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An ORAL HISTORY

Of

Lois Lorraine Green Shaw

&

Evelyn Mills Shields

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Name: Lois Lorraine Green Shaw

Date of Birth: July 24, 1940

Place of Birth: Refugio County, Texas

Education: Refugio High School
Sid Peterson School of Vocational Nursing; later
moved to Schreiner College.
Certification for Personal Care/Assisted Living; Southwest
Texas State, San Marcos

Father: Levy Green, Jr.

Mother: Thelma Green

Spouse: Charles Shaw, deceased

Children: Charles, Mark, Genise, Reginald, Che-Lin,
Edwina. Lisa

Name: Evelyn Mills Shields

Date of Birth: April 6, 1935

Place of Birth: Kerrville TX

Education: Doyle High School

Father: Ernest Mills

Mother: Rose Frederick Mills

Spouse: Vernon Shields, deceased

Children: Danny, Tanya, Sanya, Nell

COMMENTS FROM INTERVIEWER FRANCELLE COLLINS:

Today we are interviewing two friends who have been friends for 49 years. They live on the same street. One was born in Kerrville and the other came here as quick as she could.

SUMMARY

Lois Shaw was born at home in Refugio County, Texas on July 24, 1940. She and her husband, Charles, moved to Kerrville in 1969. Charles died in 1991. She went to nursing school in Kerrville and worked in the operating room at Sid Peterson Hospital for many years. She then worked in geriatrics as administrator at a care facility. She has seven children. She is very active in her church, St. Paul Methodist, and in the community. She has served on several boards over the years and she continues to be involved in church and community. Lois comes from a very loving family and is herself a very loving person. She has an interesting family history.

Evelyn Shields was born at home in Kerrville, Texas on April 6, 1935 and has lived in Kerrville her entire life. She graduated from Doyle High School. She has fond memories of her years at Doyle and the privilege of learning from Mr. and Mrs. B.T. Wilson. After graduation she worked as a therapist at the Kerrville State Hospital for 33 years. She was married to Vernon Shields, now deceased, who was a great basketball player. They have four children. She loves to cook and learned to cook from her mother. She is active in her church, Mount Olive Baptist and is a member of the Red Hatters, as is Lois. She also has a fascinating family history.

An Oral History of

My name is Francelle Robison Collins and I am with the Kerr County Historical Commission, Oral History Project. Today is January 23, 2018, and I am here at the History Center in Kerrville, Texas, with Bonnie Pipes Floury. We are talking with Lois Shaw and Evelyn Shields, who understand that we are making audio and video recordings of this interview and that a typewritten transcript of this interview will be provided so that changes can be made. The audio and video tapes, however, cannot be edited. This information along with copies of any family pictures and documents provided by you will then be turned over to the Kerr Regional History Center, Schreiner University, and the University of North Texas' Portals to Texas History, where they will be available to the public unless specific restrictions are placed on them by you. These restrictions will be noted in the Release form after you have had a chance to review your manuscript. Are you clear on what we are doing today?

LOIS

FRANCELLE: What is your given name?

LOIS: Lois Lorraine Green Shaw

FRANCELLE: When and where were you born?

LOIS: I was born on July 14, 1940 in Refugio County, Texas

FRANCELLE: Were you born in a hospital or at home?

LOIS: I was born at home. The midwife was Mattie Jones.

FRANCELLE: Was she a family friend or someone everybody called in?

LOIS: Everyone called her in but she was a close friend to my grandmother.

FRANCELLE: Do you have brothers or sisters?

LOIS: Yes. I have three brothers and one sister. My younger sister passed on and my older brother passed on. I'm the eldest.

FRANCELLE: You have one sibling still alive?

LOIS: No. Three brothers and one sister are still living.

FRANCELLE: What was your father's name?

LOIS: Levy Green, Jr.

FRANCELLE: What did he do?

LOIS: He was a ranch hand for a while and then he was a chauffeur.

FRANCELLE: And that was in Refugio?

LOIS: Yes, in Refugio

FRANCELLE: And what was your mother's name?

LOIS: My mother's name was Thelma Spriggs Green.

FRANCELLE: Did she work outside of the home?

LOIS: Yes. Domestic work

FRANCELLE: Tell us a little about your father – some endearing qualities that you would want to pass on.

LOIS: My father was 1 inch shorter than I was and everybody called him "Shorty". He loved to cook and he was a good cook. He loved his family. He played with us as if we were his brothers and sisters. He was a loving father. Thank God.

FRANCELLE: What about your mother?

LOIS: My mother was the same way. My mother was taller than my father, had a smiling face and she was called Buttercup by everyone in town. If you would go to Refugio today and ask if they ever knew Buttercup, they would say "Oh yes!"

FRANCELLE: Where did that name come from?

LOIS: I don't know. She had another nickname that the family called her and that was Hog. (laughter) That came from my great grandfather who was her grandfather. They would send them out to slop the hogs and one day they gave her some clabber milk and she drank out of it so he started calling her Hog and the name stuck.

FRANCELLE: The way you describe her, it sounds like she was a buttercup.

LOIS: She was. Her personality was like that. She loved people and I think she passed that along to me and she was an excellent cook.

FRANCELLE: That was good for all of you kids. What was her specialty?

LOIS: We lived on beans, cornbread and fried chicken on Sunday. She baked pies, cakes, cookies and made candy for just about everybody in town. On holidays some bring the ingredients and some would just pay her.

FRANCELLE: You talked about one grandfather. Did you know your grandparents?

LOIS: Yes I did. I had wonderful grandparents. My paternal grandparents were Levy (that's who my father was named for) and Edith Steward.

FRANCELLE: Did they live in Refugio?

LOIS: No. When I was born, my grandparents were divorced but they were best friends. My grandfather worked on our ranch in Refugio County. My grandmother was a school teacher and taught about 5 miles from Refugio in Woodsboro, TX. She taught there for many years but she lived in Fannin which is nine miles from Goliad. My mother and my grandmother said when I was six months old (I was the first grandchild) she passed through Refugio one Friday coming from Woodsboro to Fannin for the weekend and she said I'm taking this baby so I lived with her for years – back and forth.

FRANCELLE: She was probably a good cook too.
LOIS: No. She was more of a, well, I never saw my grandmother without makeup and I started wearing makeup at age five. She was always fully dressed to the nines all the time, even after she retired. And my mother's parents – her father was Andy Spriggs and her mother was Frankie Spriggs. And we called her "Mama Frankie" and she worked in Corpus Christie for many years and worked as a domestic and lived in servant quarters and came home on the weekends

FRANCELLE: Did you start school in Refugio?
LOIS: Yes. First grade. And second and third I was in Fannin – back and forth.

FRANCELLE: What brought your family to Kerr County?
LOIS: My husband's job.

FRANCELLE: So you were married in Refugio?
LOIS: Yes. We moved here in 1969.

FRANCELLE: Had you known him for a long time?
LOIS: Yes. We grew up in the same town. He worked for Inland Fisheries in Mountain Home. And he died in 1991.

FRANCELLE: Was there a hatchery there?
LOIS: No. He read about the job.

FRANCELLE: Was he a fisherman?
LOIS: Well, that was part of the job. They would go to different places and bring back the fish. He didn't like to fish as a sport but they used nets and did laboratory tests on different species and then they stocked tanks in different places.

FRANCELLE: Did you live up there?
LOIS: No. He had a house up there but we had a house in town. Some days he would stay up there but mostly here in town. All the employees used that house.

FRANCELLE: What about your children? Were they born here?
LOIS: No

FRANCELLE: They were born in Refugio?
LOIS: Yes. They were young when we moved here and they all graduated from Tivy.

FRANCELLE: Do you have grandchildren here?
LOIS: No. I have seven grandchildren and two step-grandchildren that I claim as my own. But once they go to college there are no jobs here. They are doing quite well

EVELYN

FRANCELLE: What is your given name?

EVELYN: Evelyn Mills Shields

FRANCELLE: When and where were you born?

EVELYN: I was born right here in Kerrville

FRANCELLE: In the hospital or at home?

EVELYN: Most likely at home because I remember my mother talking about the midwife.

FRANCELLE: Do you have brothers or sisters?

EVELYN: I have one sister. There were 6 of us but only 3 that I was raised with. The three oldest had passed on. I have one sister living now.

FRANCELLE: Does your sister live her?

EVELYN: No. she lives in San Antonio with her daughter. I don't get to see her much because she is up in age and suffers with Alzheimer's.

FRANCELLE: That's sad. What was your father's name?

EVELYN: My father's name was Ernest Mills.

FRANCELLE: And what did he do?

EVELYN: He worked for the city; garbage department outside of extra jobs at garages. My father and mother moved here to Kerrville, don't know exactly what year, from Bastrop and Waelder, Texas and they came here for their jobs.

FRANCELLE: What was your mother's name?

EVELYN: My mother's name was Rose Frederick Mills

FRANCELLE: And did she work outside the home

EVELYN: She would take jobs with ladies and go to their homes and cook and clean up and things like that. She was a good cook and you would have thought she was a doctor She could heal anybody. They would come to her for this and that and all she had to do was to lay her hands on you.

FRANCELLE: Did she use any herbs or anything like that?

EVELYN: Well, you know, back in that time they used all kinds of herbs and different oils because living out in the country you didn't get to see a doctor too much. She just knew how to fix up anything. You know how you go in the kitchen and just make a meal out of almost nothing? She could make something out of nothing.

FRANCELLE: Did she pass that on to you? Are you a good cook? (Lois is nodding!)

EVELYN: I love to cook just like she cooked. I never measure anything and I still don't measure so when I'm trying to teach my grandchildren I have to think about how much it is because I just put a dab of this and a dab of that. So it's hard for me to teach them how to cook. It's all in your mind. I don't need to measure. I get calls all the time from my daughters and granddaughters about how to fix something and I have to think how much of that I really use.

FRANCELLE: So you bake too?

EVELYN: I do baking and I love to make preserves and canned goods and jellies and I got that from my mother. I love to get in the kitchen now that I'm not working. I just decide that today I'll make some jelly so I get some figs and make the jelly.

FRANCELLE: Where did you work?

EVELYN: I worked at the Kerrville State Hospital for thirty-three years. I was a therapist, teaching patients different things they didn't know. Some of them didn't even know their names. They didn't know who they were or where they were so I helped them. I retired at fifty-five after thirty-three years.

FRANCELLE: And you started cooking,

EVELYN: Yes. (laughter) I didn't take on another job.

FRANCELLE: Do you have children?

EVELYN: Yes. I have four children. I have one son, twin daughters and another girl. Three live in Kerrville and one in Austin.

FRANCELLE: And what did your husband do?

EVELYN: My husband was a telephone man. He worked for the Telephone Company. He worked there for forty-four years.

FRANCELLE: What was his name?

EVELYN: Vernon Shields. He wasn't from Kerrville. He was from Brackettville and San Angelo. He moved to Kerrville when he was about fifteen years old and that's when I met him.

FRANCELLE: Did you start school in Kerrville?

EVELYN: Yes. I graduated from Doyle School, the only black school in Kerrville.

FRANCELLE: I'm sure you have good stories about the Wilsons.

EVELYN: Oh my, oh yes. That's where I learned everything I needed to learn. There was not anything you needed to learn that they didn't teach you. If you knew B.T. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson you learned everything you needed to learn. They were good Christian people.

FRANCELLE: Did you have them for teachers

EVELYN: Oh yes.

FRANCELLE: Didn't he do the band also?

EVELYN: He did the band. First he started the choir. When everybody graduated they didn't have enough of the young people for the choir they went into the band. And don't talk about the athletics. B.T. was in to a little bit of everything. We had coaches for football and basketball but he was there.

FRANCELLE: We heard if someone didn't come to school he would go to their house.
 EVELYN: Yes he would. He would go knocking on their door. And they would come to school. He was just wonderful. They were just wonderful people. We learned so much from them – from sports to book learning to singing – you knew it all.

FRANCELLE: Do they have any family still in Kerrville, the Wilsons?
 EVELYN: No. Their last child just passed away. They have three grandchildren that live in Houston.

FRANCELLE: Raymond Hardee said Mrs. Wilson would hold him in her lap when she was teaching.
 EVELYN: If the family didn't have a babysitter, Mrs. Wilson would say, "You just bring your little children and I'll keep them. They are all my little babies." So many went to school when they were three or four years old. (turning to Lois) Your daughter-in-law was one of those – very smart.

LOIS: She graduated from high school when she was fifteen. I just know that her parents said - her dad was the janitor at Doyle, Floyd Lewis and her mother, Ellie, was a domestic worker and they didn't have a babysitter and Mrs. Wilson said "bring her" and she took care of her along with her students and taught her.

FRANCELLE: Mrs. Wilson didn't have just one class. Didn't she teach several classes? Were some of them together?
 EVELYN: The littlest children (first and second grades) were together. They all learned. They were very smart. She had them all just spoiled. They had all kind of singing and plays and they had to know all of it from memory. You weren't going to get up there with a paper. Mrs. Wilson played the piano and Mr. Wilson played the piano and the drums. He directed the choir and when the older girls were directing he was right there listening to everything. You had to look just right and do it just right. He took us everywhere. We sang at the Bluebonnet Hotel, the Kiwanis Club and even went to Laredo, Mexico. We just traveled.

FRANCELLE: Did you go on a bus?
 EVELYN: Yes. We had a school bus. Tivy provided a bus. Some of the busses were raggedy but it got us there.

FRANCELLE: Were you involved in anything else besides choir at school?
 EVELYN: You were involved in everything. Sports. I played basketball and volleyball. We didn't have a gym you know so if we weren't at Tivy playing we were outside playing. It was hard but it wasn't hard. It was wonderful. The harder things are the more you appreciate them. There were some very smart people that came out of Doyle.

FRANCELLE: Your husband went there too.
 EVELYN: Yes. He was one of the greatest basketball players. He was Number One! He was shooting three pointers when there were no three pointers. He was one of the greatest basketball players there was. His grandsons have fallen right into those footsteps have that ability. I have twin grandsons (11 or 12) that handle a basketball like a big boy. It's just a part of them.

LOIS

- FRANCELLE: Lois, what are you involved in in the community? I know it's a lot.
EVELYN: She has brought everything to Kerrville. She is involved in everything and nothing she can't do. She is gifted in everything. She always takes someone with her and she has taught us so much. She has even been a music teacher and loves to direct the choir. Oh yes. Lois is here and you'll never get rid of her (both laugh She's just wonderful. She comes up with things to do that no one would ever think of to do and they turn out just perfect.
- FRANCELLE: What church do you belong to?
LOIS: St. Paul United Methodist Church
EVELYN: Mount Olive Baptist Church
- FRANCELLE: Where we put our historical marker several years ago. Lois, what did you do after high school?
LOIS: I went to nursing school and I worked at Sid Peterson for fourteen and a half years. I worked in the operating room. Dr. Bacon, Dr. Kilgore and Dr. Jackson. I was there when we got the first orthopedic surgeon. The oral surgeons and orthopedic surgeons came from San Antonio for the day until we got Dr. Ray. Dr. William Ray was the first orthopedic surgeon here. And then Dr. Allen and Dr. Lewis came. And Dr. Allen is still practicing. Dr. Lewis has retired. I was ten and a half years as administrator at Lesley Place Personal Care and Assisted Living. It had been Meadowview Nursing Home but changed hands and they made it assisted living and personal care.
- FRANCELLE: Was Meadowview a tuberculin hospital then?
LOIS: No. I was told there was a white wood building out there; a health care facility out there for recovered tuberculosis patients so it was a health care facility. Then Meadowview was built, I think in the seventies or early eighties. Then they had a tragedy there – a man wandered off and was found him in a creek bed - so they sold that nursing home to another company and made it a personal care.
- FRANCELLE: It's still called Meadowview?
LOIS: No. Lesley Place closed; it was part of a company that owned 5 nursing homes and it was sold to a company from Georgia and they did not have personal care so they divested Lesley Place and a group from San Antonio bought the building and it's now a drug and alcohol rehab facility.
- FRANCELLE: What was your favorite part of nursing?
LOIS: The operating room. It was so educational. I learned so much about the body so it was just amazing, the parts of our bodies and how they work. But I am a people lover because of my paternal grandmother. She was like Mrs. Wilson. She would take the little children and let them hang around school because she was just a people lover.

FRANCELLE: So in the nursing home you were with people. Not in the operating room.
LOIS: In the operating room the patients were asleep (laughter). I really like geriatrics. You learn a lot from them and they are just special people to me.

FRANCELLE: What else are you involved in?
LOIS: I'm a member of the League of Women Voters. I'm a facility manager at the Doyle Community Center.

FRANCELLE: What does that involve?
LOIS: My job is to rent out spaces and keep programs going. I've only been there since August because they twisted my arm. (not hard to do according to Evelyn; she has to stay busy)

FRANCELLE: Are there after school programs?
LOIS: I'm trying to get that started. Children come and play after school. Years back there was one and I don't know what happened with it. I'm working on having after school counseling because there is such a need. I have talked to a few counselors in town that are willing to donate some time so I'm working on that. We also have rooms for rent. I have one lady, Debra Hadsall, who has a finance business teaching women how to handle their finances and we're talking to her about renting some space there.

FRANCELLE: How are you involved in your church?
LOIS: I'm president of the United Methodist women, sing in the choir, play in the hand bell choir, on the staff relations committee. Here in town I was on the board when Partners in Ministry was active and I served on the Child Welfare Board and I am really involved with Christian Women's Job Corp since 2002. It's a wonderful program and I have seen so many women's lives change.

FRANCELLE: (to Evelyn) And what are you involved in?
EVELYN: Not very much of anything. I'm always involved at my church. I sing in the choir and do different things. Right now I'm suffering quite a bit with arthritis in my back so I'm not able to do some things I would like to do and I'm not a driver so I have to catch a ride. But whatever is needed at church I will do. All you have to do is call me.

FRANCELLE: So you never learned to drive?
EVELYN: I learned to drive but I kind of gave it up. I was nervous about driving and I had a husband and he always did the driving so I wasn't bothered about it. I didn't know I would lose him after 60 years. That was something I was not looking forward to and I know God has a plan for all of us but I wasn't thinking God would step in and take him. I just thought he would drive all the time. It makes it a little bit harder to get around to do things. I have one daughter here but she's busy in the beauty shop and can't take me too many places. I have a lot of wonderful neighbors and friends and they say call me and I'll be there and they are. I like to take a part in everything and I love to sing and when there is a bake sale I love to bake. My arthritis has slowed me down but it's getting better. I'm happy. I'm fine. But I like doing things. And when Lois calls I just have to get ready and go. She is busy all the time and

she's in charge of the Red Hatters and when you step out there you have to be ready with your red hat.

LOIS: I don't know how many there are now but once upon a time there were thirty one chapters here.

EVELYN: I always wanted to be a Red Hatter. It's wonderful.

FRANCELLE: Do you mainly go out to lunch?

LOIS: The third Saturday of every month. Last Saturday we went to a new one in Bandera. Samantha's.

FRANCELLE: It was good? What kind of food?

LOIS: Yes. Good food. All kind of food, a little like Billie Gene's but on an up-scale. You go in to Bandera and turn right like you are going to Pipe Creek. It's right next to the lodge which is the hotel in Bandera. The chef is an African American man and he said he was from Connecticut. He must have worked on one of the resorts and he got the bright idea to open this restaurant. It's very nice and spacious. It's open for lunch and dinner.

FRANCELLE: So you mainly eat around the area?

LOIS We have a calendar that we make in December and we go to a different restaurant each month. Next month we go to Boerne to the Hungry Horse right behind the courthouse.

FRANCELLE: That gets you trying different restaurants. Evelyn, what year did you graduate from Doyle?

EVELYN: I graduated in 1954. I stayed here in Kerrville because my mother was here. I was the only sister that stayed here. One sister left and went to California and one went to Florida. I just wanted to stay and be close to my mother in case anything happened to her.

FRANCELLE: You still have the Doyle alumni and you are active in that?

EVELYN: Yes. We have the reunion every two years in the summer.

FRANCELLE: And you have a big group.

EVELYN: Yes. It's a big group but we've lost so many. We are getting up in age. The younger generation doesn't know much about Doyle. Our children do because we talk about it but there are so few of us left.

FRANCELLE: (to Lois) What year did you graduate from high school?

LOIS: 1958. I go back for reunions every so often but so many have moved to other places. But we still get together and I stay connected.

EVELYN It's so wonderful to get together and to see how everyone has changed. There are only two or three of my class still living.

FRANCELLE: How many did you have in your class?

EVELYN: We had about ten. There are only two ladies left, me and the Hardy girl and one guy, Reuben.

FRANCELLE: What are your children's names?

EVELYN: My son is Danny Shields. My twin girls are Tanya and Sanya; Tanya Holloway and Sonya Sarrel and my daughter here in Kerrville is Nell Shields and she has been a beauty operator for about seventeen years.

FRANCELLE: You have any twin grandsons?

EVELYN: Yes. Twin grandsons that live in Kerrville.

FRANCELLE: Were any of your ancestors twins?

EVELYN: We didn't know. When my twins were born my sister called my mother and said I had twins and she said, "What do you mean?" because the doctors didn't know. I went to the doctor every month and the babies were premature but because one had been lying on top of the other the doctor never knew they were twins. If they had stayed there for 9 months they would have been joined together but they came early – one was 1 and a half pounds and one was 2 pounds. It was a miracle they survived. You just looked at those tiny tiny little birds just kicking in the incubator. Everything was just so tiny. The doctor said "Girls are very strong; they have strong constitutions so I think we are going to save these babies".

FRANCELLE: Was your mother still around?

EVELYN: Yes. Another ten years.

FRANCELLE: Those are really small babies.

EVELYN: Yes. If you saw them now you wouldn't believe it, would you Lois?

FRANCELLE: Lois, what are your children's names?

LOIS: Charles, Mark, Genice, Reginald. Che-Lin, Edwina and Lisa.

FRANCELLE: Any family stories you would like passed down?

LOIS: Are you familiar with the book "Crying for Daylight"? It was written by Louise S. O'Connor. Do you know the O'Connors, the wealthy ranchers? My family is in that book and she wrote two other books about "Tales From Santone River Bottom" about how life was then. When Victoria Mosty Roberts was librarian here I was on the advisory board at the library and they didn't have that book. We had a Black History month and I let them use my book and the library didn't have a copy but Victoria got one after that. I don't know about "Tales From Santone River Bottom" but "Crying for Daylight" is in the library. My paternal great grandfather, Ben Green, came to Victoria from Ireland and my paternal great grandmother was Susan Steward. She was the domestic laundry lady for him and they had 9 children together. And they were Stewards. He died in 1928 or 30 and when he was dying he sent for her and said he wanted his kids to have his name so my grandfather and his siblings went from Steward to Green. And that's why we are Green. My grandfather had a brother and two sisters and his younger sister, several wanted to

date her but didn't know she was Negro and so they had to get her out of Victoria. So relatives took her to California because it was dangerous for her. My grandfather and children looked white and even talked like whites so some of us have light skin and blue eyes. And it never bothered us. So that is family history and it's published.

EVELYN: I had a grandfather Frederick who came from Louisiana. I never met my grandfather but did meet my great uncle, his brother, and he was a little short man. He didn't look like a Negro. He looked like a Spanish man. He was visiting Waelder from Louisiana. When we met him he said "I may not look like I am your uncle but I'm Uncle Gonzales". He was a little short white man. My mother's father had two sets of wives, when one passed on he married again and that's how the Frederick name was passed on in Waelder, Texas. We took a trip to San Antonio to see my mother's brother. We met one sister, my mother's sister, who said they washed their hair only once a year with the May rain water they caught and she could sit on her hair. So we got to meet her. She was the cutest little lady, very short. She was from Connecticut. It was amazing. These people were from Louisiana. My mother's niece went to Louisiana, she was a Frederick, and they never heard from her. She left 3 daughters with the grandmother and took her baby boy. They never knew what happened to her or the baby boy.

FRANCELLE: One last question. What's the best thing about your community, about living in Kerrville?

LOIS: For me, the togetherness. It's like we look out for one another. It's family. The community is like a family.

FRANCELLE: Someone said you didn't dare do anything wrong because someone would tell.

LOIS: Things have changed a bit now. The children in the area, I guess it's a generation thing. It's not like that now but we're trying to change that.

FRANCELLE: Some parents don't want you to tell.

LOIS: Yes. I got a message this morning that there is a child in the neighborhood who is going to school without a coat. One person said something to the grandmother and it offended her. We heard that his mother is incarcerated, I don't know, and he lives with his grandmother the child is walking the streets and someone saw him begging so we are worried about him. He is just about eleven years old. It really bothers me. That would not have happened in the past. The neighborhood and community would take care of him.

FRANCELLE: Thank you. I have really enjoyed this.

EVELYN: I could do this all day.

From both women: Things are so different now. We wish people took care of each other more.

EVELYN: It's a wonderful thing to have the closeness in the family but it's different now and it's hard to accept because it's not our generation. And we want to help.

END





LOIS' MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER FRANKIE RIMM SPRIGGS-AGE 8 KNEELING ON FLOOR WITH MOTHER MAGGIE RIMM, SISTER LURENZA RIMM AND BROTHER MANK RIMM



EDITH "LOVIE" STEWARD..PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER



LEVY "SHORTY" AND THELMA "BUTTERCUP" GREEN



LOIS GETS A KISS FROM MOHAMMED ALI, SEPTEMBER 1990



LOIS WITH 5 OF HER SIBLINGS: BILLY RAY GREEN, JUDY GREEN BROWN, LEVY GREEN, JR., EDITH GREEN FOX AND RONALD GREEN



LOIS AND HUSBAND CHARLES SHAW



LOIS AND DAUGHTERS CHE-LIN, GENISE AND EDWINA



LOIS LAYING MEMORIAL WREATH AT V.A. CEMETERY REPRESENTING THE KERR COUNTY WOMEN'S CHAMBER



LOIS A BOARD MEMBER FOR HUD PROJECT NAMI



LOIS PORTRAYING ROSA PARKS..SECOND FROM LEFT