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My name is Chris Mallion-Moore,
short for Christine.

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And let's see, my age.

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That's something I'm quite proud to say.

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I am almost 69. So 68.

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And I live in Burlington now.

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La Salle Towers, right by La Salle park.

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My career as a public librarian

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reached its height

kind of at Burlington Public Library.

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So I was at Central Library on New Street,
and I was the local history

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librarian for 15 years,

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We had a boat, a Beneteau 38ft sailboat,
and we had it down

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on the British Virgin Islands,
which is South in Puerto Rico,

00:00:43:12 - 00:00:47:20

and we sailed for about
nine years, back and forth.

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You know,
we would fly down and sail down there.

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So we had about eight years down in the country
in our wonderful boat,

00:00:54:08 - 00:00:56:20

which we don't have anymore.

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So my family's been living in Canada

since the American Revolution.

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So that's 1776.

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So, I'm very attuned to New York State
from upstate New York.

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I go there as much as I can.

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And then my family, who came from Germany,

00:01:16:06 - 00:01:21:08

And I'll get into the origin of that later,
but they were in New York State.

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So upstate New York is where they ended up,

00:01:23:23 - 00:01:25:16

if you're familiar with that.

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And that's, of course,
where the Six Nations tribes were.

00:01:29:24 - 00:01:31:13

So Joseph Brant was a mohawk.

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And so

00:01:33:02 - 00:01:36:03

they were in upstate,
what we call today upstate New York.

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So south of um,

00:01:39:08 - 00:01:41:10

just trying to think
how you would look at it...

00:01:41:10 - 00:01:44:13

If you go from Kingston, Ontario
and go south.

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You've heard of, Syracuse,
New York, maybe, or the Great Lake area.

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You've heard of the Hudson River area.

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So there they settled between the Hudson River;
thats the river that goes right down the Manhattan.

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And then they were on the Mohawk River,

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and they,

00:02:03:26 - 00:02:06:19

trying to think of the name of the other river...

Susquehanna River.

00:02:06:19 - 00:02:09:18

But the Mohawk,

00:02:10:10 - 00:02:13:03

indigenous people, Mohawk River.

00:02:13:03 - 00:02:16:02

And that's where my people settled

before the American Revolution.

00:02:16:02 - 00:02:19:12

And that's what brought them

to this part of the world, to Ontario.

00:02:19:28 - 00:02:22:21

They were United Empire Loyalists.

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My family came from the Rhine River area.

00:02:26:21 - 00:02:28:10

They were vine dressers.

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So when we think of the Niagara
wineries, people that look after vines,

00:02:33:14 - 00:02:35:23

this is what a lot of the people that came

00:02:35:23 - 00:02:38:23

from that area did.

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They farmed, but,

00:02:40:06 - 00:02:42:29

they were looking after vines.

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They in the 1600s,

00:02:47:00 - 00:02:50:00

and early 1700s were Protestants.

00:02:50:25 - 00:02:54:29

And to make a long story short
about European history,

00:02:55:17 - 00:02:58:17

you've heard of the very famous Louis
the 14th of France.

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Okay, and Versailles

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Louis the 14th.

00:03:02:08 - 00:03:03:21

The French was Catholic, of course.

00:03:03:21 - 00:03:05:16

And there were always wars in Europe.

00:03:05:16 - 00:03:08:15

If you do your history of,

00:03:10:07 - 00:03:11:07

you know, he was trying

00:03:11:07 - 00:03:14:07

to push back Protestantism.

00:03:15:06 - 00:03:17:02

The Catholic force.

00:03:17:02 - 00:03:21:00

So my family were like
many families today

00:03:21:09 - 00:03:24:02

they'll leave because of the persecution,

00:03:24:02 - 00:03:26:01

you know, religious persecution.

00:03:26:01 - 00:03:30:23

And they were fortunate enough
to live on the Rhine.

00:03:30:24 - 00:03:35:19

And they were fortunate enough
to find out that Queen Anne of England

00:03:36:20 - 00:03:37:29

was Protestant.

00:03:37:29 - 00:03:41:14

And she had heard of the terrible,

00:03:43:00 - 00:03:46:00

way they were being treated,

the Palatine people.

00:03:46:21 - 00:03:48:29

You Palatine,

it's called that because it's

00:03:48:29 - 00:03:52:24

that district of Germany, Palatine

and so that word.

00:03:53:14 - 00:03:56:23

So they were referred to as Palatines,

and Queen Anne,

00:03:58:07 - 00:04:00:16

quite a famous, individual.

00:04:00:16 - 00:04:02:27

She felt sorry for them.

00:04:02:27 - 00:04:07:17

And I have copies of documents here

where she had posters

00:04:07:22 - 00:04:11:07

all through London, England,

and she called them, "My poor Palatine."

00:04:12:04 - 00:04:16:20

And they were these Palatine's,
in the hundreds and hundreds of them,

00:04:16:28 - 00:04:20:02

several thousands of them were in tent cities.

00:04:21:25 - 00:04:24:25

And what am I reading about today?

00:04:25:17 - 00:04:27:19

You know, you pick up the newspaper today

00:04:27:19 - 00:04:30:26

and we're reading about people
coming from tents today

00:04:32:02 - 00:04:34:15

or refugees in tent cities.

00:04:34:15 - 00:04:34:23

Right.

00:04:34:23 - 00:04:37:03

This is a common

00:04:37:03 - 00:04:40:03

story of immigration today.

00:04:40:06 - 00:04:43:09

So, you know, it's not changed

00:04:43:09 - 00:04:47:22

in what? 400 years, you know,
so they were there for quite a while.

00:04:48:19 - 00:04:52:03

There's information
in parliamentary papers,

00:04:52:13 - 00:04:56:29

if you search it,
where they were tolerated for a while.

00:04:57:17 - 00:05:01:09

And then they weren't tolerated
just the way we want people to.

00:05:01:09 - 00:05:03:21

Not be in tent cities.

00:05:04:27 - 00:05:05:17

And the

00:05:05:17 - 00:05:09:28

government of Britain came up with this,
what they thought was a brilliant idea

00:05:10:19 - 00:05:13:07

to have these Palatine people

00:05:13:07 - 00:05:16:25

come across the ocean in ten ships.

00:05:17:13 - 00:05:21:08

So they left from Portsmouth, England,
which was the South coast of England,

00:05:21:15 - 00:05:22:06

in ten ships.

00:05:22:06 - 00:05:25:06

And we know how you think
the Mayflower going

00:05:25:06 - 00:05:27:26

to, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

00:05:27:26 - 00:05:29:23

They were small ships, right.

00:05:29:23 - 00:05:35:00

So there were ten ships,
it took them 20 weeks to come over.

00:05:35:21 - 00:05:38:05

It's a long time in the North Atlantic,

00:05:38:05 - 00:05:40:20

and they were to come to what is today.

00:05:40:20 - 00:05:43:25

It's very easy today

because it's Manhattan today.

00:05:45:04 - 00:05:48:04

They (British) needed, you know, those straight

00:05:48:04 - 00:05:51:11

the wood from pine

trees, straight trees to build their ships.

00:05:51:19 - 00:05:54:11

And they needed something

because the ships were all wooden.

00:05:54:11 - 00:05:59:21

They needed something called a pitch from,

you know, the sap from pine trees.

00:06:00:06 - 00:06:03:13

So that's pitch or pine tar.

00:06:04:03 - 00:06:08:03

And there's a certain type of pine tar

that was used to make

00:06:08:07 - 00:06:11:28

the British ships, the Navy, you know,
hundreds of ships in the British.

00:06:11:28 - 00:06:12:28

You know, they were famous.

00:06:13:28 - 00:06:16:16

So they thought,
the British government thought,

00:06:16:16 - 00:06:20:06

let's send these German people, these Palatine's,
over to this part of the world,

00:06:20:18 - 00:06:24:06

New York State, and look,
it's wilderness.

00:06:24:06 - 00:06:26:00

We've got all these pine trees.

00:06:26:00 - 00:06:28:10

Let's get this pine pitch.

00:06:28:10 - 00:06:31:10

Let's get these people, like,
give them the trip over.

00:06:31:18 - 00:06:34:16

You've lived in London in tents.

00:06:34:16 - 00:06:38:24

Work off what you owe us
from bringing you over to the New World.

00:06:39:24 - 00:06:41:23

Work. You know, a number of years.

00:06:41:23 - 00:06:44:08

Make this pine pitch
and then we'll give you land.

00:06:44:08 - 00:06:47:08

And this is the immigration story
for a lot of people.

00:06:48:08 - 00:06:51:08

And what happened
and this was fascinating in my research,

00:06:51:17 - 00:06:54:03

was it didn't work.

00:06:54:03 - 00:06:57:03

The type of pine tree that was
in New York State

00:06:57:15 - 00:07:00:23

was not, didn't have the correct type of sap.

00:07:01:18 - 00:07:03:08

So the whole thing was a complete failure.

00:07:04:07 - 00:07:07:07

So again, think of immigration stories.

00:07:07:07 - 00:07:10:08

People are now in the new world
where there was really nothing.

00:07:10:27 - 00:07:14:08

So, Governor Hunter, his name is.

00:07:14:16 - 00:07:17:17

And I've seen my ancestors
names on the Governor.

00:07:17:18 - 00:07:19:23

Hunter's ration list.

00:07:19:23 - 00:07:23:06

So they died that winter--food, access,

00:07:24:00 - 00:07:27:00

shoes, you know,
whatever clothing, that kind of thing.

00:07:28:02 - 00:07:32:22

They ended up then saying, okay, that's not going to work in the Manhattan area.

00:07:32:23 - 00:07:35:08

That's a failure.

00:07:35:08 - 00:07:39:06

And my ancestors, I mean, I, I just think, like how they must've felt.

00:07:39:25 - 00:07:41:21

They're in a country that they speak German.

00:07:41:21 - 00:07:44:13

They're having to learn other languages.

00:07:44:13 - 00:07:47:12

So then the British government

00:07:47:14 - 00:07:51:14

weren't going to bring them back to England, you know, and said, okay,

00:07:52:13 - 00:07:55:27

we have the French Indian Wars going on in North America.

00:07:56:10 - 00:07:59:08

So this is before the American Revolution.

00:07:59:08 - 00:08:01:29

This is before 1776.

00:08:01:29 - 00:08:04:10

So the French were in Quebec,

00:08:04:10 - 00:08:07:14

and so they were referred to
as the French Indian Wars.

00:08:07:27 - 00:08:13:04

So let's have a nice boundary
or a buffer is a better word.

00:08:13:27 - 00:08:18:18

These ancestors who are, you know,
great farmers and they're here,

00:08:19:01 - 00:08:23:21

let's put them in this part of
what is now New York State as a buffer,

00:08:24:05 - 00:08:27:08

between the coast and the English

00:08:27:23 - 00:08:32:09

and the French who were up in Quebec
and that area wanting to take over.

00:08:32:24 - 00:08:34:29

And then you got
all the indigenous people,

00:08:36:07 - 00:08:37:19

Joseph Brant,

00:08:37:19 - 00:08:40:03

the Six Nations, he was all part.

00:08:40:03 - 00:08:41:11

So that's where they ended up.

00:08:41:11 - 00:08:43:09

They ended up moving them from Manhattan.

00:08:43:09 - 00:08:46:23

I don't know if you know New York City
very well, but there's the Hudson River.

00:08:47:03 - 00:08:48:27

It's a very famous river.

00:08:48:27 - 00:08:52:25

They moved these people,

the Palatine's up the river,

00:08:53:10 - 00:08:54:16

I've done my genealogy.

00:08:54:16 - 00:08:57:16

I've gone to where they lived in upstate
New York.

00:08:58:08 - 00:09:01:15

So they moved them there for a while,
and there was a west camp

00:09:01:15 - 00:09:04:15

and an east camp on the Hudson River
where they,

00:09:04:26 - 00:09:07:00

tried to survive.

00:09:07:00 - 00:09:09:11

And then finally that wasn't successful.

00:09:09:11 - 00:09:14:09

And so they moved even further north
and west to the Mohawk River.

00:09:15:07 - 00:09:19:17

And they survived by, they were given land.

00:09:20:01 - 00:09:22:19

But can you imagine what that land was?

00:09:23:20 - 00:09:25:13

I mean, it was wilderness.

00:09:25:13 - 00:09:26:26

There was nothing. Right?

00:09:26:26 - 00:09:31:04

So they were given that land
and my ancestors,

00:09:31:04 - 00:09:33:21

Theobald Jung and his children,

00:09:33:21 - 00:09:36:19

so Theobald was the one that
came over from Germany.

00:09:36:19 - 00:09:38:24

And this is the ancestor I trace through.

00:09:38:24 - 00:09:43:26

is Adam, one of his sons,
who was born in New York State.

00:09:45:05 - 00:09:48:23

They ended up with something
like 2500 acres of land.

00:09:48:23 - 00:09:53:01

They ended up with what was
called, 'Indian Trading Post.'

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That's how it was referred to.

00:09:55:10 - 00:09:59:17

They ended up with a mill,
sawmill, a potash.

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It's called Potash.

00:10:01:24 - 00:10:05:22

He pronounces it as, "potash,"
because he had a German accent.

00:10:06:07 - 00:10:09:23

They ended up very,
very successful over decades and decades.

00:10:10:29 - 00:10:14:11

And they survived
because the indigenous people.

00:10:14:22 - 00:10:17:20

Help them learn how to live in that land.

00:10:19:07 - 00:10:21:26

So they were there for,

00:10:21:26 - 00:10:24:25

decades and decades.

00:10:24:25 - 00:10:27:29

And then comes, you know, history.

00:10:28:24 - 00:10:31:24

Here we go again with immigration,
the American Revolution,

00:10:32:10 - 00:10:34:27

the War of Independence.

00:10:34:27 - 00:10:37:26

And you've heard of United Empire
Loyalists.

00:10:37:26 - 00:10:40:19

So my people are

00:10:40:19 - 00:10:44:24

perfect examples of very early
Loyalists, like, I'm a Loyalist.

00:10:44:24 - 00:10:47:23

I have Loyalist background.

00:10:47:28 - 00:10:50:14

who came over because they

00:10:50:14 - 00:10:54:21

they sided with the British
during the American Revolution.

00:10:54:22 - 00:10:57:18

So that began in 1776 as you know.

00:10:57:18 - 00:11:00:27

And it's no surprise
knowing how they were.

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The Palatine's from Germany
were in England.

00:11:04:23 - 00:11:06:10

Queen Anne.

00:11:06:10 - 00:11:08:01

And it was the British
that brought them over.

00:11:08:01 - 00:11:13:24

So no surprise that these people
would not side with the Patriots.

00:11:14:04 - 00:11:16:06

They would side with the British Crown.

00:11:16:28 - 00:11:20:05

My ancestors signed up
with the Butler's Rangers.

00:11:20:05 - 00:11:23:16

And I've got documents here
that show them, you know, listed

00:11:23:16 - 00:11:27:13

and one was a Captain,
one was a Lieutenant, that kind of thing.

00:11:28:08 - 00:11:31:07

And Butler's Rangers were,

00:11:31:07 - 00:11:34:07

they did a lot of guerrilla warfare.

00:11:35:01 - 00:11:37:18

in that part of,

00:11:37:18 - 00:11:42:00

I'm going to focus on New York State,
and Joseph Brant

00:11:42:19 - 00:11:43:01

Okay.

00:11:43:01 - 00:11:46:04

And these Brant volunteers
who were comprised

00:11:46:04 - 00:11:49:23

of both Native people and Loyalists, both

00:11:51:06 - 00:11:52:01

this is one of the

00:11:52:01 - 00:11:55:09

the thing where they act as two.

00:11:55:23 - 00:12:00:18

So the Brant group

00:12:01:00 - 00:12:05:17

and Butler's Rangers were often
at the same skirmishes.

00:12:05:28 - 00:12:09:03

Small battles, guerrilla warfare

00:12:09:13 - 00:12:13:02

go in, burn down a Patriot's farm

00:12:13:02 - 00:12:16:01

village, town, that--that kind of thing.

00:12:17:12 - 00:12:20:06

That--that's sort of how it worked.

00:12:20:06 - 00:12:23:06

And what happened with Theobald and Adam

00:12:23:14 - 00:12:27:00

was they got in a lot of trouble

because they were like,

00:12:27:00 - 00:12:32:20

referred to as spies

in their own territory for the Crown.

00:12:33:25 - 00:12:36:25

And Adam was in jail for 11 months.

00:12:37:05 - 00:12:39:17

His wife and children were in jail.

00:12:39:17 - 00:12:42:23

The Patriot's put them in jail for helping.

00:12:43:07 - 00:12:46:07

So either giving information

00:12:46:17 - 00:12:49:17

or supplying,

00:12:49:25 - 00:12:53:02

supplying the British, you know, soldiers.

00:12:53:17 - 00:12:56:17

So they were basically behind the scenes.

00:12:57:15 - 00:13:01:21

Spies and suppliers and,
they were punished for that.

00:13:01:22 - 00:13:06:21

And when Adam and his father,
Theobald, came out and got out of prison,

00:13:06:21 - 00:13:09:12

I mean, even these children were in prison.

00:13:09:12 - 00:13:12:12

They lost everything.

00:13:12:20 - 00:13:16:09

Burned, taken, livestock taken.

00:13:16:20 - 00:13:20:28

I've got lists of,
what they owned right down to,

00:13:20:29 - 00:13:24:12

you know, horses and cows and that kind of
thing--they lost everything.

00:13:27:10 - 00:13:30:04

So at that point, having lost everything

00:13:30:04 - 00:13:32:20

and then signing up with Butler's Rangers

00:13:32:20 - 00:13:36:00

and then fighting alongside Joseph Brant,

00:13:36:18 - 00:13:40:15

they were able to cross over at
what is called Niagara-on-the-Lake today.

00:13:40:24 - 00:13:43:23

It was called Newark then in those days.

00:13:43:28 - 00:13:46:28

And they were given land,

00:13:46:29 - 00:13:49:29

I got documents that show Theobald,

00:13:50:11 - 00:13:50:26

Excuse me.

00:13:50:26 - 00:13:55:17

Who was an older man by then
who, farmed right by the Niagara River.

00:13:55:20 - 00:13:58:02

You know, people in Niagara-on-the-Lake today.

00:13:58:02 - 00:14:02:15

And then you see Fort George, and then
across the river, you see Fort Niagara.

00:14:04:03 - 00:14:07:20

He had land
there and was given land to supply.

00:14:07:28 - 00:14:12:10

This is still the American Revolution,
is still going on, to supply the British.

00:14:13:12 - 00:14:16:03

Yeah, well,
they were always like immigrants today.

00:14:16:03 - 00:14:18:20

Like, this is a really good time

to talk about this

00:14:18:20 - 00:14:21:10

because of what the world's
going through today.

00:14:21:10 - 00:14:26:01

You know, we hear the news
and we hear about, you know, people

00:14:26:01 - 00:14:31:19

coming across the Mediterranean on boats
and landing and living in tent cities.

00:14:32:01 - 00:14:34:26

So this to me is,

00:14:34:26 - 00:14:37:06

you know,
I did study history in university,

00:14:37:06 - 00:14:41:00

and to me, history is,
I relate to it so much to me.

00:14:41:00 - 00:14:45:05

And you have to know to understand today,
you have to know what happened yesterday.

00:14:45:05 - 00:14:48:07

And when I read about my ancestors, it's
just like what

00:14:48:07 - 00:14:49:23

I'm reading about in the paper today.

00:14:49:23 - 00:14:51:06

That they weren't wanted.

00:14:51:06 - 00:14:53:17

They left for reasons of persecution.

00:14:53:17 - 00:14:56:07

What they went through to
live was extremely difficult.

00:14:57:09 - 00:15:00:09

But they kept going.

00:15:00:16 - 00:15:02:25

And and, You know.

00:15:02:25 - 00:15:05:19

Yes, very, very difficult.

00:15:05:19 - 00:15:08:19

Many of them didn't survive.

00:15:09:05 - 00:15:12:24

I can't believe how tough these ancestors
survived.

00:15:12:24 - 00:15:15:24

Would have had to have been
physically tough.

00:15:15:24 - 00:15:17:04

Mentally tough.

00:15:17:04 - 00:15:20:04

Learning languages, learning a new.

00:15:20:27 - 00:15:22:10

I mean, it's an empty world.

00:15:22:10 - 00:15:25:10

Imagine
going to an empty place of wilderness.

00:15:28:01 - 00:15:31:24

So I have great admiration
for my ancestry.

00:15:31:24 - 00:15:34:16

I'm really, really proud of that.

00:15:36:05 - 00:15:39:14

Well, I mean, you know, my whole
half of the family wouldn't

00:15:39:14 - 00:15:42:14
be in this part of the world
if they hadn't come.

00:15:43:20 - 00:15:46:00
You know, Canada is a country of

00:15:46:00 - 00:15:49:28
of immigration, as is the United States.

00:15:49:28 - 00:15:53:07
So I'm not sure I feel
a sense of American,

00:15:54:22 - 00:15:57:21
loyalty to, when I read about how,

00:15:58:15 - 00:16:01:02
Joseph Brant and the Mohawk

00:16:02:11 - 00:16:04:07
people,

00:16:04:07 - 00:16:09:08
worked directly with my ancestors
and welcomed them and helped them.

00:16:09:21 - 00:16:10:24

I have,

00:16:10:24 - 00:16:14:01

I mean, it just there's nothing
that makes me feel more connected

00:16:14:18 - 00:16:18:19

to to our country
and to what our country has been going

00:16:18:19 - 00:16:22:01

through in the last number of years
for us? to be in recognition

00:16:22:01 - 00:16:25:01

of Native claims

00:16:25:14 - 00:16:28:29

and Native rights and past abuses.

00:16:29:14 - 00:16:33:11

So, you know, the history of this
family to me is very relevant

00:16:33:28 - 00:16:35:09

to today.

00:16:37:09 - 00:16:42:02

If you Google plaque to the Jung family
on the Grand River.

00:16:42:17 - 00:16:44:09

Anyone Google's that...

00:16:44:09 - 00:16:47:09

They will take them
to this beautiful

00:16:47:19 - 00:16:50:17

marker on the Grand River.

00:16:50:17 - 00:16:51:25

So you can see the marker with them.

00:16:51:25 - 00:16:54:03

Bronze

00:16:55:28 - 00:16:57:19

you know, plaque on it.

00:16:57:19 - 00:17:00:17

And I'll, I'll just read this to you
because it's there today,

00:17:00:17 - 00:17:02:03

because my family put it there.

00:17:02:03 - 00:17:03:21

There's even a little parking lot there.

00:17:03:21 - 00:17:05:04

So you can park.

00:17:05:04 - 00:17:08:04

So it says on this front,

00:17:09:29 - 00:17:11:08

"This land beside

00:17:11:08 - 00:17:14:08

the Grand River

was part of the Young Tract.

00:17:14:12 - 00:17:17:17

It was granted to Adam Young

and his family

00:17:17:17 - 00:17:20:20

for their loyalty to the Crown

during the American Revolution.

00:17:21:19 - 00:17:25:18

This was in recompense for the loss

of valuable land and possessions

00:17:25:27 - 00:17:30:09

in the Mohawk Valley, New York State,
confiscated during the conflict.

00:17:31:07 - 00:17:34:07

Adam, his wife Catherine, and children

00:17:34:09 - 00:17:38:15

were imprisoned both for their resistance
to the Continental Congress

00:17:38:25 - 00:17:43:01

and Adam's brave actions, and assisting 74

00:17:43:11 - 00:17:46:11

Loyalists escape to what is now Canada.

00:17:47:07 - 00:17:50:27

Adam and his sons John, Daniel,

00:17:50:27 - 00:17:55:28

Daniel was my direct ancestor,
and Henry fought in the brothers Rangers

00:17:55:28 - 00:17:59:03

alongside the Mohawks led by Joseph Brant.

00:18:00:04 - 00:18:02:24

When Adam was discharged

from the Buttler's Rangers,

00:18:02:24 - 00:18:07:06

he pioneered on one of the first farms
at Niagara, later

00:18:07:06 - 00:18:10:06

joining his sons and their families
along the Grand River.

00:18:11:01 - 00:18:13:27

The loyalty of the Young family
to their new country

00:18:13:27 - 00:18:16:27

was confirmed during the War of 1812,

00:18:16:28 - 00:18:21:05

when Adam's son's John and Daniel,
fought to preserve their homeland.

00:18:21:22 - 00:18:24:09

This is yet again... When Adam died

00:18:24:09 - 00:18:27:20

in 1790 and his son John, 1812.

00:18:28:04 - 00:18:31:15

They were buried in the cemetery

on this land between here,

00:18:32:13 - 00:18:35:03

between the plaque and the river.

00:18:36:14 - 00:18:39:12

The Young's are remembered
as one of the families in having suffered

00:18:39:12 - 00:18:43:21

for their beliefs, helped to build the new
and growing country of Canada.

00:18:45:05 - 00:18:46:22

So, you know, you don't get more

00:18:46:22 - 00:18:49:24

early Canadian than that
in this part of the world.

00:18:50:16 - 00:18:52:13

So I'm so proud of that.

00:18:52:13 - 00:18:53:21

And I,

00:18:53:21 - 00:18:58:09

I have not, I cannot take any credit,
I wish I could for being involved in that.

00:18:58:11 - 00:19:01:21

But this family of mine
that did all this research

00:19:02:04 - 00:19:06:17

and the records information
and the decades it took them

00:19:07:13 - 00:19:09:22

to get the Canadian government

00:19:09:22 - 00:19:12:22

to allow them to build this,

00:19:13:24 - 00:19:18:22

this remembrance, which was on a cemetery
where a lot of the Young's were buried,

00:19:19:03 - 00:19:21:20

including my ancestors.

00:19:22:08 - 00:19:25:05

Well, you know, your typical,

00:19:25:05 - 00:19:25:21

background.

00:19:25:21 - 00:19:28:04

I've got an English background
on my father's side.

00:19:28:04 - 00:19:31:21

And then I'm Canadian and go way back.

00:19:31:28 - 00:19:36:04

So, you know, just your
your ordinary Thanksgiving,

00:19:36:23 - 00:19:40:27

You know, Canada Day; Canada Day
means more to me now,

00:19:41:27 - 00:19:44:04

okay, because of my research.

00:19:44:04 - 00:19:45:22

You know, you're Canadian.

00:19:45:22 - 00:19:47:16

You just think I'm Canadian.

00:19:47:16 - 00:19:49:14

I'm from Canada. Big, big deal.

00:19:49:14 - 00:19:52:29

But when you start doing your research,
or if you're a new immigrant,

00:19:53:15 - 00:19:56:15

like my son-in-law is, he's Scottish.

00:19:57:02 - 00:19:59:10

He married my daughter. She went to school

00:19:59:10 - 00:20:02:10

in Scotland, and met him

00:20:02:21 - 00:20:05:07

and he followed her back to Canada.

00:20:05:07 - 00:20:06:24

Thank goodness for us.

00:20:06:24 - 00:20:10:27

And, I went to his citizenship ceremony

00:20:11:17 - 00:20:14:07

because he has dual citizenship now.

00:20:14:07 - 00:20:18:17

So, yes, even someone from the United Kingdom has to go through citizenship.

00:20:18:17 - 00:20:23:10

He's he's not Canadian,
but now he's dual, United Kingdom.

00:20:23:24 - 00:20:26:20

But the Scottish people
never think of themselves like that.

00:20:26:20 - 00:20:27:12

They're Scottish.

00:20:28:13 - 00:20:29:18

So Scottish and Canadian.

00:20:29:18 - 00:20:31:29

But I went to his,

00:20:31:29 - 00:20:34:23

wonderful citizenship ceremony.

00:20:34:23 - 00:20:38:09

And for me, as a long term
Canadian, I'd never been to one.

00:20:38:27 - 00:20:42:28

And was it touching for not only him,

00:20:43:17 - 00:20:46:29

but for all the other people that day
that became citizens.

00:20:47:05 - 00:20:49:23

I saw people from all over the world

00:20:49:23 - 00:20:51:16

becoming

00:20:51:16 - 00:20:53:26

new Canadian citizens.

00:20:53:29 - 00:20:56:05

Now that I live back in Burlington,

00:20:56:05 - 00:20:58:10

And I worked in Burlington for years,

00:20:58:10 - 00:21:01:10

but then living in Hamilton,

and I consider this whole area,

00:21:01:21 - 00:21:05:19

you know, that the Head-of-the-Lake,

the Burlington Bay, Hamilton Harbour,,

00:21:06:28 - 00:21:08:16

it's all connected to each other.

00:21:08:16 - 00:21:12:07

But yes, since we're here in Burlington,

00:21:12:18 - 00:21:16:08

and I spoke to you that I was the
local history librarian at the library,

00:21:16:08 - 00:21:19:22

Burlington Public Library--Fantastic.

00:21:19:22 - 00:21:21:22

The resources there...

00:21:21:22 - 00:21:23:02

Unbelievable.

00:21:23:02 - 00:21:25:14

So, you know, it's great.

00:21:25:14 - 00:21:27:16

I use it all the time.

00:21:27:16 - 00:21:30:18

I, you know,

so it's a wonderful community thing.

00:21:30:27 - 00:21:36:24

The Burlington Historical Society--

I am involved with and I have given

00:21:37:27 - 00:21:39:06

some presentations

00:21:39:06 - 00:21:42:06

about, I gave a presentation about,

00:21:42:17 - 00:21:45:11

Elizabeth Simcoe was a person who I,

00:21:45:11 - 00:21:49:21

I wrote a presentation for,
and she again, she had dinner

00:21:49:24 - 00:21:54:09

in Newark, Niagara with Joseph Brant,
she met him and Molly Brandt.

00:21:54:14 - 00:21:55:12

She knew them.

00:21:55:12 - 00:21:58:23

So that was Governor Simcoe and Elizabeth Simcoe.

00:21:59:08 - 00:22:02:08

So the Burlington
Historical Society is amazing.

00:22:03:16 - 00:22:07:22

Third Age Learning was a group
that I have been involved with.

00:22:07:22 - 00:22:10:12

I'm not now, I was a volunteer.

00:22:10:12 - 00:22:14:20

That's a group that
for anyone 55 years and up.

00:22:14:22 - 00:22:18:09

So the third age of one is like,
who wants to keep learning

00:22:19:09 - 00:22:21:25

That's another community group.

00:22:21:25 - 00:22:24:25

Burlington just got so many things.

00:22:25:10 - 00:22:28:08

The Museums of Burlington

00:22:28:08 - 00:22:31:08

Joseph Brant Museum, Ireland House

00:22:31:09 - 00:22:34:09

Ireland House is so special because

00:22:35:09 - 00:22:39:17

in Ireland house are the things
that belong to the Ireland family.

00:22:39:25 - 00:22:41:00

That's rare.

00:22:42:06 - 00:22:44:20

You know, it's not a reproduction.

00:22:44:20 - 00:22:49:08

It's not, you know, you know,
so many museums you go into, you know that

00:22:49:08 - 00:22:52:18

that's not the chair that so-and-so
sat on, but it's like the one

00:22:53:24 - 00:22:55:23

Ireland House...

00:22:55:23 - 00:22:58:13

Those are the things that the
Ireland family used.

00:22:58:13 - 00:23:01:12

It's just, you know,
the Museums of Burlington.

00:23:01:14 - 00:23:03:10

This is beautiful.

00:23:03:10 - 00:23:05:09

What has become of this

00:23:05:17 - 00:23:09:04

Joseph Brant Museum,
the renovation is amazing.

00:23:09:24 - 00:23:13:06

And I mean, look at the replica
of Joseph Brant's house

00:23:13:19 - 00:23:16:19

Right on the water.

00:23:17:16 - 00:23:20:16

He was given all this land for guess what?

00:23:20:26 - 00:23:23:26

Being a Loyalist like my ancestors.

00:23:26:13 - 00:23:28:29

I would describe Burlington community.

00:23:28:29 - 00:23:31:17

Okay. Now that I'm a senior,

00:23:31:17 - 00:23:35:14

I think Burlington for seniors is great.

00:23:36:20 - 00:23:40:07

And I say that
because I just found out recently that,

00:23:40:21 - 00:23:43:19
as a senior with my Presto card,
I can travel

00:23:43:19 - 00:23:46:19
on the bus system for free

00:23:47:06 - 00:23:51:25
within Burlington, and there is a bus that
travels from Burlington back to Hamilton.

00:23:53:04 - 00:23:56:04
I think Burlington...

00:23:56:08 - 00:23:59:08
I think it's a changing community.

00:24:00:05 - 00:24:03:13
I hope that the,

00:24:04:26 - 00:24:07:22
you know, I mean,
I live right next door to La Salle Park.

00:24:07:22 - 00:24:11:04
Now, La Salle Park is where the

explorer LaSalle landed

00:24:11:26 - 00:24:14:15

again way back 1600s.

00:24:14:15 - 00:24:15:27

And there's that big.

00:24:15:27 - 00:24:19:00

If you've been to La Salle Park,
you've seen that huge stone that's there.

00:24:19:07 - 00:24:21:29

That stone's been there since 1926.

00:24:21:29 - 00:24:25:01

Okay, well, I live right next door to it,

00:24:25:02 - 00:24:28:12

so I walk there as much as I can.

00:24:29:08 - 00:24:31:19

So, I mean, there's history right there.

00:24:31:19 - 00:24:33:09

Old history in this part of the world.

00:24:33:09 - 00:24:36:09

But I hope that

00:24:36:16 - 00:24:40:27

I am a little concerned that the downtown,
the oldest, the old part

00:24:40:27 - 00:24:44:19

that was called Wellington Square
before it became called Burlington.

00:24:45:11 - 00:24:47:13

So that's Brant Street,
and you know yourself

00:24:47:13 - 00:24:50:13

that where I live in Aldershot
used to be more part of Hamilton.

00:24:50:18 - 00:24:52:28

It wasn't even part of Burlington.

00:24:52:28 - 00:24:55:17

If you look at this atlas.
Which I brought.

00:24:55:17 - 00:24:59:02

I have my own copy of it,
and I'm sure you have it here, this,

00:24:59:22 - 00:25:02:04

Historical Atlas of Halton County.

00:25:02:04 - 00:25:04:15

And I want to get the date right.

00:25:04:15 - 00:25:07:20

I'm terrible with numbers... 1877.

00:25:09:02 - 00:25:12:27

So in this, this talks all about this area.

00:25:13:07 - 00:25:16:07

So Halton County and Nelson Township.

00:25:16:07 - 00:25:19:07

Which is the township
that Burlington is in,

00:25:20:02 - 00:25:23:01

and Lowville, that kind of north area.

00:25:24:02 - 00:25:24:10

Yeah.

00:25:24:10 - 00:25:27:06

I think, you know,
it doesn't even include Aldershot.

00:25:27:06 - 00:25:32:25

So the area that I'm in
was actually part of the Hamilton area.

00:25:32:26 - 00:25:37:00

It's in the Wentworth
version of this is atlas.

00:25:37:13 - 00:25:39:11

The library has all of them.

00:25:39:11 - 00:25:42:11

I happen to be lucky enough
to own this copy. So,

00:25:43:07 - 00:25:45:22

Yeah, I just, you know,

00:25:45:22 - 00:25:49:20

I think that it's got this just town
and now city

00:25:50:04 - 00:25:54:00

has a really interesting history,
and I really want to make sure

00:25:54:00 - 00:25:57:00

that that downtown area,
Wellington Square.

00:25:57:13 - 00:26:01:16

I'm concerned that, you know, and you can edit this out if you don't like it later.

00:26:01:16 - 00:26:05:02

But my opinion is we need to protect

00:26:05:15 - 00:26:09:06

our historical part of town.

00:26:09:18 - 00:26:13:13

And my concern is with the huge development of high rises.

00:26:13:13 - 00:26:16:24

That we're losing some of that feel.

00:26:17:01 - 00:26:19:27

I gave a talk to the Historical Society.

00:26:19:27 - 00:26:22:23

I think it's about Spencer Smith Park. Okay.

00:26:23:25 - 00:26:25:28

Spencer Smith Park is named after a man Spencer Smith.

00:26:25:28 - 00:26:28:02

He's an amazing person.

00:26:28:02 - 00:26:31:00

The park would not have been here
had it not been for him.

00:26:31:00 - 00:26:35:14

But I see you know, even the years
when I started my job

00:26:35:14 - 00:26:39:04

at the library where I walk to
Spencer Smith Park over to here.

00:26:39:17 - 00:26:41:15

You know,
there weren't that many high rises.

00:26:41:15 - 00:26:43:03

There were few.

00:26:43:03 - 00:26:45:14

My concern is

00:26:45:14 - 00:26:48:14

this great historic section is going to be

00:26:49:20 - 00:26:50:22

overtaken.

00:26:50:22 - 00:26:54:02

So I, I guess I might I just hope

00:26:54:16 - 00:26:57:13

that, you know,

and I know the Historical Society,

00:26:57:13 - 00:27:00:13

Anyone interested in the history,

you know, hopes for that.

00:27:01:01 - 00:27:04:01

So thank goodness

this museum is right here.

00:27:04:27 - 00:27:06:03

Thank goodness.

00:27:06:03 - 00:27:08:17

Because this would be developed.

This is incredible.

00:27:08:17 - 00:27:09:29

It looks right out at the lake.

00:27:09:29 - 00:27:11:15

So thank goodness.

00:27:11:15 - 00:27:15:09

Well, things are in place

00:27:15:09 - 00:27:18:28

now compared to my family story
where there wasn't much here.

00:27:19:05 - 00:27:24:03

But I think, like my ancestors,
I think, be resilient,

00:27:25:06 - 00:27:26:19

which is not easy to do.

00:27:26:19 - 00:27:29:20

And I mean, for me to say it,

00:27:30:26 - 00:27:33:03

I didn't have to learn a new language.

00:27:33:03 - 00:27:35:27

I grew up here. So, you know, I feel,

00:27:37:01 - 00:27:38:10

you know, I feel a little bit

00:27:38:10 - 00:27:42:11

hypocritical saying this because it's easy
for me to say I already speak English.

00:27:42:11 - 00:27:47:05

But I would say if I try to put myself
in an position of say,

00:27:47:05 - 00:27:50:06

Say I was moving to Thailand or something.

00:27:50:06 - 00:27:54:12

You know, probably
one of the biggest things would be

00:27:54:27 - 00:27:57:27

honouring your own heritage.

00:27:57:29 - 00:28:03:03

by moving to a new country
because the new country is welcoming

00:28:03:03 - 00:28:06:02

you and honour it as well

00:28:06:03 - 00:28:09:03

and learn the language,

00:28:10:04 - 00:28:11:11

honour

00:28:11:11 - 00:28:14:11

some of the new customs
that aren't your customs.

00:28:14:29 - 00:28:17:29

And it doesn't mean
you have to give up your customs.

00:28:18:15 - 00:28:20:26

It just means that, you know,

00:28:20:26 - 00:28:23:29

you can also honour your new countries,

00:28:25:11 - 00:28:28:01

customs, and also realize

00:28:28:01 - 00:28:31:12

now that I'm a grown up and older
and have children

00:28:31:12 - 00:28:34:25

and grandchildren, realize
that if you move to your new country

00:28:35:07 - 00:28:38:22

and you have children,
your children won't be like you.

00:28:38:28 - 00:28:41:19

Your children will--
that will be their country.

00:28:43:06 - 00:28:44:19

They will learn that language.

00:28:44:19 - 00:28:48:11

They'll still honour
the grandparents and, you know, culture.

00:28:48:11 - 00:28:51:11

But you know that
you're the conduit

00:28:51:29 - 00:28:53:27

between where you've left
and where you're going.

00:28:53:27 - 00:28:57:29

And I think that you have to have
a lot of resilience to do that.

00:28:59:00 - 00:29:01:27

Probably like around the world?

00:29:01:27 - 00:29:04:27

Because I read the news a lot,
like we all do.

00:29:05:16 - 00:29:08:28

There's--In the world

you know, you're reading about a lot of

00:29:08:28 - 00:29:11:28

anti-immigration feelings today because

00:29:12:18 - 00:29:15:18

because of the economy,

00:29:16:05 - 00:29:19:05

because of lack of jobs,

00:29:19:05 - 00:29:22:05

because housing is so expensive.

00:29:24:00 - 00:29:30:17

So I think when you come to a country

and if you, you know,

00:29:30:17 - 00:29:34:17

I know with my son-in-law, he had to show

that when he came to this country.

00:29:34:17 - 00:29:37:11

And this is from Scotland, you know,

00:29:37:11 - 00:29:40:10

this is this is the Crown, you know,

we're still part of the Commonwealth.

00:29:40:10 - 00:29:41:06

Canada.

00:29:41:06 - 00:29:43:27

He had to show that,
you know, he was working.

00:29:43:27 - 00:29:45:18

He was making an income.

00:29:45:18 - 00:29:48:22

He wasn't costing the government,
you know, money.

00:29:48:22 - 00:29:50:12

So he had to come with all,

00:29:51:16 - 00:29:53:14

you could encounter anti-immigration

00:29:53:14 - 00:29:56:20

feelings if you don't come and bring

00:29:56:20 - 00:30:00:09

something to the country and that
and that can just be your own hard work.

00:30:00:15 - 00:30:03:02

It will be your hard work,

00:30:03:02 - 00:30:04:08

like my ancestors did.

00:30:04:08 - 00:30:06:20

It will be taking a job that

00:30:06:20 - 00:30:10:03

maybe you trained as an engineer,

but you can't be an engineer yet

00:30:11:00 - 00:30:14:00

you're driving a taxi

and you weren't doing that.

00:30:14:07 - 00:30:16:29

You know, it's tough.

00:30:16:29 - 00:30:18:19

Moving countries.

00:30:18:19 - 00:30:20:14

I see that.

00:30:20:14 - 00:30:22:01

Very much so.

00:30:22:01 - 00:30:25:06

And even in my own family today,
only because of my son-in-law

00:30:25:17 - 00:30:27:16

and what he's gone through.

00:30:27:16 - 00:30:30:24

And, you know, I'm so grateful
that he's made that,

00:30:31:18 - 00:30:33:01

you know, it's been a lot for him.

00:30:33:01 - 00:30:34:24

He's a proud Scot.

00:30:34:24 - 00:30:35:23

He's not Canadian.

00:30:35:23 - 00:30:38:23

And he's learned to become both.

00:30:38:25 - 00:30:41:03

And his children are Canadian.

00:30:41:03 - 00:30:43:00

And, you know, for him to instill

00:30:44:04 - 00:30:45:12

their pride of his

00:30:45:12 - 00:30:48:25

country, if you know,

Scots, they are very proud of Scotland

00:30:49:11 - 00:30:51:14

and they have a lot of reasons

to be that way.

00:30:51:14 - 00:30:56:05

So, you know, like little grandsons,

you know, they do go back to Scotland

00:30:56:05 - 00:30:59:19

every two years and they do,

you know, have

00:30:59:19 - 00:31:02:19

Scottish football teams.

00:31:02:20 - 00:31:05:27

So soccer

we call, you know, that they, they're into

00:31:05:27 - 00:31:08:03

and you know but they're Canadian.

00:31:08:03 - 00:31:11:03

So there's lots of ways
you can do it through food.

00:31:12:01 - 00:31:14:21

There's many ways
that when an immigrant comes

00:31:14:21 - 00:31:17:21

to a foreign country, they can blend.

00:31:17:23 - 00:31:21:15

No I think you're interviewing people
with their immigration stories

00:31:21:15 - 00:31:23:21

is wonderful.

00:31:23:21 - 00:31:28:27

And as I say, especially today,
I have a grandson who's, Canadian,

00:31:29:11 - 00:31:34:20

but he is, he looks and is half Chinese.

00:31:35:01 - 00:31:39:26

So my son, married
his wife, who's from Nanjing, China.

00:31:40:08 - 00:31:41:24

And so born in Nanjing.

00:31:41:24 - 00:31:45:04

Not not like she's,
you know, she's from there.

00:31:45:16 - 00:31:47:08

And my son met her at university.

00:31:48:07 - 00:31:50:16

My son's conveniently back.

00:31:50:16 - 00:31:53:16

And my little grandson, Parker,
who's eight,

00:31:53:28 - 00:31:57:19

looks completely Asian Chinese

00:31:58:17 - 00:32:01:05

and he's Canadian,

00:32:01:05 - 00:32:02:29

you know, and he'll

00:32:02:29 - 00:32:05:24

you know,

I look at him and I see him with us,

00:32:05:24 - 00:32:08:16

and I see people looking at my husband
and I with him.

00:32:08:16 - 00:32:11:29

And if we're not with my son
or daughter-in-law and

00:32:12:11 - 00:32:15:11

you know, they're looking at, oh,
there's a

00:32:15:24 - 00:32:18:18

couple of grandparents with us,

00:32:18:18 - 00:32:22:12

and he's my grandson,
he's my Canadian grandson.

00:32:23:20 - 00:32:26:20

He's you know, he's all of it,

00:32:26:27 - 00:32:27:07

you know.

00:32:27:07 - 00:32:30:19

And he goes back with his Chinese
grandparents

00:32:30:19 - 00:32:33:20

and has now speaks Mandarin fluently.

00:32:34:07 - 00:32:40:08

In Canada, some,
immigration stories have great support.

00:32:40:08 - 00:32:45:26

I know, Chinese are very
the Chinese community is very supportive.

00:32:45:26 - 00:32:47:25

I only know that because of my grandson.

00:32:49:20 - 00:32:50:20

Italian, you

00:32:50:20 - 00:32:53:21

Hamilton had a lot of Italian immigrants.

00:32:53:21 - 00:32:56:24

In fact, they, a lot of them came from
that area in Calabria.

00:32:56:25 - 00:32:57:18

Right.

00:32:57:24 - 00:33:00:21

But no, no, I doing this history for me,
especially for

00:33:00:21 - 00:33:04:03

someone like me
who hasn't had to go to another country.

00:33:04:03 - 00:33:05:06

I travel.

00:33:05:06 - 00:33:05:22

But you know what?

00:33:05:22 - 00:33:08:25

Especially for someone like me,
and I don't know if you've met a lot of people

00:33:08:25 - 00:33:12:20

like me sitting in this chair
who, we haven't--

00:33:12:28 - 00:33:14:12

You know, we've been here a long time.

00:33:15:16 - 00:33:16:26

But doing my

00:33:16:26 - 00:33:19:28

family history has really taught me a lot.

00:33:20:12 - 00:33:21:18

It really has.

00:33:21:18 - 00:33:24:18

And it's made me really,

00:33:24:18 - 00:33:28:04

humble because I--I

don't know if I could've done

00:33:28:04 - 00:33:29:25

what they did.

00:33:29:25 - 00:33:30:22

It was incredible.

00:33:30:22 - 00:33:33:22

And they lost everything again and again.

00:33:34:06 - 00:33:37:02

Like, I think of Theobald and Adam

00:33:37:02 - 00:33:40:12

lets lose it all again

and start over again.