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Abstract: In her May 22, 2013 interview with Martha Manning, Hope Weatherly detailed her thoughts and memories at Winthrop from 1970-1976. In particular, Weatherly discusses the evolution of her studies at Winthrop, starting as a music major then graduating with a degree in education. Weatherly recalls her opinions on University presidents, professors, and food. Weatherly concludes her interview by discussing her career as a social worker and the challenges she faced in her profession. This interview was conducted for inclusion into the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections Oral History Program.

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Interview Session (May 22, 2013): Digital File

Time	Keywords
00:00:00	<i>Start of Interview</i> /Interviewer's Introduction
00:00:39	HW: I'm Hope Weatherly. I live in [censored].
00:00:46	MM: Good, I'm so glad you're here. Now I want to make real sure that you know what you're saying is going to be recorded on here. Do I have your permission?
00:00:55	HW: You certainly do.
00:00:57	MM: Thank you. All right Hope, why did you decide to come to Winthrop?
00:01:06	HW: Well, it was real simple. My daddy told me I could either come to Winthrop

and live here or go to [The University of] Pembroke and live at home. I wanted to get away from McColl.

00:01:20 **MM: McColl is where you grew up?**

00:01:21 HW: Yes, I lived there.

00:01:23 **MM: And you went to high school there?**

00:01:24 HW: Yes.

00:01:25 **MM: And you were ready to come out and be on your own a little while?**

00:01:29 HW: Well, probably not [laughter].

00:01:31 **MM: But you did?**

00:01:32 HW: But I did.

00:01:33 **MM: Do you remember what years that you were here at Winthrop?**

00:01:36 HW: I graduated from high school in 1970 so I came to Winthrop in 1970, and I graduated in 1976. I went on the six year plan [laughter].

00:01:46 **MM: Ok. That's what you call having a lot of fun. So you did enjoy it?**

00:01:51 HW: Yes.

00:01:54 **MM: Did you have to take an entrance exam when you came here?**

00:01:57 HW: I don't remember taking one, no.

00:01:59 **MM: They only depended upon your academics from your high school?**

00:02:04 HW: That's right.

00:02:05 **MM: Did you feel fortunate that you were a student here at Winthrop?**

00:02:09 HW: No.

00:02:10 **MM: You just thought—**

00:02:11 HW: I always thought that I'd go to college.

00:02:14 **MM: Ok. It was put in your blood to be a student at a college, right?**

00:02:18 HW: Always.

00:02:20 **MM: How did you arrive at Winthrop? Did you have your own car?**

00:02:25 HW: No, my mom and daddy brought me.

00:02:28 **MM: They brought you. Did you have a car?**

00:02:29 HW: No.

00:02:30 **MM: The whole time you didn't have a car?**

00:02:31 HW: I had a car later, but I didn't have a car then.

00:02:34 **MM: So you lived on campus?**

00:02:35 HW: I did.

00:02:37 **MM: Did you have a roommate?**

00:02:39 HW: I had the roommate from hell.

00:02:43 **MM: Really!?**

00:02:44 HW: I really did!

00:02:45 **MM: You didn't get along?**

00:02:47 HW: Thank God she used to call home every day and ask her mother whether she could wash her hair or not.

00:02:53 **MM: She couldn't make decisions?**

00:02:55 HW: Her mother told her everything to do, and I thought she needed to wash her hair every day; she didn't need to ask her mother.

00:03:06 **MM: She never learned?**

00:03:08 HW: I don't know. I didn't room with her that long.

- 00:03:10 **MM: Oh, you kept her that one semester, that's all?**
- 00:03:12 HW: No, I didn't have her the whole semester, thank God. She had wanted to room with who she roomed with in summer school and her mother wouldn't let her.
- 00:03:23 **MM: So you had a different roommate?**
- 00:03:26 HW: Later on, yes.
- 00:03:28 **MM: Can you tell me about the rooms?**
- 00:03:31 HW: I lived in Bancroft.
- 00:03:33 **MM: Bancroft. Ok, what did the rooms look like?**
- 00:03:38 HW: Just a square room.
- 00:03:40 **MM: Did you have a suite?**
- 00:03:43 HW: No.
- 00:03:44 **MM: You had to go down the hall to the bathroom?**
- 00:03:46 HW: First year I had to. It was just a room on a floor and I had to go to the bathroom down at the end of the hall, or maybe ours was more in the middle.
- 00:03:58 **MM: So did you ever get a room that had a bathroom near where you slept?**
- 00:04:03 HW: Yes, I lived in Phelps later.
- 00:04:04 **MM: Phelps, that's a lot better place?**
- 00:04:07 HW: Well it was for me. That's where the upperclassmen lived. I also lived in Thompson one time and then I lived in Wofford in the summertime.
- 00:04:17 **MM: Which one did you like the best?**
- 00:04:19 HW: Bancroft. No, actually I liked Phelps the best.
- 00:04:26 **MM: How far did you have to go to get your meals?**
- 00:04:29 HW: Well, the first year I went to McBryde, it was just, not very far away from

Bancroft, and then later on we went to Thompson.

00:04:41 **MM: Was the food good?**

00:04:43 HW: It was pretty good. I don't ever remember being dissatisfied. During that time they had Saga Food Service, and all the people complained about it all the time, but I thought it was fine.

00:04:55 **MM: Does that mean that the food was prepared and brought in?**

00:04:58 HW: No. That was who prepared it.

00:05:02 **MM: In the kitchen there on campus?**

00:05:05 HW: Yes and the name of the company was Saga.

00:05:07 **MM: You've got a good memory. Did you ever get homesick?**

00:05:15 HW: Yes.

00:05:17 **MM: You wanted to go back to McColl?**

00:05:19 HW: No, I just missed my mom and daddy [chuckle].

00:05:22 **MM: How often did you get to go home?**

00:05:25 HW: After I first got there you couldn't go home for the first three weeks and then you could go home every weekend. I went home most every weekend.

00:05:35 **MM: And they came to get you?**

00:05:36 HW: No, no, no, no. I rode with somebody. Then my daddy was travelling so I had the family car after a while.

00:05:44 **MM: So you got the car? Tell me about the rules about the car on campus.**

00:05:51 HW: I'm trying to remember...I don't really remember.

00:05:54 **MM: You had to get a sticker.**

00:05:56 HW: Yes, you had to get a sticker and you parked far away from the dorm. You didn't park close.

00:06:02 **MM: You had to walk in the rain and whatever.**

00:06:05 HW: Whatever...I didn't use the car that often. I didn't want to go anywhere here.

00:06:13 **MM: On the weekends what did you do?**

00:06:15 HW: Went home.

00:06:16 **MM: But later on did you never stay here on the weekends?**

00:06:20 HW: Yes. You could stay here or stay there and stay in your room. I stayed a lot.

00:06:32 **MM: Did you remember anything about room inspection?**

00:06:35 HW: I don't remember ever having a room inspection.

00:06:37 **MM: Nobody came and told you how to—what electrical equipment you could have?**

00:06:42 HW: No.

00:06:44 **MM: You could have a hot plate or a popcorn popper?**

00:06:49 HW: Never had those things.

00:06:51 **MM: You never did try to use those things?**

00:06:53 HW: They had a kitchen then. Every floor had a kitchen.

00:06:59 **MM: Ok, that's good. You could go down there and make quickies to eat?**

00:07:06 HW: Yes. I don't remember it even being an issue.

00:07:11 **MM: Do you remember anything about lights out? Did you have to cut the lights out like at 12 [o'clock]?**

00:07:16 HW: No, we didn't have that.

00:07:17 **MM: Did you have a dorm mother or anyone that...**

00:07:22 HW: We had a dorm mother.

00:07:23 **MM: Did she live there?**

- 00:07:24 HW: She lived there. I don't remember her name.
- 00:07:30 **MM: And you had to sign in and out?**
- 00:07:32 HW: Yes, but I never went anywhere really. You had to sign in and out when you went on a date but not when you...
- 00:07:46 **MM: Did you learn anything about the original Winthrop students about the Blue Line when they wore those uniforms?**
- 00:07:54 HW: No.
- 00:07:56 **MM: Ever look in the annual?**
- 00:07:57 HW: No. Before I came to Winthrop my friend's mother went to Winthrop, and she told us all about that; all the time she'd talk about Winthrop. She went when D.B. Johnson was president.¹ The funny thing was she never mentioned that he only had one arm.
- 00:08:19 **MM: Tell me about that.**
- 00:08:20 HW: He only had one arm I read somewhere and it was he—but Ms. Hubbard never mentioned it to us. She graduated in 1936.
- 00:08:30 **MM: And this is a community friend?**
- 00:08:33 HW: My friend's mother—she went to Winthrop. She told us about Winthrop *all* the time.
- 00:08:43 **MM: And you were excited about hearing that?**
- 00:08:45 HW: Yes.
- 00:08:47 **MM: So it was put in to your blood?**
- 00:08:50 HW: Yes.
- 00:08:52 **MM: And you were excited to be coming?**
- 00:08:53 HW: I was glad to be coming. I was glad to be going anywhere from McColl

¹ David Bancroft Johnson was president of Winthrop from 1886-1928.

[laughter].

00:08:58 **MM: When you were here, were you required to go to church on Sunday?**

00:09:01 HW: No.

00:09:02 **MM: They never told you anything to do?**

00:09:04 HW: No.

00:09:05 **MM: Ms. Hubbard told you about the Blue Line—that they were inspected before they went to—**

00:09:12 HW: No.

00:09:13 **MM: She didn't tell you about that?**

00:09:15 HW: No. The first Sunday we had to go to church and that was it, but nothing about blue, no...nothing—

00:09:22 **MM: That's when they wore uniforms.**

00:09:23 HW: I know, but they did not have uniforms when I went to Winthrop. They'd done away with that by that time.

00:09:30 **MM: Do you remember any rules or regulations concerning smoking or drinking?**

00:09:37 HW: Well, I never smoked so that wasn't a problem, but you couldn't drink on campus, except people did drink on campus.

00:09:46 **MM: They snuck and did it?**

00:09:47 HW: Yes.

00:09:51 **MM: Did you have a T.V. in your room.**

00:09:53 HW: No. My suitemates did later on when I was in a suite, but I never had anything.

00:09:59 **MM: Did you have a radio?**

00:10:00 HW: Everybody had a radio.

00:10:08 **MM: What types of clothing did you wear to class?**

00:10:11 HW: Blue jeans and t-shirts.

00:10:17 **MM: Did you have to take P.E.?**

00:10:19 HW: No.

00:10:20 **MM: No P.E. classes?**

00:10:22 HW: Well...I guess you did have to take it, but I took...Hm...I'm trying to think of this.

00:10:32 **MM: Some kind of sport—**

0:10:33 HW: Hillbilly dancing.

00:10:34 **MM: Oh my goodness Hope!**

00:10:37 HW: Yes, my first semester I took that and the girls had to be boys. We had to wear little thingies to signify which one was the girl and which was the boy. I hated that, but then later I took golf.

00:10:48 **MM: Golf, that was good?**

00:10:50 HW: I liked that.

00:10:51 **MM: That was considered a P.E. course?**

00:10:53 HW: Yes. Vicky Taylor was my professor and—

00:10:58 **MM: Oh, you must have liked that because you remember the name.**

00:11:02 HW: I saw her here one day. Small world.

00:11:08 **MM: What was your favorite food in the cafeteria?**

00:11:11 HW: I don't remember...I don't remember having anything that was favorite.

00:11:16 **MM: Did they decorate for or commemorate different holidays?**

00:11:20 HW: I'm sure they did, I just didn't pay any attention. You know you weren't

interested in that kind of thing.

00:11:27 **MM: Do you remember any special programs that were on campus, speakers or music groups?**

00:11:35 HW: No.

00:11:40 **MM: You weren't required to go?**

00:11:41 HW: Well, the first year they had the Letterman. They had a concert.

00:11:44 **MM: Oh, one other person I interviewed talked about the Letterman. That must have been a good group.**

00:11:52 HW: You don't remember the Letterman?

00:11:54 **MM: Yes, I do.**

00:11:55 HW: Yes, that was the first concert I ever had been to.

00:11:59 **MM: What kind of music did they play?**

00:12:02 HW: Just popular music. They didn't play anything, they just sang harmony.

00:12:10 **MM: And that was fun?**

00:12:12 HW: Yes.

00:12:14 **MM: So it must have been good that several students would recognize that as the best thing.**

00:12:19 HW: I enjoyed that.

00:12:22 **MM: Were you a member of any kind of club here?**

00:12:27 HW: No, I'm not a joiner.

00:12:38 **MM: What professional program were you in? Education?**

00:12:45 HW: I was a music major one time...I was a sociology major one time...education's what I finished in, but I was a social worker for my career.

00:13:01 **MM: And you enjoyed that?**

- 00:13:02 HW: Yes, very much.
- 00:13:03 **MM: Can you remember any professors or the dean or anybody that stands out in your life that might have done you a good favor or something?**
- 00:13:14 HW: Dr. Colbert. I liked him, and I was very fond of Dr. Love, Dr. Alice Love. She was an English professor and she was *really* good. I mean you went there one time and the next time she knew your name.
- 00:13:32 **MM: Did you ever meet the dean of education, Dr. Vulgar [spelling?]?**
- 00:13:36 HW: Not until the end of my time at Winthrop. In fact, they did not prepare you to teach school at all.
- 00:13:51 **MM: How would you recommend Winthrop?**
- 00:13:52 HW: Well, I don't know what they do now. It was back then they didn't—I mean you didn't go into a classroom until you did your student teaching, and I think that's wrong.
- 00:14:02 **MM: You think that you should have been going into smaller periods of time?**
- 00:14:05 HW: Yes, you should have done that from the very first. You need to find out whether that's what you want to do or not.
- 00:14:11 **MM: So what are you saying to me? That you found out when you went to student teaching—what did you find out in your mind?**
- 00:14:20 HW: Oh, I hated it!
- 00:14:22 **MM: And you felt that what had happened? You wasted—**
- 00:14:28 HW: No, all I wanted to do was finish college.
- 00:14:34 **MM: So you got certified as a social worker?**
- 00:14:38 HW: No, you don't do it that way.
- 00:14:40 **MM: Tell me about it.**
- 00:14:41 HW: Well, I got hired as a social worker, and later on they came up with a thing

to license social workers. So they grandfathered all of us in because nobody in my office was a social worker except the lady that was in charge of the office and one more worker. Nobody else had majored in it.

00:15:07 **MM: That sounds a little bit odd.**

00:15:10 HW: Isn't that strange? That's the way it was.

00:15:15 **MM: But you learned on the job?**

00:15:16 HW: Oh, yes [chuckle]. Baptism by fire!

00:15:20 **MM: Tell me about it.**

00:15:24 HW: It was interesting. I saw all kind of things. I was exposed to all kind of people I never had known in my private life. Oh...people lived any old way. I was constantly amazed by how ugly people were to their loved ones, but my whole career I was in adult services and I didn't have anything to do with the children. I ended up being the adult services supervisor of Marlboro County, but before that I had investigated abuse, neglect and exploitation of anybody 18 and older.

00:16:08 **MM: Did you go to staff developments to learn about these things?**

00:16:12 HW: Yes. They had on the job training and that kind of thing. After you got licensed you had to have so many hours every year to renew your license. Believe it or not I'm retired and I got something yesterday, or day before yesterday, about social work.

00:16:36 **MM: You're still connected?**

00:16:39 HW: I hadn't done that in 10 years, but I got something yesterday. I don't know how they got my address in Rock Hill because I didn't do it here.

00:16:53 **MM: You said you were in Marlboro County?**

00:16:55 HW: Yes, my career was in Marlboro County.

00:16:58 **MM: Tell me about your day. Like, you'd leave the office...**

00:17:03 HW: I had to be at work at 8:30, and then I worked out in the field a good bit so I'd go to somebody's house to see what the situation was. In certain cases I'd have to climb in the house.

00:17:17 **MM: No steps?**

00:17:18 HW: No steps. One of the first cases I went on I had to walk through a cow pasture. To get to the clients house you had to go through the barbed wire fence, walk through the cow pasture, go through the barbed wire fence on the other side to get to the person's house. Now, in retrospect, I wonder if my supervisor wasn't kind of pulling my leg when he was giving me directions because the client...they didn't take her through the cow—they had to be able to drive the car up to the house. I figure he just didn't know. But I had to climb through the cow pasture to get there [laughter].

00:18:07 **MM: Were you frightened?**

00:18:09 HW: No, walking by the big old cows [laughter]. No, I don't remember ever...I was only scared a few times.

00:18:21 **MM: But you knew you could do it?**

00:18:23 HW: I wasn't *really* afraid...I went all over the county, but I don't ever really remember being scared. People would sick their dogs on you...I had a lady pull a gun on me one time...I mean you know...

00:18:46 **MM: But you weren't frightened?**

00:18:46 HW: No. She was 80 years old and I figured I could take her [laughter].

00:18:52 **MM: They didn't understand you were there to help them?**

00:18:55 HW: Oh my god! She didn't care. She said "I'm going to kill you." When I looked around she said "I'm going to kill you" and had that gun in a plastic bag pointing it at me so I tackled her, and got the gun away from her and it was a toy gun. But you know you don't know that when somebody's pointing the thing at you saying "I'm going to kill you." I wasn't going to wait [chuckle]. Anyway they took her to Columbia the next day, and she never came back [chuckle].

00:19:26 **MM: You had to be brave.**

00:19:29 HW: I never thought of it that way.

00:19:34 **MM: You were just thinking I'm going to help these people.**

00:19:37 HW: You know occasionally we actually really got to help somebody. Most of it was just ignorance, people just didn't know what was available, that kind of thing.

I had nothing to do with giving out money.

00:19:58 **MM: Who was the president when you were here?**

00:20:00 HW: Davis was the president. William Davis² I think was his name.

00:20:05 **MM: Did you ever meet him?**

00:20:06 HW: Yes, he taught one of the classes I took.

00:20:09 **MM: Tell me about him. Not many people have that relationship. What did he teach?**

00:20:16 HW: Some kind of foreign history. He liked foreign women.

00:20:22 **MM: Foreign history.**

00:20:23 HW: No, no. He liked foreign women.

00:20:25 **MM: Oh, he did?**

00:20:26 HW: He had this thing about Japanese women and you know...

00:20:31 **MM: And it was evident?**

00:20:32 HW: Oh, everybody knew he had this thing about it! I think he left his wife for one of them. I'm not sure. Then after he was the president Vail³ was the president, and his daughter went to Winthrop with me.

00:20:46 **MM: And you met her?**

00:20:47 HW: Yes.

00:20:48 **MM: Did you have meet Vail?**

00:20:50 HW: I can't remember him, but I can remember Cathy, his daughter. Now believe it or not McLaurin dorm is named after my friend's uncle. That's [unclear]'s uncle. McLaurin was named after him.

² Charles Shepard Davis was the president of Winthrop University from 1959-1973.

³ Charles Brooks Vail was president of Winthrop University from 1973-1982.

- 00:21:08 **MM: So you felt really at home here with friends?**
- 00:21:10 HW: Yes.
- 00:21:11 **MM: How many came from McColl?**
- 00:21:13 HW: Everybody that went to college went to Winthrop I think.
- 00:21:20 **MM: And how would you describe your time here? You had more fun or were you stressed or...?**
- 00:21:29 HW: Oh, I had a lot of fun. First of all I'm not shy so I didn't meet a stranger. That can work in your favor a lot of times, but it can also be a problem. But once I got rid of that crazy roommate that called her mother every day, you know the roommate from hell, everything was a little better.
- 00:21:57 **MM: You liked your roommates after that?**
- 00:21:59 HW: Not necessarily, but later on when I was rooming with Maurine and when I was rooming with Dana, I like them. In fact I stay in touch with both of them and that was 40 years ago. Maurine comes to see me after Christmas every year. She was an opera singer.
- 00:22:25 **MM: She was in music and how about the other one?**
- 00:22:30 HW: She was in communications and she teaches English at Wren High School.
- 00:22:35 **MM: Wren, that's in Georgia?**
- 00:22:36 HW: No, that's in Liberty, South Carolina.
- 00:22:54 **MM: Now think about this question—evaluate it. What does it mean to you that you graduated and you were a Winthrop student?**
- 00:23:03 HW: Well, I bet I got a better job than most people in our county. But my job had absolutely nothing to do with my education. If you've got common sense you could be a social worker.
- 00:23:22 **MM: But you have to be certified don't you?**
- 00:23:23 HW: No. Now I don't know how it is now, but then you didn't. You just had to have a college degree for certain jobs and certain jobs you didn't even have to have a college degree.

- 00:23:39 **MM: So what was your degree from Winthrop?**
- 00:23:42 HW: Education.
- 00:23:44 **MM: Elementary education?**
- 00:23:46 HW: No, just education.
- 00:23:49 **MM: You could teach anywhere?**
- 00:23:51 HW: I took the NTE [National Teacher Examination].
- 00:23:54 **MM: What do you think of that?**
- 00:23:55 HW: My friend who had a four-oh [4.0 grade point average, a perfect score] took the NTE, and I took the NTE, and I made better than she did. I thought that was weird.
- 00:24:06 **MM: That does sound weird. It takes knowledge from your head and applies it to paper.**
- 00:24:14 HW: Common sense...and I had plenty of common sense, but I'm not real good at book sense.
- 00:24:23 **MM: Well, as a citizen and to live in this society, what would you say was most important?**
- 00:24:34 HW: Common sense. I think books are fine, but if you don't have any common sense, I think you can hang it up.
- 00:24:49 **MM: Have you had much association with Winthrop on the campus here since you graduated?**
- 00:24:55 HW: None. They sent me a letter when they became Winthrop University and asked me if I wanted a new diploma that said Winthrop University. I didn't go to Winthrop University, I went to Winthrop College—I didn't want any diploma—
- 00:25:11 **MM: I am glad you're saying that.**
- 00:25:14 HW: I thought that was about the stupidest thing that—they were just trying to sell something.

- 00:25:20 **MM: So you kept you Winthrop College?**
- 00:25:23 HW: Yes. I had gone to Winthrop College, not Winthrop University. I know that the university's supposed to be prestigious. It would've suited me fine if they were still Winthrop College.
- 00:25:46 **MM: So you don't know much about how Winthrop is functioning today?**
- 00:25:47 HW: No. They could fall in for all I know about it.
- 00:25:52 **MM: You don't know anybody that's attending Winthrop now?**
- 00:25:56 HW: I don't think so.
- 00:26:02 **MM: Did you know of any students in your school that had come to Winthrop before you came?**
- 00:26:08 HW: You mean did I know people already here?
- 00:26:11 **MM: No, the people that graduated from McColl.**
- 00:26:15 HW: A lot of my teachers had gone to Winthrop.
- 00:26:18 **MM: From school in McColl that taught?**
- 00:26:23 HW: Yes. I didn't know that's where they'd gone but that's where they gone.
- 00:26:30 **MM: Think about everything that concerns you and Winthrop and what it has done for you. Do you have anything else that you'd like to tell about it? Would you recommend Winthrop?**
- 00:26:49 HW: My friend's little boy—I brought him up here when he was coming along and I showed him Winthrop and I told him “now promise me you'll never go to this college” [chuckle].
- 00:27:02 **MM: So that's what you feel about it?**
- 00:27:04 HW: He went to PC [Presbyterian College].
- 00:27:08 **MM: Do you know how many students were in your freshman class?**
- 00:27:12 HW: About 1,500. I know they don't have that many now. I don't think they do, but there were about 1,500 freshmen and I knew every one of them.

- 00:27:28 **MM: You did?**
- 00:27:30 HW: Pretty much.
- 00:27:33 **MM: You could walk out in the cafeteria and “hey Johnny,” “hey Tom,” “hey...”**
- 00:27:38 HW: I’m that way at Chandler Place too. Some people just know everybody and I was one of those people.
- 00:27:46 **MM: And you don’t forget anything it sounds like.**
- 00:27:49 HW: I used to know who lived in every house in town in McColl. My daddy taught me that. When I was a little girl we’d go to ride—he’d say “who lives there?”
- 00:28:06 **MM: Sounds like McColl was really a good little town to grow up in. You’re saying it didn’t have that much to offer?**
- 00:28:14 HW: Oh, there was nothing there.
- 00:28:22 **MM: Could you walk different places, like to eat out or...**
- 00:28:26 HW: No. We took most of our meals at McColl grill which was downtown across—I mean it wasn’t too far. I lived in the first house next to town.
- 00:28:39 **MM: And you could go to the post office?**
- 00:28:40 HW: I lived across the street from the post office. I once got a letter to Hope in McColl, South Carolina, and it didn’t have a last name. They brought it to me, and it was my letter [laughter]. Can you believe that?
- 00:28:54 **MM: So it’s that much of a little town they know everybody.**
- 00:28:59 HW: Yes. Everybody knows everybody, and my mother worked at B.C. Wards which was a dry goods store and anything I wanted to know about anything she could usually tell me, or one of the girls that worked at the town hall offices was in my classes at school, or she could tell me. I could find out all kind of things. I was training somebody one day and she went out on the case and when she came back I told her all the stuff I had found out while she was gone and she said “you found out more than I found out going there” [laughter].

- 00:29:35 **MM: Sounds like you had an intuitive sense.**
- 00:29:39 HW: I was nosy [laughter]!
- 00:29:41 **MM: I didn't want to say that! [both laugh] You found out everything you wanted to know.**
- 00:29:48 HW: Pretty much.
- 00:29:51 **MM: Have you always considered yourself an independent person? Like when you were here did you enjoy doing projects with people or by yourself?**
- 00:30:01 HW: I didn't do any projects with anybody.
- 00:30:04 **MM: You did everything yourself?**
- 00:30:05 HW: Yes.
- 00:30:06 **MM: So you were an independent learner?**
- 00:30:09 HW: I was always very independent and strong minded. Strong willed may be the right word. I'm still mad at the lady that taught me math in high school because she almost stopped me from going to college. I flunked algebra II, and I never used algebra in my career—not one time. I'd like to see her and tell her how much I despise her for doing that.
- 00:30:40 **MM: Would you do that?**
- 00:30:41 HW: I would.
- 00:30:45 **MM: Did you have to take any math here at Winthrop?**
- 00:30:47 HW: Yes.
- 00:30:48 **MM: And you did fine in it?**
- 00:30:50 HW: Yes. I did ok. But I was just bad at math. But I never used any of the math in my career. Never.
- 00:31:11 **MM: Which course that you took at Winthrop do you think you used the most in your career?**
- 00:31:18 HW: I don't know. None?

00:31:19 **MM: None?**

00:31:19 HW: No.

00:31:21 **MM: You didn't have to write reports?**

00:31:24 HW: What kind of reports?

00:31:25 **MM: From where you had been to visit.**

00:31:27 HW: I had to write dictation, but the only person to read it was me or my supervisor. I found out when I was a supervisor that those nuts couldn't even write a sentence, much less a paragraph, and they were college graduates. That really...all I could think about is they didn't have the same English teachers we had.

00:31:51 **MM: So you had good English teachers?**

00:31:52 HW: Yes.

00:31:52 **MM: Here at Winthrop and in high school?**

00:31:54 HW: Yes.

00:31:55 **MM: So you praise the English department here?**

00:31:57 HW: I was very fond of Dr. Love. I called her one day when I was visiting a friend of mine and told her how much she had meant to me and I thanked her for everything she'd done.

00:32:15 **MM: Isn't that beautiful?**

00:32:16 HW: Well, it just seemed like the right thing to do. I figured not many people got around to telling her how much they appreciated her. I don't know if she remembered me or not. It didn't matter.

00:32:29 **MM: But you gave her the compliment?**

00:32:20 HW: All I cared about was telling her how much she had touched my life.

00:32:36 **MM: When you were here and you needed to talk to professors was it easy?**

- 00:32:42 HW: I never talked to any professor—never needed any professors.
- 00:32:43 **MM: You didn't have conferences?**
- 00:32:46 HW: No.
- 00:32:51 **MM: So if you were having a problem you just fixed it yourself?**
- 00:32:56 HW: Yes. The biggest problem I had was my parents had never gone to college and so I really didn't know of anything about what to take and all that kind of stuff.
- 00:33:12 **MM: I think that was the case with most students in that era.**
- 00:33:19 HW: Yes, I mean I was kind of—I just didn't know.
- 00:33:24 **MM: And Winthrop didn't have a scale telling you what you needed to take each year?**
- 00:33:30 HW: Not that I remember. They might have had a scale, but it never got to me. I don't remember ever having an advisor that helped me with any of that. It might have been available but I wouldn't have talked to anybody if my life depended on it. I was smarter than they were, they didn't have any sense as far as I was concerned.
- 00:33:56 **MM: You were independent.**
- 00:33:57 HW: Yes. I did what I thought I ought to do and that was usually wrong [both laugh].
- 00:34:06 **MM: Hope, I am so glad that you completed your work here at Winthrop.**
- 00:34:14 HW: I enjoyed being a social worker, but Winthrop doesn't—they used to not to—now I don't know if they do now or not—have a major in social work. They had a major is sociology which is not the same thing.
- 00:34:34 **MM: You ever just sit and reminisce about your days here?**
- 00:34:37 HW: No. I don't ever think about it. I try not to [chuckle].
- 00:34:48 **MM: How many years were you employed?**
- 00:34:51 HW: Oh...1976... I retired so...you had to have 28 years. I was getting ready to

go on the Terry Program when I had my stroke. I never went on the Terry Program.

00:35:14 **MM: But you got all of your years in?**

00:35:17 HW: Yes. I get full retirement.

00:35:23 **MM: Well, if you think you have contributed as much as you want to concerning your life here and what you have done after leaving Winthrop...**

00:35:35 HW: I really liked Winthrop. I liked knowing all the people and that kind of thing I really enjoyed.

00:35:46 **MM: I'm glad to hear that.**

00:35:49 HW: And I knew most everybody that was in my dorm and the kind of thing. I always knew everybody. I still do. There are people that are just like that and I'm one of those.

00:36:04 **MM: You have many friends.**

00:36:04 HW: I think so. Everybody that's my friend—you know you have friends on Facebook—all my friends on Facebook are my real friends. They're not—there's only one person that I asked to be a friend that was not somebody I knew, and that was only because [unclear] wanted me to be friends with that person [laughter].

00:36:31 **MM: Well, it has been a joy talking with you today.**

00:36:35 HW: Interesting anyway [laughter].

00:36:37 **MM: I'm glad that you really enjoyed your time here at Winthrop.**

00:36:41 HW: I did. I had a *really, really* good friend that has always been real supportive and made a big difference in my life.

00:36:50 **MM: From coming to Winthrop?**

00:36:51 HW: I appreciate that friend so much.

00:36:55 **MM: Thank you so much for coming. It's been a joy talking to you today and I hope the rest of your life will be as happy as I see you now.**

00:37:07 HW: I wish I was working [laughter]. I would much rather be working, and you

know I knew that I didn't need to work anymore when I couldn't run because people will sick their dogs on you [laughter].

00:37:21 **MM: Your stroke affected your handwriting and a little bit in your walking?**

00:37:30 HW: Um...

00:37:31 **MM: And your eyes too.**

00:37:32 HW: Well, my eyes, really I have glaucoma, but I had my stroke at my work. I used to supervise intake for children and adults, and the girl that did the intake was needing to go to the post office. I was covering for her and I looked down—I had a call—and I looked down at my handwriting and I knew something wasn't right.

00:38:00 **MM: You discovered that. You didn't feel any other things except...?**

00:38:02 HW: I drove myself home from work.

00:38:08 **MM: And then you went to the doctor?**

00:38:10 HW: No. It was probably three weeks before I went to the doctor.

00:38:14 **MM: Independent. Determined. That's what you said you were.**

00:38:19 HW: I had an MRI, but I was up her in Rock Hill and Amanda had to take me back to Laurinburg [North Carolina] to have it. That's how the doctor was sure I had a stroke. I went to therapy because my handwriting was so bad they asked me what to do and I thought well, you know they ought to now, not me. So I really don't think they helped me much.

00:38:49 **MM: But you're doing fine today?**

00:38:53 HW: Pretty much.

00:38:54 **MM: And if we can end this and I thank you for coming and it's been a joy talking to you and thinking about the things in your life.**

00:39:09 HW: I've had a real happy life. That's the most important thing is people being happy.

00:39:24 *End of interview*