

INTERVIEW #5

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Date: Oct. 31/74

Place: 43 Duncairn, Kitchener

Participants: Doug and Don Millar

#### Pre-War

- did not experience much anti-Mennonite sentiment, probably because they understood the Mennonite position
- were baptized earlier (Doug at 14, and Don at 16) but did not feel that they understood all the dynamics of being conscientious objectors, ie. they went into A.S.W. because it was taken for granted by the family and the church that this is what they would do

#### War

- adjusted to, and enjoyed, their camp experiences; work was hard but gave them a chance to meet many new people
- felt that the work was not much of a contribution, but it was a time of spiritual growth
- good interaction among the various groups there, except for the Jehovah's Witnesses
- expressed the view that the A.S.W. program was initiated by the Mennonites and presented to the government, whereby the Mennonites forfeited their right to military exemption so that conscientious objectors belonging to non-Mennonite groups could also receive deferment