

ALBERTA THREE

The subject is a 44 year old Caucasian female from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She has lived in Canada all her life until this past year which she spent in Washington, DC. She is an actor with a graduate degree.

I'm from a little town, uh...not so little now, but in my time it was a, a little town about thirty miles west of Edmonton, Alberta, which is if you were to go straight north from Missoula, Montana, you would sort of hit Edmonton, kind of. And, uh, so that's where I'm from a farming community called Spruce Grove. But I spent a lot of time in the city of Edmonton. Spent a little time in Toronto...and a little time in Vancouver...and I've done shows in Winnipeg, uh, Saskatoon, Regina, those are in Saskatchewan. And, uh, I've done shows in Quebec. And I think that's about as far east as I've been, ahh been to Halifax...been to Halifax.

We had one horse that didn't belong to us. It was my cousins, he never rode it, but it lived on our farm. Plenty of dogs. Dogs would arrive unannounced I don't know where they came from. People would drop their animals off in the country if they didn't want them anymore, and us being the saps that we were would take them in.

I remember, uh, winter was always lots of fun because dad would plow our long driveway, so we had a huge hill of snow that we could toboggan down.

Well we're on a long country road so you had to walk, um, a fair distance—our nearest neighbors were like a five minute walk and those were the Van Leets, and I—it was great because they—in their barn they had a rope, uh, with a pulley that went along the top of the barn so you could go up in the haystack and swing down on the rope and it would swing all the way to the end of, end of the barn—it was a long ride. It was a lot of fun, lot of fun. And they had horses that we could ride.

Umm, it's fantastic, you know. You don't know a country unless you live in it for a little while. You can visit it and go "ooh yeah I know America," but I don't—didn't know America. I know it a little bit better now.

Of interest:

Very Canadian pronunciation of "about" [ʌʊ], also found in "out" and to a lesser extent in "mouth" and "now"

Very Canadian pronunciation of "sorry" [ɔ]

Pronunciations of "Toronto" and "Quebec"

Rounded [ɒ] in "Montana" "drop" "lots/lot" "top"

[æ] towards [a] shift in "jacket" "trap" "bath" "Halifax" "fantastic"

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