

Transcript of Tape 1, Track 4, Gen & Chief reminisce

[Gen] ... didn't know you were her father.

[Chief] Well, uh, I didn't know it until, uh, someone, eh, said, where was I married and I said down in, uh, St. Patrick's.

[Gen] Talk a little louder.

[Chief] And, eh, he said well, do you have a daughter? This is in the job, you know, eh, [undeciphered].

[Gen] Yeah.

[Chief] Why don't you have, why don't you do, ah, have a ... take the examination come in with you, he said.

[Gen] She's too old for that, now.

[Chief] Oh, this is quite a while ago.

[Gen] Yeah.

[Chief] One or two years ago. And I said, well, gee, I don't know. I ... I could ask her if she would care about it But twice I had been talking to her, but something happened and it was cut off.

[Gen] What, on the phone?

[Chief] Yeah, on a regular phone, like this.

[Gen] Yeah, on the phone. Well that's probably when she called up for an anniversary or a birthday or something. Dot, Daddy's trying to talk to ya, I don't know if you hear him, if he's talkin' loud enough.

[Chief] I'll make ... I'll make sure ... tell her I'm sober and now, and very able to talk, but I just can't get the words ...

[Gen] Out!

[Chief] ... concentrated to what I want to say.

[Gen] You heard him say he's sober. He stayed sober [?] we can't afford beer anymore. [Both laugh.] They paid up for it Sunday though if you can dope out the other side of this record when you get it. It's uh, just a lot of noise but they all wound up having a good time.

[Chief] Eh, it's just now and then, Dot, that you have been brought to my attention. At different times, ah, what's the fellow, was it? Eh, he's a mechanic and he was doing the uh, the walls of where we were living. Hema, hemagating* the ah, what they call the uh ... what do they do again now they uh ...

[Gen] Talk louder.

[Chief] They ah, se-, no I ah ... Well, they were doing new jobs, putting walls in and all like that I said. And they had been up through that, your country up there, and this man, his name was "Seiferd*", and he said geez it's Seiferd and he said you know I used to hear that Shields day in and day out. Sieferd. And he said, I asked one of the men there working one day about, ah, what ... how's Seiferd get in here? But then I [undeciphered] said, oh, ah, they have down in Brooklyn they have, ah, relatives living there, he said, name of Shields. And he says, far as I know her name is Shields too. But she, ah, got onto this name from marriage or something. And that's a conversation they had and I listened, sitting at a desk in the office.

[Unknown] Yeah.

[Chief] Oh, but that's 3, 4 years ago.

[Gen] Yeah.

[Chief] But, uh, that was the

* Spelling is phonetic; word used is unclear.