

Charles Buchanan

Side 1:

[008] Birthplace: Barnardsville, NC; Asheville, NC until 12; then Barnardsville until 17; then back to Asheville.

[038] Mother from Asheville; Stepfather from Barnardsville; father from Spruce Pine. [Marjorie Rogers Walden]

[050] Early memories of Asheville during Depression

[060] Quit school in 6th grade. GED in Army

[071] Sister, 2 yrs younger. [Mary Louise Buchanan]

[086] Grandfather sold kindling from pushcart. [Rogers]

[112] Four or five schools in Barnardsville area.

[116] Queen Carson School in Asheville. Mother and uncles attended, too. [Queen Carson School]

[155] Miss Carson, principal; Miss Gardner, teacher. [Miss Carson, Miss Gardner]

[178] Walked to school; no electricity, no running water, no radio.

[198] Battery radio; Grand Ol' Opry.

[205] No toys, no shoes; fishing, hunting.

[220] Hunting; meat on table; garden.

[234] No auto; walked to store.

[243] Stepfather's social security; mother, ill; emphysema; smoking

[258] Emphysema; sand-blasting.

[263] Worked for city.

[268] Drafted into army.

[270] Electrical Co., M.B. Haynes. [M.B. Haynes]

[280] Married, with baby; work for construction company, bakery, plant work.

[307] First child born while in army; Fort Bragg, 1961-63 in Fayetteville.

[316] Five children: 2 girls, 3 boys, 2 grandchildren.

[329] Met wife when she lived up above a friend's house. [wife: Doris Buchanan]

[348] Downtown Asheville in the old days.

[386] Before integration.

[414] Skating rink on Biltmore Avenue.

[429] No thoughts about the future.

[446] The "cut" in the mountain; traffic.

[465] "I learned on my own, the hard way."

[527] Daughter in sports; a boxer, "tough man" contest.

[540] Happy life; fun when the kids were all home.

[553] Fishing and hunting with the boys.