

GRANDFATHER'S BACKGROUND

(Do you know when your grandfather was born?)

No, I don't because this is one question that I have been asked two or three times and I give one answer. At the time I knew him I couldn't read or write and it took me three years to speak English. I had a hard time learning this English.

(How old was he when he died?)

Oh, he was in his eighties or nineties. About eighty or ninety, I couldn't say. But you can tell, in 1875 when he was retired and he died in 1932.

(When he retired from the army, you mean?)

No, he was just discharged. In those days they don't have the system they have today. You have to go two years, or three years or four years. In them days I presume that you just voluntary as basis, you voluntary until everything quiet down, they release it. In other words, he is discharged. But now, you have to go two years or three, or something like that now.

(Did he tell you any stories about when he was in the army?)

Some, yeah. He told me some of them. Some of the experiences he had but he couldn't go into details about that because he didn't know, he couldn't speak English he didn't understand English too well, to explain what he learned, but he told me in dialect. Oh I would say he just, he gave his own version of it. His own experience in his own language. Which was to me very interesting. It would take some time to put this into book form which I would like to have his life history. Because there are a few things, I don't know much about, in the way of writing a book, I'm not a very good author or good book writer or good story teller. However, I just tell things in the way, in other words, I just answer questions. So therefore, if you will ask questions I can answer them. Then you can make them out like you want them.

(Was he ever in any battles Ray?)

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Oh, he was just like I say like these war correspondants. He was there just as a