

Interview at 10:00
July 2nd.

Interview Outline
For
Mary Briski Norwood

* Mary-- feel free to write any notes on this outline.

Narrate
Mary's
Pict

- I. Introduction (Birth, location, brothers, sisters etc.)
 - A. Ronald - Nigger Hill - origin of name
- II. What do you know about John Briski's old country connections ?
 - A. Discuss John's old country connections.
 1. From Lokve, Croatia
 2. John's father operated a business.
 3. Why John immigrates to America c. 1890s.
 4. Origin of Briski name; any changes?
 - a. Bring out new spelling Briskey at school.
- III. What do you know about Julia Plese's old country connections?
 - A. Discuss hometown origins in Lokve.
 1. Focus on origin of the Plese name; has 3 brothers (Bob/Matt/Geo__?)
 2. Focus on Julia's education and skills.
 3. Focus on Julia's reasons to immigrate to America.
 - a. John sends ticket.
 - b. Where married? -- any comments on old country weddings? Julia is 15 yrs old. Identify the names of all the children by where and when born. (Paul-1907, Margaret, Frank, Donna-1903,

Matilda-1905, Emerick-1911, Sophie-1913, Mary-1915, twins Angeline & William, John (2 died in infancy)(12)

IV. When John immigrated to America, how did he find his way to Ronald?

A. What do you remember about your father's coal mining activities at No. 3 mine?

B. Describe your home in Ronald.

1. Location/size/ neighbors etc./ 3 bdrm/out house/kitchen/dining area.

V. What was life like for John's family in Ronald?

A. How did the family survive during difficult times?

1. Focus on Paul and John Jr. at 15 yrs working in mines to support family. Work in Swauk saw mill.

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2. Focus on gardening/woods as a food supply and animals. (mushrooms' elderberry/huckleberry, dandelion wine,

3. Focus on storage and preservation of food. (Cabbage-felmeno azelia (sp)/ smoking meat

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4. Focus on how labor was organized at home.

a. Cows on the ridge/milking/ cheese/butter/buttermilk

b. Kids cut hay and sack it.

c. Carrying water other families help.

d. Washing/baths

5. Focus on picking up coal along tracks/
kids sell buckets of coal to earn money for
movies.

6. Focus on how the family survives after
father passes away in 1929.

a. Burial customs/ lodges and lodge
cemeteries. (Putbada (sp) as a benefit

b. Medical and hospital benefits through
NWI. Co.

c. Julia takes in boarders.

d. Julia writes to old country/ sends
clothing and Marry's doll to old country.
Mary prefers hammer and nails.

7. Focus on how the family is affected by
the Great Depression.

a. Mary leaves home to go to LA

b. Mary marries Wm. Robert Norwood in
1936.

8. Focus on how the family is affected by
World War II.

a. Family members join.

b. Norwood becomes casualty in 1945.

B. Despite the difficult times, describe:

1. Your moms cooking skills- when you
would eat and what happens if your late to
the table. Bring out recipes.

2. Discipline at home.

3. What holidays were important.
 - a. Blessing the food at Easter. Walking to church/confirmation.
 - ✓ b. Christmas- tangerine and coal in socks. Say Merry Christmas in Croatian
 - c. 4th July-shoot guns.
4. Going to school in Ronald.
 - a. Foreign languages in school.
 - ✓ b. Mary plays basketball-Katie Zaher(sp)
 - c. Building the gym and events held there.
 - d. Out of 12 kids, who graduated and who left school early?
5. Recreation activities.
 - a. Push coal cars/ kick the can
 - b. Family friends and singing Sat. night.
 - c. Getting to Roslyn or Cle Elum.

C. Describe the community of Ronald as you remember it.

1. Law enforcement- Ronald curfew.
2. NWI. Co. in Ronald- Company store and the old company store. Company homes/land and rents. Attitudes by residents about NWI. Co.
3. Business activity-Bakeries/Taverns/Barbershop/Postoffice/Movies/Garages/

Livery/Gas station/Fire Dept/ etc.

4. Disasters in Ronald- Ronald still blows up
c. 1928/harsh winters c. 1916/diphtheria
epidemics c. 1918

D. What do you remember about:

1. Life around Lake Cle Elum- Building the
dam/homes and saw mill.

2. Jonesville

3. Inventions which changed family life-
radio/washing machine/electricity/indoor
plumbing/car/motorcycle/air
plane/telephone

VI. Closing- What advice would you give a young person in
order to cope with the future? What should a new
resident or visitor know about our past heritage?