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### My GreatGrandpa

As I was growing up, my grandparents and great grandparents have always been a large part of my life. Although my great-grandmother passed away ten years ago, my great-grandpa continues to be very special to me. Going to him to ask him about my ancestry just seemed like the natural thing to do.

What a better place to interview my great-grandpa than in a rustic cabin in Brown County, Indiana. My great-grandpa grew up in Indianapolis on the South side in a residential area in a large two-story house. He said on his block alone there were 50 kids. His mother stayed at home and his dad was a salesman for a cardboard company. He had an older brother and two younger sisters.

Around 1924 when my great-grandpa was seven or eight years old, there was no t.v. or radio so my greatgrandpa and his brother found things to entertain them. One of the things they did was take scrap wood and build a tree house in the woods. One day they thought it would be fun to take their sister up in the treehouse in a bucket with a pulley. When they tried this, she

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Nice sentence  
Where  
does  
he live  
now?*

started crying so they brought her back down because they didn't want her to get hurt. Their mother found out about the tree house so she asked the owner to take it down.

I noticed when my greatgrandpa was telling me about growing up as a young boy a smile came across his face. When my greatgrandpa was thirteen or fourteen he decided that he wanted to earn some money so he could save for a car. Some of the things he did was cut grass for fifty cents per yard <sup>and</sup> carried newspapers for ten cents a week. He worked very hard. By the time he was sixteen he had enough money and bought a 1933 chevy for \$600 dollars. Then president Roosevelt declared minimum wage to <sup>be</sup> thirty cents a hour. So my greatgrandpa got a job at the grocery making \$1.30 an hour. So he bought a old pick up truck for five dollars so he could deliver groceries to people. It amazed me how things were so cheap. For example, a loaf of bread was five cents, milk was ten cents a quart, a suit of clothes was fifteen dollars and shoes were \$1.50. My great grandpa's first bicycle cost him eight dollars. Although my grandpa had a lot of jobs he still had time to join the boy scout troop and went on to earn his eagle scout badge.

I decided one story about my great grandpa's life did not seem to paint a complete picture of his memories, so I choose to tell more then one. I learned from my greatgrandpa that things weren't always easy back then. I'm glad he has gotten to live this long so he can take advantage of modern conveniences.

When I was listing him tell me about his childhood I had

tears in my eyes because I know he is not going to be around very  
much longer but as long as he is around I am going to be there as  
much as I can.

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