Helen Buckle:

.... And you can't wear no jewelry. Back then see they didn't bother a set of earrings.

Gertie Fowler:

No.

Helen Buckle:

But now, you're not allowed to have nothing like that.

Gertie Fowler:

So how did you.... how did you feel now when you got your first check from working at the fish where before you was doing it for....

Helen Buckle:

...fer nothing.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, well....

Helen Buckle:

..well just as well to say fer nothing, hey. Back then you was gettin' a livin' out of it but that's all you was gettin'. Oh my dear, when we got our first check we was so proud as peacocks. We worked twenty weeks, the first year we worked with Pat Cabot. We worked right up 'til the 18th of December.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmm....hmmm.

Helen Buckle:

Cold enough to freeze ya. We had to have 20 weeks back then, first when me and Hazel started.

Gertie Fowler:

In order to qualify....

Helen Buckle:

In order to qualify for EI. And we worked right up 'til ah... 'til the 18th of December. Snowed my dear, I can remember one morning, Jehu took us down and he had to put his chains on to take us to L'Anse au Loup....

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

... down to the fish plant.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Well that sounds very interesting.

Helen Buckle:

My dear.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

And another day we went down, poor old Boyd Ryland was only young then. He had a little 12 skidoo and the women in the plant goes out and takes his skidoo, went for a ride, and broke the cord out of her.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

Use to go for rides on skidoos and everything back then.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Snow and ice and everything, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, it was late... it was so late.

Helen Buckle:

Use to work really late. Not the same now.

Gertie Fowler:

So anything else, now you'd like to add to your story, ah... your memories before we end.

Helen Buckle:

My maid, it's so many memories, I guarantee you that you can talk all day about what you done, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. That's true.

Helen Buckle:

Back then, it wasn't like it is now.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Helen Buckle:

Use to go down at the firewood and that, to keep the fires and that going in the summer time and that sure all you'd do is pick up driftwood and that hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Down around the beach with the bags, dragging up the driftwood and bring back for a rainy day...

Gertie Fowler:

"Fer a yeah.....

Helen Buckle:

we wouldn't....we wouldn't burn it a good day, we'd keep it 'til it rained.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

I use to do all that kind of stuff my dear.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Scrub, and wash and... on the old scrubbin' board and then your knuckles be so sore some days.

Gertie Fowler:

So ah...

Helen Buckle:

I never had hot and cold water and a electric stove or a fridge when I got married first.

Gertie Fowler:

How'd you get the water and that now?

Helen Buckle:

Brought it my darling with buckets.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Brought it from out behind Mr. Belbin's he had a running spring out there, and that's where we brought all of our water from.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

Out behind Mr. Belbin's that's when we use to live down over the hill there hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Use to bring every drop we dranked. Hmmm.

Gertie Fowler:

And for washin' and everything...

Helen Buckle:

For washin' and scrubbin' and no matter what. No matter what we was doing, we had to bring our water, yup.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. Hmmm.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid. Hard times wasn't it?

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. Never had no javex then and with your cup towels and ...and dish clothes and that, if you couldn't get it clean in the water. You put it on the stove and boil it in lye, Gillett's Lye.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Put Gillett's Lye in it. A big old iron pot and put your white clothes in that and you boil it. I guarantee you, that when you took it out of Gillett's Lye and washed it, it would be white... white as snow.

Gertie Fowler:

And then you'd have to pin it out then would you.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. You'd take it out of your Gillett's Lye and then you'd scrub it on your wash board with soap again. And then after you had that done, you'd empt that water out and you'd get another and rinse it again.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

And then you would pin it on the line.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. You told me earlier, now. About your mother making the aprons for ye' out of Linseed Oil....

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Can you tell me how that worked?

Helen Buckle:

How it worked... well she only... the same as old fashioned apron they use to make and tie 'em around you hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle :

But then they use to buy the Linseed Oil, it was just to put the thing down in Linseed Oil and soak 'em and hang it on the line and when that'd dry. That would be water proof.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

Wouldn't no water, go through it.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. She use to make my apron for me, for to go around my waist, but she use to make a oil suit for Bobby out of it.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

She use to make he'she's coat and he's pants and dip it in Linseed Oil. Your mother knows about the Linseed Oil 'fer sure.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Hmmm. Mom use to do that for us.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, they worked hard. Didn't they maid?

Helen Buckle:

Then she'd have her own apron made as well with the Linseed Oil, hey. I mean that's the way it was.

Gertie Fowler:

Did your mother help now with the fish and...

Helen Buckle:

Oh, yes, mom worked at the fish, day and night.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes maid.

Helen Buckle:

Yeeeeess.

Gertie Fowler:

What about ah... I was gonna ask you about ah... did she make any clothes and that for 'ye?

Helen Buckle:

Mom?

Gertie Fowler:

Your clothes?

Helen Buckle:

Yeess. Mom done all our clothes.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Mom made all of our clothes.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

She'd buy the ...buy the material when she had a bit of money to buy it. But if somebody give her an old pair pants, she'd make a new pair out of them for us, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

You know she use to cut... yes, mom... use to make wedding dresses and everything, maid.

Gertie Fowler:

Is that right?

Helen Buckle:

Yes. Mom embroidered, crocheted, and knit and sewed. Half the people in Forteau use to come to mom for sewing and that and making white canvas clothes and mom done all that.

Gertie Fowler:

So Helen, nothing was throwed away, hey?

Helen Buckle:

No.

Gertie Fowler:

Like you said....

Helen Buckle :

No... my gracious, no.

Gertie Fowler:

You'd get a

Helen Buckle:

If someone gave mom an old skirt or somethin' for... she would turn that inside out and cut he over and make new one for us.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

And then over the hospital, hey, they use to go over to the clothing store, they called it then.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Mom would go over and clean, go over a couple of days working in the hospital...house

cleaning.... the old hospital. And then she'd go down the clothing store and buy second hand sweaters and come home and ravel it out and knit sock and vamps, I was never cold or hungry.

Gertie Fowler:

No, that's good.

Helen Buckle:

We always had cows, dad always had cows when we was younger...

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

.... Mom had sheep, we had hens. He use to go in the country.

Gertie Fowler:

How many sheep, now, did you have?

Helen Buckle:

Mom use to have 9 or 10 sheep.

Gertie Fowler:

Is that right?

Helen Buckle:

Hmmmm. Two cows.

Yeah. That was the first years when we was growing up, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

We always had cows butter and milk and in the fall of the year then, they'd kill the bull or whatever they had to kill. We was never hungry nor cold.

Gertie Fowler:

And ye had fresh meat?

Helen Buckle:

We had fresh meat and then we use to always have a garden too, of our own vegetables.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

We use to have real big gardens. Uncle Sam, dad and Aunt Effie the whole works of us.

Gertie Fowler:

So where do you think... or do you know where your mother and them got the seeds and that?

Helen Buckle:

Aw?

Gertie Fowler:

Where do you think...where... do you know where the seeds came from for the garden?

Helen Buckle:

I don't know where the first seed come from, but I knows the years after, that when they did their garden.. they would keep their small potatoes for seeds for the next year.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

The little potatoes?

Gertie Fowler:

The small ones.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. I guess they bought their potatoes from in the fall of the year from the merchants. Like they use to buy in their vegetables, hey. Cut the seeds off in the spring and started off then after that, after they got their first lot of seed, same as now, really. Because like we dug our garden a couple of days ago and we kept our small potatoes for seeds.

Gertie Fowler:

What about for the cabbage?

Helen Buckle:

Cabbage, I guess maid... I'm not sure, I guess maid you could buy that anyway.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

I can remember that they use to have come from, I don't know the name of the place, but it use to be in little bags. They use to have it to the store, hey and you'd go and you'd buy so many ounces, they would weigh so many ounces for you.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

You know what I'm saying? It wouldn't be in the little cabbage packs like it is now. But you'd go over and you'd buy... merchants use to have cabbage, turnip and carrot seed but it would be all in different packs, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Do you know anything about ah.... like having to buy it in a like in a thimble full?

Helen Buckle:

Well maybe that's what they was buying it in a thimble or whatever but I know they use to go to a store... I don't know what they weighed it out in hey. I don't know what they weighed out in and that, I can't say. But I know they use to go to store and buy their cabbage and turnip seed hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Aunt Effie use to have the real big cabbage, maid.

Gertie Fowler:

Did she maid?

Helen Buckle:

Aunt Dulcie use to have a garden to. Oh my, oh my.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. That's good hey?

Helen Buckle:

Aunt Elsie's garden was right there where that little shack is to now, out from the house. That great big old garden, everyone use to grow their vegetables back then, you know Gertie?

Gertie Fowler:

So how did she how did she keep that cabbage and that now for the winter?

Helen Buckle:

For the winter.... they had cellars maid.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. In under their house. Everyone had the big cellar in under their house, they'd have a... there was a great big hole under the house and they'd have it lined around with... they'd have it sealed with wood, hey?

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

With board and that's where they use to store their cabbage and turnip and onions and potatoes and everything in under their floor.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh.. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

Hmmm.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Everyone had that then. Big old cellar under their floor, everyone that I know of.

Gertie Fowler;

Yeah. Well you had to hey, in order to

Helen Buckle:

Yeah... well yeah. They never had the outside cellars but they had it under their floor, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

In order to survive the winter.

Helen Buckle:

They use to have the.... ours use to be out in the porch. You'd go out in the porch and take the hatch up and go down in the cellar. Some more people had 'em in the middle of their kitchen, but there was always a mat on 'em and you'd never know there was a hatch there.

Gertie Fowler;

Oh. Okay. Nice.

Helen Buckle:

That's the way they use to do it back then to keep it.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Helen Buckle:

It was easier to keep then then it is now, really.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

‘Cause now, I can remember when dad use to have 12 and 14 sacks of potatoes and 7 and 8 packs of turnip and ...well he wouldn’t buy very much cabbage that was easy, but he would have his sack of cabbage, sack of onions and everything like that...would all be brought in and put down the cellar for the winter.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes. Maid.

Helen Buckle:

In the fall of the year, when they settled up their fish, they’d buy their winter stock in then, what they could afford to have.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Helen Buckle:

Yeah. That’s the way they use to do it back then Gertie maid.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Helen Buckle:

Wasn’t everyday to the store then.

Gertie Fowler;

Nope. Couldn’t run into the store and pick up your cabbage whenever...

Helen Buckle:

No, no my dear. It was nothing fresh but we survived it and we didn’t die.

Gertie Fowler:

No.

Helen Buckle:

We lived and....

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Well is that all you'd like to add....

Helen Buckle:

Yeah, I think that's very good.

Gertie Fowler;

Yeah. That's beautiful, well I like to thank you for your memories, Helen, they're really ... they're really nice.