

Interview with Gary Musick

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AS: Think back to when you were my age. Where were you living then?

GM Musick: Dodge City, Kansas

AS: Whom did you live with?

GM Musick: Parents.

AS: Did you have any brothers or sisters?

GM Musick: Yes.

AS: What were their names?

GM Musick: Rod, and my sister Rexene, Larry, and Jim.

AS: What did your parents do for a living?

GM Musick: Worked at the water department and worked at the meat packing company.

AS: How did you get around?

GM Musick: Borrowed my dad's car.

AS: Did you have any jobs during this time?

GM Musick: I trimmed trees with my dad and did all the loading of the tree limbs and everything. I was learning to prune trees at that time.

AS: Do you remember how much you got paid an hour during this time?

GM Musick: Just a couple of dollars an hour.

AS: What classes in school did you take?

GM Musick: Just basic classes.

AS: Where you in any sports or extracurricular activities?

GM Musick: No.

AS: No clubs or anything?

GM Musick: No.

AS: Do you have any accomplishments in your school?

GM Musick: No.

AS: What did you do for entertainment?

GM Musick: Went hunting, fishing, and camping, and that's about it.

AS: Did you have any friends around during this time?

GM Musick: Yes, Greg, Vicky, Allan, and Bill

AS: What was your favorite music to listen to during this time?

GM Musick: Rock and Roll Music.

AS: What were the Beetles like during this time?

GM Musick: They was really popular and really good. Everybody loved them.

AS: What was popular on TV?

GM Musick: Gunsmoke, Gunsmoke was really popular. Back then I watched TV, but not a whole terrible lot.

AS: Anything you remember from the news during that time?

GM Musick: In that area I believe the Cuban Missile Crises and when JFK, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was assassinated president. That's the two things I remember.

AS: What kinds of inventions were made during that time? Like new things.

GM Musick: Um...

AS: Like new candy or new toys.

GM Musick: Probably new toys, but I don't have a clue.

AS: Ok. What was the clothing style during that time?

GM Musick: Bell-bottom pants, hip huggers for girls, that sort of stuff. Let's see. What else was there? Flared pants. White T-shirts and jeans.

AS: Did you know anybody from wars before?

GM Musick: From what?

AS: Do you know anybody from wars before the Korean War? Like any relatives?

GM Musick: Uh, yes. I had four uncles that was in the World War Two. And I know relatives from the Korean War.

AS: What did the news say about the Vietnam War?

GM Musick: The Vietnam War hadn't started, but it was starting to heat up, and it didn't start till 1965. It was in the process of brewing.

AS: What was the draft like?

GM Musick: The draft, I was drafted in October of 1966, and, um, I just went.

AS: What kind of Vietnam War protest was there?

GM Musick: Um, after I come back from Nam, they was protesting, and us guys that was in the military didn't like it very good at the time. Now we can kind of understand why they were.

AS: I think that's it.