

Padraic Cohen: Hi my name is Padraic Cohen and I'm a graduate student intern with the COVID-19 archive at ASU. The date is February 20th, 2021 the time is 3:38PM and I'm speaking with Margaret Geddes.

I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience, but before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 archive. The COVID-19 archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

Margaret Geddes: I say just yes, right?

Padraic: Yep!

Margaret Geddes: Yes

Padraic Cohen: Okay, thank you. So first, can you tell me your name, age, race, and where you live

Margaret Geddes: Okay um, I'm 86 years old, my race, I was born in Canada but my parents uh, both from England, British and um, you want my address?

Padraic Cohen: Oh no no, just your name

Margaret Geddes: What else do I have to tell you, I've forgot now

Padraic Cohen: Oh, just your name

Margaret Geddes: Margaret Geddes

Padraic Cohen: Okay, there we go, now I'd like to ask you a question about the Pandemic, so here's the question here

Margaret Geddes: Alright

Padraic Cohen: We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020 and many have been negative and disruptive. But perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

Margaret Geddes: One positive thing?

Padraic Cohen: Mhm!

Margaret Geddes: I guess, for me personally, I don't go out very much but I guess the positive thing would be, hm, hard to say uhm.. Just that so far everybody in my family has been safe, and that's the, I guess the big positive thing, I haven't been in contact with any one that has the virus, I don't know anyone that has the virus, so I guess that's all positive

Padraic Cohen: Mhm

Margaret Geddes: Is that good enough?

Padraic Cohen: Yeah, that's totally fine, is that what you want to say

Margaret Cohen: I think so, I very rarely go out so I don't see a lot of people

Padraic Cohen: Yeah, that's me too, well that's all that there was, there was only one question, thank you for your time today and I will conclude the interview

Margaret Cohen: That's it?

Padraic Cohen: That's it! Unless you want to say anything more!

Margaret: No um, I've never lived through an epidemic before, I've never experienced that, oh maybe when I was a child there was a polio epidemic, but it didn't seem to affect us there again we didn't go anywhere

Padraic Cohen: So about the same thing?

Margaret Geddes: yea!

Padraic Cohen: yea! Well thank you so much gram

Margaret Geddes: Okay, thank you!

Padraic Cohen: I'm just gonna stop recording, I'm not gonna hang up, I'm just gonna stop recording so I can talk to everyone

(I forgot to ask her where she lives, this interview was conducted remotely with me in Cochrane Alberta, Canada – and Margaret in Calgary Alberta, Canada.)