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Interviewers: When was the house built?

Mrs. Bashore: 1792

Interviewers: What's it made out of?

Mrs. Bashore: Stone. The walls are eighteen inches thick.

Interviewers: Wow. How old is the house?

Mrs. Bashore: You figure it up.

Interviewers: What period was it built during, Colonial or even before that?

Mrs. Bashore: Well I don't know, whenever 1792 was. I would say it was colonial.

Interviewers: Ok, eighteenth century. How long have you lived here?

Mrs. Bashore: Forty-two years.

Interviewers: Who owned the house before you?

Mrs. Bashore: Howard Klair.

Interviewers: Who was the first owner of the house?

Mrs. Bashore: I am guessing it was Charles Grover.

Interviewers: How many owners has the house had?

Mrs. Bashore: Well, according to the courthouse, I would say, 1...2...3...4...5...6...7...8... I guess we're about the ninth one.

Interviewers: How has the house changed since it was built?

Mrs. Bashore: Well, when it was built it had eleven rooms and now it has eight. Because this was two rooms, the dining room was two rooms, you can see where...

Interviewers: Oh, yeah, the pillars.

Mrs. Bashore: Exactly. And the bedroom upstairs was two rooms.

Interviewers: Ok, cool. Does the house have any significant historical background?

Mrs. Bashore: I don't know, except it was built when there were Indian raids going on here.

Interviewers: What would happen when the Indian raids would, like, happen?

Mrs. Bashore: Everybody would go down to the basement. And there is a fireplace down there that you really ought to see. It's the biggest fireplace I have ever seen. And neighbors, there weren't many neighbors, but everybody in the area would come here and hide because the Indians would be afraid; they would see smoke coming out of the chimney but they wouldn't see any people. And there's a place in the basement about this big that will hold a rifle. And when you look out there you can see the whole property. So the men here would be shooting at the Indians and this scared the Indians because they would see smoke and they would hear shots but they would see no people.

Interviewers: That's really cool. Wouldn't they see the door that they went to...?

Mrs. Bashore: They never got that close.

Interviewers: Ah. Is there any part of the house that is original?

Mrs. Bashore: Yea. It's all original except my kitchen and the two rooms upstairs. They were brought down in the '40s.

Interviewers: How large is the property?

Mrs. Bashore: We have 2.4 acres.

Interviewers: What, if any, artifacts have you found on the property?

Mrs. Bashore: Well there were a lot of arrowheads found when they dug below the fence in the area from the fence down to the creek. That's where the Indians would fight from.

Interviewers: Cool. How has the property changed since you moved in?

Mrs. Bashore: Since we moved in the property hasn't changed, because the pond was there. The property hasn't changed. But the house has changed a bit, because we put up- this is not paneling. This is pieces of black walnut from North Carolina. We got it by the box load and we had carpenters put it in. My husband would not have paneling, because it was against... you know, they didn't have paneling years ago.