

Bayside Historical Preservation Society Oral History Project  
Interview of Stella Price Dykstra August 26, 1996  
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GC: This is Gina Cressey. It's August 26, 1996, I'm at 40 Northport Avenue in Belfast, and I'm going to be talking to Stella Dykstra, who many people have recommended that I speak to, including my next-door neighbor Nancy Freeman who's going to be transcribing this tape for us. So if you would just start by telling me what you were mentioning before about when your family first came to Bayside and how it came to pass.

SD: We first came to Bayside when I was 16, and my family were coming for vacation from the Canal Zone, Panama Canal Zone. We met folks there that had summer cottages here, and we thought it would be a pleasant place for us to stay because we were used to going to the northern tier (?) of the Wisconsin and Minnesota area, and my father (noise) and we children liked games and swimming very much after having been brought up in the tropics, and it was a very, very pleasant first experience. I walked down Broadway from Merithew Square, and I met Mr. Parker and he said, "Good morning." He says, "You're new here, aren't you." And I said, "Yes, we just came in yesterday, and I'm going down to look at the wharf." And when I got down to the wharf, why, I saw there was going to be wonderful swimming there, and there I saw the tennis court across the way. I said, "Oh, how pretty. I brought my tennis racket with me." So we went on to there. I had a sister, too, and her name was Peggy, and my name was Stella, and we didn't take long to make friends.

GC: How old were you then?

SD: I was sixteen. Yes, then the next time we came back was when we were 18, and we were ready to go off to school then. We had just finished high school in the Canal Zone, and that was the end of our stay there as far as our education was concerned. Our family were going to continue to live there, but we were going on to other places. I was going into nurse's training in New York, and my sister was going to Trenton State Teacher's College down in Trenton, New Jersey.

GC: Can you describe where the cottage is that you were at?

SD: The first year we came, all the cottages were taken, and we had to find a place that was a little bit different in a way. There was a Mr. Beech that lived here at Bayside, and he was a carpenter and he had a cottage that has now been torn down, and it faces Auditorium Park, and Auditorium Park was of course where they were still holding the campmeetings in those days in August, so we were upstairs over Mr. Beech's workshop. He had all his tools and everything there that he had for his carpenter work, and we stayed there, and it had a very nice view of the water- a little different aspect than I have now, but after that, we weren't indoors very much. It was mostly outside carry-ons. We had parties on the beach; we had-oh.. trips to the island...

GC: How did you get there?

SD: Well, Mr. Goodwin was a man that owned a sort of a steamboat of some sort. I can't tell you just quite like it, but he took fishing parties out, and he also took young folks over to Isleboro to the beach over there where he dug clams for us and we had a clam bake, and we took picnic supplies with us, and we spent the whole day sunning ourselves and getting brown and good and burned, too.

GC: What sort of bathing costumes would you have been wearing?

SD: Well, not like anything you see today by any means. A little bit more discrete perhaps, but still not too bad. They weren't the long skirts like they used to wear, and we did go bare-footed, and we didn't have to wear hats over our heads like some of the ladies might before, but we had a lot of fun, and the young people always looked forward to these trips.

GC: I'll bet.

SD: Some times we also took trips down to Dark Harbor. We went through the narrows there at Gilkey Head, and then we'd go in and we'd see all the mansions and everything. We didn't land there as I remember, but there wasn't the camp site that there is there either for this made available for people (noise), but we had a very (noise) number, and after that last summer of 1928 I went into nurse's training, and I was there for three years. When I finished nurse's training then, I thought, "Well, the first place I want to come back to is Northport," and I said, (It's Northport that I knew it by, not Bayside in those days), but we had a post office there, and there was a store there, and there was all kinds of things that was handy for people that needed to buy a few things before going into Belfast. Sometimes they didn't have cars as readily as you have nowadays, but by in large, why, the summers went so quickly and we couldn't realize that we weren't coming back. When I did come back, I was then about 21...

GC: And where did you stay?

SD: I stayed with a Mrs. VanFleet up on the hill, and Mrs. VanFleet was the lady that we knew from the Canal Zone that had recommended Bayside to us for the first time, and Mrs. VanFleet had a family, but she had a spare room and she let me stay with her, and she was kind enough to give me, have an evening meal. I could manage by going to the store and getting something to eat for lunch and then I could go swimming, and do other things, and I renewed my acquaintanceships from previous years after having been away for some time...there was a...

GC: Were there members of her family staying there also?

SD: Yes. She had two boys, Henry and Wilfred and both of those children are now dead, as are Mrs. VanFleet and her husband, so the family is no longer there. The house has been sold to other people and I do not remember, or don't know who they are.

GC: Their name is Melone and they have four children, and they're very happy there.

SD: Well, that's nice. You've given me a bit of information. There was another house across the street, that is still abandoned. It looks very derelict, and sort of worn and tired, and that belonged to a family by the name of Hudson from the Canal Zone, and I don't think it is owned by them any more, although there is one Hudson girl that lives in, I believe, it's in Veezie, I'm not sure, and she was married to Mr. Flood, and I haven't seen her for a long time. That was a family that was very well-known for swimming, and there was a younger sister who was a fantastic diver, who used to perform off the pilings down there on the wharf, and in those days, the wharf extended far beyond any present day limits. It was just immense, because the steamships came in.

GC: Can you remember that?

SD: Oh yes, the Boston steamships came in. Every morning they came down from Bangor, and they left for Boston, and then...No, I beg your pardon, they came in every morning and headed up to Bangor, then in the late afternoon, they returned from Bangor and stopped in Winterport and also down in Belfast, and then from Belfast they came to Northport to pick up the people. From Northport they went to Camden and to Rockland. Rockland was the last trip going south to Boston, and that, between leaving Bayside or Northport and Rockland was a delightful time to eat your dinner, because you could see the sun going down, and the fall with the leaves you would be going down, and you could watch the headlands as they came up and the islands popping along, and it was just beautiful.

GC: Did you ever take the boat all the way down to Boston?

SD: Oh, many times.

GC: Many times! Oh!

SD: My family and I came here in a Ford first, and going back we put the Ford on the same boat in the evening. We went to Boston, spent the day in Boston and then transferred to another line that took us to New York, and from which we were going to depart. My family was going to depart for the Canal Zone.

GC: With the car.

SD: With the car, leaving us girls behind, and so that was kind of sad, but anyway, we had our plans all made, and I was...all I can say is I don't think there was any more (?) to my life, then when I said goodbye to the family and they were going to be 3,000 miles away.

GC: I am interested to know how these families from the Canal Zone started to come to Bayside, do you know?

SD: I can't really tell you, because there were several. There was a doctor that came, and then there was a, the VanFleets, and the Hudsons, and then there was another family too, but I cannot remember their name, but they all seemed to find out that this was a nice place for children to be, and it was also cool, and that was a requirement for people that were coming from the tropics.

GC: Certainly.

SD: They wanted to get away from the heat, and both of these families would be here for two months on their own, and it was a long vacation, but that was part of the benefits of being government-employed, and being able to get away regularly for health reasons.

GC: Indeed.

SD: We had too much malaria, and we had too much other problems there in the tropics that we had to attend to regularly.

GC: So all of these Bayside people were government employees.

SD: A good many of them. Yes, they were, they were all, as near as I know. There was none of them that would come otherwise, having come from that source.

GC: Sure. And did the fathers come? Were the fathers able to get...

SD: Well, some of them would come for some length of time, too, and some of them, maybe the wives would come and the children would be here. In those days, it seems that families came more to stay for the whole season, rather than to stay for just two weeks or one week or whatever that they come for now. There's much more change every single week in the whole aspect of the community.

GC: Absolutely.

SD: We have complete turnover of people.

GC: It does seem that way. So tell me how you got the house that became your family home.

SD: Well, I met this young man, and we played tennis together..

GC: In Bayside?

SD: In Bayside, and my sister also enjoyed his company. My sister enjoyed dancing more than I did, and John asked my sister to go dancing with him, and I didn't go dancing, but I did other things. So I came back after I finished my nurse's training; he in the meantime had started to school at Harvard, so I thought well, I would come back again for the summer. And John said to me, just before I was ready to go, he says, "How are you going

home?" I says, "I'm going back home to New York on the steamboat," and I said, "This is not going to be around much longer," and that's right, because very shortly afterward those trips were given up, and so he took me to the dock in Belfast, and put me on the steamboat, and says, "Would you like to go to the Yale-Harvard game with me this fall?" and I said, "Yes, I would." And so he says, "Well," he says, "we'll see you back (?)" and so sure enough, come time for the Yale-Harvard game I was off to Boston and to the Yale-Harvard game, and we had a wonderful weekend, and (?) and I had met his family already previously so they asked me to come over to dinner and I became a little bit more acquainted with (?). That preceded a number of years because he was working and studying, and it was a long time before he finished his doctor's degree, and, when he finished his doctor's degree, by that time we were engaged.

GC: So it was a long courtship.

SD: That's right, and so, then after that, why, I was working, at that time I was working with a patient over in Vermont that I had brought up from New York to Vermont for the summer, and so I had come over for my vacation, and John went off to interview for his first job as a instructor at the university of Kansas, and so when he was offered the job, why John's mom said to me, she says, "Stella," she says, "I think...," and I said, "I think, too," she says, "it's about time this got taken care of." And so we had a very quick wedding and I called my sister, and she came up from New Jersey, and she was our maid of honor and his father was our groom...I mean, best man. The family was together then. Peggy and I stayed with John's Mother and Dad, and John and I were married on a Saturday afternoon.

GC: In New York.

SD: No, no, here in Bayside.

GC: Here! Tell me where.

SD: St. Margaret's church, and the family came down from Brewer. It was just the family there- nobody else.

GC: Do you remember the date?

SD: August the 15th, 1936. So we were married, and we stayed here and worked on our cottage which we had acquired because the family bought the one next door. John's parents bought the one next door, so we had two cottages...

GC: On Park Row.

SD: On Park Row.

GC: How far down are they?

SD: Well, they're about midway, because the present cottage that belonged to us is number 9, and my daughter's cottage, and that was given to her by her grandmother, is just next door on the uphill side, and I don't know what Alma's number is, to tell you the truth. She's never put it on.

GC: And her name is?

SD: Alma (Homola), and she and her husband and family lived in Orono, because her husband taught at the University, and she also worked at the University. She had two daughters- Ann, Ann was the youngest, and Ellen was the oldest. Ellen is now in California, and she has just gotten her doctor's degree, and she's in marine biology..

GC: So these two cottages are still in your family.

SD: That's right, and we hope that they stay in our family for many, many years because we've had such great pleasure being here.

GC: Certainly. Now did your husband's family first come to Bayside?

SD: My husband's first family came to Bayside because his mother was from Brewer, and she came down, as a very young person with her mother, and they came down by barges in those days to spend the day; and then they would go back again. They used to come down from there quite frequently in spite of the difficulty of getting to and fro.

GC: Do you know about what year that would have been?

SD: Well, grandmother and granddaddy....I can't tell you just when granddaddy went to teach in Brewer. I really can't remember that particular time. Anyway, they came down as very young people. They came up from New Jersey. He taught in the high school in New Jersey, and she was the housewife. They had the one son John that I married, and that was their only child.

GC: So there were a lot of teachers on both sides of your family. You know what I forgot to ask you in the beginning, and that is, "What was your maiden name?"

SD: My name was Stella Price. And I think you might say that the Dykstras have really been around...grandmother and granddaddy came...I think John was about two years old when he first came here, and John died in 1989, and since then I've been here alone, and I have a home here in Belfast, and the cottage there. Well, shortly after John died, I transferred the cottage to my son, the oldest boy, who is John Richard named for his grandfather, and he's the present owner, but I have lifetime interest in the cottage.

GC: Wonderful.

SD: This is the first year that I haven't been over there to stay at the cottage, and the reason I haven't been over there this year is because I fell and broke my hip.

GC: Yes, yes. And you're doing a marvelous job of recuperating.

SD: I've been staying here in the house but the family's come over and brought me and I've been there for suppers and sat on the porch and seen folks and I went over in the afternoon and visited. My husband used to say, "We go north in the winter, and we go south in the summer" and that's right.

GC: Who were some of the people that you remember from those days?

SD: The first people that I think I got acquainted with were the Cross girls.

GC: The Cross girls!

SD: That's where they lived, just across the street from where we were. Merithew Square was one of the gathering places. Very interesting things happened in those days. We had delivery men that came and brought ice, and there were men that came and brought produce such as vegetables, and there was also a bakery truck that came by. There were even people that came in...this was in the very first years that I came here, there were people that came in from the country from Morrill and around here, even in horses and little buggies, and delivering produce to people that they had buy from them regularly. It was door-to-door service in those days. It was Cushman Bakery that came around, and that Cushman man was always a great lot of fun because the children would gather around and get cookies or whatnot, and then there was ice cream people, too, I think. There was ice cream at the store, and when I very first came here it was known as Tuttle's Store. Mr. Tuttle was a photographer. He also had a soda fountain in that store, a real live soda fountain, with the little stools and the little tables and chairs, and the tall glasses that you could have these ice cream sodas in. He served ice cream cones, had several kinds of ice cream. It was a gathering place. It was also a post office there, and that was the most important gathering spot of the whole day, because there were deliveries in the morning, and the mail going out at noon time, there was more afternoon mail coming in in the afternoon and mail going out. Twice a day.

GC: How did it come? In a truck?

SD: Yes, it did. It came over from the Belfast and Moosehead Railroad. It had come down from Bangor, or wherever their distribution center was for mail, and really, it was a remarkable service.

GC: I would say so. So that was one of the gathering places, and where else did people get together in Bayside?

SD: There was the golf course. Always the golf course. Men loved to play golf, and the ladies would go up there, they had card parties and things up there, and they also had dances up there on Friday evening, and the young people used to go to dance, and it would be like a piano, and (?) and violin, maybe and a saxophone. A saxophone was

always very important to music in those days. It seemed to do something magical, and nice grounds around there. The golf course has changed some. I haven't been up there in more recent years.

GC: Was the Yacht Club not...did not exist yet?

SD: No, the Yacht Club was no longer...

GC: But there was a sailing school. People talked about that.

SD: The Sailing School came a little bit later. It was more in the 50's and 60's, I think. (See note 1) There was a Marion Eaton that lived and owned the cottage over in the grove, where the Auditorium Park was, and she turned wonderful family houses into a bunk house and she had another one, the present (?) cottage, that she used for the campers that she took in to eat. She had a cook that was there all season, and she operated just like any ordinary camp for students to go to. The advantage of this camp also was, or one of the advantages was that she tutored. She tutored Latin. She taught Latin in a New Jersey school, and..I don't remember what town it was...but this seemed to be the beginning. She took her first two students she gave remedial Latin lessons to, and she and her brother taught them to sail just for pleasure to off-set the studies, and this grew into something that was really quite a money-maker. (See note 2)

GC: I bet it was!

SD: I don't know how many the total enrollment was at the height of the season for her, but some times she had an enormous amount of boys and girls down there going out on the boats regularly, and she used Bar Harbor 17's (See note 3), and some of them weren't so ship-worthy, and some of them came to disaster, and we had to go out and rescue them. There were no casualties...no casualties. They played baseball in the park in the evening...soft ball that was...

GC: Boys and girls too?

SD: Boys and girls, too. They had separate dormitories- one for the boys and one for the girls and it was really quite an active participation of the community and the Sailing School, and eventually they even got the tennis court built up at the golf course, so that some students that wanted to have tennis as well as sailing, they could have that. So that went on for quite a few years, then Marion, Marion Eaton, sold her sailing school to another industrious young man that came from California, and he started bringing campers all the way from California clear across the continent in Volkswagen buses, and then he got other students coming in from nearby places here...Philadelphia or whatever, but there was still the same good-sized crowd there at the Sailing School. That didn't last, I don't believe beyond the late 60's, perhaps, or the early 70's.

GC: So all the years that you've sat on your lovely porch overlooking that park, what changes have you noticed? What's different now from...?



SD: Well one thing that hasn't changed is the little merry-go-round is still down there. One thing that has changed is we no longer have a band concert stand. We used to have band concerts on Sunday afternoon just above where the present playground is, and that's no longer. The old (level chutes?) are no longer there, and the old heavy duty teeter-totter is not there. They have replaced it with a very nice, more modern version that seems to interest and even entrance the youngsters just as much as the old equipment did. Now the school house down here at Northport- the present school house- has changed. That was a one-room school to begin with. Then, put on its present site to about a three-room school house. That was enlarged again to accommodate a library and to have other facilities that seemed to be necessary for modern education. The old-fashioned reading, writing, and arithmetic was pretty well established when my children were little, they were never delinquent in any respect when they went back to Chapel Hill.

GC: Interesting. Tell us about how they happened to go to school there. Were you staying in your cottage?

SD: We stayed in our cottage until the 23 or 24th of September. My husband's school job did not start at the University until early or very late September. They start much earlier now-a-days. And so therefore, we were at least two weeks beyond Labor Day, maybe three weeks beyond Labor Day, and the children couldn't miss school. So we started them in Northport, then they went home. We only took two days to go back to North Carolina, and we'd go on a weekend so they'd be back home by Monday and back in school again.

GC: Were there any other children from the summer kids that were doing the same thing?

SD: No, no. By that time they'd all gone back home after their summer vacation, and gone into their own schools.

GC: So you got to enjoy an extra couple of weeks by yourself.

SD: And the children still continued to go swimming, and in those days I was really able to get into that cold water and enjoy it. That's long since gone by. The last time I went in swimming was when my youngest granddaughter from this part of the country...I have two other grandchildren, too, that I didn't mention...one is Sarah, and that was Sarah's father John. Sarah was with her father John this year. Edward hasn't come to Maine since he was three years old, and I doubt that he'll come. There seems to be certain circumstances that prevent that, at least for the present. Maybe later on he will. But Sarah has been here now for the last three years, and she's thoroughly enjoyed it. She's gotten acquainted and established a few roots that are a little bit late in starting, but nevertheless I'm convinced are very wholesome roots for her to have. She's going off to college next year, and I said, "Sarah, one of the things that I must live for," I says, "see you through college." I said, "When you graduate from college," I said, "I'll be very happy!" And she says, "I'll fly in!" and she says, "We'll have a party!" and I said, "Great!". So I'm looking forward to that date.

GC: Could you tell us the things that young people enjoy doing in Bayside now that many of them are the same thing that you...?

SD: Things change. There're not so many beach parties. There's other things that have changed. There are more automobiles. oh, a great many automobiles- too many automobiles going too fast, and too many other things that are not really wholesome. I don't think they would be classified in my opinion as wholesome. But it seems to be the way modern young people do, and you have to just bear with them, and try to guide them and think well, maybe one day they'll see the light.

GC: Sure many of them turn out to be pretty decent adults for the most part.

SD: That's right. Each generation has its problems.

GC: Something that just stresses the older generation. It has to be that way.

SD: That's right. We all had our scattered (?) days, too.

GC: Some of the people talk about going up to the Cobe mansion and sneaking around, and doing things. Do you have any memories of that?

SD: Oh, yes, yes. That was really kind of exciting because it was forbidden territory. But the boys seemed to be able to manage to get up there somehow, and the girls sort of followed. Girls seem to follow wherever there's a male creature involved.

GC: Were you a sailor? Did you sail at all?

SD: Yes, I did, but I didn't sail until after my family was pretty well grown up, and my children went off to camp. My oldest daughter, Alma, who lives in Orono, now and is very active in Girl Scouts, went to Girl Scout Camp up to Camp Natarzwi every summer right straight through high school and then as a counselor when she was in college, and now she's on the Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts there in Bangor, and her daughters went to Natarzwi, and they also were camp counselors there, and they also went on to other places to be camp counselors, so it's a family tradition.

GC: Yes, it sounds like it. Before this tape runs down, I wanted to ask you about housekeeping in the early days- what kind of stove you had...was there water...?

SD: I had no hot water. I had tea kettles- four of 'em. And I had a small four burner stove that had oven doors on both sides and it baked marvelous pies, and all the rest of the cooking was done on the surface. We had a kerosene stove - three-burner, with an oven, that I used on very hot days when we didn't want to have a coal...not a coal stove but a wood stove going. I had an iron sink in the corner of the lean-to shed (cobra??) my kitchen, and that had one faucet- a cold water faucet. I washed all of my diapers. I did everything else- no washing machine- nothing of the sort. We had ice delivered daily or every other day to our door; we had ice boxes, not refrigerators. The first refrigerator I

got was a General Electric that I bought from Central Maine and that was when my daughter Alma was a baby, and that year we got pasteurized milk for the first time. And that was in 1938. She was born the fall of 1937, and I brought her to Maine the summer of 1938. We got that refrigerator, and it's still in the cottage.

GC: Oh, that's wonderful!

SD: That old General Electric is still there!

GC: Is it still running?

SD: It can run.

GC: It can run.

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SD: I use it as an auxiliary one because it's easier to defrost, but it's a monitor top and Mr. McCloud had a smaller version (??) over in Belfast- his store. And it's a priceless antique. I don't have my old wood stove- that's long been gone. Now I have hot water, and I have a modern, much more modern kitchen with a nice electric stove and refrigerator.

GC: And where did you hang all of those diapers?

SD: Oh, we had a clothes line out in back, and my husband and I had a good-sized station wagon because we had to bring a lot of stuff with the kids going off to camp, and their grandparents had an old Packard, and the old Packards were really beautiful things, but Mother and Dad both lived to be in their 80's. Mother died after Dad did. Dad was just 80 when my oldest granddaughter- Alma's oldest child Ellen was born. And Ann was born after that. He never knew Ann or any of the other grandchildren, but...

GC: Did you parents come to Bayside to visit?

SD: My father died when I was in training, the first year I was in training, and my mother didn't come back to Bayside. She had a rather difficult time because she had three children- two girls in school and a younger boy that needed supervision. She had to eventually put him in a military school because he needed men to direct him, and so she came to see me after I finished in New York, but not back to Bayside.

GC: Is there anyone in Bayside now that was there in your earlier days.

SD: The Cross girls, and then, no, not very... well, Margaret Bragg, yes, Margaret Bragg Lovejoy.

GC: Oh, Peg Lovejoy! Sure.

SD: Peg was a little girl when I first... she was eight years old when I first came here- maybe a little bit younger than that, because by the time she was eight there was a high school girl from Bangor looking after her for her mother, and that young lady that was looking after Peg Lovejoy's name was Marion Morse, and Marion Morse I haven't seen or heard from since way back then, but I understood that she married and lived in the Bangor area, but our paths never crossed.

GC: But Peg Lovejoy is still there.

SD: Peg Lovejoy had a family that lived there. There was a cottage that was torn down on that property that I remember, where her present garden is, and...

GC: She's a good gardener.

SD: Yes, it's a lovely corner there, and there was kind of an interesting little cottage there, but her family tore it down. That's all right. It was just like home, that's all. He had two children. One was a youngster by the name of Sally, and Sally had the misfortune of having an automobile accident and she didn't survive, but she has a younger brother Ted, and Ted now owns a cottage at the top of the hill there, and he and his wife enjoy fixing it up. And Ted's wife, I believe, is also a young lady that came here as a youngster and Ted and his wife met here. And then there's another family, too. It's the family that lives over there in the grove, and that is... Wait a second...

GC: Well, you've done...

SD: I'm stuck. Anyway, he still lives here, and her grandchildren come, so there's a family continuity there. That family came from Maryland- the James family. And I can't think of Eleanor's...

GC: Eleanor Lagner?

SD: Lagner. You helped me. She came here as a young person. She met a young man in the Sailing School, and he is also a marine designer, so you see there's a continuity, and Eleanor had a sister who is older. She went over to Deer Isle, I believe, and bought a place over there. She had a younger brother that was my daughter's age, and he and Alma never could get along. Her grandfather (father, EL) owned a Packard, (?..didn't own a Packard) and Alma says, "I know it's a Packard. I tell you it's a Packard."

GC: Did you know Magdalena Brown?

SD: Yes, I did. Magdalena had a son, and she also had a daughter, and I knew both of them. Yes, I've known quite a few people around here, and a very interesting couple came here; that was Blair Einstein and his wife Anne. He's now still here, and he has another very interesting wife, and they are very (?),

GC: They certainly are.

SD: ...and Blair and Anne established a real estate business in the old store. At the time they first took it over I think that the remnants of the post office had just been given up, and Anne and Blair had a charming store there. Now it's a very attractive place that combined part of the old store and real estate.

GC: Yes, we bought our house, our cottage in Bayside, from Blair and Anne.

SD: That's a wonderful, wonderful place, really.

GC: Yes, it is. They've done a nice job of preserving it.

SD: Another thing that's changed tremendously is the inn.

GC: Oh, yes.

SD: My gracious I ought to remember when that was Dutch's Inn.

GC: Dutch's?

SD: Dutch's Inn. It was a family in Belfast.

GC: Dutch's Chevrolet?

SD: Yes, that's right. And that family, they also had a meat market and many other businesses there, but they had this place where people came down from Bangor and stayed; for instance, Mrs. Freeze, the wife of the manager of Freeze's store in Bangor, used to come down with her chauffeur and stay with her children in corner rooms. They had like a suite there, what would be called a suite, and the bathrooms in those days were at the end of the hall, and they consisted of probably a flush toilet and maybe a lavatory. I don't think that they had too much in the way of showers or anything of that sort. You had a little pitcher and a bowl, and you took an afternoon sponge, and that was it. Unless you went swimming. Then if you needed to take the salt water off you took a sponge. Everybody always looked fresh and dainty.

GC; We've taken this cleanliness business too far! We expect a shower every day.

SD: But we like our conveniences.

GC: Well, we do. Exactly so.

SD: When we can't have them, then we're not very happy.

GC: You're right. Well, I think this tape is just going to be running down, so I will thank you. You were an absolute font of information. You were right. Even though you didn't

take notes, it was no trouble at all. (noise) I appreciate your taking the time to talk to us, and this will be very useful to us in the future. Thanks again.

Notes:

1. See "Reunion" panel discussion transcription. The Sailing School began in the 40's. (EL)
2. See file of Marilynne Eaton Catanzaro for more data on the founding of the Sailing School. The first year was a group of Girl Mariners.
3. The basic Sailing School boats were Dark Harbor 12's, among a variety of other makes, not Bar Harbor 17's.