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## **Behind the Apron Project: Doris Harris Interview, May 12, 1997, Part 1**

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<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: So

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Other people doin it. Just standin right there [[?]] other people.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: How long did it take you to get the hang of it?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Oh about a week.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: About a week?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: OK. When people ask you about your job and what you do, what do you usually tell them?

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<i>Doris Harris</i>: Just kinda shuck clams.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: So you use your comment.

<i>Doris Harris</i>: You mean my comment?

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: [[?]] [[cross talk]]

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Clams [[?]] That's a messy job. [[laughs]]

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: [[laughs]] Most folks do think that, huh?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: [[laughs]] Don't wanna do that. [[laughs]]

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Gosh. You're still shucking clams?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Yeah

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. And for how many years have you been shucking?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Eleven years.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Eleven years? What's your hours?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Five to eleven.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Five to eleven? Has that always been your hours?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: No, not always. In the winter time we cut back.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. What's your hours [[?]]

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Right now?

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Yeah, when you're not doing five to eleven.

<i>Doris Harris</i>: When we work five to eleven [[?]] then you just come home.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: What was the other hours you had before?

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<i>Doris Harris</i>: Well, that was seven to eleven.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Seven to eleven?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Eleven, Yeah, uh huh. Winter time.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. Is shucking clams a part-time job for you, or full-time?

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<i>Doris Harris</i>: Part-time for me.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: It's part time? What do you do on your other time?

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<i>Doris Harris</i>: Well, I do house cleaning.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: For the same person?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: No, different people.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: For different people?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: mm-hmm

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. What made shucking clams appealing to you?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Shucking, you know. After I caught on then I just liked shuckin.

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Okay. Uh, as you say, most people think that shucking clams is a messy job.

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Oh yeah, most--

<i>Shelia Montague Parker</i>: Uh huh, Did you have any reservation about shucking for that reason?

<i>Doris Harris</i>: Oh no, uh-uh, uh-uh. I still like the doin it. [[laughs]]



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