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(Interviewer)

So when did you begin to discuss the possibility of leaving?

(Elfreda)

When you were about sixty. Yes, it was about twenty-five years ago. Yes, our children came on holiday and they felt that we were getting older. And they felt that they wanted us a little closer so that we could be there for...if we needed them, they we would be closer. They spoke about Canada. They felt Canada was the place.

(Alec)

There are a couple of factors. I mean, I don't think we were in town (inaudible). And then things started getting pretty nasty in Johannesburg. I mean I was attacked in my business, tied up and threaten with weapons and all sorts of things and car jacked two or three times. Mugged in the city, and to me this was NOT the way to live.

(Elfreda)

So then, they put in our papers for us and it started to roll. It took a while, and then we were ready to go.

(Interviewer)

And what was that like? Leaving finally.

Elfreda

Oh, I don't know. Alec it was easier than me.

(Alec)

We felt differently that way. I was ready to go...with my experiences.

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(Elfreda)

Well I felt that, I was going but my heart wasn't really in it. I was going, well, you know it was a decision I knew we had to go. I knew that Alec couldn't stay there anymore. And so I made up my mind and that's it. We arrived here and started making a life.

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