

Janis Kozlowski: And did you still live with your parents then?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, no. My Mother and I had an apartment in Hollywood on Eleanor Avenue and we shared the expense together. No, my Father was in Bur ... out in the desert working with the government in their line of work. And we'd see him on weekends. My Dad and my Mother and I would get together on weekends and see each other but the majority of the time it was just my Mother and I had the apartment in Hollywood on Eleanor Avenue.

Janis Kozlowski: It was named after you?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No. [both laughing] But we got tickled over it because we went to look for apartments and this one was a little short one in Hollywood and it was called Eleanor Avenue. I said, "That's where we've got to live—Eleanor on Eleanor Avenue." [laughing]

Janis Kozlowski: Sure. Yeah, that....

Eleanor Mae Cramer: It was near the cemetery [laughing]. That dead ... our street dead ended into the cemetery in Hollywood.

Janis Kozlowski: Well, was your Dad then working in the desert on some war effort?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yeah, he was out there.... Yes, it was a military, we don't know what ... I mean, he didn't discuss his work either. But he was out in the desert on government work and he'd come back because he was very intelligent. And then we'd see each other, or he'd come visit us on weekends when he could. But it was hard for him because it was out in Yocurn [unsure of town name] or in the arm ... or out in the desert. In those days it wasn't easy just to drive and get gas and stuff to town. But we'd see him on weekends.

Janis Kozlowski: So, what did ... did he have that job before the war?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, no. He worked in Hyperion Chemistry Department.

Janis Kozlowski: Do you know what the name of the company was that he worked for in the desert?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Uh, no. No, I don't remember it.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok. What were your parents names?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, my Dad's name was Albert Herzig and my Mother's name was Gertrude Herzig. And she was ... her name before she married my Dad was Richmond.

Janis Kozlowski: Gertrude Richmond?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Um-hmm. And my Dad, his name was Herzig. We used to joke about it. They'd ask me what my name was and they'd say, "Oh, it's Eleanor May or she may not, her

zigged when it should have zagged.” My name was Herzig, Eleanor Herzig, Eleanor Mae Herzig. So, I mean, the name was ... oh, a lot of fun.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah. [both laughing] Now, you ... did you say that you went to college?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, yeah, I went to college. I went to UCLA.

Janis Kozlowski: And, was that before you started working at Lockheed?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, no, no. That was after.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok, so did ... you didn’t work at the Lockheed Plant after the war?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, I did work before the war. You know, just before the war came out I was working, I wasn’t working, I was a student at UCLA in the Chemistry Department.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, ok. And then you ... did you quit school then and go over to work at Lockheed?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Uh, I didn’t quit school. I think I had already finished my year or something and then I was out and then I went over there. I was ... I didn’t graduate from there until after I went to UCLA and then went back again. I mean, I left UCLA and I went to work because I needed the money and they needed me, so.

Janis Kozlowski: So, you kind of postponed your college education in order to help with the war effort and work at Lockheed?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes.

Janis Kozlowski: And then you finished later.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes. And I remember my Mother and I would, and the others that went to Lockheed, they stopped in Inglewood to pick my Mother and I up and then we --all five of us in the car—I don’t remember the men’s names but they ... the car was packed. There were five or six of us in the car. We’d go together and come home together but we weren’t all in the same department.

Janis Kozlowski: Um-hmm. What kind of clothes did you wear for that type of job that you had?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, sort of a ... not fancy [laughing]. They were sort of work clothes. You know, we looked decent, nothing expensive, but we worked in comfortable clothes, I’d say. There was just nothing, no fancy dresses or anything. Just like every day things.

Janis Kozlowski: But you did wear dresses rather than pants?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Well, no, we wore both. I remember wearing them both, but most of them, I think most of the time we wore dresses – my Mother and I did. But you could wear either one. We had ... one part they had slacks. I think I wore ... part of mine was in the chem. lab so I didn't have to have anything special except, you know, my weighing clothes. You know, they were careful about what we had on. You couldn't just wear anything.

Janis Kozlowski: Is that because they wanted you to be covered up so the paints or chemicals wouldn't get on your skin?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Well, partly that. I know we were very careful because we didn't, you know, we didn't want to get into any trouble. But some of that ...