



Jane Wineglass

Interviewed by Gail Matthews

1. Church hit by Hugo (1:53)

Wineglass: Our church was hit by Hugo.

Matthews: Was it?

Wineglass: Yeah...you wouldn't believe it. But see you know we're near the swamp back there, a creek back there. And, uh...the tide came up, the mud, and water. And it came but half up a window - see have panel around, like this one here. We have panel around, it covered and took the panel and came half in the church.

Matthews: Wow, so that's probably 4 or 5 feet up the wall...

Wineglass: Yes, then um...it, like the um...we have oak floor - it was lifted up on both sides...lifted up.

Matthews: No...

Wineglass: Then, I don't know, I guess when it was going back or whatever, and um... and then the other room, the whole thing. And then we thanked God because the wind could have taken off the top and damaged even more than it did. But we didn't miss a service in there, we cleaned it up, and we had Sunday school in one corner, and we would clean more and more and more and more. And now we have - its not complete yet though - we still have a lot of work in the dining area to do and the two bathrooms but the sanctuary part, we think its beautiful.

Matthews: I bet it is...

Wineglass: See, we have chandeliers, not cut glass. We have real chandeliers, but we thank God, like I said the top could have blown off and all that could have been ruined. But we had to replace the panel, some of the sheet rock. But you know that all that water lifting the floor up on both sides with just 2 young men, with the brains of my pastor, which is a lady, they got it done. Now you wouldn't think that it was damaged.

2. Thoughts on hurricane (00:38)

Wineglass: As we talk about it recent, the Lord would just show in his creation, his mighty might, his power, what he can do – cause just like we always say instead of the helps coming in, you know they were great coming in, from all over the world helping, South Carolina. So I always say instead of they coming, you know, instead of those trees that had been leaning over like that, it could have been people.

Matthews: Yes...yea...

Wineglass: Could have been people, instead of coming to help, they could have been digging up bodies, so in it the Lord was just showing us his mighty might and what he could do....

3. Midwives (1:13)

Wineglass: Since I was growing up there were old midwives. I don't know how, what they do, you know, what they did, but anyway, the younger ones that became midwives, as I remember, they went to, and took a course. So they learned how to, I guess, you know, deliver – help deliver the baby and then how to keep the baby from cold and take care of the mother after.

Matthews: How would somebody go about choosing their midwife, I mean, if say somebody was....

Wineglass: Well, see like in the country like we live, it's limited, you know [laughs] we are limited, so we don't have much choice.

Matthews: That's true...would the midwife come and stay with the family right before the baby was born, or how would she know when to...when to be there?

Wineglass: Well, well soon see, like they're at home right. And as soon the mother start, you know, contractions well then they send somebody to get the midwife and they would come and they'd put you in position, you know, and...take on from there.

4. Dr. Dominick's Ghost (2:05)

Wineglass: Sometimes maybe like when have a course, somebody's coming and see Dr. Dominick, he usually walk swiftly, he don't drag, he walk swift, and little bit of the time right before course, I'd see him, you know, just passing quickly because he move, [when

you hear the door slam, you wonder were he's going[?] because he moves just that fast, so I can tell, you know, when he- he hadn't been around for a while now

Matthews: [what could you hear him walking [?]], or just sense that he was moving?

Wineglass: no, no it's like glimpsing quickly because that's how he moves

Matthews: and this would be right before they would be starting a new course?

Wineglass: somehow he'd start up by the sink and like how you come to the door, sometimes you like tell it him by the way he moves, but I don't get frightened because I know he just, you know, a ghost <laughs>

Matthews: why do you think he'd show up right about that time?

Wineglass: I think, I think because he's pleased, because this is like some of the work he had in mind, you know, being a scientist, I think this is some of the work he had in mind, and it's not exactly but then sort of on the line, like doing research on disease that mosquito's carry, things like that, so I think he's pleased

Matthews: already [he would be, he seems like he's [?]] nicely kept and active. When did he die?

Wineglass: he died in '76; I think it was '76

Matthews: and you were still working-?

Wineglass: yeah because I started working with them in '67

Matthews: and was he the head of the-?

Wineglass: He was the owner

Matthews: He was the owner

Wineglass: Of the plantation

Matthews: Dr. Dominick

Wineglass: Um-hum

5. Ghosts appearing (00:52)

Wineglass: Sometimes, like if somebody in the family acting up, you know, and um... Sometimes they...they don't care, cause they, the barber say that they don't know what the living doing, but I don't know about that. I got this feeling about it you see, because sometimes when Bible say something, if you don't get the revelation of it you can just see anything. But um...I think its like, like even if some people get sick, you know, very

sick, and they'll um...they'll dream about somebody that's dead, or this dead person and compare it to someone else, you know, all contradicting the Bible but um...I think that they know...they know.

6. Dream interpretations (00:28)

Wineglass: And this old lady, she was telling us, say, whenever you dream about an egg, she say, if its whole it's trouble. But if you dream about it and it's broken up, then it's OK. That's what she used to say...

Matthews: Why would that be? Did she ever say?

Wineglass: I don't know....And then some...some, some older people say too when you dream about water it's trouble.

7. Home remedies (2:01)

Wineglass: When I was a little...very young, growing up, and my parents and all the older people, they used the plant a lot, I don't know where they get the seed from, but if any children would have a fever, regardless of what caused the fever, they didn't want to know what caused it, all they wanted to know that they had the fever, and these plants had wide leaves, and they would take it and wilt it, hold it against the fire and wilt it, and wrap the child in it or put it on the boiler and then- but it worked because when they take it off the child it's dry, and crumbled, crumbles up.

Matthews: Really?

Wineglass: Uh-huh, I said well, I thought about that, I would just laugh, I said to myself now what is in that leaf, I said they would just wilt it, I-

Matthews: [Now, was this life-everlasting?]

Wineglass: No, they call it some kind of fever leaf or whatever, and they used to wilt it and wrap the child up in it, but whatever caused the fever that fever would have to go, um hum.

Matthews: And it would be dry? The leaf would be dry?

Wineglass: It would dry yeah, and um, the life-everlasting I usually keep that in my pot because it's good, I was drinking it so often I would tell my church, um two ladies, my sister and one other church leader there, they'd say "Well, Jane, you drink so much of

that thing if you get sick it ain't goin to do you no good," but then it kept the fever, the cause away too.

Matthews: So you make a tea out of it? Is that how- you'd pick it, you'd dry it before you make the tea?

Wineglass: Well no, my sister said the thing to do is get it before it gets fuller. Frost hit it, and then you let it dry, but everyone I've got the frost already hit it, but it still works, and it don't take that much, maybe 3 or 4 little stems and boil it, but uh, I like honey in my stuff, so I put honey in it and lemon juice.

8. More on home remedies (1:04)

Wineglass: Well, I guess they have to do that because I guess the physicians then are so limited that maybe they didn't have enough doctors and maybe way back they had moved so slow, they had wagons and things, one could die before they got to you.

Matthews: Some of those things worked.

Wineglass: Yeah, and I guess they have a swelling of the foot or something, and one of my sisters, she had some, I think two of my sisters had a swell, something I think they called mullein, it's a wide leaf but it's a light green, and looks like it has a white frosted looking things on it, and they would boil that even-an old cous-old cousin I used to take care of, but she's dead now, but she used to keep it around her house too, and they would boil it and bathe her, mostly the foot I think, and it would take the swelling down.

Matthews: It would take the swelling down. Mullein, right? Mullein.

Wineglass: Mullein, they called it, but you know, different names, some of those things have more than one name.

9. To treat burns and cuts (00:45)

Wineglass: You know these little, tiny burrs, I think, I don't- if they grow in gum trees or what kind of trees.

Matthews: Oh, I know what you're- yeah, hu-huh, gum trees.

Wineglass: If you have a bad burn or a cut, they would take those burrs and and burn them, make ashes and sprinkle them on it, sprinkle that burr thing on it. That's right.

Matthews: And it would block it up?

Wineglass: Heal it, uh-huh, would heal it.

Matthews: For both burns and cuts?

Wineglass: Uh-huh, and like if you get a cut and start bleeding and you can't stop, my mom, I saw my momma do this, she went and get some spider webs, and pack it, now I don't whether, they probably take it and wrap it after the bleedings stops because [unintelligible].

