

Mr. Wyatt's Horse - Rosie Flynn

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Gertie Fowler:

I'm here in Point Amour today with Rosie Flynn and Rosie is going to share some memories with me that she have of the lighthouse. Hi Rosie.

Rosie Flynn:

Hi

Gertie Fowler:

How are you?

Rosie Flynn:

Good

Gertie Fowler:

Would you like to share some memories with me, that you have of the lighthouse?

Rosie Flynn:

Yeah, well I have a few when I was a young girl. I use to come down here, walk down from English Point. Down here to Point Amour and we use to come down and talk to Mr. Jeff Wyatt. He'd show us around and ah.... he'd be glad to see children anyway ... and we use to listen to the fog horn blowing.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay

Rosie Flynn:

We loved the fog horn.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup

Rosie Flynn:

This one now, the new one now, is not the same as the old one. Had a different tone all together, louder one like hey?

Gertie Fowler:

Yes

Rosie Flynn:

Yeah and we use to enjoy ... enjoy it coming around.... He'd take us up to the tower like hey. Not right to the top, because I wouldn't go to the top, I was too scared. (laughs)

Gerie Fowler:

No. Yeah. (laughs)

Rosie Flynn:

But he'd take us all around, out to the fog alarm and that. As young girls. And in the winter time he use to come up to Forteau with his horse, and the children, my children, all the children certainly, see Mr. Jeff Wyatt coming, they'd run, get on the sled, get a ride on the horse sleigh. And they use in the spring of the year they use to have this horse nets ... birds nets, excuse me. They use to have those nets made for the snowbirds.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Rosie Flynn:

And they had it filled with twine, like hey?

Gertie Fowler:

Right.

Rosie Flynn:

And ah, they use to get the horse hair for making little loops for catching snowbirds in. So they use to get it from Mr. Jeff Wyatt's horse. So he stopped the horse and plucked out some hair from him, they'd be so proud to get some horse hair for to make their snowbird nets.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay. So where did they pull it from?

Rosie Flynn:

They'd take it from the horses tail.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh, Okay.

Rosie Flynn:

And they'd make little loops into it hey? And tie it on the snowbirds nets. Nest that they had made. Just a round hook it was.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay

Rosie Flynn:

And they had it filled in with twine, and then they'd take the horse hair and make the little loops and when the birds walk in, well the loop would catch around their little leg, like hey. And that's how they use to catch snowbirds.

Gertie Fowler:

Perfect, yup.

Rosie Flynn:

And they use to enjoy seeing Mr. Jeff Wyatt coming with the horse.

Gertie Fowler:

What color was that horse? Do you remember the color of her?

Rosie Flynn:

Yeah. She was a dark, dark brown or black. I think it was a dark brown, she was.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. You remember the name by any chance?

Rosie Flynn:

He had one called Dolly.

Gertie Fowler:

Okay.

Rosie Flynn:

And that could have been her.

Gertie Fowler:

Maybe

Rosie Flynn:

Yup, could be Dolly.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Okay.

Rosie Flynn:

Cause I think he had a couple of horses,

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Rosie Flynn:

But I believe this one, was named Dolly.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh, Okay.

Rosie Flynn:

And he use to be glad to see the children hey. The children run after the sleigh and get on with him and have a ride and then they ask him then for some hair for too make their snowbirds net.

Gertie Fowler:

Cool.

Rosie Flynn:

Yup

Gertie Fowler:

Okay, so is that all you want to add to your story, today?

Rosie Flynn:

And what else if I got to say to you. He was a man that everybody like, Mr. Jeff Wyatt was. Yup.

Gertie Fowler:

Right.

Rosie Flynn:

Everybody liked Mr. Jeff Wyatt. He was a very nice, polite man like, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Right

Rosie Flynn:

He loved his job.

Gertie Fowler:

Right

Rosie Flynn:

"I'm telling you" he said. (laughs)

Gertie Fowler:

(laughs)

Rosie Flynn:

I use to ... we use to love ... he loved the lighthouse, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah.

Rosie Flynn:

That was his pride and joy.

Gertie Fowler:

Yup, well you got to like what you're doing hey?

Rosie Flynn:

Yeah that's right. And Reggie use to be here at the same time.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Rosie Flynn:

And his sister, and Annie. Annie was

Gertie Fowler:

So do you know much about, Annie, then?

Rosie Flynn:

Ah.... no. She use to work around the lighthouse with Mr. Wyatt and with Bridgy, like hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah

Rosie Flynn:

Hmm... yeah. She was a nice woman, yup. Bridgey.... Annie was yup. She use to make us welcome when we come here. And you never, never leave but they give you a lunch.

Gertie Fowler:

Is that right?

Rosie Flynn:

No. They always give you a lunch. Yup.

Gertie Fowler:

Hmm.

Rosie Flynn:

Yup.

Gertie Fowler:

Same as here today?

Rosie Flynn:

Same as here today, that's right.

Gertie Fowler:

Yeah. Lots of food

Rosie Flynn:

Yeah that's right. And he'd be sure that you'd get up and out around before dark, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Oh..

Rosie Flynn:

Before you go home, he made sure that you'd get home before it would get too dark. We use to walk from English Point down here to...

Gertie Fowler:

Yes, maid.

Rosie Flynn:

Just a path.... just a foot path.

Gertie Fowler:

That was the highlight, I suppose, come out here to the lighthouse?

Rosie Flynn:

Oh yes, yup. On the weekends we'd come down, hey.

Gertie Fowler:

Well that's very good.

Rosie Flynn:

That's very good I suppose

Gertie Fowler:

That's excellent. So I'd like to thank you very much for your memories.

Rosie Flynn:

See now, what I said there

Gertie Fowler:

It's beautiful!!