

Early Years & Meeting the Captain of the Raleigh

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Gertie Fowler:

Yes, I'm here in L'Anse au Loup this morning with Richard Barney and Richard is going to tell me a few stories now about the days when he grew up.

Richard Barney:

I think I should have started off talking with me father.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay, yeah, whatever.

Richard Barney:

He was in the First World War, like I told ya.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

And ah... he served over there for three years. And after the war he was sent home certainly and some years after the war, in 1922, the ship went ashore in Point Amour, HMS Raleigh.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

It was owned by the British Navy and the Captain that was on her was the same man that me father served with during the war.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes bye'

Richard Barney:

Captain Arthur Bromley, his name was. And ah ... and ah...he was a very nice man and he thought a lot about him and when he found out where ... when ... where he was to. He come up to Forteau to see him.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

The old captain did, up to see my father, up to Buckle's Point, we was living then. That's where I was born and reared certainly on Buckle's Point, and ah.... the first time I heard the...anything much of whatever he said I didn't hear him then of course, I wasn't born then.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

But ah.... me mother was telling me, that he was in a conversation, he had a cup of tea with me father. He said "Barney" he said "you might remember, Barney" he said, "that the German submarine fired two shots at us". "One ahead and one astern" and father said, "Yes, sir." He said "they were rotten shots weren't they boy". (laughs)

Gertie Fowler:

Yes.

Richard Barney:

Missed him, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, Yeah.

Richard Barney:

I guess it was good for them, that it twas.

Gertie Fowler:

So

Richard Barney:

... that they missed. So after he came home, and ah... got settled down, he tried to contact him but I guess people didn't know how to make contact back then.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

But I did hear some news from them, and not all together from him, well there was a guy from Savage Cove, that ah... was in the second World War, ah... Wayne, Richard Wayne his name was.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

He told me when he landed in England, on the dock, when he went overseas in the Second World War. The Captain was on the Raleigh when she went ashore was on the dock to meet them.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Richard Barney:

Yeah, to welcome the Newfoundlanders over there, 'cause they liked the Newfoundlanders so much cause they was all great seaman.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

Newfoundlanders spent a life time on the sea of course.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

That's why he liked them, liked to be around them and liked having him in his boat when he had to go and do something in a small boat. So you never can tell who you're going to run into or where, hey?

Gertie Fowler:

No. Small world hey?

Richard Barney:

In' it my dear.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmmmm.

Richard Barney:

Yup. A fellow phoned me there a few year ago, I won't tell to many names because perhaps some fellows don't like....

Gertie Fowler:

Okay, its up to you. Up to you, what names you want to use.

Richard Barney:

Asked me did I know the name of the Captain of the Raleigh. He knowed he was a Bromley but he didn't know his other name, I said "yes". His name was Arthur Bromley, and I said you should know him, but that's besides the point, he didn't know him, I spose he couldn't help that

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

He couldn't remember and that's besides the point. So that's only about five or six years ago. Some of his relatives was trying to ah.... seek up some information on it of where he went ashore... out on Point Amour you know...

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Richard Barney:

He lost that ship in peace time too that wasn't even in war time.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

It was in peace time. So it all it all boils down to, it's a lot of things in this world we don't know about.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

And there's a lot we're not going to know about. I can tell a little story about your father too, I can't help that one. When I was a boy, wouldn't very big

Gertie Fowler:

No.

Richard Barney:

.....we lived in Forteau, grew up in Buckle's Point.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

When he came up there for some medicine or something for someone over to Forteau and on his way back the brook wasn't good, and tried to cross and the dog took him off on the bad ice and he fell in the water, icy cold water, that was a cold morning too. Uncle Jack Buckle was out of the woods and he seen him and he runned, him and Henry Buckle

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And that's the two men that helped him out.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. I often heard him tell that story.

Richard Barney:

And he had a piece of rope with him and he had a... Uncle Jack had just coming from the woods and he had a chain drag around his neck... like you seen doing it.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes.

Richard Barney:

On a dog team, we always had one certainly. And he tied it on the end of the rope, and he slung it out across the ice and it went out straight to him. And that's what he grabbed ought to it.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And that was a hole in the ice too. But it might have been 10 or 15 below zero, I wasn't very old but at that time you wouldn't stand too long in icy cold water, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

No. Nope.

Richard Barney:

But anyway, they got him in and got him ashore and took him to some house. I'm not a hundred per cent sure what house they took him too, but it don't matter every one was pretty much alike

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

and managed to survive him. So it was an experience for the people looking after him and an experience for him too that he didn't want but....

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

... he just got caught in to it and it didn't happen very often.

Gertie Fowler:

No.

Richard Barney:

Yes, my dear, there's so many old stories that you can tell.

Gertie Fowler:

What about that one now that you were telling me yesterday about the plane? The first plane that ah.... came in Forteau?

Richard Barney:

Well, I can't say for sure that it was the first plane.

Gertie Fowler:

No.

Richard Barney:

That ever come there, but it was in 1939, 38 or 39 I'm not one hundred percent sure. But it could be in 1939. There was one that come in here and pitched and there was an old boy that went in the country in here, he was trapping, two brothers, certainly. And they found some kind of interesting material in their, it appeared to be some minerals.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmm.

Richard Barney:

Then they brought it out and sent it away. And ah...some results come back about it anyway, but at that time when a plane came. At that time, for a plane to come it was unusual, we hardly seen a plane when I was young growing up.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And she pitched in Forteau and took an old fellow, it was a Fowler and carried him in the country but he couldn't pitch where he wanted to pitch, down the rocks in the lake. Brought him out and ah..... he was going to come back again.

I'm pretty well sure it was the same year, a short time after that... that he went out in boat... too much in his boat ... swamped his boat and got drowned.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, bye'

Richard Barney:

And his son drove off on the bottom of the boat, and a fellow who was out fishing, picked him up from the bottom of the boat and asked him where his father was at He's up there yet, Almond Roberts certainly.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh, okay.

Richard Barney:

I dear say Almond Roberts can tell you a better story because he was involved it in, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Richard Barney:

That was Almond's father. But anyway that's why he went in the country with his father when he was very, very young.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, bye

Richard Barney:

He's not quite so old as I am, hey?

Gertie Fowler:

No

Richard Barney:

No. I can remember seeing him going in the country, and the war broke out in 1939.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmm..

Richard Barney:

And that put an end to most everything that was going on, then hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh, Okay.

Richard Barney:

In the public eye too, I guess that's why they never went no further with that. But ah.... tis all that picture there look.... That was took 1938.

Gertie Fowler:

That's you and your father.

Richard Barney:

Me and my father.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup, Beautiful. Really nice.

Richard Barney:

And ah....at that time, tourists are coming here and there were no wharf or dock or nothing to go into so they had to land the tourist by boat. And father had to bring the boat in through there.

Gertie Fowler:

How old how old are you there?

Richard Barney:

Me, I was 11 year old there, I spose.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah that's what it looks like, 10 ... 10 or 11.

Richard Barney:

Too young to be at that job, it was alright a nice civil day, but when the days was rough, twas hard to handle boats, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

Them kind of boats. So we ah.... punched through it. We couldn't afford to pay someone to go with him, because he use to have to go to work.... come in from fishing in the evening, Saturday evening, wash out his boat and scrub her out and get her ready for Sunday morning. And you talk about people working today compared to old people and it's almost a sin to talk about it the same time.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes bye.

Richard Barney:

Then we go over, I go over with him, we had to be there eight o'clock in the morning.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And we was there 'til six o'clock in the evening.

Gertie Fowler:

So you would clean the boat out, so you could take the tourist out.

Richard Barney:

So we could take the tourist out a Sunday.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. Yup, yup.

Richard Barney:

That's right. So ah... no one wanted a dirty boat.

Gertie Fowler:

No that's true.

Richard Barney:

Fishing boat you had to scrub her and do everything. Me poor old mother use to come down and scrub her right through, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Did she?

Richard Barney:

She didn't mind that.

Gertie Fowler:

Nope.

Richard Barney:

And when we went there, we decided ... we started 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening. And I don't think you could make a guess of how much money we use to get for the day too was ...

Gertie Fowler:

No. How much?

Richard Barney:

(Laughs) Five dollars.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes bye'

Richard Barney:

For the day, for the two of us and the boat besides, and find our own gas but the gas wasn't the price it is now though.

Gertie Fowler:

Nope.

Richard Barney:

Good Job.

Gertie Fowler:

I wouldn't say.

Richard Barney:

So with five dollars, you knows now he couldn't pay no one.

Gertie Fowler:

Nope.

Richard Barney:

He didn't have none for himself, let alone pay someone but anyway...

Gertie Fowler:

So you use to run along.

Richard Barney:

We worked our way through it.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup

Richard Barney:

Every dollar counted.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

And if you got a dollar you enjoyed it.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup

Richard Barney:

And they was hard to get.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Richard Barney:

Yes, they sure was.

Gertie Fowler:

So what about, now when you ah.... I wanted you to tell me about when you use to go to Pinware River to get the sticks and that for your boat.

Richard Barney:

My dear, I spent a lot of time in Pinware River. I cut thousands and thousands of feet of lumber down there and boats plank and all kinds of material to make boats and everything. Hauled it home and.... built lots of boats.

Gertie Fowler:

And helped other people too.

Richard Barney:

Helped other people too. Help an old man that was a bit desperate trying to get home with a stick he had, a stem he had for his boat. It was too heavy for him hey, he only had three dogs, so I took the axe and cut him down for him and shaved him up pretty well ready all he had to do was smoothen him off.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmm.

Richard Barney:

He wasn't very use to that stuff, but I done a lot of it. And he appreciated it too.

Gertie Fowler:

How many dogs did they normally have?

Richard Barney:

Well maid, anywhere from 6 to 8.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, so he only had three.

Richard Barney:

He only had three, yes. He lost some of his dogs, that use to happen once in a while, hey. A sickness or some kind come around and you lose it on a dog.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

I can remember that.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

When I only had two or three myself.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmm.

Richard Barney:

And I'm sure your mother can down there.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

Cause she's older then I am.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

But ah.... never the less he got through with it all. It was hard going, rough times.

Gertie Fowler:

But there is good times too.

Richard Barney:

There was good times too. Better believe it was some good times.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

Yeah.

Gertie Fowler:

So how about the time now that you use to bring the mail? Sometimes up to ah.....

Richard Barney:

(laughs) Yeah I didn't bring it very often, but when I did. This particular time, I ah...they phoned me from they didn't phone there was no phone in Point Amour the only thing they had was a telegraph office them times.

Gertie Fowler:

Hm....

Richard Barney:

But somehow or another, I don't know if I was up there or they sent down to Fox Cove and wanted me to go to Long Point with the mail, fer the Barrett's that use to be down to Point Amour.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmmmm

Richard Barney:

And old Mr Barrett was a very good friend, heyou'd take it you'd take it up for nothing for him because he was a great old man he was he belonged to Newfoundland. Belonged to Bay Roberts, his wife belonged to Bay Roberts. He was a Barrett and his wife was a Mercer before she was married.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Richard Barney:

Mary Mercer, her name was. They had a family, two boys and two girls. One is still alive.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

I was talking to her, two or three months ago, 93 year old, and pretty interesting to talk to though.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Richard Barney:

And on one of the trips carrying up the mail, which I didn't make very many. I called in to pick up some mail they had for the hospital.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmm.

Richard Barney:

And she (laughs) said you have something to eat now. I said no I want to get up and get back again, because a dog team is not like a car you're not so fast, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

Not so fast as a skidoo even. And I was only young, I didn't want to get caught in the dark. I wanted to get back. Well I'll get a lunch for 'ya. I'll pack up a lunch for 'ya. So she packed up some.... well I didn't know what she had something in a paper bag or ... when I went on our way up I had a look to see what she had there so, took it out and when I smelled it or looked at it I didn't know if I should eat it or not because she had peanut butter on the sandwiches.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

And as far as I know, it was the first time I ever seen any. You couldn't go in to no shop and buy no peanut butter, here then.

Gertie Fowler:

No

Richard Barney:

But that was up to the Nurse's station then and they had some there.

Gertie Fowler:

So you ah....

Richard Barney:

I didn't like the taste of it very good but after a little while, I eat it okay and I seen her this year in St. John's. I was in there and she came to see me, and I told her about it, well she said I don't remember the peanut butter but I do remember taking up the mail.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. That was nice to see her hey.

Richard Barney:

Oh, yes. Well she come out about a 100 km to see me a special trip.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

But now my sister's two girls were in there, Dorothy's two girls and she knowed they knowed how to contact me in St. John's, so they went in and got her and brought her out. She said she'd love to see me, hey. When she found out I was in there. Yeah because they were very nice people. So that old fellow was on Point Amour from 1946.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Richard Barney:

From 1922 to 1946, he was operator wireless operator with the Marconi Company.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. Yup.

Richard Barney:

And the plane ... the plane came down of Grenley Island up on the Quebec side. That was in 1938. Now I was only very young then, I was only a couple of year old that's all. I don't remember it.

Gertie Fowler:

No.

Richard Barney:

I can remember seeing bits of the plane just the same.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes.

Richard Barney:

But ah..... I could hear the story from it, and that's who sent the first message about her.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Richard Barney:

Was old old man Barrett, old Uncle Will Barrett. He was a very popular man around Newfoundland.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Richard Barney:

As far as I can see. He use to spend some time huntin' seals, out sealin'

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Richard Barney:

Not him huntin' seals. He was a wireless operator on the ship. He was on the Bell Adventure. The one that brought 77 seal hunters into the light froze to death.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Richard Barney:

'77 ... packed up on the stern of her.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

He he was the one who was operating her so. The old fellow had a lot of stuff under he's

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

under his belt.... you could tell hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes sir.

Richard Barney:

And ah.... that was that was back in ... well before my day. That was back in, I believe in 1914 that was.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

I'm pretty well sure, it was. But he'd tell you some interesting stories hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh yes.

Richard Barney:

And everyone right to here, but there's so many changes you're not going to remember all of a sudden.

Gertie Fowler:

No that's true.

Richard Barney:

That will pop up every now and then, could make a big story. We had Growing up my dear, we never had it easy, nobody had it easy them days but ah.... my father he was sick, crippled up with arthritis, I never got a chance to go to school, I had to stay home and help get a bit of wood for the house, me and Bill the two of us. He died 50 year ago and you can see him there, his picture there in the bed, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

He's not in very good shape there. But ah.....

Gertie Fowler:

But you took care of the family.

Richard Barney:

We done the best we could my dear. I had a mother that was a slave to work.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Richard Barney:

Not because it was my mother, I'd say it. I'd say it because it's true.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

And everyone here that knows her, will tell you the same story.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

I'll tell you one other thing that I seen her do, back when I got a bit older, I was gonna build a boat and wood wasn't very plentiful here. So I decided, I'd go up to ... back to Old Fort to get two sticks I wanted for the top part of her. The weather was bad, but by the weather got very good and this night I was down the L'Anse au Loup and I was down to your fathers.

Gertie Fowler:

Is that right?

Richard Barney:

At the time, I was talking and we looked out through the window, I believe there's a storm on the way my boy he said. It's a funny night. I said yes, if I didn't, I daresay it would freeze the night because if the snow wasn't froze in the spring of the year it was pretty hard to get along with the dogs, hey. So I left and I walked up, I got home roughly around 10 o'clock and I lied down for a little while. Twelve o'clock she called me, time to go to bed, so I got up twelve o'clock and I went outdoors and it was a beautiful night, froze hard and I got half mad with myself now cause I should have got ready to go to Old Fort, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmm.

Richard Barney:

So I went in the house and I said to mom, I said "I made a big mistake this evening", she said "why", I said "I should have went to Old Fort, after my sticks, cause I said it was froze hard" she said "boy, you can go now". She was never a person to say, "Oh give it up boy". She was always there to go and get what you had to do, done.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And ah... "well" I said "I can't go now because I said, I got no shoes for me dogs and a lot of people was listening to this is wondering what's ah what's dog shoes"

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

I spose even yourself don't know a lot about them.

Gertie Fowler:

No, I don't know a lot.

Richard Barney:

Hey?

Gertie Fowler:

But what was it?

Richard Barney:

You made them out of canvas, mostly my dear. Like canvas or

Gertie Fowler:

Like cotton, that cotton duck.

Richard Barney:

That cotton duck, yeah

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And they cut them up in strips, hey and then they put them together and they sew them up both sides, hey, you know .

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

Up that side and up that side, Then they'd leave this piece all together and then they turn them inside out and the sewing would be on the inside, hey Gertie?

Gertie Fowler:

Yes. Yeah.

Richard Barney:

In the shoe like.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And then you'd have to put a string on him and tie it around the dogs leg and you had to be careful not to tie it too tight because you could stop the blood and the dog wouldn't get circulation and so you'd have a bleeding problem, hey?

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

Paws would swell up and everything?

Gertie Fowler:

Hmm...

Richard Barney:

I said I can't go now. "Why, why" she said, "I'll make 'em now." This was twelve o'clock in the night.

Gertie Fowler:

God, love her.

Richard Barney:

I said "Mom, you can't, you know it's twelve o'clock?" "I know's it twelve o'clock, that don't mean nothing, if you wants the dog shoes, I'll make them now". "Sure" I said, "it'll take you all night, that don't mean nothing". "I don't care what time it's going to take, I'll still do it". She took the old sew machine out in the middle of the floor and she started at it. And I went I and called Ed, he's my brother, he's a good bit younger then me, and he came down and we got ready. And she made thirty two dog shoes.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, bye'

Richard Barney:

And helped us to put them on the dogs. And three o'clock in the morning when we left, she was still out by the door.

Gertie Fowler:

Watchin' you go.

Richard Barney:

Yeah. Wanted her to go in the house a dozen times, "No, no, I'm alright". But now I don't think a lot of the young people is like that, do the job like that.

Gertie Fowler:

But that was ah you wore the shoes..... why did you wear the shoes?

Richard Barney:

Well, the reason for the shoes, a dogs paw is not like a like a horse or ... or a cow, there's no hoof on it hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmm hmmm.

Richard Barney:

The dogs paw is kind of soft.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmmm....

Richard Barney:

Not so niche as the palm of your hand but there's only a bit of hair between the toes that gives protection. So on this rough frozen ice and that....

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Richard Barney:

They would cut them hey, and make them bleed, the poor things would be in an awful state.

Gertie Fowler:

So you had to take care of your dog.

Richard Barney:

So with a big drive like that, you'd ruin your dogs paws hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh. Okay.

Richard Barney:

So you kept the shoes on them. It wouldn't too bad. You'd leave the shoes on them until the snow gets soft.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh, Okay.

Richard Barney:

On the paws a little bit.....and then you'd take them off, perhaps for the rest of the day. You'd go on then until the next morning but that was that was..

Gertie Fowler:

That was nice out of her...

Richard Barney:

That's what you had to do.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Richard Barney:

And that's what you done. And I went up to my uncle's and me mother belonged to Old Fort.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Richard Barney:

And he's son went in the lake with me. And cut the two sticks and come back to Old Fort that night, with the dogs.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

You can imagine, it's quite the drive with a dog team from here to Old Fort.

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, sir. Hmmm.

Richard Barney:

And the next day we come home. Me and Ed. I wouldn't be able to do it now, my girl.

Gertie Fowler:

No.

Richard Barney:

Nope. 'Twas a ... it'd be a lot too much for me. Not to much a long more because people are not hard and tough like they was.

Gertie Fowler:

Nope. Lots of ski-doo's now, hey?

Richard Barney:

No.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmmm...

Richard Barney:

And the country work will, I done so much of that.

Gertie Fowler:

You went in caribou hunting too?

Richard Barney:

I'm not able to tell ya (laughs) I'd have to seat down here all evening, if I had to tell you all of it. What ... what I mean is for a hunter one time. My brother was in.... Ed and Sam Buckle and they come out and we went back in. Sam went back in with me and Cecil Davis. I only went for three or four days because there was a few amount of sixty mile, we got in there and the weather got bad, we were gone twelve days and food was pretty shy, I tell you.

We left in there a Monday morning and the stars were in the sky, it was hardly light enough to see. We got out L'Anse au Loup, Saturday dinner time. Hayward Normore, Tom Normore and Frank Normore and

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

And Stanford Normore was with us and me and Sam Buckle and Cec Davis.

Gertie Fowler:

Did you get any caribou?

Richard Barney:

Oh yes, we got all we wanted for that trip.... But we had a hard time getting them out. All the water, or a lot of rain, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

I suppose now when you got home, the rush was on.

Richard Barney:

Oh yeah, oh yes a lot of persons went back after that.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Richard Barney:

Someone got them and I guess someone didn't.

Gertie Fowler:

But I said everyone everyone in the community had caribou then I guess, hey.

Richard Barney:

That's right maid, pretty often, yeah. We we sell a lot of them and some people would say what are you doing with them all. But I don't remember ever... ever giving throwing a piece away so big as the palm of your hand.

Gertie Fowler:

Nope

Richard Barney:

Because if you had more than you want you give it to someone.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

Some other youngster, some other person enjoyed it hey.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

That's right.

Gertie Fowler:

Cause there was no meat then.

Richard Barney:

That's right. That's a lot of the old stuff maid that went on in our days. It was rough and tumble and you don't know did you ever get anyone to tell the story about your father and Ed, the time he got caught out on the ice. Well I tell you, you can get someone here to tell it better than I can because I wasn't there, I wasn't home. But they almost rowed away one time

Gertie Fowler:

Wilfred Buckle was gonna tell me. I think he was with them.

Richard Barney:

I would say, it's a great chance.

Gertie Fowler:

He's gonna talk to me some day.

Richard Barney:

I wasn't home, I wouldn't tell that because I don't know enough about it to tell. I wouldn't home....

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

I was down in the woods cutting sticks. But ahthat was a touch and go piece of work that was...

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Richard Barney:

because out there only in a small boat trying to get them and didn't know if they were gonna get them or not.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup. And it was so windy.

Richard Barney:

It was blowing a storm. But I know Cecil Davis and Claude Normore and Hayward Normore that was two the fellows three the fellows was was into it trying ... trying to get them to shore.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. Yeah. So anything else, now that you would like to add to your little story?

Richard Barney:

There's a lot of things my dear, but a lot Some things that's gonna slip my mind and I'm not gonna be able to tell you anyway... perhaps after you're gone.

Gertie Fowler:

That's true.

Richard Barney:

I'll think about it.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, well I want to thank you for your memories.

Richard Barney:

Yes.

Gertie Fowler:

We will cherish them forever.

Richard Barney:

If you would like to come back sometime and pick up on some more... perhaps Perhaps, I can ...

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. Okay.

Richard Barney:

Do another one sometime.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah, it won't be a problem.

