

Kate Porter Jackson Track 3 (daughter of Jim Porter, son of Andrew J. Porter) Dec. 18, 1979 at her home in Middletown, Ohio, with her nephew Dale Porter (s/o Bill, s/o Jim, s/o AJP) (Rev. 8-2026)

JC: This is tape number 2 with **Kate Porter Jackson** Dec. 18, 1979 in **Middletown, Ohio**.

Kate: My niece has wrote before.

JC: Your niece has looked up some of the old records then?

Kate: No, she wanted to look them up. That is why she wrote to my sister in **Montana, Sarah Martin**. What have you got there, **Lillie Baker**? (0:29)

JC: Do you know what the name of that road is?

Kate: Yeah, **Tallyhook, Oregon** (00:35)

JC: And she is the daughter of **Lucy**? (d/o Jim, s/o AJP)

Kate: **Lena Baker**, and you've got the address.

JC: Yeah, I've got the address.

Kate: It is **Tallyhook, Oregon** 97141 If you write to her, she can give you more information than all of us put together.

JC: What's your address here?

Kate: 1013 Second Ave. (1:45)

JC: What's the zip code?

Dale: 45042 (2:00)

JC: 45042?

Kate: Yeah

JC: OK

Kate: I don't remember that number, ____ see. (2:13) The girls, they said to me, "Mom, you can't remember?" I said if you live to be 91 years old, you won't remember either, and go through all I have. She said, "Well what have you had to go through?" I said, "Oh nothing." I just lost all my brothers and sisters and my mother and my father, my husband and my two sons, two son in laws. That is plenty to go through with.

JC: Can you give me a list of all of your children and grandchildren?

Kate: I don't have any grandchildren.

JC: You don't have any?

Kate: No. (phone rings)

Dale: Want me to get it?

Kate: Yeah. (3:12) Tell em I'll call em back.

Dale: Hello. (Dale talking) Yeah.

Kate: It must be **Joyce**.

Dale: I believe this guy can talk all night. I don't know. (laughing) I'm gonna break him lose here in a minute. Do something with him, I don't know.

Kate: I had two girls and two boys.

JC: Who is your oldest child?

Kate: **Corinne**.

JC: **Corinne**?

Kate: She is an **Henes** now, but she was **Corinne Jackson**. ? (3:25)

JC: What was her husband's name?

Kate: **Earl Henes**.

JC: How no you spell that last name?

Kate: **H E N E S**

JC: And she doesn't have any children?

Kate: No.

JC: And they didn't have any? None at all?

Kate: No. (3:45) (Jeannine's list has a son **Earl Henes** born 1946)

JC: Who is your next child?

Kate: Well it was **Corinne**, then I don't know whether **Bud** comes next or **Kathryn**? (3:53) Yeah, it was **Bud**.

JC: Who did **Bud** marry?

Kate: He wasn't married.

JC: Who was your next child?

Kate: Let's see. There was **Corinne**, **Bud**, then **Katheryn**. **Katheryn Schubert**.

JC: What was her husband's name?

Kate: **SCHUBERT. Schubert**.

JC: What is his first name?

Kate: They always called him **Wayne**, but his name was **Orie**.

JC: And they didn't have any children? (4:38)

Kate: No.

JC: And who was your last child?

Kate: LeRoy.

JC: And who did he marry?

Kate: He wasn't married.

Dale: He got killed ...

Kate: When he was 8 years old.

JC: How old was Bud when he died? Was he just a young man too?

Dale: Wasn't he 52?

Kate: I think he was ____

Dale: I think he was 52.

Kate: He was around that, let's see. **Corinne**. I don't remember how long **Bud**'s been dead.

Dale: Five or six years.

Kate: Huh?

Dale: Five or six years probably.

Kate: ____ seven years.

Dale: Did he? (5:22)

JC: Who did your sister **Bessie** marry?

Kate: Well, she has been married three times.

JC: Oh she has? (5:38)

Kate: Don't ask me all of them.

JC: Do you know any of her kids?

Kate: (5:51) Well, one is a nurse. That is the one that wrote to my sister in **Montana** to get her information.

JC: What's her name?

Kate: **Marie Dewey**.

JC: Where does she live?

Kate: I'll have to look for her address. (6:00) I throwed it in there in the trash can too.

JC: Oh, did you just get a letter from her today too?

Kate: ____

JC: You are gonna have to quit throwing these things away. (laughing)

Kate: (speaking from a distance)

(Looking for her address)

JC: Do you know what town she lives in? (7:00) I can find her address.

Kate: Well I swear, I can't remember ____ . I keep throwing stuff out. You always find it when you are

not looking for it.

JC: Well that's OK.

Kate: She lives near **Detroit**. That is all I know. (8:30)

JC: Do you know her husband's name off hand?

Kate: She ____ for three years.

Dale: It's not there Aunt Kate.

JC: Well that's OK.

Kate: She mailed a card. I'll find it after you are gone. That's ____ that doctor.

JC: What about **Floyd**'s children? Do you know any of them? (9:31)

Kate: **Floyd** only had one child.

JC: He did?

Kate: Yeah.

JC: Who was that?

Kate: She went by **Norma Jean Jones**. Glad I got the mail today. (laughing) I been ____ don't mind the rest of them. Might as well _____. It's **Norma Jones** and the address is 12407 Paris Road. I guess that is what I'm seeing right, ain't it? **Germantown, Ohio**.

JC: What town?

Dale: **Germantown**.

Kate: She don't have no children.

JC: She don't?

Kate: No.

Dale: 45327 is the zip. (10:56)

Kate: Well I can't never tell, once I got it worked up, I just talked to three of them.

JC: What is her husband's first name?

Kate: **Arnold**.

JC: **Arnold**? Who was **Floyd**'s wife?

Kate: Grace. Who she was before she married. ____ before she married. I couldn't tell you.

JC: Let's see, then **Elliott** married **Ruth Rose**, right?

Kate: I guess. I don't know. (laughing) Lord, there is so many, I couldn't keep track of them I never tried to.

JC: Do you know any of **Elliott**'s children that are living?

Kate: **Ellet**'s?

JC: Yeah.

Kate: Oh there are some of them wandering around...

Dale: Give him **Bill**'s address.

Kate: Oh I've got **Bill**'s address.

JC: Is that **Ellet**'s son?

Kate: Well, I'll have to look it up.

JC: Is he the one you said was 70 miles from here?

Dale: No, that is **Charles**' boy **Don**.

Kate: He had 5 or 6 kids. I don't know where they are at.

Dale: **Bill** could probably tell you all about them.

JC: I'm trying to trace them all down, all the lines.

Kate: You gave him **Bill**'s address? Well it is **Bill Porter** 5120 East-SR 323 SW-- **South Solon, Ohio**. 44153

JC: How do you spell **Solon**? **SOLON**? Let's see, you are **Bill**'s son, so you can tell me about him later. And I can write to **Sarah**. Who is her husband?

Kate: Well, she was married twice. (13:34) She married one of the orneriest men in **Elliott** County, old **Dick Dehart**.

JC: He was the orneriest man in **Elliott** County?

Kate: Yeah.

JC: Why's that?

Kate: Well, he just wasn't no good. She was so crazy about her dad. She worshiped him. And he did her. He'd take her courtin. Every time he'd go to courtin, he'd take her with him. They was just crazy about each other. And she married, and **Bill** said, "If he would have known she was going to marry him, he believed he would have came back and killed him." ____ before she married him. And she had 15 children by him.

JC: 15?

Kate: 15 children.

Dale: How are you going to trace all of them down? (laughing)

JC: She doesn't hold the record.

Kate: Then she married **another feller**, and then he died, so she is a widow.

JC: She didn't have any children by the 2nd husband did she?

Kate: No, no. She didn't need any more.

JC: She's got the record for the women I think. One man had 17 kids. Your uncle **Levi**, his son **Bob**, your cousin **Bob Porter**.

Kate: Yeah.

JC: He had 17 kids. (laughing)

Kate: He did? Oh my goodness sakes. That many kids ____.

JC: He had two wives. It took two wives to do it. (14:58)

Kate: I would think so.

Dale: Gee whiz.

Kate: That is ____

JC: What do you remember about your uncle **Levi**?

Kate: Well I don't remember much about him.

JC: You don't?

Kate: No sir, I don't.

JC: You ever hear about him doing any hypnotism?

Kate: No.

JC: He used to try to hypnotize preachers.

Kate: Oh, I never heard that.

JC: Yeah, they said he went in to hypnotize one preacher and the preacher wouldn't preach the next night. He closed the service early. The next night when he came back he asked if that old bearded fellow was there that night.

Kate: Oh. Would you men have a coke?

Dale: No. **Joyce** is gonna have something to eat a few minutes. I'm gonna take him up to the house in a few minutes. He can come back down if he wants to. Aunt **Kate** goes to bed early though.

JC: Oh do you? I won't bother you tonight.

Dale: What time do you go to bed aunt **Kate**?

Kate: I go to bed around 9 o'clock, or a quarter after. I go to bed then I get up around 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

JC: You do? How's come?

Kate: Well, I was raised on a farm and I went to bed early and got up early, and I've always done that. My man worked at the mill 35 years, and he never was late a morning in all them 35 years. I got up and cooked him a hot breakfast. I didn't send him off with a coke. I got up and made hot biscuits and fried apples and bacon and fixed him a good hot breakfast. He never, and when he worked a 16 hour turn **Dale**, I'd cook all morning long and pack a basket and take him a hot dinner. I was good to my man.

Dale: You sure were.

Kate: I sure was.

JC: You ever hear of **Wint Porter**?

Kate: Yeah, but I don't know a thing about him.

JC: You know he was your first cousin?

Kate: Yeah.

JC: Do you know who his dad was?

Kate: Let's see. No I don't.

JC: That was **Alick Porter**'s son. **Alexander**.

Kate: Well I didn't know **Alexander**.

JC: You ever hear of **Jasper Porter**, your cousin?

Kate: **Jas**?

JC: **Jasper**.

Kate: **Jasper**. No, I've never heard of him.

JC: That's my great-grandfather.

Kate: I don't try to keep track ____ no way.

JC: How about **Arabelle Porter**, who married **Boone Walker**? You have probably heard of her haven't you? (17:27)

Kate: Oh yeah, I've heard of her, but I don't remember who she married.

Dale: You have had more company tonight, I'll swear.

(A lady talking in the background)

Kate: She's a lot of company to me. (Dale and other lady talking in background)

Kate: You was here when they come wasn't you?

Kate's Daughter: Yeah.

Kate: This is one of those good looking **Porters**. (laughing)

Kate's Daughter: Now Mom, they are all nice looking. ____ You can tell he is related.

Kate: Huh?

Daughter: You can tell he is related to you.

Kate: I don't think so. **Dale**, no. I don't think they look a bit alike.

Daughter: Related, Mom, related.

Kate: I know what you mean. Is it very cold out?

Daughter: Yeah, about the same, no change.

Kate: He is trying to get a record of the **Porter** generation I guess.

JC: How about your cousin **Will Porter**? Did you ever hear of him?

Kate: He's dead ain't he?

JC: Yeah.

Kate: Oh yes, well he used to stay at my mothers.

JC: He did?

Kate: Yes. He stayed at my mother's and went to school.

JC: He did?

Kate: Yeah, there at **Stark, Kentucky**. It wasn't college. There wasn't no such thing as college then. He stayed with my mother and then went to school there. He asked to go out with me one time. I got so mad at him, I liked him, after that I got so mad I could have killed him.

Dale: Why, for asking you to go with him?

Kate: Why yes, a cousin.

Dale: What was wrong with that?

Kate: Do you think I would go with a cousin?

Dale: Well sure.

Kate: Oh Lord no. I hated him after that. I said, "Don't you ever speak to me again." I don't believe in that. (19:34)

JC: Well you know his daughter married her second cousin.

Kate: She did?

JC: Yeah.

Kate: Well that's their business. Some people ____ what they do, but I just tell you what I wouldn't do. I wouldn't marry nobody if I didn't love em and I wouldn't marry no relation either. First cousins never ought to marry.

JC: Do you remember **Jim Porter**, Levi's son, your cousin?

Kate: Yeah. He was crippled.

JC: He was? Yeah, they called him "**Crippled Jim**" didn't they?

Kate: Yeah.

JC: He was a lawyer?

Kate: School teacher.

JC: Was he a school teacher?

Kate: Yeah. He used to live the second door from me in **Ashland, KY**.

JC: He did?

Kate: Yeah. He was a fine feller, **Jim** was. Yeah, I remember him well. I went and took care of about three different families when they had that Asian Flu (she means the 1918 Spanish flu) you know.

There were dying by the hundreds. I went and took care of his family. I went down ____ and took care of a man and his wife when they was down and a doctor lived next door to me. I went over and took care of his wife. **Jack** was so mad at me. He'd tell me, "You are gonna find that Indian with the baby, and then you'll die." I said, "No, I'm trying to help other people that needs help, and I don't think I'll even take it." And I didn't. I've already done three different things.

I'd do the same thing today. If somebody was sick around me and they didn't have anything. I'd divide with them. If I only had one loaf of bread, I'd divide with them. Now I'm like that. I ain't got nothing. I never expected to have nothing. I do things for other people. (21:18)

JC: What was your dad's middle name?

Kate: I couldn't tell you that either. He just always went by the name of **Jim Porter**.

JC: Do you know his middle initial?

Kate: No.

JC: It was "M."

Kate: It was?

JC: Yeah.

Kate: Well I didn't know that.

JC: **J.M. Porter**

Kate: I didn't know.

JC: You didn't?

Kate: No. And different people asked me my middle name, and I say, "I haven't got any." My name is **Kate**, but I didn't like that name. It sounds like a horses name. (laughing) Well **Kate** and **Bess**. That sounded like two horses names. (laughing) So I started writing mine "**Kathryn**."

JC: What year did you say, how old were you when you came to Ohio? Were you in your thirties?

Kate: Well my kids were small then. I couldn't tell you. Let's see.

Dale: I don't want to rush you **JC**, but **Joyce** said she would have supper ready about a quarter after.

JC: OK.

Dale: You are not going to get much. But she teaches school, and it is kind of short notice. Just a little to tide you over for tonight anyway.

Kate: She is cooking supper now?

Dale: Yeah, she is fixing a little. I don't know what she is going to have, but she said she would have something.

JC: You have never heard of your aunt **Sena Brown**?

Kate: No sir.

JC: How about **Elizabeth Hunt**?

Kate: **Elizabeth Hunt**?

JC: Yeah. Your dad lived with her a while. That is where he met your mom at. He lived down around **Bowling Green, KY**. I'll tell you. Your grandpa **Andrew Porter**, his wife was **Lucy Cornett**, that was your grandmother. They married in **Grayson County, Virginia**, at least they lived in **Grayson County, Virginia**. Me and my cousin went there the past two summers. We found the old house they lived in in **Virginia**. That would be the house your dad was born in. it is still standing. It was the first house built in that area, the first frame house anyway.

Kate: Well.

JC: Your grandpa had 11 kids. Your dad was 3rd from the last. After him was **John**, your Uncle **John** and then there was a daughter **Emma**. And she never married.

Kate: I never heard of her.

JC: They came to **Kentucky** in 1866 from **Virginia**. They left **Virginia**. They lived in that house from 1848 to 1866. I'm not sure where they lived before that. Your grandmother **Lucy Cornett**, her dad was **William Cornett**. And he was a real wealthy slave owner back there. Your uncle **Levi Porter** is named after his uncle **Levi Cornett**. (24:11)

Kate: Well.

JC: Same with my great-great grandpa, your uncle **Alexander Porter** was named after his uncle **Alexander Cornett**. Anyway, they came to **Kentucky**, and they had one daughter **Elizabeth**, and she married **Isaac Hunt** and they moved to **Allen County, Kentucky**, which is down by **Bowling Green**. And they lived down there before the **Porters** went to **Kentucky**. Your dad in 1880 was living with his sister **Elizabeth Hunt** in **Allen County**, and I think that is where he met your mom, since she was from down there.

Kate: Oh was she? Well I was born in **Allen County** ____.

JC: You were? (laughing)

Dale: Interesting.

JC: Well when did **Jim Porter** moved to **Carter** and **Elliott County**?

Kate: I don't know.

JC: After you were born though?

Kate: Yeah.

JC: You and all of your older brothers and sisters were born down there?

Kate: No, just me. None of the rest of them were.

JC: They were born around **Elliott County**?

Kate: I don't know, I guess.

Other Lady: You will have to write and ask your sister. She will know.

Kate: She knows more about it than I know. I don't know very little about anything like that. I was just a baby.

JC: You were born down around **Allen County**, or **Bowling Green**.

Kate: **Bowling Green**. I was born in **Bowling Green**. That is the only thing I know.

JC: If you were born there, probably your older brothers and sisters were born there too weren't they?

Kate: No they weren't.

JC: Was any of your younger ones born there?

Kate: The younger ones? I don't think so.

JC: Why did they just go down there for a couple years?

Kate: I don't know. (JC & Dale laughing) I was always told I was born in **Bowling Green, Kentucky**, and that is all I know. I wouldn't know it, I don't know. (laughing) Where were the others born?

JC: I don't know. It just said **Kentucky** in the census. I didn't know what county.

Kate: **Bowling Green, Kentucky**, I remember that part, but I don't know about the rest of them where

they was born. I don't know a thing about em. The only think I remember about my mother's people, she told me she had a sister and she went crazy. They found her hanging out a window. She never had a boyfriend or anything. She was a young girl. They said she was fine looking. And she went crazy and they found her hanging out the window. I think that is the only one I ever heard my mother talk about. That was her one sister.

Daughter: What was her name Mom? Do you remember?

Kate: My mother's name was **Lucinda Long**.

JC: What was her sister's name?

Kate: I don't know. I guess they told me, but I don't remember. I just remember hearing my mother talk about finding her hanging out the window. She just went crazy and was hanging out the window, until they found her. (27:09)

JC: Well I might stop by later to talk with you. Probably tomorrow morning I guess. If that'd be OK?

Kate: OK. I don't know much ____

Kate's daughter: It might come to you mom.

JC: You'll have to sleep on it and remember everything you can.

Kate: I won't sleep at all tonight. (laughing)

JC: Here I've got a little one I brought. Can you see all the people in there? You can have this one too if you want.

Kate: Well there ain't no use me taking em, cause I ain't gonna be here much longer.

JC: You might like to have it.

Kate: I'll be 93 years old this November.

Dale: Will you?

Kate: Not many people live that long.

Kate's Daughter: Yeah, your family mom.

JC: You can show it to them, I've got the names of all of them on the back.

Kate: They wouldn't want em. None of them wouldn't.

Kate's Daughter: Mail em to **Bess**, maybe she would like to see em.

Kate: Huh?

Kate's Daughter: Your sister might like to see em mom.

Kate: My sister in **Montana**.

Kate's Daughter: Yeah.

Kate: She is the only sister I've got.

Kate's Daughter: Yeah. Write her and mail them to her. OK?

JC: I'll mail one to her. I'll write her as soon as I get a chance. (28:23)

Kate: I ain't gonna be here long enough ... I been meaning to throw all of them pictures there away. In that box I fixed to throw them away twice. Cause I've got no where to keep things, and the girls won't want them after I'm gone. There might be a few in there they would want, but.

JC: Don't throw them away. When I come back, I'll take a picture of this one, OK?

Kate's Daughter: Whose picture is that Mom? Your dad?

Kate: My father. I wish he wouldn't have had that hot on.

Kate's Daughter: That looks nice.

Kate: Well they wore those then.

Dale: You said I could have this didn't you?

Kate: Yeah.

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