

Well, yeah, it was when they first got married.

(Well, did he dance with her, or just you two?)

Just us two, because we were ready to come home and my father had to come in there after me.

(Oh, he did.)

He didn't like the idea...

(And what?)

He didn't like the idea of me being right there, you know because-- a lot of-- In the old days, it's a well respected dance and you never seen anyone out there cutting up like being drunk as it is today, you know.

(Well, by the old days, well, do you mean when your dad was young or a long time before that?)

Well, a long time before that.

(Well, back in those days what was the purpose of it?)

Well, the purpose of it, back in those days, was when these young boys--they were just now growing up to be men and they would go out on the war journies--go out and fight battles, maybe in a different state. And then they would have these Forty-Nines all night, and then they would take part along with their wives and mothers, and maybe their sweethearts, boyfriends.

(Well, would they do this before they'd started on a war journey. That was sort of like send 'em off and knew that they would come back alive.

(Do they dance all night then?)

Uh-huh, they danced all night then.

(For just one night?)

Yes, the night before they were going to leave.

(When did they start calling it "The Forty-Nine," or do you know that?)

No, I don't know that but from what I've always heard, it's been called "Forty-