

JC: course, Audley has never been there, and I can't even talk him into a Caribbean cruise. But I think it's a delightful heritage, and I'd like to explore it more. But I meet a stone wall. They [husband's family] don't seem to be a bit interested in it.

JW: How long after you met him did you decide to get married?

JC: A year and a half.

JW: Did you know you were in love from the beginning?

JC: (Laughter) No, it just sort of grew. In fact, Audley is five years younger. So I said, "You must come out to the house" -- he said he didn't know many people here. I said, "You must come out and meet my sister," who is five years younger. They're the same age. So eventually he came out to the house and met my sister. They said, "hello," but that was all. (Laughs) They liked each other, but nothing happened. My sister eventually married a friend of Audley's, Tommy Nelson from Pasadena. But that was only incidental.

JW: So at what point did you actually leave home?

JC: When I got married. I'd been at home all my life. When I got married we moved out.

JW: What age was this?

JC: Twenty-eight.

JW: Did your mother object?

JC: Yes. Strongly.

JW: To him or to the idea of you moving?

JC: Well, both. You see, I was engaged to someone else, of whom mother approved highly because he had his own business. It was a cleaning and renovating business, but he did well at it. He was very nice. We'd known him for years; he was a favorite of mother's. He was a little older than I, which in those days seemed more appropriate... a couple of years older. And he was well known to Mother. We'll just call him Oliver -- that was his name, his first name. He still is around. Once in a while he pesters us by calling. He's never married, so far as I know. But I don't know... I came from a very sheltered, a very strait-laced, very moralistic background.

I don't know about Dad. He always conceded points to Mother, and Mother ruled the roost. So I don't know. I think my dad could have been a very charming bon vivant. But he was the ideal family man. He was always there when you