



Orville Hughes

Interview

September 24, 2002

Length: 2 hours, 18 minutes and 4 seconds

[*The interviewer is not introduced but it can be assumed that George Jackson is speaking to Orville Hughes.*] George notes that he will be speaking to Orville Hughes about the history of the southern part of West Gwillimbury (Dunkerron) as they drive through the area. Orville describes the old school (which was demolished), the church, cemeteries, the post office, the telephone system, bridges, and mills. He speaks about Dunkerron's baseball team and who they played with. In regards to farming in the area, Orville explains what crops were grown. They speculate about First Nations burial grounds and trails in the area. Most of the discussion is spent speaking about property, farms, and houses which were once owned by community members such as Hughes, Walker, Bannerman, McKay, Armstrong, Woods, and many others. They speak about community members' families and occupations with Orville providing some anecdotal information.

Note: This is a brief summary of what has been recorded on tape. Anyone interested in assisting to transcribe or summarize these oral histories is encouraged to contact Nina Cunniff, Deputy CEO of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, at (905) 775-3328 ext. 6105.

