

Dartmouth College Oral History Project
The War Years at Dartmouth
Interview with Paul Glover '45
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GLOVER: I was going to the Clark School, which is a school in Hanover, and Dr. [Millett G.] Morgan had been a professor at Dartmouth. And a sure way to get into Dartmouth was through him. And my family—my father had been and my uncle and grandfather and everybody else had gone to Dartmouth.

DONIN: Oh, my goodness!

GLOVER: We date back to the 1700s.

DONIN: Oh, you're a serious legacy.

GLOVER: Serious legacy, yes. It didn't work with my granddaughter. [Laughter] I had to get that in.

DONIN: Right. So there was no thought that you would go anywhere else.

GLOVER: No. I didn't even apply anywhere else.

DONIN: Right, right. Now did you grow up in Hanover?

GLOVER: My family lived in a little settlement in Bath, New Hampshire.

DONIN: Oh, yes.

GLOVER: About 43 miles north. And for the winters we'd rent a professor's house that was on a sabbatical.

DONIN: Oh!

GLOVER: So I went to Hanover School for three years. And then I was supposed to go to Exeter, where all my ancestors had gone since 1700, and anyway, I took the test, and I thought it was simple. I was getting As and Bs in Hanover High School. My poor uncle, who had sort of sponsored me, came up and he said, "Buddy, they don't want you." And I said, "Why?" And he said, "Because you got 30 in the test." And I said, "Honestly, Uncle Amos, that was the easiest

test I ever took.” [Laughs] So anyway, it saved my skiing career. I went to Holderness and skied there. And then I came here and had a car, of course, and skied in all the races of the Dartmouth boys. So it was a lucky thing. Exeter in those days, you didn’t ski anymore.

DONIN: Oh, I see. There was no skiing.

GLOVER: No, because there weren’t the areas that they have now and manmade snow and everything. Like Del Ames was a local boy in Hanover, and he went to Exeter. Then of course he went to Harvard, which really ruined him. He used to be the best skier in town. I’d meet him in races, and I’d be getting fourth or fifth, and he’d be 18th or something. [Laughs]

DONIN: Oh.

GLOVER: And he was a much better skier when he started out.

DONIN: That’s interesting. I didn’t realize they didn’t have a skiing program.

GLOVER: No.

DONIN: So it was not standard that these private schools had ski programs.

GLOVER: No, Holderness was one of the earliest ones.

DONIN: Yes.

GLOVER: And these little schools down here in Andover and so on, they had them. We raced against them.

DONIN: Oh, I see. Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: But Exeter didn’t. University of New Hampshire did, as I recall.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: And Harvard would send, you know, like Del Ames came up and raced. You raced a lot individually for the college—for the colleges and so on.

DONIN: Yes, I saw you written up in The D about one of your races.

GLOVER: Yes.

DONIN: Nineteen forty-five, I think it was.

GLOVER: Yes.

DONIN: Okay. So let's get into your Dartmouth experience then. So you came here—you matriculated in the fall of 1941.

GLOVER: Right.

DONIN: Right?

GLOVER: Mm-hmm.

DONIN: What dorm were you in?

GLOVER: I got special permission because of course we knew all the deans—there were only two deans then; Dean Strong was the dean of freshmen—and so I got special permission to live off campus. And so I lived with three other sophomores, Class of '44, in a little house down on Huntley Road. It's down towards West Lebanon.

DONIN: Why did you want to live off campus?

GLOVER: It was—I don't know. Everybody wanted to live off campus really.

DONIN: Yes.

GLOVER: So that's why they made the freshmen live in dormitories.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

GLOVER: And I lived with a guy named Jay Densmore, who just lived—from Lebanon. They had the brick company in Lebanon. He was a great skier. And of course that was the thing. But anyway, we made so much noise—except Jay, I guess—that they asked us to leave. So then I moved to Middle Mass with one of my roommates from '44.

DONIN: [Laughs] That's great. So your off-campus experience didn't last very long.

GLOVER: And we weren't, you know, drinking. It was just foolishness. And the woman's husband was a mortician, and I guess he didn't like the noise. [Laughter]

DONIN: That's a great story. So let's see, you were here in the fall of '41. So you were on campus when Pearl Harbor happened.

GLOVER: I was on campus. And we had a lot of boys from Hawaii, Honolulu, especially the Punahou School. And I was in a French class, I think, with '44's. And a guy named Sherman Dowsett, whose family owned the Parker Ranch, which is the biggest ranch in the world; they were land rich and poor. In fact he had to spend his summer, his freshman year summer, in Whitefield as a lifeguard. And that's where I got to know him quite well. So we were together when we heard the news—not heard the news. But on Monday morning. And he was devastated because he didn't know whether his family were dead or alive. And he left shortly after. There was no communications with Hawaii. I mean for civilians. And he left quickly, and he never came back. They all went out, practically everybody. There were a lot of '45s who were from Honolulu. And they went immediately to join their families while they still could go. Because, you know, ships weren't anxious to go in those days.

DONIN: So was there a lot of talk of enlisting at that point?

GLOVER: Oh, yes. I mean everybody enlisted. In fact one of our classmates, Scott Parrot, was a character. He'd only been here about three months, and he still loves the class of '45. And he went down and joined the Marine Corps. Then he got wounded or something; so he goes around with a cane which is very impressive. No, everybody was ready to go. I mean it wasn't like the wars now. I mean there's no spirit. I've only got one son in the Marine Corps.

DONIN: Of your children?

GLOVER: Of my three sons.

DONIN: Oh. So what was your plan? I mean after Pearl Harbor, what did you do?

GLOVER: See, I was only a freshman. College was really going on. What I originally wanted to join was the Navy Air Corps. At this point—I don't know what I did that summer. I was trying to think. But that summer we all got together, and 13 of us rented a house on 43-1/2

South Main Street, which was behind the police station—where the fire station is now. And so we all sort of wanted to go together. So we all went to Boston—this was the fall of '41—to join the Navy Air Corps. The physical was all day, and I said, the heck with that. I wasn't even drinking in those days. I didn't go to the Statler bar or the Hilton, or whatever it was then. And I said the heck with it and came back. And my father had been attached to the Marines in World War I. He loved the Marine Corps. So he immediately called the Marine Corps and signed me up. [Laughter]

DONIN: Oh!

GLOVER: Which was the greatest. Oh, I thank him every day for that. I loved the Marines. So I joined the Marine Corps.

DONIN: So you joined in the fall of '42?

GLOVER: 'Forty-two.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

GLOVER: And then you joined it as a potential officer. And they were going to train them, and they didn't need them quickly; they weren't killing them off fast enough. So they started this V-12. And President [Ernest Martin] Hopkins was very lucky to get this college in the program. Eventually it was a lot of colleges. But this was one of the first.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: And so you were going to train here and take certain courses. And then eventually you were going to Parris Island. I finally went to Parris Island in '43, in February, which was a good time to go because it was nice and cold.

DONIN: So when you were here, your status changed then: going from an undergraduate, you were a member of the V-12 training program?

GLOVER: Yes. But it was very flexible. We had drills and we had all this, and then we went to classes. And I'll tell you a funny story about how I almost was a private. But anyway, so there were a lot of civilian students still around.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: Fraternities were open. Until one day—I guess I wasn't in V-12 then; it was that spring just before I got in—and we were all having a little party at the Psi U. Everybody was going practically, and all the other classes had gone. And in those days they were glass, and the bar was about six inches to eight inches of broken glass. And I'll never forget: Both deans were Psi Us: Pudge Neidlinger and Bob Strong, both Psi Us, and they both appeared in the door. We were getting ready to clean it up. And I can remember Pudge kind of shaking his head; he was a big man. And he looked down at us, and he said, "Boys, we're closing you up immediately. Clean this up and get out." [Laughs]

DONIN: And that was it?

GLOVER: That was it. That was the end of the Psi U house at that point.

DONIN: Oh, my. Because of the alcohol?

GLOVER: Because of the mess. I mean you know. Things were tough. I mean Pudge could do anything he wanted to. He was—I won't say a mean old guy—but he was rough. [Laughs]

DONIN: Yes, I gather.

GLOVER: Of course that got us used to the Marine Corps. [Laughs] I mean it was a good example.

DONIN: Yes.

GLOVER: But I'll never forget their faces. Bob Strong's such a kind of a nice little—not a little guy; they were both big guys. But Pudge didn't hesitate a second: Out! [Laughter]

DONIN: Oh, my goodness! So that was the end of the social life of Psi U then.

GLOVER: Yes. Exactly right. Yes.

DONIN: So it closed for the whole period of the war.

GLOVER: Oh, yes. I don't think they ever...I don't know, I really don't know. Somebody else, maybe Dick, knows. He was supposed to be a Psi U, but he had an uncle and his brothers were all Sigma Xi. And his

uncle lived in Canaan, he started that Canaan School. And he got ahold of Bull, as he's called, and said, "You don't want to be a Psi U. You want to be with all the family." So poor Bull had to go over to.... Because most of his— His roommate at KUA, Johnson, was a Psi U. I mean practically everybody he knew was. But he knew everybody, so....

DONIN: So you made this transition from a civilian to a Marine trainee, is that—

GLOVER: Semi, semi civilian. We still had a ski team. And that was the one thing I wanted to tell you about. [Laughs] You were taking these courses which I'd never even heard of before, like calculus. That wasn't—math was not my strong point.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

GLOVER: And we were having ski meets, and we were allowed to cut classes. They'd always had that policy at Dartmouth when I was here. And so of course I cut the classes and went to the ski meets and all that. And the professor was a guy named B.H. Brown, whose son had been in my class in Hanover High School. And of course I knew the old bastard [whispered]. And he called me in, he said, "Glover, if you don't pass this exam pretty well, you're on your way to Parris Island." In those days you were out to take a train the next day, and then you were a private. You weren't any officer candidate. And a lot of people flunked out that way. Hew Joyce did, you know. Have you got to him yet?

DONIN: Mm-mmm.

GLOVER: He went to Yale. His father was a professor here.

DONIN: Uh-huh!

GLOVER: And I never realized he did, but he wrote some story about himself. But anyway, so I went to this Dr. Morgan who had been the head of the school that I'd gone to. And he was the most incredible teacher I've ever seen. He gave me ten examples. I took the test, and I got 100.

DONIN: Oh!

GLOVER: And B.H. Brown called me, and he said, “Glover, I’m sorry to say...” [Laughter] “I’m sorry to say you passed that test so brilliantly that I can’t do anything but keep you.” So I did. [Laughter] And Dr. Morgan, aside from that, got my son to Exeter and my daughter through Farmington. He could teach anybody math.

DONIN: Amazing!

GLOVER: Isn’t that? Oh, what a great guy.

DONIN: So he was the head of the Clark School?

GLOVER: He was the head of the Clark School. He and Dr.—they called those guys doctors, Ph.D.s—he and Dr. Clark started the school.

DONIN: I see.

GLOVER: And when I got there, Dr. Clark was kind of out of it. And it was Dr. Morgan. He really probably ran it from the beginning. He was a terrific guy. And it was a school for people who flunked out of Andover and Exeter and Lawrenceville and all those. And they had a good football team because Dr. Morgan liked football. So we got some of the rough element from South Boston and so on.

DONIN: Yes. Great.

GLOVER: It was a great school.

DONIN: And he was a great teacher.

GLOVER: Oh, he was incredible. Yes.

DONIN: So you were saved from being a private. And you were able to finish how many terms?

GLOVER: I finished—I had one semester left, and I had to get a 4.0 to graduate. And that’s another story. Because when I came back, of course, they were—I picked my courses obviously. And I was taking comp lit and English and history and all that stuff that I did well in. I went to all the professors, and I had to. I said I have to get an A. And they were all feeling sorry for you and all that. So I got 4.0. But then when it came to law school—my family all went to law school; my uncle was a judge, and he’d got to Harvard Law. So he took me down to Cambridge. He introduced me to [inaudible] and

[inaudible] said, “Well, Glover, what did you get for marks your last semester at Dartmouth?” And I said, “4.0.” And he said, “Well, what did you get these 4.0 in?” [Laughter] He said, “You go back to Dartmouth and go to Tuck School and get a 4.0 and come back and see me.” So I knew that was the end of that.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: But I did graduate.

DONIN: From Dartmouth?

GLOVER: From Dartmouth, but not from Harvard Law School.

DONIN: So did you graduate before you actually went into the Marines?

GLOVER: No, no. I had one semester.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

GLOVER: And that’s why I had to get the four points.

DONIN: Okay.

GLOVER: That was after I came back.

DONIN: So you left, and how long were you away?

GLOVER: I came back in late ’46.

DONIN: Late ’46.

GLOVER: Yes, late ’46.

DONIN: So your classmates were long gone, weren’t they, most of them?

GLOVER: Yes. But, see, a lot got out earlier, especially ones that had gone over in the Air Corps—you know Army Air Corps. And they did their—served their duty. Then they came back, and they could go to college. So as soon as the war was over, they were back here.

DONIN: Right. But you had to stay in?

GLOVER: Well, you had to stay for points. And see I never went overseas 'til '44.

DONIN: Oh, I see.

GLOVER: See, it was a long training. And they only started needing second lieutenants after Saipan when they lost so many.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: They were running them through Quantico in that era. And then they—we were down at Camp Lejeune just stagnating. We just were drilling and all that stuff. Cleaning the barracks. Finally they decided to have another training, officers' training thing at Camp Lejeune and the real one at Quantico. So they sent me to Quantico. The rest of them stayed there. So they graduated all these officers. And after we were second lieutenants, we wound up—I still remember that—in AP, which is [inaudible] ship, loaded in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor. Anyway, this was just the luck of the draw. One ship went to Okinawa, which was in the middle of an invasion. The other ship went to the big island of Hawaii, which was taking back the Marines that had been on Iwo Jima. Their ranks were decimated, of course. So we were replacements for them. But why I was lucky enough to go there and my classmates like Peter Brundage, whose family gave the lodge at Skiway, was killed on Okinawa, and a lot of people were killed on Okinawa.

DONIN: That was just the luck of the draw.

GLOVER: Just the luck. [Laughs] This is so funny. I tell this to doctors, and they've never heard it. I was born with a caul. Have you ever heard that expression?

DONIN: A caul?

GLOVER: A caul. C-A-U-L. It's a membrane on your head—

DONIN: Oh.

GLOVER: —when you're born. And old ladies say it's good luck. And the other thing, you can't drown.

DONIN: Oh!

GLOVER: If that wasn't luck. I mean there's no way that anybody had any intention. Just bing bing. In fact the guy that married my first wife was with me in Quantico. He went to Okinawa, and I went to.... We were all together afterwards, including Quantico. But just you know....

DONIN: Sheer luck.

GLOVER: Yes. And the caul.

DONIN: And the caul. Okay. C-A-U-L. I'll have to look....

GLOVER: C-A-U-L. And doctors, very few of them necessarily have seen them unless they've been an obstetrician or something.

DONIN: Oh, yes. Right.

GLOVER: They've never heard of it.

DONIN: Huh! Interesting.

GLOVER: Yes, yes.

DONIN: So you found yourself finally back here with one semester to go when you had to earn those four points.

GLOVER: Right.

DONIN: And some people I've talked to so far say they come back from the military with a bunch of points towards their education. Is that—

GLOVER: That wasn't my—no. We were different, I think, because we were in Dartmouth. Those were probably enlisted men that came or something.

DONIN: I see.

GLOVER: Came here for a semester or something, I don't know.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

GLOVER: I don't know. But, no, we strictly had to get that one course.

- DONIN: Now, did you... When you came back, there were students here who had come to Dartmouth not as traditional undergraduates, but their first experience at Dartmouth was as part of this training, these training programs.
- GLOVER: Exactly. From other colleges.
- DONIN: From other colleges.
- GLOVER: Right.
- DONIN: Now some of them wanted to finish up at Dartmouth, as well, didn't they?
- GLOVER: Some did, yes. One guy in our class. Again, I can't think of his name. Yes. And a lot of one of them went back to Notre Dame or Harvard or Princeton or wherever they were.
- DONIN: Now the ones that wanted to finish up here, did they have to petition the admissions office to be accepted?
- GLOVER: No, as far as I know—and I think I'm right—they had the option of coming back to Dartmouth or going back to their old college. People were pretty friendly in those days.
- DONIN: Yes, and flexible.
- GLOVER: And flexible, yes. Well, with two deans, you can move very quickly. [Laughter]
- DONIN: Right. But wasn't the college crowded at that point?
- GLOVER: Yes.
- DONIN: Because the war had ended, and you'd think that they'd be bursting at the seams with married vets and....
- GLOVER: I don't know. Because I was married, of course. And they had that thing over where Tuck School is.
- DONIN: Oh, Wigwam Circle?
- GLOVER: Yes, Wigwam Circle. So I lived there, yes.

- DONIN: So were you married when you left?
- GLOVER: No. Do you want my married history? [Laughs]
- DONIN: Just briefly, yes.
- GLOVER: Don't get me started. [Laughter] I came back from overseas in '46, and landed—came through the Panama Canal and so on. And landed in New York. And I had two girls, women I guess you'd call them. And one was a Janet Eaton, who was really my first love, and I did later marry. And Deanne Rose, who I'd met briefly. Anyway, I called them both and Janet was gone. I think she had gone somewhere. And Deanne was in. And they always wanted to get married quickly. So the first thing I knew in '46 I was getting married.
- DONIN: Oh.
- GLOVER: And I can remember I had a baby nine months later. And I thought, what am I doing here? [Laughs]
- DONIN: So did she come here to Dartmouth with you?
- GLOVER: Oh, sure. She came— Oh, she was ready to go. Women really were quite anxious in those days. Because there were so many men back then, it was a good chance to—
- DONIN: Yes, start a family, settle down.
- GLOVER: Start a family, yes. And so we had four children.
- DONIN: So you came back here and moved into Wigwam Circle with her?
- GLOVER: Yes, with her. Lived there until the winter semester. Then we'd finished, so we went back to Bath, New Hampshire.
- DONIN: And what was it like to be a married student when you'd been an undergrad civilian before?
- GLOVER: I was terrible because I'd started drinking when I was an undergraduate. I never drank when I was skiing and all. I never even touched beer. So I started drinking. So I spent most of those nights—she was pregnant by then, I guess—over in the Psi U house.

DONIN: Ah hah hah hah.

GLOVER: Because that was going full blast then.

DONIN: Right, right.

GLOVER: Studying a little bit, enough to get that four points.

DONIN: Enough to get by.

GLOVER: Yes, yes.

DONIN: Right. And there were a lot of married couples on campus at that point.

GLOVER: A lot of married couples, yes, yes. Because a lot of people came back and got married quickly, I think, because everybody wanted to settle down and have children.

DONIN: That was the sense that seems to be coming out of these interviews, is that when you all got back, there was this feeling of it's time to get finished here and move on with our lives.

GLOVER: Exactly. Yes. And of course a lot stayed in, you know. I was called back, and I should have stayed in then but I didn't. I had probably quite a few years in, because I retired as a colonel, full colonel.

DONIN: Wow!

GLOVER: But it was all reserve duty. I never stayed in the regular, which I could have.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: But anyway, that's another story.

DONIN: That's another story. So what it was like being a married student on campus?

GLOVER: I probably wasn't a very good husband.

DONIN: Right.

GLOVER: I didn't spend much time at home.

DONIN: Right.

GLOVER: But I don't know, it wasn't bad. I went out for the ski team although I knew I couldn't—I mean I was the only skier that went out at that point that had a rating. They'd rate them A, B, C, and I was an A skier because I'd raced and so on.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: And I did that. And then of course I couldn't.... Then the fall semester—then when the winter semester started so I was through, and I was out of there, and we moved back to Bath. I don't know what I did. I guess I was trying to go to law school that next semester, something like that.

DONIN: Uh-huh. Now you didn't have any sort of traditional graduation ceremony, I assume.

GLOVER: No, no. You got it in the mail.

DONIN: You got it in the mail?

GLOVER: Yes.

DONIN: Gee.... And were there any of your—at that point were there any of your original group of friends.?

GLOVER: Oh, yes, a lot of Psi Us came back.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

GLOVER: Yes. I guess probably Bull was here, but he wasn't a Psi U. But a lot of them came back. I know he came back because he went to—didn't he go to Tuck? No, he went to Thayer, I think.

DONIN: I think he went to Thayer.

GLOVER: Went to Thayer, yes.

DONIN: So did you feel like...did you feel like you were a member of the class of '45?

GLOVER: Oh, yes. We felt we *were* the class of '45.

DONIN: I know, but it was already '46 or '47.

GLOVER: I know. It didn't make any difference, no.

DONIN: It didn't matter.

GLOVER: No, it didn't matter. And then these young kids would come in, the '46ers, who were Psi Us and we were trying to get a good delegation, of course.

DONIN: Yes.

GLOVER: No, I don't think any....

DONIN: So your identity with your class wasn't impacted by your absence?

GLOVER: No, I don't think so. And I don't know how strong it is. Somebody like Bull is very strong. In fact, he is my mentor at this monthly lunch we have. I never knew half these people that we see there. But Bull, of course, you know, got to know them.

DONIN: He keeps it going.

GLOVER: Oh, yes, he keeps it going.

DONIN: Yes.

GLOVER: But that's the strongest I've been with the class, I think.

DONIN: Oh, living here and going to the luncheons and stuff.

GLOVER: Yes, these luncheons.

DONIN: So you didn't identify strongly with the class, you know, in the years shortly after you graduated?

GLOVER: No, I don't think so. I wasn't. In fact I guess I didn't contribute. Because I see I'm in the second group of contributors, how many years or something.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

- GLOVER: But, no, I don't.... Most of my friends were Psi Us. My roommate was a good friend after the war. And then a '46 Jack Underhill, who was a Psi U. And they were the people that I saw.
- DONIN: So you identified more closely with your fraternity than you did with your class, it sounds like.
- GLOVER: Yes, definitely the fraternity. Yes. And Reggie Pierce who started Pierce's, he was in the fraternity. He was a '46.
- DONIN: So do you think that was common, that people identified—
- GLOVER: Oh, I think so.
- DONIN: Identified with their fraternity ahead of their actual class designation.
- GLOVER: I think so. Not some people because some people weren't really in fraternities. Or they weren't very good fraternities or something.
- DONIN: And you had this other sort of affinity group of skiers, didn't you, that you identified with?
- GLOVER: Yes, yes. Not so much, no. I was trying to think. Bill Ashley was active as coach during V-12; he was in the V-12. And I knew him pretty well. In fact he came back when they had a V-12 celebration and stayed with me. But, no, I think it was mostly the fraternity.
- DONIN: Hmm. So what memories did you have of President Hopkins and President Dickey?
- GLOVER: President Hopkins really I never saw him. I don't know when this procedure of going in and signing something.... And I never met him, you know. I met him, I guess, maybe socially or something once or twice. But never officially.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm.
- GLOVER: And what was the other one?
- DONIN: When you came back, it was President Dickey by then.
- GLOVER: President Dickey, yes. Well, my uncle was a big deal at Dartmouth. He was a lawyer and a judge and so on.

DONIN: What was your uncle's name?

GLOVER: Blandon.

DONIN: Oh, yes!

GLOVER: And he was a terrific guy. In fact he was writing a book, but his second wife wasn't too eager to do anything on it. So I don't know what happened to his notes. [Laughs] They're long gone. But anyway, Dickey would come up, and we were living in Bath. And he'd stop to see Amos because Amos lived in the next house. And he'd come over to see my family. And I remember seeing the president of Dartmouth in my living room. That's about all. But Hopkins was kind of more aggressive. He was like Neidlinger, I think, than President Dickey was; the way I saw him, you know.

DONIN: Well, you probably didn't see that much of him, did you?

GLOVER: No. And then Hopkins moved up to where I live now. He bought the yellow house that's just been fixed up.

DONIN: On Rope Ferry Road?

GLOVER: On Rope Ferry Road, yes.

DONIN: Oh, across the street.

GLOVER: Across the street. It's a long... and they painted it kind of yellow. That was Hopkins's house. But the funny thing about it, it was built by this guy in the class of '87. I had an uncle that was in the class of '87. And this guy was a—he wrote the.... I'm really getting off the subject.

DONIN: That's all right.

GLOVER: But he wrote the book, you know, when they had their 50th reunion. And this guy built that house and lived in it after the war—I mean after he retired. I guess he retired in the thirties. But anyway.... So anyhow Hopkins bought that and lived there for quite a few years.

DONIN: Oh, so he stayed right in Hanover.

GLOVER: He stayed right in Hanover, yes. He married a Hanover girl. In fact I couldn't believe it. Somebody told me that she'd been his secretary. And her family had a big farm down going out of town, where you go down the hill coming out of Hanover.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: Then off to the left is kind of a swamp. But there was a brick house in there. Of course it's long gone. And a big farm, they had a big farm. In fact I can't think of his name right now, but Chet—I remember his first name—was the son, and that was his aunt, President Hopkins's wife. And I always looked at that because there was a kind of a social scale in Hanover, which there probably is now.

DONIN: Oh, interesting. So when you were here, had President Dickey started the Great Issues course yet?

GLOVER: No, I think he started after the war.

DONIN: Yes.

GLOVER: I kind of remember that, yes.

DONIN: Right.

GLOVER: See, I had to take my courses. There was no question about time to take Great Issues or anything. It was just a question of survival.

DONIN: So who guided you on what you needed to graduate?

GLOVER: Nobody, nobody. I could figure.... Maybe I didn't even realize. Yes, I did because I remember going around and seeing people. We didn't have advisors really.

DONIN: Yes.

GLOVER: When you've only one dean, I mean, you know, he couldn't....

DONIN: It was a much smaller....

GLOVER: Oh, it was tiny, yes.

DONIN: Staff than today.

- GLOVER: I have a dean that lives down the street now.
- DONIN: I bet you do, yes.
- GLOVER: [Laughs] They're all around.
- DONIN: They're everywhere.
- GLOVER: Yes.
- DONIN: They're everywhere.
- GLOVER: And of course you couldn't do it now with all the regulations and the standards. It's entirely different.
- DONIN: Right. Exactly. Oh, let's see here, what have I not asked you yet? Did you have a sense that... Another sort of trend that seems to be appearing in these interviews is that there was some disappointment on the part of not only the faculty, but some of the students as well, that the college was focusing so heavily on this military training that the famous sort of liberal arts education that Dartmouth was known for and was building a reputation for, it really suffered because of their focus on the military training that was going on.
- GLOVER: No. I mean to me that's ridiculous because if Hopkins hadn't gotten the military in here, how'd he keep these buildings heated? I mean there was no money. They didn't have a great big endowment.
- DONIN: Yes.
- GLOVER: I never heard that by anybody in my class.
- DONIN: Mm-hmm.
- GLOVER: I mean Bull has been more around, but I never. We didn't give a damn, and certainly the military had disappeared completely when we came back. And like Ben Thompson was a character in town. Have you met Ben yet?
- DONIN: Mm-mmm.
- GLOVER: You haven't had any trouble with the law. If you needed help...

DONIN: Oh, I see.

GLOVER: He was the chief of police in Lebanon. But he'd been up here in the V-12 as an enlisted man.

DONIN: Oh!

GLOVER: And then he got into Dartmouth. I think he went to Dartmouth. I'm not sure. And stayed on in Hanover. He was a selectman and all those things. But there are a lot of people like that—

DONIN: That came.

GLOVER: That came and stayed. But I don't think there's any...I never heard that question. That's a funny one about the military. That must have been a later great of Communists. [Laughs]

DONIN: Maybe. Who knows?

GLOVER: Who knows. No. But certainly the military has changed. I mean I was proud to be in the service.

DONIN: Oh, yes.

GLOVER: You know, and it's not easy. And, you know, somebody shooting at you and all that stuff.

DONIN: Absolutely.

GLOVER: And then you see these idiots that run around.... As I said, I have one son who was a Marine and a grandson.

DONIN: Oh, terrific!

GLOVER: I know, but I had a lot more that weren't.

DONIN: Oh.

GLOVER: I mean I really enjoyed it. I won't say I enjoyed it. I loved it. I was proud to be a Marine. And once a Marine—I'm closer to Marines than a lot of people in Hanover.

DONIN: Oh, interesting.

GLOVER: Yes. Not necessarily...well, people that I served with like my I&I is probably my closest friend now. He went to Dartmouth but in a later class.

DONIN: Mm-hmm. What's I&I?

GLOVER: Inspector instructor.

DONIN: Oh.

GLOVER: I was the battalion commander of the unit in Boston, which had two companies in Boston, one in Hartford, Connecticut, one in Providence, one in Manchester, and one in Portland, Maine. So it was kind of a New England battalion. And he was the I&I that advised me what to do—supposedly.

DONIN: Oh, right. Were you treated—as a returning vet, were you treated differently, with more gratitude or respect or whatever by the students that were here on campus?

GLOVER: I think yes. Sure. There's a guilt feeling if you weren't in the service. Really, I mean I'm sure. Yes, I don't think there was any feeling against us or I mean particularly for us. But, you know, they drank with us. George Recke was a character. He had only one eye, so he didn't get in for a long time. [Laughs] But he was a civilian on campus before we left. And then of course he came—I don't think he came back after the war.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: And, you know, things like this.... Can I tell you about the Statler Hotel?

DONIN: Oh, yes.

GLOVER: You know before we actually.... Yes, this was before we were actually in V-12, while we were still civilians. And the football games went on both as civilians and as V-12. And V-12 had a marvelous team because they had all these guys from Boston College.

DONIN: Right.

GLOVER: In fact they played Notre Dame a couple of times.

DONIN: I've heard that, yes.

GLOVER: But it didn't last long. As soon as they went back, they didn't stay. But anyway, this Recke was a real character. He had a date which he eventually married, named Kit, and I can't think of her last name. His father was the doctor at the Statler Hotel in Boston.

DONIN: Oh, yes. Sure.

GLOVER: The Statler. And I had this girl Janet Eaton whose grandfather had a little company that made Pepto-Bismol and a few other things. A very nice girl, and she was going to Dana Hall. So we all met in a room; we had a room in the Statler. And, you know, do a lot of cuddling, but never any of the stuff that goes on nowadays. [Laughs] When I think how straitlaced, oh, God! But anyway, he married Kit eventually. And I guess he just died a little while ago.

DONIN: Oops let me turn over this tape here. Okay. Back to the Statler.

GLOVER: And Janet I eventually married. My first wife lasted I think 26 years, and then she got kind of sick of me.

DONIN: Oh.

GLOVER: And my friend Petey Lafond who was a Marine with me at Quantico and stayed in the Marine Corps.... And he was absolutely going to be a general because he had a regiment in Vietnam and all that stuff. But he came back, and he'd left his wife three times with his best friend in Skowhegan, Maine, of all places, where he came from. So the last time he came back, his wife told him she was going to divorce him. So he went into ballistics. He came up with McCloskey who was running for president at Hanover. We lived in Hanover. I came back from a trip, I don't know, somewhere, and he was still there a week later. And I said something. I really didn't care. But anyway, that next morning he was leaving for New Jersey, and he was taking my wife with him. And I said, "Petey, you're taking my wife away, and you're not even saying goodbye?" "Oh!", and he jumped up. He was a very moral person, supposedly. He jumped out and shook my hand and said, "No, no, no. We're just going down to...." Of course they had planned that they were going, but they hadn't told me yet. [Laughs] And I hate to keep diverging, but what he did, he drove her all the way to Connecticut where our daughter was and left her there. Then went to New

Jersey and picked up this woman from Skowhegan who had been married to his best friend; I mean his ex-best friend. And he had promised to marry her. But they didn't discuss it. They just got in the car and drove to Washington. He got to Washington, he said—whatever her name is—I'm sorry. I can't marry you. I'm going to marry Deanne Glover. She said, "You miserable—" You can imagine driving back. So the poor guy had driven from Hanover to Washington and back to New Jersey. Can you imagine that trip? I have to tell that story because it's.... [Laughs]

DONIN: Oh, to be a fly on the inside of that car.

GLOVER: Oh, God!

DONIN: Oh, my goodness! Oh, gee!

GLOVER: Yes, but that was life...

DONIN: Terrible! [Laughs] Well, you've had quite an interesting life.

GLOVER: Well, you've got to do something in 84 years.

DONIN: Yes, exactly. So I think we're done.

GLOVER: Alright.

DONIN: I think we're done. Unless there's something else that you wanted to talk about. I'm looking at the list here. I think we've covered it pretty well.

GLOVER: Okay.

DONIN: So you've spent almost your whole life in Hanover.

GLOVER: Off and on, yes. Yes, yes.

DONIN: Yes. That's great.

GLOVER: See, I was in the local schools for three years. And then I came back and was in Clark School for two years—that's Hanover. And then of course college.

DONIN: Mm-hmm.

GLOVER: Then I came back in '58, I think. Somebody died and left my wife some money, so we built a house. Meadow Lane. You know where Meadow Lane is? The other side of town.

DONIN: No.

GLOVER: Well, Rip Road goes along.

DONIN: Oh, yes.

GLOVER: You know when Rip Road. It was named after Rip Heneage, that stone house.

DONIN: Oh, yes. Right.

GLOVER: His wife bought that; she had the money and bought the stone house and all that land including the top of Balch Hill for \$40,000.

DONIN: Amazing!

GLOVER: She owned all that land. So anyway, that was.....

DONIN: Amazing!

GLOVER: They were trying to sell it, they were trying to develop it. And Dr. Bowler looked at it and figured—it was kind of a hill going down into it off Rip Road. So we built a house. We were the first house down there.

DONIN: Oh, nice.

GLOVER: And then Ort Hicks formed a group when he came to Hanover and developed the whole place. It was great. I didn't care.

DONIN: Uh-huh.

GLOVER: Hanover's changed.

DONIN: Yes, it has changed. It definitely has changed. OK, so I'm going to turn off these machines now.

[End of Interview]