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Farming in the Valley: 2011 Oral History Project

The following are transcripts from two audio clips in the **Childhood Adventures/Doing Chores** section. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/historyculture/doing-chores.htm> to view the entire page.

Childhood Chores

Dorothy Vani and her brother Myron Marfut describe their responsibilities on their mother's farm, located on Akron Peninsula Road.

Dorothy: "I think I helped make the butter. We had a little butter churn. It was glass and it had paddles in it and you turned it and you made the butter that way."

Myron: "Everything we did was by hand. I don't care if it was . . . except for driving the tractor. And I was eleven years old when I started driving a farm tractor, plowing the fields, at eleven years old."

Caring for Horses

Carol Haramis, who owns and manages Heritage Farms in Peninsula with her husband, describes how she was responsible for taking care of horses when she was a child.

"Saturday, Sunday mornings in summertime, horses had to be fed by eight o'clock. By the time I was a teenager, it was like, we don't care how late you sleep in, but you will be up and out and those horses fed by eight o'clock. So I'd drag myself out of bed at seven o'clock on a Saturday morning, go down and do all the chores, and then come back and just kinda slide right back into bed and sleep until ten or eleven o'clock like most teenagers do."