

## **Madison State Teacher's College, Cherry Smash, Marrying Wesley Martin**

VH: You mentioned that you spent a year at college. Where did you attend?

SM: It was Madison State Teacher's College then; now, it's James Madison University. An all-girls school.

VH: I assume you aspired to become a teacher then?

SM: No, my mother sent to college to get me away from a boy she didn't like.

CG: What was his name? You're not going to say it.

SM: No. It was a real quick thing, I don't know how I even happened to get in, but all of a sudden I was going to college. When I came home, I had to take over the coal yard for that month. From then on, I had already broken up with a boy, so she didn't send me back to college. I went to work.

CG: Where did you work?

SM: I went to work with the Cherry Smash company, which was a soft drink company in Rosslyn. My best friend's father was running it. He asked me if I would come to work.

CG: What did you do?

SM: I was the secretary. I did everything.

AS: Where in Rosslyn?

SM: Just on this side, before you get to the bridge on the left hand side. Of course, everything's changed there now. Lee Highway went right to the bridge. Probably was a hot shop right after that. Then this side of that was Rosslyn—I mean the Cherry Smash building. It was a big, old, dreary building. They had a warehouse.

AS: Right there too?

SM: During the war, the OSS moved in there. That was the fore-runner of the CIA. So we had soldiers on guard duty.

AS: Was that just for part of the building? You had the Cherry Smash in the rest of the building?

SM: Yeah.

VH: How many years did you work there, then?

SM: Just that one year. I got married the next year.

AS: Your husband's name?

SM: Wesley Martin. He was from Falls Church.

VH: How did you meet him?

SM: Well, I had dated his brother. Then he was going with one of my best friends. Then his brother came home from overseas, he had been a navigator on a B-17 and flew out of England. They had twenty-eight missions over Germany—over Europe. He was home on leave and Donald asked me if I would go out with him and I said sure. I knew the family. That was it! We got married a month and a half later.

CG: When were you married?

SM: Married on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1944.

CG: Where?

SM: In Galveston, Texas. He was stationed there.