

Harry Grover

Interviewer: *Today is June 18, 2014 and we're in the Heritage Park Recreation Center in Henderson, Nevada. My name is Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm and I'm interviewing Harry Grover as part of the Henderson Oral History Project of the Henderson Libraries. Thank you so much for joining me Harry.*

Harry Grover: Thank you.

Interviewer: *I'd like to start out with hearing a little bit about where you were born and raised and what your parents did for a living.*

Harry Grover: Well, I was born in Elmira, New York and lived there until I was seventeen. And then I decided—my dad was in the service and my brother was in the service in '41, so I was home alone, and I decided that—I think it was time I went in the service. So I quit school and joined the Air Force and that's about my history of life except for the interviewing with the B-24, which I think was one of the best bombers they ever had.

It was thin, but it could—when they first started, they used to fly troops, gasoline and that over the Himalayan Mountains. I had to go to Oran, North Africa first, then back—I'd swear we picked up our B-24, and then we flew into Bombay, India and set down there, and all you could see was people laying along the road dead and what not. But then we flew into India and then we set there for a day or two, making sure the plane was going to fly over the Himalayan Mountains. We got up there and I'll tell you, it wasn't nothing to be—it was scary. I mean the mountain tops were—you'd look out the side and you could see the mountain tops just skimming underneath the wings. But that's the way it was. Then we landed in Chongqing, China, and then we flew up to one of the air fields that the Flying Tigers used to have. I can't remember the name or I'd be glad to tell you, but it was just a grass strip, and we landed there, and that's where I found out where the Flying Tigers were. They'd been asked to go into the Army because of the "Japs" playing hide-and-seek with us, so that's where they went. But they always got—well, for every one of the "Japs" they shot down, they got paid for it. They got—[for] every one they shot down, they got I think two or three hundred dollars, which was a lot of money back then. Well, then I flew from Kunming—well, after I left Kunming, I'm sorry, I went into the Flying Tigers airstrip, and so then we decided we'd better get up to our own base which was Chekiang, China. We got in there and that's where the fun began because we had—well, I don't know, I can't say it was fun, but it was something—that's where we lost one waist gunner, a navigator, and a few of us got wounded, not me. I didn't get wounded, but I was one of the fortunate ones. Then, oh golly, we flew probably twenty missions and that's when I was helping a waist gunner pick his ammo up off of the floor. His fifty caliber wasn't firing so I was bent over picking his ammo up and handing it to him when the gun went off, and as you can see, I wear hearing aids now. That's what grounded me. So, I used to sit—I didn't have nothing else to do, so I used to go over and sit in front of operations and the pilots would come out, and they'd say, 'Harry, you want to take a little ride?' I'd say, 'Why? Where we going?' He says 'I got an engine, I got to slow time it' [laughter]. I said, 'Oh, yeah. I'll be glad to go.' So I got in the co-pilot seat. He'd go up and just circle around the airfield and maybe take a little jaunt, maybe twenty to twenty-five miles away from the base, and we'd come back and he'd say, 'Harry, you want to take a hold of these controls?' I said, 'You betcha' [laughter]! I said, 'That's absolutely why I'm up here!' So, that's where I learned to fly the B-24. But like I said, they grounded me and this was all just something to do. After a

while, they got tired of having me sit around, so they gave me a job driving tractor trailer. I used to go through a little town in Chekiang and they used to have these awnings out over the street. I'd knock every one of them down. But I figured, well, if I get back and the CO wants to talk to me he's gonna [laughter]! So the next time, they said, 'Harry, don't knock the awnings down' [laughter]. But that was Veterans Oral History Project: Harry Grover Page 3

about the extent of my—but I enjoyed the flying on the B-24, it was a great experience. But like I told you, they used to carry gas over the Himalayans. They made a dive bomber out of them, which was four engines. By golly, I'll tell you, it was something. But then they started making B-24 bombers out of them and that's how come I had to go to Oran to pick up my bomber. That's the way my life has been, and I was in there for four years, '41 till January of '46 I was stationed in—well, not all of it in China, but Africa, India, Burma, and the Himalayas. But, that's about the extent of the B-24, and they still can't find the bomber I was on.

Interviewer: *The particular one?*

Harry Grover: It disappeared someplace. I don't know whether it went in the ocean or where. But they never did find it. It was the Enola Gay. A friend of mine here, he knows all about all that kind of stuff. So he finally got going and he said, 'I'll find it for you, Harry.' He came back and they had something like six Enola Gays [laughter].

Interviewer: *Oh, really? [laughter]*

Harry Grover: Yeah [laughter]. And two of them were in China, which one of them was mine. By golly, we can't even find it. We even wrote to Uncle Sam to try to get a word on it, but they don't know where it is either. Either they know where it is or they're not going to say. But that's about it.

Interviewer: *China's a big country.*

Harry Grover: China's a lot of country, yes it is. By golly. But like I said, I enjoyed flying on the B-24. That was my—well, I was just a kid anyhow. I wasn't much more than eighteen when I got into that.

Interviewer: *That's what I thought.*

Harry Grover: Yeah [laughter]. So that was about it. But like I said, I enjoyed flying even though it wasn't fun trying to shoot somebody else down or that, but you had to do it. So, that's what we used to do. And I'm not sure, but I think I might have got a couple of them anyhow. I saw them going down in a spiral, so that was the extent of my shooting people [laughter].

Interviewer: *So you were primarily a gunner?*

Harry Grover: Yes, a waist gunner. Yup, that's what I was. And I didn't really enjoy firing that thing, but I had to. That's what I went in the service for. Just so I could do it. And, well, like I said, that's just about the extent of the B-24.

Interviewer: *Well, that's interesting. Did you get a chance, while you were in China, to travel around and see the people at all?*

Harry Grover: No. All we did once was, we got to a Chinese wedding. That was just before the war ended and they used to have these little cups and they'd fill it up with this rice wine, then you'd drink it, and if you left it standing upright, they'd come back and fill it again. That's when I decided that when I got done with mine on the second one, I was going to tip the cup upside down on the table. They never did bother me no more [laughter]. But that was quite a deal too, they come riding in on horses and everything. Well, now, my dad, he died and my brother, he's dead. And my father was stationed in California, and my brother was over on the Battle of the Bulge. Well, they're both gone now. But gosh, I miss both of them. Veterans Oral History Project: Harry Grover Page 4

Interviewer: *I'm sure. Well, what a great service you did for your country, the United States and the world.*

Harry Grover: I thought it was, but yeah, I'm not bragging about being a good veteran. Don't misunderstand me, I know I had to do something due to the back—like I said, my brother and my father both were in the service, so I couldn't sit at home alone.

Interviewer: *You did your part.*

Harry Grover: Yeah. That's what they tell me, I did my part [laughter].

Interviewer: *Well, that's wonderful. After the war was over, what did you do?*

Harry Grover: After the war was over? Let me see—I got a bus ride home from New York City. Well, they gave us—I think it was a hundred dollars when we left the service [laughter], which wasn't very much, but we took it, and—well, I think I'm getting ahead of myself. When I got back from the service, I went to Fort Dix, New Jersey. That's where we got our discharge and they tried to talk everybody into staying in the service again.

Interviewer: *For the Korean War.*

Harry Grover: I said, 'I don't think so,' I said, 'I want out of here.' So I took my discharge and got on a bus and went back to Elmira. My dad, he worked in the foundry; he was a core maker. He made good money. I walked in there and of course, when I got out of the service, all I had on was my uniform anyhow. So I walked in and everybody was looking at me, saying, 'Hey Harry, how you doin'?' And I'd wave at them, but I wanted to get up the road to see my dad. So that's what I did. I hurried up and my dad called his boss over and he said, 'Bill, my son and I are going out of here' [laughter]. So that's what we did. We went out and had quite a talk, a big bite to eat. And of course my dad never did get overseas. They finally discharged him because of his age. But I went back to Elmira and first started working as a florist, delivering flowers. Then I got a job in a dairy. They asked me to take a route to deliver milk to the houses. So I did that for about a year and they got a tractor trailer, and they said, 'Harry, we got a new rig for you. You got to get another license' [laughter]. So I went and got that but the funny part is, I passed the tractor trailer license and I only needed one more point to flunk me on it due to the fact that I wasn't interested in my operator—it was just an operator license. They said, 'If you'd have lost one more Harry, you would have had to have done it all over again' [laughter]. So that's what I did, I drove tractor trailer for thirty-five years. I went from dairy to dairy to dairy and that's the way my life has been. Then I got married of course, but now she's gone too. But other than that, I think

it's all right—a good life, I thought. I had a couple of girlfriends I used to mess around with and have a good time, you know, just doing whatever. Why not [laughter]? I think that's about good. I don't want to go into too much of my personal life [laughter].

Interviewer: *That's fine. Well, I'm curious why you decided to come to Henderson to retire if you're from New York?*

Harry Grover: I was living with my son and his wife up home, in Elmira, New York. Well, my daughter out here said, 'Dad, why don't you come out here for a while?' I said, 'Well, yeah, I'll come out.' So I got on Southwest and flew out here and I kind of hung around and hung around. And I said, 'Gee, this is nice country. I really enjoy it.' So I said, 'Well, I think it's time I got away from you. I'm going back home.' Then the first thing I knew, I got another phone call from my daughter Caroline. She said, 'Dad, I got an Veterans Oral History Project: Harry Grover Page 5

apartment for you if you want it.' I said, 'Uh-oh, where?' She said, 'It's right here, near where I live.' I said, 'All right, I'll be out and check it with you.' So I came out and I've been out here ever since, which has been probably a good twelve years. That's as long as I've been here.

Interviewer: *So you came after 2000.*

Harry Grover: Oh, yeah.

Interviewer: *I wasn't sure, I thought maybe you had come in the '90s.*

Harry Grover: No [laughter]. I stayed right up at home. I had a nice house with seven acres of land and then my wife, she got sick with cancer. That's when I had to sell my house, to pay off all the doctors and hospitals and whatnot. My insurance wasn't that good. So that's what I did, sold everything off. Then, like I said, I came out here to live. I'm still out here, living with my daughter now [laughter].

Interviewer: *It's good that she was looking out for you.*

Harry Grover: Yes, she does. She is a real sweetheart of a girl. I can't tell you how much I appreciate her. She is good. She takes me to all of my VA meetings and you know—like, I've got to go to see a skin specialist, a plastic surgeon. I've got spots like this where they had to cut the—blood cancer is what I had. I should say I still have. But other than that, why, she takes me to all of my meetings and wherever I have to go. She's the first one that says 'I'll take you.'

Interviewer: *What is that organization like? What do you do with them—what are the activities of the VA? What do they do—what are they involved in?*

Harry Grover: Oh, just to see the doctors.

Interviewer: *Oh, you mean the hospital.*

Harry Grover: Yes, the Veterans Hospital. That's where all of my medication and stuff comes from.

Interviewer: *Have you been able to get involved with any organizations in town while you've been here?*

Harry Grover: Yeah, a friend of mine here, Arnold, he said, 'Harry,' he says, 'how about going to a meeting with me?' He says, 'You might enjoy it.' I said, 'Well, what kind of a meeting is it?' And he says, 'It's China Burma India organization.' So I said, 'Well, yeah, I'd like to go.' So I got into that and that's where I go about once every month; we have a meeting and I go to that. That's the only organization I got to.

Interviewer: *What do they do?*

Harry Grover: They just discuss your past and try to get you to come out with more. You get mail from them and everything. But I go and I just sit and I listen. Then if they ask me a question, I'll answer it if there's any possible way to answer it. But that's the way it is, it's just the members of everybody that flew from India over the Himalayan Mountains into Kongpeng, China. And that's the way we got it.

Interviewer: *How big is the group?*

Harry Grover: The group, it used to be something like a thousand, I think. But now, in our area here, we've only got something like eight or nine people [laughter]. That's it, they're all, you know, disappearing. Yeah. Veterans Oral History Project: Harry Grover Page 6

Interviewer: *Wow, that's really great that you can get together with them and share stories.*

Harry Grover: Oh, yeah. They're all people my age. I'm ninety, and they're up there about eight-nine, ninety or one or two. We all don't have much of our time left [laughter].

Interviewer: *That's really great that you get together. And then you spend a lot of time here at Heritage Park.*

Harry Grover: I spend five days here. I enjoy being here. This is where I meet all of my friends here. I just have a good time, that's what I come up here for, just to mingle with everybody. We pick on a lot of the women [laughter], but they take it and it's a big joke, which it is. But we do have fun just picking on them as they go by [laughter]. They've got a girl here, Chris—I know you don't know her, but she used to work in the coffee shop. She came up and said to me the other day, 'Well, Harry, I'm back from the hospital. How are you doing?' I said, 'Well I won't be doing good unless you give me a big hug [laughter]!' So she got up and gave me a big hug. But you know, it's all a joke. We just enjoy being around the people. I've got a friend of mine down here now, Dave Heidelman. He's a German, but he's a good German. He's ninety-two and what he does—he still drives his car. But Uncle Sam told me I couldn't drive anymore and I can't fly anymore unless I fly by myself—or with somebody. I've got a private pilot's license and I got that in '49 up home, after I got out of the service. I went through all the rigmarole just to get it. So that's what I did.

Interviewer: *It's a lot of flying you have to do. Did you fly your whole life—fly private planes?*

Harry Grover: Oh, yeah. I'd rent one and take off [laughter]. Yeah, my wife and I flew from Elmira, New York—I can't actually tell you how many miles it was—but we flew from Elmira, New York, to Rock Springs, Wyoming, in an open cockpit, and that's the way we came out the first time [laughter]. But she enjoyed it. She said, 'I just love flying!' But then she got sick and couldn't handle it no more. But I've flown, I don't know—the only one I haven't got is a twin engine Cessna. That's the last plane I flew. But

by gosh, I've been trying to get it and my daughter said, 'Dad, I think I know where we can get it.' She showed me on her Internet. She said, 'There it is, isn't it?' And I said, 'Yeah, you're right, that's exactly what it is.' So she said, 'Well, we'll get around to see it when you want to get it back.' I said, 'Well, there ain't no big hurry, but as long as I know where it is and I can still get it, that's all I want.' But that's the way my daughter is; she's a helpful girl. Very helpful.

Interviewer: *It sounds like you all have a good time together.*

Harry Grover: Well my son and my other daughter, the one from Elmira—that's my son Bill and my daughter Linda, she's from Baltimore, Maryland. They come out for Father's Day, just to be with their dad. I guess I made out pretty good, I got a lot of nice items and—[laughter].

Interviewer: *That's great [laughter]. So how do you like living in Henderson?*

Harry Grover: How do I like living here? I like it, I do. I really enjoy it.

Interviewer: *Has it changed in the years that you've been here at all? Or is it pretty much the same?*

Harry Grover: Oh, just more houses are going up [laughter]. The weather is the same all year around as far I'm concerned and I enjoy it.

Interviewer: *That's the great part.* Veterans Oral History Project: Harry Grover Page 7

Harry Grover: Yeah, yeah, except for the way that the wind has been blowing [laughter].

Interviewer: *Yeah, it's been pretty windy lately—dust storms. It will be an interesting summer.*

Harry Grover: Yeah, I think this Saturday is the first day of summer. I think it is, but I could be wrong.

Interviewer: *I think you're right. It's getting to be that time. Do you participate in some activities at Heritage Park? What are your favorite activities?*

Harry Grover: No, I don't take any part in any of the stuff they do here, unless they have something good, like the birthday parties. I go to them every Wednesday, the first Wednesday of every month. Then I would have been to the BBQ last Saturday, but my kids were out here, so I had to spend my day with them. That's when we went up to some park and saw all of the goats [laughter]. But that's about it. If they've got a good meal going, I'll be in there [laughter].

Interviewer: *Yeah, the food is good here [laughter]. What do you enjoy most about having lived in Henderson?*

Harry Grover: I think it's just living here, where it's warm. Of course, in the winter you wear a light jacket, but that's all right. I don't know, I just like Henderson, I think it's a beautiful town.

Interviewer: *What are the people like here?*

Harry Grover: Well, they're not too friendly. I mean, they don't want to associate with their neighbor. We've got one neighbor that will talk to us out here. But when I lived in the other area, they wouldn't even speak to you.

Interviewer: *Why do you think that is?*

Harry Grover: Well, they're afraid something's going to come out and they don't want their public life ruined. I mean that's the way I look at it.

Interviewer: *Is it different here from the way it was in New York?*

Harry Grover: Oh, yeah, the neighbors up there—if you went away on vacation, you didn't have to lock your house; you could leave it open. You would come back home and your grass would be mown and everything. You didn't have to worry about a thing, if they saw somebody coming to your house, a lot of them was over there to check on them to make sure they weren't going to go in. That's the good part.

Interviewer: *What else would you like to share about your life or your experience in Henderson that we haven't talked about?*

Harry Grover: Well, I think the biggest part of my life was flying and driving truck. That's all I ever cared about doing. I mean I had my wife, sure, but I thought she would become number one on my list. And, well, I might be gone for two or three days or I might be gone a week, just driving truck. And I'd be glad to get back home to see her and then wave to all the neighbors [laughter]. This is a good one—we had a nice garden up home in Elmira. My wife always wanted a big garden. She was a farm girl anyhow, so we'd taken—I think I had about an acre of lawn all plowed up and all fertilized. And then I got my first stroke and the doctors at the hospital said, 'Harry, you can't do any work. You've got to quit work.' So I said, 'All right.' One of the neighbors worked for the county highway department. He came up one day and he said, 'Harry, I hear you can't work or do any work around your house.' I said, 'Well, that's about Veterans Oral History Project: Harry Grover Page 8

right.' And he said, 'Well, let me tell you something, I've got two teenage boys down there. If you want them up here to do anything, let me know and I'll make damn sure they're up there [laughter]!' So I called him up one day and I said, 'I've got a worry—I've got a little bit of a worry up here.' He said, 'What's that?' I said, 'I've got to have my garden tilled or else my wife is going to divorce me [laughter].' He said, 'That's all right Harry, I'll send the boys right up.' So then two boys came up and they tilled that whole garden up. He said, 'I don't want you paying them either.' So I'd reach in my wallet when they got done tilling it, I'd say, 'Look, I'm not supposed to do this, but I'm going to do it. But you're not supposed to tell your dad [laughter].' So I gave them each ten bucks. That was good money back then, so they knew it. If it snowed, then later on they'd be there before I even had a chance to call them, they'd be up shoveling my walk. Then he'd come along with his truck and plow my driveway. That's what I call—living up there was the best part of my life.

Interviewer: *But it's cold!*

Harry Grover: That's right. You'd get the good cold weather, twenty degrees below zero or twenty-five. You name the figures and they were up there [laughter]. But, Henderson, I do enjoy being here. The weather is good and like I said, my daughter's excellent. If I want anything, she goes to the store and gets it for me. But as you can see, I use the cane all the time. But, like I said, I just enjoy this and being here with you is a fun deal [laughter].

Interviewer: *Well, I'm glad. I'm glad that we could do this interview. It's been so nice talking with you Harry.*

Harry Grover: I enjoy it. I really do. Just being able to sit here and talk to you and do whatever I have to. Just enjoy it, you know, I do. I enjoy talking to people.

Interviewer: *Yeah, I can tell. Well, it's great that we have the Heritage Park Center so you can get together with people on a regular basis.*

Harry Grover: Yes it is, it's great. We've got line dancing in there today in the dining room. They're in there just dancing away. Every once in a while I'll take a look in there, I'll open the door and stick my head and say 'ah' [laughter]! Then they come out, after they get done, they're out of there, and they come down to where I'm sitting and they say, 'Oh, okay. What are you doing Harry?' 'Flirting with the women again' [laughter]. But, like I say, it's nothing but fun. I enjoy it up here.

Interviewer: *I've really enjoyed talking with you today.*

Harry Grover: I enjoy my life, my life. I mean, even though I've had two strokes and can't drive or I can't fly by myself. But every time I get on a plane to go home or wherever, I'll have to sit on the left side of the plane—that's the pilot's side. That's where my side has got to be. That's what I like about it. I just love life, life itself has been good to me.

Interviewer: *You've had an exciting life.*

Harry Grover: Yes, I have. Very exciting. Before I moved here, I used to live in Maryland—Severna Park. I was a veteran—the organization there, not the VA, but it was the American Legion. I was in there about three years and then I got to be commander of it. So I said, 'What more can I ask for?' But I gave that up after two years because you couldn't get everybody to work along with you, so I said, 'The heck with it, I'm out of here' [laughter]. So I just got a notice from the VA they wanted me to join the cancer fund—
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the Veterans Association from the American Legion, to join that. It's for cancer, if you get it. I figure, well I'm ninety years old. If I get it I'm going to be gone before I know it, before it even takes effect probably [laughter]. But that's the way I look at life, I've enjoyed every minute of it and done everything I wanted to do. When I got to drive a tractor trailer up home, that was it, that made my day right there. I figured if I can't fly, God damn it, I can drive a truck [laughter]! So that's when they told me 'no more driving.' Well, I drove tractor trailer thirty-five years, so that was a good deal.

Interviewer: *I bet it was interesting.*

Harry Grover: It was interesting. The good part is in the thirty-five years, I never had an accident, not one accident.

Interviewer: *That is amazing. It's hard to do these days, right? Hard to avoid an accident these days, huh?*

Harry Grover: Yes, it's hard. We used to have an overpass that used to be—well, I can't even remember the street now—but we had an overpass over the railroad and right at the foot of that overpass, on the

other side, they had Westinghouse. So this one winter I was going—and it was hard, the snow was ice and everything on the highway. So I got up on the top of that overpass and I hung right on to the air horn and just kept making noise because I knew that once I got started down there I wouldn't be able to stop. You'd be surprised at the people that sat there and they had a green light to go across and I went down through there and I never even put my foot on the brake. I just let it go and I kept that horn just a-blowing. They all knew what was coming [laughter]! It was either that, or I would have killed somebody for sure if they'd have got out there. That was part of life, but I did everything I could to protect everybody. I even went to be a policeman up home. I even had two cops helping me with my finals. That's when I hurt my back. I slid out of the tractor at Westinghouse and missed the step completely and I went down on my back, and then I couldn't even get up. So a couple of guys accidentally came out there, they said, 'You all right Harry?' I said, 'No fellas, I'm not. I've got to get inside.' I couldn't get up so they pulled a gurney out there—that's what they used, a lot of them. They picked me up and put me on it and took me into the dining room [laughter], put me on a table and that's when they called the ambulance that took me to the hospital. I had my back operated on.

Interviewer: *Did that keep you from being a police officer?*

Harry Grover: Yeah. That's what killed my chances of becoming a cop. Up there, they didn't care whether you sped. If you're clowning around, it didn't bother them a bit. Except one time, I can tell you, I was taking a friend of mine home. I asked the guard on his road—this was in '72 when we had a nasty flood up home—and this guard says—I asked him if I could just go in just to one house and let my buddy out. He said, 'No, you can let him out here and he can walk that little bit.' Well, that was the Army and I couldn't say no to them. So it was a couple of days later, this lieutenant came over to my house. Well, in the meantime I'd been at the St. Joe's Hospital—me and a friend of mine—and we were looking up at a couple of nurses. It was a forty-one Dodge convertible I had and we had the top down and I was backing up, but I backed into one of those cement posts that hold the lights. I said 'Now look at what you made me do' [laughter]! Then this lieutenant comes along, he said, 'Is this your car?' I said, 'Yeah.' He said, 'Well, how about following me over to the police station?' I said, 'Huh? What did I do?' He said, 'You'll find out.' So I followed him over, went in, sat down with the captain. He said, 'Is that your car?' I said, 'Yes, sir.' He said, 'How long have you had it?' I said, 'A couple of years.' He said, 'You're sure it's your car?' I said, 'Yeah, it's my car. Do you want to see the title and everything?' He said, 'No.' But he said, Veterans Oral History Project: Harry Grover Page 10

'I'm going to tell you something: if you get caught going through any of those little road blocks, you're going to find out what will happen.' Well, it seems like there was another fifty-one Dodge convertible in town and he went through one of those blocks and he got the back fender all banged in. So they were looking for him. They weren't looking for me, but I had that dent in my back fender [laughter]. Oh boy. He said, 'What are you doing?' I said, 'I just took my friend home where you had the guard on the block.' He said, 'You didn't let him out did you?' I said, 'The Hell I didn't.' He said, 'Well I can't understand why not.' He said, 'But look at—you've got the dent in your fender.' I said, 'Oh, I'll tell you exactly where that happened.' So I told him. [laughter]

Interviewer: *There are probably still some scratches on the light post, right [laughter]?*

Harry Grover: I said, 'Even left the paint on the cement' [laughter]. That's what I say, I've enjoyed my life. I can't take it away from anybody.

Interviewer: *Well, I'm sure that Heritage Park is glad to have you around too because you've got some great stories and I'm sure people enjoy talking with you.*

Harry Grover: Oh, yeah, we tell everybody anything [laughter]! We've got one neighbor next to my daughter that—he'll talk to you. Then we've got another one that just moved in from Montana, across the road and he wants to talk to everybody. But he only got one girl that talks to him and that's next door to him. They were out trying to work on their water line. I guess he wants to put an irrigation system into the front. But they were out there after dark last night just watching that and I kept looking over at him and looking over at him. I said, 'Man, those people must be crazy.' But he talked to me once and I talk to him if I see him out. If he wants to talk, I'll talk.

Interviewer: *It takes a while to get to know people here when you first move to a neighborhood. But eventually they warm up.*

Harry Grover: Oh, yeah, eventually you'll get them all to talk to you. But the one I was just telling you about, outside all night, he moved here one week—went down and got his new license plates put on his car. He owns three cars, all three Hondas. He finally took his daughter down and she got hers yesterday. I sit in my bedroom and look out the window, and I can see everything [laughter].

Interviewer: *That's good that you have a pastime [laughter].*

Harry Grover: I guess you can call it that. [laughter]

Interviewer: *Well, thanks again Harry. It's been wonderful talking with you.*

Harry Grover: I've enjoyed it. I really have. I mean, not due to the fact that I was in the service or anything else but I did enjoy just coming in here to chat with you.

Interviewer: *Yeah, it's been great. I'm glad we got a chance to do this.*

Harry Grover: Oh, yeah. Okay.