

Martha Warner

Interview by Lisa Lashbrook

When were you born?

I was born April 20, 1928.

Where were you born?

North Third Street in Marshall.

Who were your parents?

William and Rebecca (Long) Scott.

On my father's side, my grandparents are Alexander and Caroline, first wife and Helen, second wife. My great grandparents Jacob and Hedy (Brown) Scott who donated land for the Ohio Cemetery in 1870. My great great grandparents were William and Hannah (Haggerman) Scott. My father's siblings were Lula Scott (sister), Otto Scott (brother), Merle Scott (sister) and Roller Scott (brother).

On my mother's side, my grandparents are J.N. and Nancy Long. My mother's siblings were Effie Long, Mabel, _____, Gifford, Laura, Edith, Bill, Jesse and Truman. My brothers and sisters were William Scott born July 29, 1922 with Army discharge of September 1, 1945, Margaret Scott born July 2, 1924, John Scott born May 4, 1926 with Army discharge of August 12, 1946, Jacob born May 31, 1930 military discharge of January 22, 1952, Allison born May 28, 1932, _____, Mary Scott born August 15, 1935, Truman Lee born September 1 1937 Navy military discharge of January 3, 1963, Billy Scott born May 12, 1941.

Where specifically did you live and how many years have you lived in your community?

I was born on North third street and we lived around the Freedom Church Community, Mill Creek community, Mt. Pleasant Church community, Poplar Street. South

2nd street, South and North 6th street in Marshall. I have lived in Clark County for 81 years.

What was your neighborhood like? How has it changed and tell about your neighbors.

The neighbors were very helpful. Bailing hay, butchering animals, making lard, helped with doctors and expecting parents and walked to school with neighbors. The mail was delivered by horseback and then the Model T's were invented.

What kind of chores were you asked or required to do? How were your meals prepared? What food did your family enjoy?

Chores were always included milking the cows, feeding the hogs, washing the dishes, laundry on the washboard, hang clothes on the clothesline, which were homemade clothes. We gathered sticks and cobs for the fire, churn butter and gather eggs, road horses and went barefoot all summer.

Meals were prepared on a wood and gas stove. Food that we enjoyed was curred ham and bacon. We butchered our own meat. We had fresh brains and sausage, so forth, planted garden with lots of vegetables, canning and so forth and fresh milk.

Where did you go to school? What memories of your education would you like to share?

In first grade, Brusselman school in 1934 then Jackson school, Prairie School, Marshall South School, Union School, Oppusom Ridge School, Number One school, High School from 9th-12th grade and laboratory school in 1947.

I enjoyed school very much. I walked to school and sometimes students would lock teachers out of a one room school house for

grades 1-8.

What was dating like? What were your favorite pass times and leisure activities?

I didn't kiss much. I got my first kiss at age 13 we were skidding on a pond. I started dating around 15 years old. My favorite pass time was reading, playing games, school activities, going to the movies and church, to play with cousins and to do chores.

When and where were you married?

I was married on June 22, 1947 to Jack Warner at my sister Margaret Thompson's house by the EUB church in Marshall, Illinois.

Together, we had five children. Earl Warner born June 5, 1948; Donna Warner born February 1950; Daniel Warner February 1950; Lisa Warner born March 18, 1955; Ronald Warner born January 23, 1957.

Jack entered the Army October 9, 1940 and was discharged on August 13, 1945. He was also in the Navy Reserve for five years. Then, shortly after that he began his married life.

Q: What job or career did you have? Please describe your experiences.

A: At eleven years old, I started working for Lula Thompson for 50 cents a week as a cook, housekeeper, laundry and so forth. I would walk to town to catch a bus. Most of my career has been working with elderly people. During high school, I worked at a bakery for Zane Arbuckle. After I was married I worked at Burnside Nursing Home but a majority of my time was spent raising five children.

Q: What historical events stand out in your mind? These can be local, national or world wide.

A: World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War. The Holocaust in Europe was world

wide and it was horrible. Drive-In movies, you would sit on the ground to watch movies. Fairs were every summer.

Q: What modern conveniences effected your life the most?

A: Electricity and gas appliances. I only had a radio as a child. TV's came later on. Model T cars to gas cars.

Q: Tell me what civic or community award services and organizations you have belonged to?

A: I received the Marshall Pride award in 2009, Friends of the Library, coffee chat? at the library, First Christian Church Cooking for the Connection. I cooked breakfast for the Joshua Men monthly for one year, funeral dinner coordinator at the First Christian Church, VBS refreshment coordinator, Butler Springs Hillsbury, Ohio volunteer cook, Camp Illiana in Washington, Indiana as a volunteer cook, Kindergarten volunteer for six years, mentor program through MAYN and Helping Hands at First Christian Church.