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Timecode Notes

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	Most important lessons you've learned in life? Not take things so seriously and work.
0:57	Proudest? Kids and grandkids. Getting Bachelors and Masters degree. It took 15 years to get degree.
1:55	Dream of going to World Fair in 2000 as a child. Talks about the fair and her trip to see it in Germany.
4:34	US decided did not have exhibit. On small cottage exhibit.
5:12	Grew up in Penn Hills, in cabbage patch. Family lived in car after war. Then family moved to North Braddock, the moved to Penn Hills.
7:33	What was your childhood like? It was pretty crappy. She does not want to go into reasons why. Parents divorced when she was 7.
8:40	It was crowded growing up in house of 6 children. All kids would bath one after the other using same bath water.
10:00	We were first people on street to have a TV, 12" by 12", black and white tv. We did not watch it a lot but listened to the radio a lot.
11:11	We did not fight a lot except for Tricia who would tell on them.
11:51	Favorite family relatives?
12:50	Uncle was Southern Baptist. Unusual to meet people of other religions. He used to watch Oral Roberts, hoping to have diabetes healed.
14:29	Where is the Cabbage Patch?
16:56	Why did they call it the Cabbage Patch?
17:16	Stories, family members used to tell you as a kid.
17:37	What were my mom and dad like as a child? Your dad was a pistol. Became poor again. Georgie was always cutre and always hungry and husband would not allow anyone in room while she was nursing. She gave him other food so she could leave the bedroom.
19:42	Story of injuring R's dad accidentally. After divorce, R;s dad lived with her. Her ex-husband had money to do fun things with him.
22:36	Were your kids well behaved? Talks about her kids. R's dad did not like doing homework. He had ADD like R. was very happy when R's dad graduated.
25:49	Worst thing your kids ever did? R's dad used to pass bad checks.
28:26	What were your grandparents like? Ran away many times from home and eventually went to live with grandparents. Memories of watching TV at grandmother's.
31:25	Grandmother Slovak and embarrassed . did not talk to grandparents much but she saw them on a regular basis.
34:15	School was only place she felt safe except aunt's house. A lot of abuse at home and only

	thing every praised her for. Mother did not want her to go to college. Was good in school.
37:37	Facilitator.
39:27	Thanks R.