

Date: March 19/75

Place: Waterloo Stockyards

Participant: Ward Shantz

#### Pre-War

- appreciated the relationship he had with his parents - there was a feeling of trust; at the same time discipline was important
- because of J. B. Martin's involvement in working with the government to establish the CO program they naturally heard more about nonresistance at the time of the War; but for him there was never any question what he would do

#### War

- since they were the first group to be in a CO camp there was always a question in the boys' minds when the government would come along and put them in jail or in the army, ie. there was anxiety about the unknown
- felt that the work was insignificant, that they could have been doing something more worthwhile - often much of the work they were doing could have been done more efficiently by machinery; but, having grown up on the farm he was used to hard manual labour and long hours; therefore, as far as the work was concerned they found it rather easy - accepted the whole situation as something they had to do because of the stand they were taking
- his going up north had left his father alone on the farm; father felt, it was senseless to send him to do work of questionable significance when he was needed at home; yet, he was thankful that he was not going to jail or into the army; also, he did not make an appeal because he knew there were others who were in the same predicament
- after being released from Montreal River he came back to work on the farm
- was married in 1942; stayed another five years working on his father's farm