

Speaker 1 ([00:00](#)):

Well, let's go back then. Now I was also trying to think, are you Charles Green's daughter? Yes. That makes sense. And, and your mother lived to be 103. I noticed that when we were out there as well, your father, according to the newspaper accounts, felt so bad that Gus might've thought that he sent this, this letter.

Speaker 2 ([00:30](#)):

Well, he did, but the reason why is we had moved two weeks before the package was sent. So we had a different address, which he didn't know.

Speaker 1 ([00:43](#)):

Yeah. Well, what happened in 1926? What that would be May 27th, 1926. That was a Thursday. What were you doing that day?

Speaker 2 ([00:55](#)):

I was in school and we, my sister, I have S had a sister just 15 months younger. So we were called and told to go home. So we went home and my mother had called, uh, my dad who was supervisor continental. And we jumped in the car and went out there. So we were there within an hour, less than an hour. My mother was pregnant for another sister, so they wouldn't let us go in this, uh, in the house. But, uh, we, we stayed there for a long time and the policeman came and of course we didn't really know what had happened, just that ABOM had gone off and where it came from, we were told with proper mailman. So after a little while we went home, because there wasn't anything we could do. My grandmother escaped it because she was, my aunt was going to be married Saturday. And this happened on a Thursday and my grandmother and another lady were out the back killing chickens for the dinner. So that's why they were not in the house.

Speaker 1 ([02:26](#)):

Now, this was the, uh, three lakes, um, was a Tavern. It was a Roadhouse. But did, did your grandparents also live above? Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([02:37](#)):

They lived in the, yes. Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([02:39](#)):

So this was a combination of a business and a house. And, uh, and when you, when you arrived there, what were you told? What were you told about your grandfather? What were you told about, uh, about your aunt? What were you told about her field?

Speaker 2 ([02:54](#)):

We weren't told anything at the time because they didn't, well, they did say that that William was, had been killed. He was dead, but my aunt and my grandfather were not killed yet. They were not dead yet. My grandfather died on the operating table and my aunt, I think, died in the ambulance, going home, going over her,

Speaker 1 ([03:25](#)):

There are, there are newspaper accounts that, uh, that say that she lived until the next day. Actually,

Speaker 2 (03:31):

I can't recall that, but maybe that's true. I can't recall that

Speaker 1 (03:35):

She was, she was blinded in the incident and grievously wounded, and she knew she was dying. Um, and, and expressed her.

Speaker 2 (03:42):

Well, we were told later that my grandfather's arm was blown off. The one that opened the package and the package was addressed to him. Yes. But they saw it. It was a wedding present from my dad. That's why they were all there. Opening it.

Speaker 1 (04:04):

The newspaper account said that at the last, it seemed as if at the last moment your grandfather tried to throw the package out of the way toward the sacred, perhaps,

Speaker 2 (04:13):

Perhaps, uh, it had the second wrapping when they opened the first wrapping, nothing happened. But when he brought the string of the second wrapping, that's when it happened.

Speaker 1 (04:26):

Tell me about your grandfather. What kind of a man?

Speaker 2 (04:29):

Wonderful man. Um, he was too generous in, in a lot of ways because people would come, well, it was a hotel. And if people couldn't afford to pay the whole bill, he would just, okay. And he would get up in the morning and come down the stairs and say top of the morning, it was just wonderful. I don't know how else to say it. Well, he was your grandpa. That's right. He was my grandpa.

Speaker 1 (05:09):

And what made him, he'd say top of the morning, but he was, he looked in pictures like he was a big man.

Speaker 2 (05:17):

Yeah. He was quite large. Uh, he, he, uh, he enjoyed life and I don't know what to say.

Speaker 1 (05:33):

Well, tell me as well about, about your aunt. Tell me about now. Is she June net or is she gin? Net?

Speaker 2 (05:43):

Jeanette. J E A N E T T E Y. Is the stone. I have no idea. You know, I didn't even know that. I never even thought about that. I never looked at the stone to see that it was on there.

Speaker 1 ([06:09](#)):

Can you see it? It's it's that one right there. Yeah. It's and she's listed that way in the burial records too for the seventh.

Speaker 2 ([06:17](#)):

Well, we've all called her Jeanette and Jeanette, and she was only four, four years older than I was cause I was 15 and she was 19. What was she like? She was, um, she was a very pretty girl and they came from Chicago. My grandparents came from Chicago and so she, a lot of people came from Chicago and stated hotel and she greeted them and helped them in any way that she could, if they needed help, whatever, uh, or answered any questions they might have ask. And she was just an all wonderful person. And she was going to get married. She was going to get married

Speaker 1 ([07:21](#)):

These days. We think of, of 18 as fairly young. Yes. Well, was it fairly young in those days or was that very common?

Speaker 2 ([07:32](#)):

I don't know. I don't know whether that was common or not

Speaker 1 ([07:38](#)):

About William William, Frank. Oh, he was known as well.

Speaker 2 ([07:42](#)):

Oop, we called the movie. Uh, they lived, they lived across the Lake Lee, a blue Lake and he and his brother, Carl, they ran a home for the boys, Lawrence Hall in Chicago. It was a home for boys that didn't have parents or had only one parent. And when the school was out, they brought all those boys and it was called camp hearty and they brought them over there. And an OPN. Carl ran the home for those boys. It's now, uh, the blue Lake fine arts camp. That's what it was. It is now. But then it was just a home for the boys and he and his brother ran was, took care of those boys.

Speaker 1 ([08:42](#)):

That's a fairly responsible position.

Speaker 2 ([08:45](#)):

Yes, it would be.

Speaker 1 ([08:49](#)):

What do you remember about OB? What kind of guy was he?

Speaker 2 ([08:52](#)):

Tall? Handsome, uh, laughed all the time. Very, very pleasant.

Speaker 1 ([09:02](#)):

Were you a little taken with him, yourself

Speaker 2 ([09:05](#)):

Out of 15?

Speaker 1 ([09:06](#)):

Well, I don't know if 15 that's perfectly

Speaker 2 ([09:08](#)):

Nowadays. Yes. No, not mostly.

Speaker 1 ([09:11](#)):

Things were a lot different than weren't. They so different with the sense of propriety in what was right. And your grandfather. I think, I think he'd been here about two years. Hadn't had the family been living up there permanently for about two years. Oh, it was longer than that.

Speaker 2 ([09:31](#)):

My, my grandfather, yes. Before the accident. Oh no. They came over many, many, many years. My grandfather and another man came from Chicago another couple and they built that. Uh, Oh my goodness. I bet you early 19 hundreds. They were there many years. Oh my life. 15 years, they were there and they were there before that. So

Speaker 1 ([10:11](#)):

I'm wrong about that. But your grandfather was a man of politics. He liked being involved in politics. He was the township.

Speaker 2 ([10:18](#)):

Well, he was a township supervisor. Right. And the story is that we wondered or heard he had been the supervisor. And then there was another election and a lady up at big blue Lake. Uh, one ran against him and she lost to grandpa. And the story we had heard is that she hired is a Bartlett to do this. He was in the first world war and he made bombs in the war and that he was hiring to do this, to send the bomb. But we had, it's never been, uh, proven that that was the story. But that's the only thing we can think of because the stories go that Asia was in love with my aunt, but that's not, she didn't even know him. None of my family and do it no up until that happened.

Speaker 1 ([11:31](#)):

Well, except for your grandfather, your grandfather certainly knew him. Cause it wasn't.

Speaker 2 ([11:35](#)):

Yes. He's a Bartlett. He didn't know. He didn't know. I don't believe so.

Speaker 1 ([11:39](#)):

But EISA Bartlett worked for the, for the road commission.

Speaker 2 ([11:43](#)):

Oh, golly. I don't know.

Speaker 1 ([11:45](#)):

I think, I think he worked. I think he may have been in the employ of, of your granite. Your, your grandfather may have been his indirect supervisor.

Speaker 2 ([11:58](#)):

Yeah, definitely. That's all new to me. I don't know anything about it.

Speaker 1 ([12:00](#)):

Yeah. And the lady, I think her name was Jenny Nolan. Kenny Nolan. Yeah. Now when EISA Bartlett confessed and he did confess,

Speaker 2 ([12:11](#)):

He confessed, he did it, but he never told why he never complained why. And he was in jail many, many years. And my mother and Carl, Frank got a letter asking for his pardon and my mother being a Christian. He had been a long time. She thought, well, he, he served his time, but Carol Frank would not allow it. So they wouldn't let him out. So many years later, I don't know the dates already. Uh, he was let out because he was very ill and he, they sent him up to Hart, Michigan. And he went into a nursing home in Hart, Michigan, where he died.

Speaker 1 ([12:58](#)):

I think he died at age 82.

Speaker 2 ([13:01](#)):

He was 65. I think when they, something like that, that's what I heard. Anyway. I've always regretted that I didn't go up to white hall or to white hall and talk to the man to see why he did it. If he would have told me, I don't know, but I never did. I regretted that ever since,

Speaker 1 ([13:22](#)):

But that would be extraordinary for a woman to go to the murderer of her aunt and her granddaughter.

Speaker 2 ([13:29](#)):

Well, it would have been nice to know why he did it.

Speaker 1 ([13:34](#)):

The newspapers hinted that that Bartlett said, EISA Bartlett said, I could tell you more about this, but I'm not gonna, in essence, it was that there's more to this story, but I'm not going to say what it is. So the newspaper talked about a conspiracy that there may well have been a group of people who had that. It was never proven, but there was the possibility that, that he did not act,

Speaker 2 ([14:04](#)):

Oh, I don't think he did. I don't think he, I don't know why he would, if not knowing my family, why he would act or I would not.

Speaker 1 ([14:17](#)):

It wouldn't make any sense. No it wouldn't. I imagine that around your family table, for many years, you all have, have questioned this and you've wondered.

Speaker 2 ([14:31](#)):

I always wondered why he did it. Uh, that's why I wish I had gone up to see him. I, I don't know whether it would have been difficult or not, but I would have wished I had done it. I don't know if he did have told me that, but I don't know in

Speaker 1 ([14:52](#)):

The aftermath of the explosion, what do you remember of those next few days?

Speaker 2 ([15:00](#)):

Hundreds, hundreds, hundreds of people. K just, Sightseers sorry. That's what we call them. The police had roped it off and they even who it got under the ropes, went into the house and picked up little things for souvenirs or something. I don't, it was terrible. And for days and days, there's hundreds of hundreds of people came from where all over to see, to see, and you couldn't see much outside except the windows were broken. But the inside of the dining room, it was a large dining room and it was a door like a Dutch door. You know, it had a little, little flat top and that's my grandfather was on that side of the door and my aunt and Opie were on this side of the door. And they that's where they opened the package on that little flat thing. So my grandfather was through in that way and the other two were thrown this way. And afterwards, when we started cleaning up, literally we scraped some of their bodies off of the woodwork. That was a telephone right next to that door that was laying on the floor. It was just literally devastated. But my grandmother, we fixed it up and she lived there very few years after that, but she did run it as a hotel. And every weekend we went out there and spent a weekend with her, uh, afterwards, uh, for many years she finally lost, lost it because she couldn't afford to keep it up.

Speaker 1 ([17:04](#)):

It's odd that it is still a road house.

Speaker 2 ([17:09](#)):

Well, we never liked it called the Tavern. We used to call it three lakes hotel. Well, it was called that later in years. But during probate, well, before probation, it was a Tavern

Speaker 1 ([17:22](#)):

And it is a Tavern now.

Speaker 2 ([17:24](#)):

Well, you don't. I, well, yes it is. I went out there when my son from Arizona came, he and his wife wanted to go out and see it. So we went out there a number of years ago and we just, it was a rush kind of a restaurant, but they did, it was all completely different. They had taken the porches all off and I wanted to go upstairs. I asked if I could go upstairs. Cause they had, they had all the windows upstairs, a bar bar, boarded shut. And I had to go up and say, but they wouldn't let me go up. It wouldn't

Speaker 1 ([18:08](#)):

Well, I can tell you the guy who's who Hmm. Sounds like we need to talk with, uh, Oh, what is his name? I wouldn't know. Well, I do, uh, cause I talked with him. I have his name here someplace. Uh, the guy who owns it now. Um, and he seemed like a very reasonable kind of fellow, except for the fact that they, uh, they, uh, have dwarf tossing their dwarf, tossing dwarves, hire themselves out to be thrown into cushions. Yeah. It's very strange.

Speaker 2 ([18:50](#)):

Well maybe somebody else owned it when I went out there because they didn't have anything like that. It was just, they just had built a big bar in the dining room and had tables and I noticed they had a platform for an orchestra over on the side. Yes, it was so different.

Speaker 1 ([19:08](#)):

Now what was the funeral like for the three?

Speaker 2 ([19:14](#)):

It was almost a mile long way to white hall. Uh, I didn't get to the funeral because some of us had, I had to stay there to keep the people out of the place. So I stayed home. I didn't get to white hall. So some other people stayed with me, but they told me that it was almost almost a mile long, the funeral. So I can't say anything about it. What happened in white hall? Cause I wasn't there

Speaker 1 ([19:51](#)):

Now when first did the mention of the KU Klux Klan, come to your attention

Speaker 2 ([19:57](#)):

That till I read it in the paper way back then, and what did the papers say? I can't remember just that he was a member of the KU Klux Klan. I, you probably read the paper, but I don't remember

Speaker 1 ([20:15](#)):

What, what the paper said was when they, when they, uh, went to search his property, they found all kinds of literature. Oh, clam. That's generally how they, and he had been, uh, very tight with this, uh, Mrs. Nolan and uh, a whole political party. Does it, does it seem that being a township supervisor is, is enough of a job to want to have somebody here?

Speaker 2 ([20:38](#)):

I can't believe that I really didn't know grandpa as a politician, either at my age, it didn't, it didn't register anything to me. I knew he was supervisor, but we would be when school was out every summer or every summer that the hotel was going. When the school was out, my folks, we moved out there. My mother did all the cooking for all the people, my sister and I did all the weighting of the tables and took care of that. We had 14 bedrooms. We took care of all the bedrooms. In those days, we just had little lamps, kerosene lamps in the room and we had to take care of all those kerosene lamps. We had no plumbing, no bathroom. It's all outside. And we stayed there until the day before school. And then we went back to Muskegon. So every summer we stayed for the 15 years that I can remember.

Speaker 1 ([21:45](#)):

And your father was supervisor of continental motors?

Speaker 2 ([21:49](#)):

No. In the tool room.

Speaker 1 ([21:52](#)):

Oh, he was in the tool room. I was going to say my goodness gracious. No, no, no, no. Did, did your father come to terms with it? I know the newspaper accounts went on quite a bit about the fact that Charles Green was terribly worried that his, his father-in-law's last thought on this terrestrial playing might've been that, that his son-in-law sent him a bomb.

Speaker 2 ([22:18](#)):

I think that's just paper talk. I don't think my dad felt that when he knew, I, I, I know he do get grandpa wouldn't say such a thing. Cause they were, they were very close. They never, he would have thought that. I think that's just some of the things that paper bud might've said and things happen because the paper said OBD, it wasn't in the paper, but they made up a Meg story in the detector magazine about it, about the bombing. And they said that is a Bartlett, was a lover of hers. And he did it because she was burying somebody else, stories like that got out all over and that's not true. Cause she didn't even know him. None of us knew him cause he was in the war and he had gotten out too long after when he made that bump. So had no chance of doing him.

Speaker 1 ([23:23](#)):

Now, Bartlett had said that he'd made the bomb two years previous. Do you remember hearing that to know it? And there was no indication that that was so as a matter of fact, there was every indication that the triggering mechanism had just been, um, this incident had to change your family in, in very ways. Well,

Speaker 2 ([23:46](#)):

It changed it. So then I closed the business down. We did from then on, it was never, never a hotel anymore. We just couldn't couldn't uh, go on with it at all.

Speaker 1 ([24:01](#)):

How did your grandmother hold up?

Speaker 2 ([24:05](#)):

Well, she, She took it pretty hard of course, because both her husband and daughter, but she was a strong German and she lived to be 96, 76. So just like all of us, we just had a Brendan, I'd take it and live through it and let the time pass. And he lost.

Speaker 1 ([24:43](#)):

What do you think about it? Looking back now, what can you make sense out of this?

Speaker 2 ([24:49](#)):

Oh, I can't make sense of it. No. And it's amazing to me that people still want to know about it. I thought being so long ago that everything, you know, that was why just people want to still know about it.

Speaker 1 ([25:10](#)):

That's a good question. Why do I want to know about it? Because it's unfinished business and it's, it was a result of, it was a result of inhumanity. You know, there are those of us who study, uh, the Holocaust. There are those of us who study the Bosch during world war one. There are those, I mean, people want to know about why did people do these things? Why do we treat each other this way?

Speaker 2 ([25:42](#)):

But you know, those things are still going on today, even worse. So that's why I just, it amazes me why people want to know about it.

Speaker 1 ([25:57](#)):

Was your grandfather by any chance, a Roman Catholic. No, I know that the Klan often targeted Catholics, uh, he was,

Speaker 2 ([26:08](#)):

They didn't go to church at all, but they weren't Catholics.

Speaker 1 ([26:12](#)):

It didn't go to church at all. That might've been enough reason that, that the client certainly practiced a particular kind of, it endorsed almost a Protestantism and the Klan hated hyphenated Americans. If you were a Jewish American or a Catholic American, the Catholics in particular, because they supposedly pledged allegiance to a higher source than the president, you know, the poll, but any hyphenated Americans like a German American, would your, would your grandfather perhaps have, have made reference to himself that he was a, you know, a thick headed German or something like some of the rest of us are?

Speaker 2 ([26:52](#)):

Oh yeah. I wouldn't know. No.

Speaker 1 ([26:56](#)):

Yeah. Top of the morning is a, is an Irish expression. I'm trying to figure out where that When you look back and you remember when you think about your grandfather, what's the one memory of him that, that stands out.

Speaker 2 ([27:22](#)):

This is sounds funny, but my grandmother would be sitting at the table the morning, eat breakfast and he'd come downstairs. And the first thing he did was put his arms around her and hug her and say good morning. And I was only 15. So I thought that was what beautiful.

Speaker 1 ([27:47](#)):

And now that you're 90. What do you think is

Speaker 2 ([27:49](#)):

Still is, uh,

Speaker 1 ([27:53](#)):

And the one thing, when you think of your aunt, Jeanette, you close your eyes and you're thinking at Jeanette, what do you think of?

Speaker 2 ([28:02](#)):

She was, and Judy had a handicap in a way. She was born with, um, fingers on her left hand from this knuckle down. She didn't have any fingers up there. And she learned to play the violin. So they had to restrain the violin. So she played with the other way other way. And I could remember her standing there playing the violin and I was taking violin lessons. So I do it the other way, but it amazed me how she could play with those fingers GLAAD. But she was born with that way

Speaker 1 ([28:47](#)):

And dopey. When you close your eyes and think about what do you think about?

Speaker 2 ([28:51](#)):

No, just that he was a nice, handsome young man and always smiling and happy.

Speaker 1 ([29:01](#)):

The newspaper made a big deal that people were coming for a wedding. They got a funeral instead.

Speaker 2 ([29:07](#)):

That's true. Uh, her maid of honor was a friend of hers from Chicago and she had come already. She hit was there and I had two cousins. I have two cousins, uh, that were there, but they were four and five. And I, he told me many times with the Bombo they were outside. And when the bomb went off, they ran in the woods and hid behind a tree because their grandmother and my grandmother were out with back killing these chickens. That's Bob Weiss.

Speaker 1 ([29:54](#)):

That seems like a reasonable response run like that.

Speaker 2 ([29:57](#)):

Yeah, they did. They, they didn't do what it was all about. Only four and five years old. So they ran to the woods and hid behind a tree. He said,

Speaker 1 ([30:06](#)):

Wow. So when all is said and done, what does it all mean?

Speaker 2 ([30:11](#)):

Oh, Sydney just, I can't imagine anybody's having a mind to do a thing like that, but for what reason? We don't know.

Speaker 1 ([30:29](#)):

What have I not asked that I should have asked?

Speaker 2 ([30:39](#)):

I'm trying to think if there's anything else I can tell you. Um, I guess that covers it pretty much,

Speaker 1 ([30:54](#)):

Richard. Is there anything else that you can think of? I'm trying to think too. And uh, I learned a little more this morning. This is good. Yeah. I can't recall any other stories that haven't been told this Thanksgiving. I know you mentioned you came home from school, not a car. I thought you came home on the horses.

Speaker 2 ([31:27](#)):

Well, we were in Muskegon. We lived in Muskegon and I was going to the Heights high school. So we had to walk home. Oh yeah. Well, my grandfather had seven saddle horses and rented them out in the summertime to the people. And so my sister and I, we ran, rode horses all the time.

Speaker 1 ([31:53](#)):

Well, I do recall when for about the five minutes that the police were looking at your father as a potential, um, assassin, do you remember what that was like? Do you remember the police coming to the house? Okay. It didn't last long. I mean, they didn't pay much attention to him as a, as a serious suspect.

Speaker 2 ([32:13](#)):

I can't remember that. See the police come to our house.

Speaker 1 ([32:20](#)):

I want to thank you as well for letting me use the pictures. I very much appreciate that. It's going to help tell the story. And Phil, was there anything else that you can think of Dan? We've got one thing, just thinking back then the court system was so much different. Oh man. He was caught within three days and sentenced within about another. Oh, that was, that was, yeah, that was one of the things. When they, when they caught EISA Bartlett, one of the, they had him go to, um, uh, to where the bodies were and they had him look at these bodies.

Speaker 2 ([33:03](#)):

I remember hearing that. Yes. Can you tell me about that? Well, that's all I heard was that they had taken him to look at the bodies and how they caught him was we were told a sticker that they had, um, the, on the package was bought at the, at the post office. And because so few people bought those kinds of stickers. He was recognized. And that's how the lady that sold it to him, told the police about that.

Speaker 1 ([33:45](#)):

And he expressed regret about one thing about two things. And yes, go ahead.

Speaker 2 ([33:51](#)):

I was, I was going to say yes, I don't think he meant the bomb to kill my aunt. And I was the, uh, Frank, uh, car, uh, Oop, I think it meant just for my grandfather, but unfortunately Jeanette and OB were standing there too.

Speaker 1 ([34:10](#)):

He said he was sorry for their deaths.

Speaker 2 ([34:12](#)):

I didn't think he meant to do that. But he never apologized for killing. No, he never did. He never did. It. Never told why ever really told why.

Speaker 1 ([34:25](#)):

Yeah. And his justice was so Swift, it made the Chicago papers. He, he, uh, he confessed and was, uh, um, I, by Monday he was on the road to Marquette the upper peninsula. He was processed and the Chicago papers said, don't commit a crime in Michigan or, you know, in four days from, from the crime to the time you're doing in a, in prison. So there was a political cartoon.

Speaker 2 ([34:53](#)):

I didn't realize that.

Speaker 1 ([34:55](#)):

So anything else you've been helpful? See,

Speaker 2 ([35:00](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([35:01](#)):

Oh, I'm sorry for your loss then, which is a loss. I mean, what's something like that, this changes your whole life, right?

Speaker 2 ([35:07](#)):

It's it's always, it's always there. You know, we don't think about it anymore, but except when we go to the cemetery and then it always brings it back. Yes. Terrible. And just think two of them in our family went like that, you know? So fast. My aunt was so happy and so delighted and getting married. And like you say, instead of the wedding, it was a funeral

Speaker 1 ([35:44](#)):

And for a 15 year old girl, this had to change your life and your view of the world.

Speaker 2 ([35:49](#)):

Oh, I was afraid to go out there really for awhile adopted. I don't know why, but we did go, but I was always afraid to go because I, I don't know why, just because of my age, I guess. Yeah. Again,

Speaker 1 ([36:10](#)):

We went out there and we had lunch there. That's just recent. Yes. The same day that we went to the cemetery, we also went and took some video pictures of the, the three lakes, a hotel it's known as the boondocks now. And I don't want to tell you what happened necessarily with the jukebox, but it was really pretty strange, but the people who operate this place know something of its history, know a little

bit about it. Uh, and they, they think it's a little strange themselves. Oh yeah. The, the lady who served us said, well, that would explain why there are noises in here all the time.

Speaker 2 ([36:52](#)):

No kidding. No kidding. There's noises.

Speaker 1 ([36:56](#)):

That what she said, Phil. She said, yup. Yeah,

Speaker 2 ([37:00](#)):

My grandpa's still there then.