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00:00:09,950 --> 00:00:07,820
Louis at one time your father was called

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00:00:12,470 --> 00:00:09,960
Arthur Stanley Jefferson and later on he

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00:00:15,169 --> 00:00:12,480
became one of the most famous comedians

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00:00:17,230 --> 00:00:15,179
in the world Stan Laurel and he worked

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00:00:20,990 --> 00:00:17,240
together with a man we all see on the

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00:00:23,440 --> 00:00:21,000
photographs as well Oliver Hardy when

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00:00:26,269 --> 00:00:23,450
did you get aware that he was such a

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00:00:29,540 --> 00:00:26,279
important comedian was that always even

9
00:00:31,760 --> 00:00:29,550
you were very young I think it was

10
00:00:33,380 --> 00:00:31,770
before I had started at school because I

11
00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:33,390
spent a lot of time at the Hal Roach

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00:00:38,360 --> 00:00:36,719
studios on the set at the same time they

13
00:00:41,689 --> 00:00:38,370

were making the our gang films and I

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00:00:43,610 --> 00:00:41,699

used to run away in from the sets of

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00:00:47,619 --> 00:00:43,620

Laurel & Hardy to go see what was

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00:00:52,130 --> 00:00:47,629

happening over with the kids and I

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00:00:54,049 --> 00:00:52,140

realized that all the fuss and the

18

00:00:57,639 --> 00:00:54,059

preparation of doing a scene and so

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00:01:02,209 --> 00:00:57,649

forth and that my father was somebody

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00:01:03,950 --> 00:01:02,219

except it in a way I felt he had a job

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00:01:07,580 --> 00:01:03,960

he went to work every morning he came

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00:01:09,649 --> 00:01:07,590

home at night just like any of the other

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00:01:11,749 --> 00:01:09,659

children's fathers did you realize the

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00:01:13,760 --> 00:01:11,759

result immense popular throughout the

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00:01:16,520 --> 00:01:13,770

world and was that a local thing for you

26
00:01:18,800 --> 00:01:16,530
well and I think they were more popular

27
00:01:20,690 --> 00:01:18,810
it seemed to me that they were more

28
00:01:25,580 --> 00:01:20,700
popular in the foreign countries really

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00:01:29,660 --> 00:01:25,590
than they were in this area that's why

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00:01:34,700 --> 00:01:29,670
it seemed to me anyway when they went

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00:01:37,249 --> 00:01:34,710
abroad on their tours and for holiday I

32
00:01:41,660 --> 00:01:37,259
did see the films especially from their

33
00:01:45,260 --> 00:01:41,670
1933 trip the crowds were just like 50

34
00:01:47,510 --> 00:01:45,270
deep and they were overwhelmed they

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00:01:51,109 --> 00:01:47,520
didn't realize that they were that

36
00:01:53,810 --> 00:01:51,119
popular until they they actually went

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00:01:56,469 --> 00:01:53,820
over there and how did you relate to all

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00:02:01,219 --> 00:01:56,479

of her hearty oh he was a wonderful man

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00:02:05,510 --> 00:02:01,229

I just adored him he would come to the

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00:02:09,770 --> 00:02:05,520

house often and I got up to an age I

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00:02:12,410 --> 00:02:09,780

must have been maybe four and by this

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00:02:13,040 --> 00:02:12,420

time I would be taken into the screening

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00:02:14,690 --> 00:02:13,050

room or

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00:02:17,570 --> 00:02:14,700

go to the movies to see the Laurel and

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00:02:20,000 --> 00:02:17,580

Hardy films and on the screen I suddenly

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00:02:24,020 --> 00:02:20,010

realized that here was this big man

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00:02:25,610 --> 00:02:24,030

beating up my father and I didn't think

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00:02:29,420 --> 00:02:25,620

I liked it at one bit

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00:02:31,880 --> 00:02:29,430

so then following week my mother said

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00:02:33,860 --> 00:02:31,890

that when Oliver Hardy came to the house

51
00:02:36,640 --> 00:02:33,870
but I wouldn't have anything to do with

52
00:02:40,700 --> 00:02:36,650
him I didn't want to talk to him I just

53
00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:40,710
didn't say anything and we have some

54
00:02:47,000 --> 00:02:44,610
home movies where it's very obvious that

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00:02:49,220 --> 00:02:47,010
something was wrong but I hadn't said

56
00:02:51,080 --> 00:02:49,230
anything to my parents like I don't like

57
00:02:51,470 --> 00:02:51,090
uncle Bay beating up my father or

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00:02:55,670 --> 00:02:51,480
anything

59
00:03:00,190 --> 00:02:55,680
and finally they realized what it what

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00:03:03,230 --> 00:03:00,200
why I thought that I didn't like him and

61
00:03:06,380 --> 00:03:03,240
so my father said well he would remedy

62
00:03:08,600 --> 00:03:06,390
that so he wrote a script where he got

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:08,610

the best of all of our hearty and took

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00:03:12,020 --> 00:03:10,080

after him with a piece of lumber and I

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00:03:17,330 --> 00:03:12,030

thought oh my father can take care of

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00:03:19,610 --> 00:03:17,340

myself I was very pleased oh yes

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00:03:21,860 --> 00:03:19,620

and he can be very serious as well

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00:03:26,140 --> 00:03:21,870

especially when he would get ideas for

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00:03:29,570 --> 00:03:26,150

stories or be working on a storyline and

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00:03:32,030 --> 00:03:29,580

but I seem to sense when it was time to

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00:03:36,530 --> 00:03:32,040

to play and when it was time to be quiet

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00:03:38,810 --> 00:03:36,540

and and let him do his writing now later

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00:03:40,430 --> 00:03:38,820

on he divorced your mother and where

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00:03:42,350 --> 00:03:40,440

you're still around with him oh I was

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00:03:45,590 --> 00:03:42,360

quite small when they divorced yeah um

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00:03:49,520 --> 00:03:45,600
five or six however I was there weekends

77
00:03:53,540 --> 00:03:49,530
and my mother was not did not try to

78
00:03:56,590 --> 00:03:53,550
keep me from seeing my father and so I

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00:03:59,440 --> 00:03:56,600
was with him quite a bit at the time

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00:04:01,850 --> 00:03:59,450
before he father died he already enjoyed

81
00:04:04,220 --> 00:04:01,860
the revival of the long Hardy films

82
00:04:07,160 --> 00:04:04,230
right I think Oliver Hardy sort of

83
00:04:11,060 --> 00:04:07,170
missed it in 556 yes on television as

84
00:04:14,540 --> 00:04:11,070
much my father was very unhappy with a

85
00:04:16,370 --> 00:04:14,550
lot of the television programming for

86
00:04:18,020 --> 00:04:16,380
the Laurel and Hardy films because

87
00:04:21,349 --> 00:04:18,030
number one they cut them to a timeslot

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00:04:25,080 --> 00:04:21,359

and cut them very badly where they would

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00:04:27,870 --> 00:04:25,090

lose what he had worked so hard to build

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00:04:30,540 --> 00:04:27,880

to a certain gag and a lot of times

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00:04:32,310 --> 00:04:30,550

there was a baseball game on and it was

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00:04:35,790 --> 00:04:32,320

rained out they throw on a Laurel &

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00:04:38,190 --> 00:04:35,800

Hardy and it would be rare it might come

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00:04:40,800 --> 00:04:38,200

on in the middle of a film and he was

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00:04:42,000 --> 00:04:40,810

not happy with that but he was excited

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00:04:44,820 --> 00:04:42,010

that it all came back

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00:04:48,810 --> 00:04:44,830

oh yes yes but he just wished that they

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00:04:50,879 --> 00:04:48,820

could have it it bothered him that a lot

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00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:50,889

of what he had worked so hard for was

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00:04:55,409 --> 00:04:53,440

ruined and he didn't want the public to

101
00:04:57,629 --> 00:04:55,419
see it that way there's there's some

102
00:05:02,219 --> 00:04:57,639
things from a long hardy which will

103
00:05:05,280 --> 00:05:02,229
remain forever one of them is dis and

104
00:05:08,540 --> 00:05:05,290
the other one is probably this lazy ears

105
00:05:11,790 --> 00:05:08,550
he knows he and the finger wiggle ring

106
00:05:14,460 --> 00:05:11,800
where does it come from well I was used

107
00:05:18,150 --> 00:05:14,470
in Friday off for yes my cousin Nancy

108
00:05:20,730 --> 00:05:18,160
Wardell says that she had seen her

109
00:05:22,950 --> 00:05:20,740
grandfather rehearsing my father in

110
00:05:25,050 --> 00:05:22,960
doing this now whether my father had

111
00:05:28,320 --> 00:05:25,060
done it as a child and had forgotten or

112
00:05:30,540 --> 00:05:28,330
what that that I don't know but or

113
00:05:33,690 --> 00:05:30,550

whether my father grandfather invented

114

00:05:36,680 --> 00:05:33,700

it I read that I really don't know but

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00:05:39,420 --> 00:05:36,690

she can recall seeing her grandfather

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00:05:42,060 --> 00:05:39,430

teaching it or rehearsing my father

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00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:42,070

through it and my father then when he

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00:05:47,520 --> 00:05:44,320

came back to America I'll put it into

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00:05:49,560 --> 00:05:47,530

his next film there's a whole line of

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00:05:52,620 --> 00:05:49,570

performance in your family it's not only

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00:05:55,710 --> 00:05:52,630

Stan it's also his father and maybe even

122

00:05:57,540 --> 00:05:55,720

before I don't know you could tell us is

123

00:06:00,150 --> 00:05:57,550

there what Stan's kind of grandfather

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00:06:01,050 --> 00:06:00,160

also a vaudeville uh in in theater

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00:06:08,520 --> 00:06:01,060

management

126

00:06:11,790 --> 00:06:08,530

really and then my father's mother was

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00:06:13,800 --> 00:06:11,800

England's greatest tragedian and she was

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00:06:16,560 --> 00:06:13,810

in the theater in fact really that's

129

00:06:18,810 --> 00:06:16,570

where she met my grandfather my father's

130

00:06:23,969 --> 00:06:18,820

then your husband is in fourth film he's

131

00:06:27,900 --> 00:06:23,979

a performer yes well we have one coming

132

00:06:30,620 --> 00:06:27,910

up cook time cook who looks just like my

133

00:06:36,750 --> 00:06:30,630

father did at the age that he is now 13

134

00:06:37,920 --> 00:06:36,760

my middle grandson Patrick resembles my

135

00:06:41,630 --> 00:06:37,930

father and

136

00:06:44,340 --> 00:06:41,640

at an earlier age 3/4 in there but

137

00:06:46,710 --> 00:06:44,350

young-sam has even to their ginger red

138

00:06:51,420 --> 00:06:46,720

hair and he's bound to determined that

139

00:06:53,100 --> 00:06:51,430

he wants to be in the business already

140

00:06:55,380 --> 00:06:53,110

died in 56 your father in the early

141

00:06:58,620 --> 00:06:55,390

sixties right oliver hardy died in two

142

00:07:01,620 --> 00:06:58,630

others 257 and my father died in

143

00:07:04,920 --> 00:07:01,630

february of 65 that's more than 20 years

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00:07:06,570 --> 00:07:04,930

ago he's still music oh yes but I think

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00:07:09,720 --> 00:07:06,580

I'm very fortunate I think our whole

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00:07:12,570 --> 00:07:09,730

family is fortunate to be able to turn

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00:07:15,090 --> 00:07:12,580

on the television in order to to put on

148

00:07:17,310 --> 00:07:15,100

a videotape it's kind of like having the

149

00:07:19,470 --> 00:07:17,320

family around even though they're gone

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00:07:22,110 --> 00:07:19,480

the first few years after my father

151
00:07:24,060 --> 00:07:22,120
passed away I couldn't go through any of

152
00:07:28,430 --> 00:07:24,070
the memorabilia or the scrapbooks or

153
00:07:33,330 --> 00:07:28,440
even watch them on television but

154
00:07:36,600 --> 00:07:33,340
finally one day when my first grandchild

155
00:07:38,340 --> 00:07:36,610
was born my daughter brought him home

156
00:07:41,370 --> 00:07:38,350
for her first Christmas with the family

157
00:07:44,370 --> 00:07:41,380
and it happened it happens here that on

158
00:07:46,440 --> 00:07:44,380
Christmas Day they usually run babes in

159
00:07:49,500 --> 00:07:46,450
toyland or Swiss mints or one of those

160
00:07:51,630 --> 00:07:49,510
films and my daughter said she came out

161
00:07:53,220 --> 00:07:51,640
to the kitchen and she said grandma's

162
00:07:55,770 --> 00:07:53,230
our mother she said isn't it wonderful

163
00:07:58,350 --> 00:07:55,780

that we can have grandpa with us every