

## Harry Morin

**Wayne Morin:** When were you born?

**Harry Morin:** 1914. Ile-a-la-Crosse.

**Wayne Morin:** 1914, here? Here in town?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, here. I don't know where, I don't remember, but I was born here.

**Wayne Morin:** (Laughs) Was there a hospital here at that time?

**Harry Morin:** No, there was no hospital here in 1914. No, just an old lady used to look after that eh.

**Wayne Morin:** So how old are you now?

**Harry Morin:** Eighty-six now, I'll be eighty-seven in November. We were married for sixty-four years now.

**Wayne Morin:** What was your mom and dad's names?

**Harry Morin:** Felix Morin. It's written right in there. And my mom is Margaret Daigneault. His dad was Vincent Daigneault, eh, her dad.

**Wayne Morin:** Margaret Daigneault? That was your mom? That one or Madeline?

**Harry Morin:** I think so, Catherine, my mom, her mom was Margaret.

**Wayne Morin:** Bouvier, yeah, oh okay. But your dad is Felix Morin?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, Felix Paul.

**Wayne Morin:** That's a brother of Ambrose?

**Harry Morin:** Ambrose's dad.

**Wayne Morin:** That's your brother? Ambrose is your brother?

**Harry Morin:** Ambrose is the oldest one in the family. He was born in 1905. My dad got married 1903, his first kid was 1905, was Ambrose. His second one was a girl. They call him Rose but she died when she was not even fifteen years old.

**Wayne Morin:** She was sick?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, and the third one was Jeffery (Zepherin).

**Wayne Morin:** Then Jeffery and who else?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, Marie Jean and then me.

**Wayne Morin:** Marie Jean, is that the one in Patuanak?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, that was my sister too.

**Wayne Morin:** Oh that was your sister too, Marie Jean. Gunn she married?

**Harry Morin:** And then there's somebody between me and her because she was too far apart, but I don't remember who.

**Wayne Morin:** But they're not around anymore eh?

**Harry Morin:** No, there's nine or ten of us, a few died but I don't remember.

**Wayne Morin:** They usually died from what?

**Harry Morin:** Some kind of a sickness. There's no hospital. I don't even know where they're buried in here...no name on it eh. The one that drown in Sandy Point, Victor, remember, I don't even remember where they bury cause I was in Beauval and when I, I had a telegram coming to me she drowned eh, he drowned eh, no road and the lake was just freezing up. Nobody could travel eh.

**Wayne Morin:** Oh, so nobody came?

**Harry Morin:** No, just your grandpa and George they come up. They had to pull it by hand on the sleigh.

**Wayne Morin:** Uh huh. So they just buried her like that eh? No family around?

**Harry Morin:** No, that's what happened years ago because there's no road around eh.

**Wayne Morin:** For funerals?

**Harry Morin:** The road come here in 1957 from the forks, '56 we got it in Buffalo. I was working there. I started this in August '55 and '56 in the spring we got it in Buffalo. And at the same year we started about five miles from the turn off that old road before you hit the forks.

**Wayne Morin:** Yeah, yeah.

**Harry Morin:** And we had to quit eh. Ran out of money and it was late in the fall too. We do it in '57 in the spring.

**Wayne Morin:** Oh, so you used to work there?

**Harry Morin:** That's the time we start the Hanson Lake road. After we finished here we moved in July I think, we move to Hanson Lake road.

**Wayne Morin:** Where did you live? Where did you and your family live?

**Harry Morin:** Inside trailers, bunkhouses, everything...cooks...

**Wayne Morin:** No, when you were small, when you were growing up with Felix?

**Harry Morin:** (Points) Some place around here. This way, you know. Where a map?

**Wayne Morin:** You used to live here?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, we were raised in here. We used to live here. The only time was when I was married in Beauval. I stay there for seven years, then I moved back to Ile-a-la-Crosse, in 1945 I moved back.

**Wayne Morin:** In 1915 you were born, or 1914?

**Harry Morin:** 1914, November the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Wayne Morin:** You never lived at Sandy Point?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, shit, I stay there when you were just a little kid. Yeah, I stay there about four or five years before I got married eh.

**Wayne Morin:** When did uh, Felix and them, Felix pass away?

**Harry Morin:** 1954 my dad passed away in Buffalo. They're both buried, my mom and my dad, buried at Buffalo.

**Wayne Morin:** Oh, they buried them in Buffalo?

**Harry Morin:** My mom died 1929 in May, but I don't remember what day. My dad died, she died 1954 in July.

**Wayne Morin:** Felix remarried eh?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, he married twice. You know Sakamees?

**Wayne Morin:** Yeah, that's your half-sister?

**Harry Morin:** No, that's my stepmother.

**Wayne Morin:** That's your stepmother okay. So your half brothers would be who?

**Harry Morin:** Moses and Celena.

**Wayne Morin:** Moise?

**Harry Morin:** Yeah, Celena, Celena Buffin. I still got two sisters left from my mom and my dad, Mathilda and Claudia Petit. You know her ah?

**Wayne Morin:** Yeah, she's in Saskatoon. We did an interview on her.

**Harry Morin:** That's the one he told me. She ask he phone her, that's it eh.

**Wayne Morin:** There's no more men alive eh?

**Harry Morin:** From my mom and dad. I'm all alone.

**Wayne Morin:** There's about how many in your family?

**Harry Morin:** How many did we find yesterday, nine?

**Brenda Macdougall:** Nine?

**Harry Morin:** Nine alive. They were alive from what I could remember, there was nine. There could be someone else, but I don't remember eh.