



Track 10 (02:47):

C. Mack: Your husband died in 1962, is that correct?

Marie Rogers: Yes. And they, he, he was already a potter. When he came out of the service, we moved the pottery here from his dad, his daddy was getting really too old to fool with it and my husband always wanted to fool, you know, make pottery. So we moved...

C. Mack: Where was his father's place?

M. Rogers: In Jugtown, in Upson County.

C. Mack: It was in Jugtown.

M. Rogers: They called it Jugtown in Upson County. And um, we moved it over here, just the wheels you know, and well they tore down the old kiln and moved, used what they could of it.

C. Mack: The bricks of it?

M. Rogers: Uh huh, so one of the Stewarts started turning for him and his dad...

C. Mack: One of the Stewarts?

M. Rogers: Mmm hmm, would turn, would do some turning for him when he was able and my husband sold it. I would go out when they'd leave every evening and try to turn and I'd watch them and then I kept trying and then my husband would show me some and I'd listen to how they'd fire and I'd help make them, do the glazing. I'd watch them do the glazing and I'd watch how thick he'd get the glaze and how he'd strain it and stuff like that. So I got where I could make one or two pieces. After you learn how to center one, you would do pretty good from then on.

C. Mack: So when you, after your husband died, you just take over or was there a lapse between the period of your husband's death and when you started seriously doing it?

M. Rogers: Oh yeah, I waited awhile before I started...

C. Mack: When did you start up again, on your own?

M. Rogers: I imagine he'd been dead about five years before I tried to get started, because I had one of the girls who was eleven-years-old, then another was fourteen-years-old, and I stayed pretty busy with them.

C. Mack: Were there potters in your, your own family?

M. Rogers: No.

C. Mack: So you married into the...

M. Rogers: Yeah, I married into it. Sure did.

C. Mack: What sort of war did you turn?

M. Rogers: Just little pitchers and I can make the bowls and I make the face jugs. That's about it.

C. Mack: I noticed some bean pots in there too.

M. Rogers: Yeah, I can make a bean pot, mmm hmm.

C. Mack: So small ware basically?

M. Rogers: Yeah, I don't try to make anything too large.