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Dudones, Janet Worthington

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Interview Log

*Interviewed on 08/09/2018 by Kayt Gochenaur at Historic Saranac Lake.*

00:15 Jan's mother was Juanita Hayman, and was born in Nova Scotia, spending a year in bed with Empyema in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She wanted to be a nurse so went to Bellevue.

1:20 She got TB, and went to Trudeau where she was better within a year and became a nurse on staff at Trudeau.

2:05 In the afternoons she started working for Dr. Warner Woodruff, the surgeon in town.

2:35 She worked until Janet was born in 1948,

3:10 She was about 30 when she contracted TB.

3:35 She talks about the friends her mom made while curing.

4:45 Juanita and Ed started a golf course supply business in 1960 (full time, expanding on the business Ed had started in the 30s). Nita did all the bookkeeping.

6:15 Jan says she didn't talk much about the cure. Jan always asked for stories from Nita's nursing days, Jan tells one.

8:55 Nita used to walk everywhere. Difficulties when she couldn't walk because of a congenital defect.

9:55 Grandparents in Nova Scotia.

10:10 Nita grew up on a farm. Her father was a policeman and sometimes carpenter. She had two brothers and sisters. Gives overview of her mother's life and talks about Nita's friends and the doctors who always told Jan what a good nurse Nita was.

13:35 Jan talks about her perspective on the TB industry as a child. She knew how different SL was and the importance of fresh air. They had yearly chest x-rays to screen for TB in school.

16:55 In October 1934, Ed came up on the train. He and Nita met. They knew a lot of people in common at Bellevue.

18:50 Connection between smoking and TB. Her father realizing its effect.

19:30 Ed taught courses in Morse code and radio repair.

22:30 Remembers TB patients she knew. Most of her parents' friends (who she called "Aunt" or "uncle") didn't have kids.

25:25 She went to Syracuse University where she was an Education Major. She married Tom Dudones who was studying Russian at Syracuse University. They moved to Texas where he was training to be a

linguist. Their daughter was born in Texas, and then they moved to Fairbanks, and were there for one of the coldest weeks in its history in 1971.

27:30 They moved back to Saranac in 1975.

28:15 Janet's high school experience. Lack of late busses prevented many kids from participating in after school activities. Downturn after the Sanatorium was gone and the industry had died.

32:35 Guild school. It disappeared when the patients did.

33:10 Movements in the 1960s. She wasn't in the area during that time, but says she has seen photos of some protests in the area.

34:20 Was the Director of the Adult Center for three years.

34:55 Ed: born in 1909 in central NY. His family owned Worthington Pumps. His grandfather sold the business, and started a resort and golf club. Three generations of engineers. His mom had TB when he was in high school. She died in 1933. His grandfather started Worthington Mower company, and Ed started working in sales at the company. He got TB, went to Bellevue, and then up to Trudeau.

40:45 From his bedside he taught himself Morse code, built the radio in the Saranac Laboratory Museum, and started a personal shopping service for patients.

48:20 He was involved in NYS Turf Grass Association of which Janet later became the first female president. She talks more about the Worthington Golf Supply.

51:10 Was introduced to HSL by Dot Fobare. Jan's vision for HSL was always to have a museum.

Part II – *takes place while looking at binders of letters and newspaper clippings from her father.*

0:00 Talking about the first interview.

1:30 Her dad had an eye to the future, kept everything.

4:45 Talking about drawings he did while sick with TB. He was helping his father with the design.

8:10 Talks about letter from black chaplain in WWI, who was a traveling lecturer. He later ended up institutionalized from what probably was severe PTSD. He kept the letter, Jan reads it.

10:55 Ed was very proud of being an eagle scout.

11:55 Note about abdication of English throne. He had heard about it on the short wave radio in SL before anyone else did.

12:50 Talks about "scrapbook" patients would make of things they liked in magazines.

7:45 Talks about her mom, she recovered quickly but her father didn't. When she was a child there was a munitions ship explosion in Canada (article in book).

19:10 TB testing at Bellevue.