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“ . . . she realized, though, that education was a form of freedom. It was looked upon not just as a way of expressing oneself or of being correct in polite society, but it was looked upon as freedom. I’m sure we’ve heard often that ‘knowledge is power’; I say that ‘applied knowledge is power’. So she wanted us all to make sure that we obtained, uh, an education so that we could, we could write our own ticket, or make our own way, or to be free of, of the constraints of ignorance. Ignorance is really a prison, if you, if you will. So she always emphasized that, and it’s so interesting that with a ninth grade education—my father did graduate from high school and then he attended some college—but it’s interesting, for my mother, uh, such a push, all of her children attended college on academic scholarships.”