

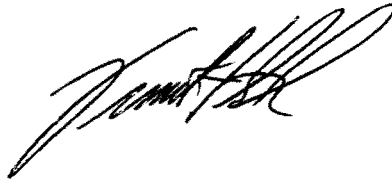
A Rural Life: The Story of a Hoosier Family

An Honors Creative Project

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Abstract

Every person has a story to tell. In some way everybody is affected by what is going on in the world. This concept is discussed in Honors 199 classes. Through books and films, my class discussed ordinary people whose lives change over time because of the unexpected changes of life.

Inspiration from this project came from a similar project that I did for my Honors 199 class in Spring 2004. It was a multiple medium package about the role of technology in the family throughout the years. During research for that project, I discovered further how families lived in general, and how my family exemplified these generalities.

This project portrays and explains life in northwestern Indiana during the 20th century. More specifically, I chose to tell this story through the eyes of my 79-year-old grandmother. Though a series of interviews conducted over a year, my grandmother explained her life in relation to her family, her community and the world going on around her.

Rather than turn the project into a written autobiography, I created a Web site, allowing me to use multiple media to tell the story. The interviews provided the basis for several story chunks that are essentially the heart of the project. Other components include a family tree, picture gallery, an audio/Flash package about their home and links to resources outside the confines of the project that demonstrate and explain some of the most significant phenomena of my grandmother's life.

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