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But anyway, okay Desmond, oh

DK: Well you see the first meeting I went to, I think, I'm pretty sure, was in 1950 in Birmingham, Alabama, and I got Mildred Crow was the librarian of

AR: Is that the same as Mildred Jordan?

DK: No, there were two Mildreds, one was at Birmingham and one was at Emory.

Mildred Jordan was at Emory, Mildred Crow was at, and then she got married, but I've forgotten who she married. And so I went up Mr. you know, at that point Dr.

Lynch's office was above the library, the Dr. Wearing's (sp?) Dr. Lynch's office and the

registrar's office were all up there right above us and so all I did was just go upstairs

and say that I had received this notice and I'd kind of like to go, because I had joined

the Medical Library Association and I said this would be all the southern librarians. I

don't whether Alabama had ever done this sort of thing before or not anyway, maybe it wasn't there when she was there.

AR: This was Annabelle...

DK: Annabelle Furman was my predecessor.

AR: Oh, right, right. She, that's right.

DK: She'd been there for what thirteen years or so, I think, but anyway, so

AR: But this meeting you went to was at Birmingham?

DK: at Birmingham. I remember

AR: In 1950?

DK: 1950. In the fall, I think, I'm not sure, may have been spring, but I kind of think it was fall because spring I would have been so new that I hardly've done it.

AR: Well, it's curious because I've got a notation here that there was a meeting in 1953

DK: Well, maybe I have the dates wrong, but I thought that it was

AR: But there could've been two

DK: It might've been 51

AR: Well, there could've been more than one meeting.

DK: I just remember that yeah well I think when they first started, the larger cities had it.

AR: Right

DK: And (tape defect) Birmingham I couldn't get over had so many clubs, just lots of clubs, and everytime we had a meeting, I mean a dinner or a luncheon you'd go to a different club and Mildred Crow belonged to, I don't know whether she belonged, but one of the doctors with whom she was very friendly, belonged to the Vulcan Club

AR: Oh, boy.

DK: and that's where we had our, I think it was called the Vulcan Club, cause seems to me there was a big statue of Vulcan in front.

AR: Oh, there is.

DK: And we went there for our dinner I think that...

AR: That's the statue I think that's on Red Mountain or something

DK: Something like that

AR: Yeah, I've seen it from the interstate.

DK: And, but I was terribly impressed because I'd, you know we had no clubs in Charleston at all, and all these places that had women's clubs Charleston's never had a woman's club.

AR: That surprises me because

DK: It surprises me, too. Columbia had one.

AR: Yeah.

DK: Everybody has one except Charleston.

AR: Hm.

DK: Now, the that what used to be the Colony House has opened as the Harbor Club, I think it's called, costs \$800 to join.

AR: Mhm.

DK: And then of course you have to pay so much, so you have to spend so much in meetings

AR: Mhm-hm.

DK: That

AR: This was the first chapter meeting that you attended?

DK: It's the first chapter meeting and I think it was 1950.

AR: But I'm wondering if there were like an organizational, there were some informal meetings

DK: Might've been.

AR: A couple of years before it actually founded. We had the history committee got

together some scrapbooks and things like that and I'm embarrassed to say I don't remember what they claim the official date is

DK: Well they, see when Dr. you just took Dr. Lynch said well he supposed it would be a good idea for me to talk to other librarians (laughter)

AR: Six of one, half a dozen of the other

DK: So he let me go, well of course I just in those days there was none of this organization. I just paid for my own way and did everything like that and when I came back I gave them an itemized account of all I'd spent and they paid me back. Exactly what I'd said, really, because...

AR: Sounds a lot simpler.

DK: It was much simpler because see I'd, I mean I obviously, I didn't charge for taxi fare and I didn't charge for drinks and stuff like that and that was where the first year that I met whose name I've now forgotten but that real nice girl who I've always liked who went ended up in Florida but she was at Emory when I first met her

AR: Flo Wellington.

DK: No, not Flo Wellington

AR: Oh, Mildred.

DK: Mildred, not she was a good friend of Buzz's and we were we did when we went to New Orleans that time we did we bummed around together some. She started either at Emory or Birmingham and then ended up in Florida and

AR: I can't think who

DK: I think it was Miami. I remember we cut a meeting one time and spent the whole

afternoon in the bar drinking bloody marys (laughter)

AR: Like the good old days.

DK: Yeah.

AR: Well, I remember the first meeting I went to, I think it was in 1970 in Houston and Buzz flew in and I don't think left it and then flew out the next day or flew out the next afternoon or something.

DK: Well, did you go to the Augusta regional meeting?

AR: I went to one in Augusta in 1981 I think.

DK: Well this was early on because this was Nick was still here.

AR: Oh, no.

DK: And Buzz and I and Nick and Sapphire went

AR: Gush Sapphire (sp?) went to a meeting?

DK: Yeah and we, she and I roomed together and the problem was that they were going to have the banquet at the Masters at the Augusta Golf Club

AR: Oh wow.

DK: And they, they wouldn't be the Golf Club wouldn't admit negroes

AR: Oh boy.

DK: So then

AR: What year was that?

DK: Gee I don't know

AR: Well Buzz came in 68

DK: Buzz came in 68 and Nick was came along too, Nick actually was there working

before Buzz came full time.

AR: And I came in 69 so I bet it was

DK: Must've been 67, 68. Yeah and that was the drunkest meeting. Kay Fairy went we went (tape defect) went and it was I think Nick and no I guess that was right I guess Nick and Buzz went together, anyway (unintelligible). We roomed together and they had a so then we when we found out that they wouldn't accept Negroes, they said to us well that they would have another dinner for the black people and I we said no we would not attend we would just not go to the banquet. I mean none of us from our library would go to the banquet because we wouldn't do that.

AR: Well did other people go I mean did anybody else think this was strange? Course this was the civil rights

DK: Well I don't know, this was right in the middle I guess round the time we didn't think it was strange because

AR: Well it was before the big

DK: It was before the strike, I think.

AR: The strike

DK: But even so I mean I know there were some places that were holding out and that being this fancy golf club they were, cause you know they wouldn't let the black golfers play there so Buzz said well you know certainly not. We would not do that we would we'd just forget about the as far as the banquet was concerned and we would go all go out together.

AR: Well did you learn this after you got to

DK: Well no we learned this beforehand so then they changed the site of the banquet.

There must have been more than one person

AR: Mhm. Well isn't that, that's interesting. I like this.

DK: So

AR: Where did the banquet end up being?

DK: I can't remember now but anyway we ended up in Nick's room after the banquet and boy, finally, I think I got home I got back to my room about three o'clock in the morning

AR: ...the good old days

DK: Good old days ..everybody that was when

AR: I remember when we used to take flasks with us to these meetings. Boy, I haven't done that in years.

DK: Buzz and I used to do that too

AR: Yeah.

DK: Buzz, I remember toward the end of the evening when I decided it was time to go home he said that he was going to go see his mother and so I decided well Nick could deal with that one I wasn't going to, so I left (laughter) and I guess Nick had to cope all night with trying to I think he was really planning to walk on out the room and go somewhere I don't know where he was going.

AR: Oh boy.

DK: So Kay was there and I think Kay and I decided in the room I don't think Sapphire was with us, but Nick and Kay and I and Buzz and we left Kay and I went to bed or

went back to our room when all this...going to see my mother I figured I didn't know what to do with that.

AR: I wonder where he was going. He probably didn't know where he was going.

DK: Mhm-mhm. He knewso the next morning though I

AR: This was the Augusta meeting.

DK: This was the Augusta meeting. I don't remember. That was in the 60's. The 50 meeting I don't remember too much about because I was brand new and except for being impressed with the clubs and I remember Mildred Jordan made a speech about something that was interesting.... Saturday morning.

AR: She, she, Mildred Jordan was at Emory?

DK: She was at Emory and she was a fixture

AR: And Mildred Crow was

DK: Mildred Crow was at Birmingham, but see Mildred Crow later married and I can't remember her married name. Mildred Jordan never married.

AR: Well, it's funny what you remember from the meetings because I, too, tend to remember more of the social functions, or the good times, the sights

DK: Well, Mildred Jordan and Mildred Crow I don't know how old they were let's see I was 20 49 I was about 28 or 29 when I came back here to work, somewhere along in there and I so they weren't that much older than I but they were old enough that they seemed to be very professional and very stylish and very well dressed.

AR: I remember that photograph taken I can't remember it must be in the chapter archives but I saw it at the meeting at Emory or at Atlanta a couple of years ago that

had everyone in hats and white gloves and all.

DK: Yeah and they had so they were and they knew well it was kind of like I guess the medical college when we were there. When I was there earlier on and we knew everybody and all the doctors and all the students and everybody so they were very well known among their colleagues.

AR: Well I know that southern chapter was a much larger geographic area than it is now but do you remember about how many people were involved?

DK: Well I don't think much more than around...

AR: Fifty?

DK: Fifty maybe, fifty, fifty to seventy-five at the most.

AR: Well that's actually a pretty good size.

DK: Because you know the really small libraries they wouldn't come and

AR: Right

DK: I think the hos- a lot of hospital libraries didn't come because there was only one person and they couldn't leave

AR: I think that's still true today.

DK: Yeah and Most of the people that were there it seemed to me were college a lot at least well maybe that was just because I knew them the best.

AR: Mhm-hm.

DK: I always remember the girl from LSU she was a, well I loved Mr. Postell of course

AR: Well he was a character

DK: And there was a real cute girl named Ann somebody who worked down there and

she and I were commiserating about the nurses one day and how impossible they were and she said I wouldn't even tell you what we call the nurses

AR: That's that is I bet

DK: It may be um-hm. She was at Emory that's where she was working when I first went to this meeting.

AR: Well, you can have that if you would like it but don't read it and let it cloud your responses yet (laughter).

DK: She was funny and she

AR: Well she still comes to meetings occasionally, she's retired but she still will come to things every now and then.

DK: The girl from Tennessee, Eleanor and she was the librarian at ...it couldn't have been...maybe she was there before....the University of Tennessee. Where is that English fellow? I think he's at

AR: Oh Mark. He's at Vanderbilt.

DK: Mark. Vanderbilt. Well I don't know whether Eleanor was at Vanderbilt or the University of Tennessee. She may have been at Vanderbilt.

AR: This is someone from the early days?

DK: Also a head librarian, yeah. And she was the one who said to me I always bring warm clothes when I go to meetings in the summer because the air conditioning is so cold in the hotels and cool clothes when I go in the winter because the heat is so much.

AR: That's still true. Things don't change.

(Tape skipping)

DK: ...name was Ann Hodge. I see the H there.

AR: Ann Hodge? Okay, yeah.

DK: She was a pretty blonde girl, real young.

AR: Well, she's still an attractive woman. She, I don't remember when she retired from LSU but you know she was one of the small group when the chapter split in the early 70's that we kept as honorary members, that little group from Louisiana

DK: Oh yeah, mhm-hm, because Louisiana went with Texas.

AR: Yeah, this that was one of my other questions, what about the big split in the organization which is the one that tickles me, since I remember that, too.

DK: Well, we I don't remember that other than there was a lot of debate about it cause we didn't like the, but

AR: Yeah.

DK: The reason being was purely geographical, as far as I can understand, there just wasn't that much kind of money to stay in their or didn't want to stay in their libraries...

AR: Well, I think, too, that was about the time that NLM did their division of the states

DK: Yeah.

AR: ...and that's kind of what the regional group wanted to follow.

DK: Um-hm..they followed..

AR: But you're right, I think it was it was also travel.

DK: There was a travel thing that they didn't like to stay...well and then some of them said...Now the girl from Puerto Rico though used to come sometimes...

speech pathologist. She wants to work on her master's to get into..

AR: They started a speech pathology program at (unintelligible)..

DK: Oh, they have?

AR: I think...just this fall.

DK: Mhm-hm.

AR: The new

DK: So she's interested in that. I thought, I thought Rebecca looked real good.

AR: Yeah, well, she's always been one of these people that looked real stylish

DK: Yeah

AR: ...when she came to work.

DK: Mhm-hm. She still looks good, I mean she had, you know, neat, neat stylish-

looking thing

AR: Yeah

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DK: ...vegetable bin.

AR: Have you ever been to farmer's market?

DK: Yeah. Mhm-hm. On Monday mornings, I mean on Saturday mornings?

AR: I always wondered how that would be compared to vegetable bin.

DK: Well, I think the prices are a little more expensive

AR: Are they?

DK: but I don't know, it's fun. It's a fun kind of organization.

AR: That's what I've heard. It's kind of fun

AR: Well she Actually we have several folks from Puerto Rico the (tape skip) has varied over the years but the that she always comes to the regional meetings and generally to MLA, but also there may be one or two other folks that will come. In fact this chapter meeting is going to be in Puerto Rico in 95.

DK: Oh. Well that's nice.

AR: So you should come. (laughter)

DK: Well you know the

AR: You won't know anybody but you should come.

DK: I won't know a soul. That's the problem.

AR: I don't know many people anymore.

DK: You sort of have to keep going.

(Tape skip).

AR: ...the one that's in Tennessee.

DK: The one from well wherever she, she ended up in Florida and I think it was Miami...

AR: Oh, the one that was a friend of ...

(Tape skip).

DK: ...we were sitting in the bar and this was the MLA meeting in New Orleans. He and I and this girl who was chatting about

AR: Was it Susie Burroughs?

DK: No.

AR: This is somebody who, Well this other one I'm thinking of

DK: Grimes, Hazel, something Grimes.

AR: Oh I know who you're talking about ...south Florida

DK: Yeah south Florida I guess it was...

AR: Yeah, Irene, not Irene I know exactly who you're talking about.

DK: Uh-huh, well she and I were always and we enjoyed each other.

AR: Maxine.

DK: Maxine Grimes, yeah we...

AR: Oh I always I like her a lot, too.

DK: She was very nice and apparently

AR: She's retired now but

DK: Yeah, she's retired...

AR: But not that long ago.

DK: But I think she and her husband got a divorce, I believe. They were not divorced when I knew them but I think he didn't seem to be to be a ..much of a money, I mean of a

AR: A provider.

DK: Provider. I think she had always worked.

AR: I have a feeling...

DK: He had several children. Two children I think.

AR: Well I think maybe when she went to Florida she may have been by herself, actually...

DK: Maybe that was the reason, uh-huh.

AR: But she, I remember her from an MLA meeting in 1985, Virginia...(tape skip)
Virginia's sister who was living in Denver or in Colorado, not Denver, came to Denver
to (tape skip) of us went out to dinner and just had a really good time. She's really
delightful.

DK: Yeah, she is nice.(laughter). Denver was the meeting that Nick and I went to and

AR: Well that was one that I've heard about from him.

DK: And he's the that was when we were coming home or going there and I ordered
drinks on the, they asked us if we wanted drinks, and I wanted gin and tonic and he
wanted scotch so then they brought him scotch and tonic. (laughter) He couldn't drink
it, he said. I think I got, I don't know, I didn't get the, I did get the tonic but he had the
put tonic in his drink. ...the bus ride, we went on that picnic thing, oh yeah, that was
terrible.

AR: ...They didn't stop for the rest room.

DK: No facilities.

AR: Okay, do you remember the first meeting that was held in Charleston in 1957?

DK: Yes, that one was a, one of the most successful meetings that we had.

AR: You were the host.

DK: Because Dr. Wearing, bless his heart... Well, it was a very interesting meeting.
We had I don't know what. We had a meeting. I don't remember anything about the
meeting, I don't even know who spoke to us. But at the, we had a reception after the
meeting which was at Dr. Wearing's house, which was at Charleston Landing. Well
Dr. Wearing had a hernia operation (laughter).

AR: Well my gosh.

DK: But he said that would be ...before...unexpectedly before we were having the meeting,

AR: You mean...

DK: He'd already offered this and all

AR: Right

DK: His house and all that we could have it there. And we got a bus and we took people over there and all after the meeting and of course it was beautiful grounds and beautiful house and I think... and Mrs. Wearing was there and so everybody wanted to go up and see Dr. Wearing who was in bed upstairs.

AR: Oh my.

DK: (laughter). He didn't mind so everybody that knew him like Mildred Crow and Mildred Jordan, they were going to troop upstairs and see Dr. Wearing and several of the librarians didn't know him, or knew of him...

AR: But they probably trooped up to see him anyway.

DK: Anyway. Because of course he had written several historical, anybody that knew about history of medicine knew about Dr. Wearing at that time and so then that was a lovely party. The banquet that night I'm not sure where we had, I think it was at the Fort Sumter Hotel.

AR: Ah, boy, that was a nice place.

DK: And Dr. Pratt Thomas spoke to us and Dr. Pratt Thomas spoke

AR: Was he president of MUSC then?

DK: No, he wasn't at that time, I don't think. But he spoke on the subject of camellias, because that was what he was raising at that time.

AR: Oh wow.

DK: He's now gone to orchids, but at that point it was camellias. And it was a delightful talk. It wasn't, you know, it wasn't medical at all, nothing to do with medicine. And they lived on Trad Street at that time and he invited everybody to come by his house and see his garden. Well they were just entranced. Well Dr. Pratt Thomas is a most attractive man and everybody was entranced with him. Then let's see, what else we had after that. That was the banquet.

AR: I think that we got him to do a welcome at the 72 meeting and also the 82 meeting.

DK: That's good. Yeah.

AR: He had been involved

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DK: And then that, as I say I remember nothing about the program, but I do remember all these highlights of social activities.

AR: That's the important stuff.

DK: And

AR: Especially that, well that's the reputation of the Southern Chapter has always been, kind of the social group. I think, unfortunately or fortunately, we've gotten a little bit too serious.

DK: Yeah. But I can't even remember, we must have had some meetings. I mean there was no reason for

AR: Well, I'm sure you did.

DK: Wonder where we had those meetings, because I don't think we were in the new library, and certainly not in 57. No the hospital opened in 55 so the new building wasn't open. Probably

AR: Fort Sumter?

DK: Probably at Baruch.

AR: Baruch?

DK: Probably in Baruch Auditorium, I guess, I'm not sure, but I'm guessing there. And uh oh maybe one of the, maybe we had got a conference room in the hospital
(tape skip)

AR: You know the

DK: We may have had it all at the hotel because

AR: Well that's what I'm wondering because that seems to have been

DK: I guess that's what we did.

AR: the trend. I know in 72 we had most of the meetings in the hotel but then we had our business meeting on campus but I think that was partly to get people over to see the new, what was then the new library

DK: Yeah . Um-hm

AR: ...which is now really old and decrepit-looking.

DK: Have they moved the books all around?

AR: Well

DK: They moved the books some of the back years of journals..

AR: We haven't done that yet. We, we still have the book collection on the fourth floor and the journals all on the third floor but Tom really would like to

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...add more electronic classrooms to the fourth floor and the only way we can do that is to

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you know we're still kind of looking for remote storage

DK: Mhm-hm.

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AR: ...the fourth floor is really become like a micro-computer base...the whole floor practically

DK: Yeah. Is the whole floor all library now or it still

AR: No, it's still education but we keep working on getting the whole floor.

DK: Is Sue whatshername around still?

AR: She's retired. She just retired this summer.

DK: Oh she did? Couldn't remember her name.

AR: But she left student programs.

DK: Yeah and then moved over to

AR: personnel

DK: Mhm-hm.

AR: ...and was doing some training.

DK: What about oh these people, I don't remember now.

(tape skip)

Andy, occasionally I see Andy Perkins. Is he all right? Doing all right?

(tape clicked off and on)

AR: I wanted to ask you about the meeting in Galveston when you were chair, if you remember anything about that one. Usually when you're chair you're so involved in so much stuff...

DK: I don't really remember too much about it . I remember being there and really I think that's about everything. I can't even remember many social functions that happened there

AR: Well you were probably thinking about all kinds of other things..

DK: I think I was thinking about things I had to, but it was a real nice, I know people were real nice to me and I didn't have to, you know everything was sort of your way was smoothed for you, but...

AR: Right.

DK: I don't remember, other than anything that I enjoyed Galveston because it was such a well it reminded me a lot of the beaches here

AR: Well I've never been there, but I've heard...

DK: It's very pretty and lots of oleanders and course they suffer from hurricanes well the way we do

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AR: Well we've already sort of touched on the split in the organization.

DK: Well let's see.

AR: And I don't know how this....number four

DK: I don't know either.

AR: That was a weird one.

DK: On the role played professionally...

AR: I guess that's kind of like...

DK: Well I think I'm one of those people who've never really had any objectives.

Everybody seems to have a goal and I never have had one. I enjoyed, at least that I know of. I enjoyed, always enjoyed my work and liked to do it as well as I could, but other than that I didn't have any goals.

AR: Well you were

DK: I think southern, I mean I think you know probably the...

AR: I don't know if the regional group was the I think

DK: I think maybe

AR: It started off differently and it was really more of a way to network with your

DK: Yeah, with people

AR: peers

DK: Yeah, meet your people and see what they were doing

AR: And it wasn't quite as officious or something as it is now. It's taken, it's real organized, I mean you wouldn't believe it.

DK: Well I do think that that's true it was not organized in those early days. You just we came and we had a good time and

AR: Well I think that's part of growth and when things get larger...that's what happens.

DK: Mhm-hm. That's right, that's what happens.

AR: Well you've mentioned a couple of people when we've been talking about...and Ann Hodge and

DK: Well you see the interesting part was that because I was a, the librarian with our little small library only four people in it.

AR: Well

DK: I met most of the heads of these other big libraries and they were all, I was really interested in what they had to say about what they did.

AR: Did the directors ever meet as directors in a group or was it...

DK: Now the South Carolina did, we used to have a meeting of those people but...

AR: Right. That's still going on. It's called now the library directors' forum.

DK: Oh it is?

AR: Yeah.

DK: Cause that I, I always enjoyed cause I met all the other librarians and we enjoyed seeing each other

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-ins whatever her name is.

AR: She's still there. Barbara Williams Jenkins.

DK: Jenkins.

AR: or Barbara Jenkins Williams. Whatever.

DK: It's Barbara Williams Jenkins. I could not remember her last name. She was the first Ph.D. librarian in the state.

AR: Wow. I didn't realize that, well, she's wound up...

DK: Well, maybe Barbara (?) Tucker was, but I think she was

AR: Yeah, I really enjoy her.

DK: I like Barbara, she's lots of fun.

AR: She's still hanging in there, I don't haven't, she looks ageless to me I don't know how

DK: Yeah, she hadn't, well the last time that I saw her she hadn't changed at all. In fact, I saw Rebecca yesterday at the vegetable bin

AR: Did you really?

DK: And she hadn't changed an iota.

AR: Yeah, yeah.

DK: Getting ready to go up to New Jersey.

AR: She's gotten real active in the South Carolina employees' association or something

DK: Mhm, oh she has?

AR: I think, or she's got

DK: Well she had to go, she's going to New Jersey because of nieces, a niece died and she's going up there to the service

AR: Yeah.

DK: ...this weekend sometime, but she looked fine, said the children were doing fine, that her daughter had gone back to college. Her daughter had dropped out of college when her husband got sick, but now she's gone back and she wants to become a

DK: We, I may go Saturday anyway cause I don't have any peaches and they have beautiful flowers and there are several people that sell flowers and you get carried away with all the fresh vegetables.

AR: Well I would never...

DK: Course for one person or even two you can't eat that much, you have to

AR: Yeah.

DK: ...remember not to buy

AR: Well I keep saying I'm going to get down there one Saturday morning, I don't know when. Mary Hodgin's daughter is getting married on Saturday.

DK: I think I saw something in the paper, or heard something about Mary Hodgin which this is

AR: This is her youngest

DK: not Lisa is it

AR: Beth.

DK: Beth, the younger is she. Lisa got married.

AR: Lisa got married and has a little boy now and

DK: I did see the notice in the paper about Mark was somewhere over in

AR: Right. Yeah. Let me ask you one more and then we'll be through. You've talked a little bit about the early MLA meetings and I didn't know if there were any others that you wanted to mention.

DK: Well let's see. One of the ones I really enjoyed was the Lake Placid meeting.

AR: Lake Placid, wow.

DK: That was a real nice meeting in June and we stayed at the Lake Placid Hotel.

AR: That's in New York, isn't it?

DK: Uh-huh.

(tape skip)

You went to New York and then you took the train up to Lake Placid.

AR: Wow.

DK: And that was a lot of fun. In fact I met a fellow there that I hadn't seen in years.

He was a soldier at Fort Bragg.

AR: For heaven's sakes. When you were a librarian there?

DK: When I was a librarian at Fort Bragg he was working in the right next to the library. I've forgotten what he worked at and he became a librarian and was working in some special library.

AR: Gee

DK: ...that was sort of semi-medical related so he was at the Lake Placid meeting. I hadn't seen him since I left the

AR: You know who I've lost track of, is Craig McClain, do you remember him?

DK: Yeah.

AR: He, he left Virginia and went to Huntsville, Alabama. I think he had no choice, there was a big reorganization when the medical library kind of merged with

DK: Oh that's right.

AR: with the main library and then I think a similar thing happened in Huntsville and we didn't know what happened

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apparently had applied for a reference librarian position and she just chatted with him about you know Craig and

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DK: ...was a funny soul.

AR: Oh, he really was, he looked like a scarecrow.

DK: He did look like a, and he walked like a, you know, everything sort of

AR: Well I always sort of wondered if something was wrong with him physically, or something, cause he looked so weird...

DK: I wondered if he was he still married to his wife?

AR: As far as I know.

DK: Well did you ever know whatever happened to Mr. West? I never have known. I think...

AR: Well didn't he go

DK: He went to a VA library, but then I never heard from him, course by now he'd be...

AR: Well I think I saw him at an MLA meeting maybe in Minneapolis.

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DK: ...always reminded me of the white rabbit.

AR: Oh, yeah. (laughter). He was a funny soul, too.

DK: Yeah.

AR: He, he was at this meeting and I just saw him briefly, and he seemed real happy with his job, but that was so long ago...

DK: Um-hm.

AR: I don't think I ever saw him since, so I don't know.

DK: Yeah, Buzz had never heard what had happened to him I remember and I don't know whether Nick did.

AR: I think we got enough.

(tape switched off)