

**Interview with Frida Reynolds**  
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JB: I am doing an interview with Frida Reynolds. My first question is: If you could think back to when you were seventeen, where were you living during that time?

FR: Woods County, Oklahoma.

JB: Who was living with you at that time?

FR: An older sister, two younger brothers, and my mother and dad.

JB: What did your father do for a living?

FR: Farm.

JB: Did your mother work also, or was she a homemaker?

FR: She was a homemaker, a retired schoolteacher.

JB: What kind of jobs did you do during this time?

FR: I used to go clean my little, fat Aunt Francis's house. She would call and say, "Can the girls come up and clean? This is little fat Aunt Francis" no kiddin'. (laugh).

JB: Did she pay you for that work?

FR: Yeah, probably more than I earned.

JB: What kind of transportation did you and your family use?

FR: We had cars and pickups.

JB: What kinds of classes in school did you take?

FR: Took a lot of literature and English, course, a required math and science.

JB: What kinds of things did you do on dates or hangouts?

FR: Went to a lot of church activities, went on dates with my husband, and we went to movies and then to Dairy Queen, and we went to a lot of ball games.

JB: What song, or recording artists were popular at that time?

FR: Elvis!!

JB: What types of dances did people do in those days?

FR: Didn't dance.

JB: What are some famous movies and actors from that time?

FR: James Bond movies, and Shawn Connery, I believe. You know we went to a movie every Saturday, night but I guess I don't remember 'em that well.

JB: What were the latest inventions or technologies that were coming out in that time?

FR: You know, I can't remember, I really don't remember.

JB: What kinds of things did you see in the news during this time?

FR: Very seldom ever watched the news, but of course we saw about Vietnam.

JB: Who was the president?

FR: I think Dwight Eisenhower was.

JB: What do you know about the way men were drafted into the military?

FR: It was required. Back then if you were farmer, you didn't have to go. My dad, being a farmer, didn't want his two younger boys to go, so he put 'em through college, which he hadn't done to any of his older kids. But they had to go anyway. Within a month after they graduated college, they were both drafted.

JB: How did you feel about the way the soldiers were treated when they came back?

FR: I thought it was pretty shabby. My youngest brother was the one that had to go to Vietnam cause they wouldn't send two from the same family at that time, and he was treated so badly he just had real emotional problems and wanted to stay in his bedroom. For about six months

JB: What did you see on TV, if anything, about the Vietnam War?

FR: Well, that we were wrong for being over there is what they were saying on TV. I'm not sure I agree with them. But.

JB: Did you have friends that went and fought in the war?

FR: Yes, and of course the brother. But he had a math degree; well, he had an electrical engineering, and he didn't actually go out and do the fighting; as I understand it, he would recalibrate, or figure the recalibration of big guns and stuff. I am not real sure exactly what he did 'cause he never did want to talk about it.

JB: How did you feel about the Hippie movement?

FR: I thought it was funny.

JB: Where were you when Kennedy was assassinated?

FR: I was actually holding my oldest daughter, Crystal, when it came on television.

JB: Do you remember when the Beatles came over from England?

FR: Oh yes. They were on the Sullivan show.

JB: For my last question, what kind advice would you give to a teenager of today?

FR: Well, since I probably didn't do all the good advice I'd give, I probably ought to not give any, but I would tell them to get as much education, whether it's a trade, or a college education as they can. Pursue what they want to do and go for it with all the vigor that they can.

JB: That was my last question. Thank you.

FR: You're welcome.