

A. Margaret (née Haines) Doornbos (1918-)**Classmate of Stanley Dunham****Oral history recorded May 23, 2011 (Run time 50:56)**

Margaret Doornbos was interviewed for this project, on May 23, 2011, in her home, El Dorado, Kansas. The interview was conducted by Susie Patterson, with Steve Cless as the videographer.

A. Margaret (née Haines) Doornbos (December 19, 1918-) had vague recollections of Stanley Dunham, no specific memories. Toward the end of the interview, she shared her recollection that around the high school, maybe, he had a bit of a reputation as a “juvenile delinquent.”

00.00-00.09	Camera, sound adjustments
00.10-05.12	Personal information: Margaret was born on a farm near Pontiac, Kansas. She describes her childhood chores, some family history, and her schooling.
05.16-05.30	Stanley Dunham: She remembers little about Stanley Dunham except his name, says she was a year ahead of him in school.
05.31-07.00	The Dust Bowl: Margaret provides vivid details from her memories of living through the Dust Bowl years.
07.01-09.24	School activities, Stanley Dunham: Margaret remembers high school and notes a brief memory of Stanley Dunham.
09.25-13.15	El Dorado during that time (high school): Margaret describes the town, its stores, and Saturday as the busy shopping day; her family car, community and school events, including some details about the Kaffir Corn Carnivals.
13.16-16.38	How times influenced attitudes, values, perspective on life: She reminisces about sitting on a cellar door on a moonlit night and thinking there would be no more wars after World War I—so wrong; she remembers the church she went to in Rosalia and talks about family reunions.
16.39-21.38	Famous murder trial, oil, farming, and El Dorado Lake: She talks about her dad serving on the jury for the trial of Owen Oberst, who was accused of murdering 7 family members in 1928. She remembers how deeply it affected her father. She reflects how when was oil found on land near their farm, her dad hoped they might have oil on their place too, but it never happened. Her parents lost their farm because of the drought in the thirties. Some folks did have oil discovered on their land and became pretty well-to-do. Her dad worked for El Dorado Lake as caretaker. Margaret and her husband also farmed for about 20 years, leaving around 1974 because of the El Dorado Reservoir.
21.39-23.37	Changes in El Dorado, mom contributing to income during Depression: Margaret talks about how El Dorado has changed. She remembers how her mother delivered butter, eggs, and frying chickens to pay off a second mortgage on the farm during the Depression.
23.38-36.09	Memories of start of WWII: The war interrupted or delayed college for many. She describes the local war effort: saving bacon grease and turning it in, rationing of tires and sugar, how their baby boy “got a ration card,” putting up food. She notes the importance of self-reliance and not wasting anything.
36.10-40.21	Perception around school of Stanley Dunham, more memories of the

	<p>Depression and the war years: Asked about Stanley again, she says all she remembers is he was “kind of known as a juvenile delinquent.”</p> <p>She recollects more memories from the Depression time period: neighbors bartering services with each other, automobiles her family had, horses and buggies and farming with horses. She remembers how the war brought an end to the Depression, and what her family did during the war years. Her sisters worked for Boeing; her brother was in the Normandy Landing, the Battle of the Bulge, and his unit helped to liberate two death camps. She remembers life without electricity, root cellars, and food preservation.</p>
40.22-47.04	<p>Memories of various schools and their locations, what’s there now: Margaret notes that people married locally because they didn’t travel around away from home. She remembers graduations in the Carnegie Library building (limestone)—now part of the Baptist Church (on corner by courthouse)</p>
47.05-50.56	<p>Video ends with shots of what appears to be a class list from class reunion materials, including the Dunhams’ Hawaii address and noting 2 grandchildren, and Margaret showing some yearbook photos.</p>