

Steve McClellan transcript

J: It is Wednesday December 4, 2024. I am here with Steve McLellan, and we will talk about the old days in Underhill.

S: I guess of any importance was the old school that was right there at the bottom of the hill. District 5 schoolhouse. I went there, it had grades 1 thru 8

J: Did you have Emily Flynn as a teacher?

S: I did. Upstairs. Very lucky. She was really neat.

After the fire, we went to Roy Kennedy's house. The older kids, like my cousin, Gail, were under the Church

Gail's mother was Gert Pryor, my mother's sister

J: You grew up in a house on Stevensville Road. Did you have sisters and brothers?

S: No, I was the only brat, Michael Luck was my friend. He lived in Burlington but spent time in a nearby camp. We became friends right away, and we did a lot of foolish stuff. If cars came down the road, we would run and hide, just for the heck of it.

J: Did you fish?

S: Yeah, we just bubbled around, caught the smaller ones. Down at Allen's pool across from Maple Leaf Farm. That was our place.

So much of that area was vacation for people. It was pretty neat. It's a beautiful spot. Still a dirt road. If you keep going, you end up on the mountain. We would go up to Butler Lodge. We stayed overnight there. Good adventure.

My parents were Carl and Louise McLellan

J: How did they make a living?

S: Working for folks. And we had a cow.

There is a little barn behind the house. It is a sweet house, a rugged little bugger. And its holding on very well. Jeff Davis has been taking care of it. I drive by there sometimes. It looks pretty good.

J: You had a good childhood, a good time. And when you were out of high school, did you stay right in Underhill and do local things?

S: I went into the service. The Air Force. It was fun, and I made some pretty good friends. You could retire from the service and do other things and still pull down a salary. I had some good days and some bad.

Then I came back. My wife was Burgess, from Irish Settlement Road. We had two daughters. They are all grown up, married with children. Kirsten is the oldest. She lives across the pond in Norway, I've been there a couple of times. It's a beautiful country.

And Megan lives in Winooski. So I get to see her.

J: You have had a good life, growing up in Underhill.

S: Yes, it's a neat place. The people are nice and the whole bit.
Yeah, I was pretty lucky.