

**EEH: Hurricane Camille Transcript**

00;00;00;18 - 00;00;03;10

Hello, listeners and welcome to Elisha's Eerie History!

[Song "Elisha's Eerie History" by Sydney followed by drum break.]

Hello listeners,

00;00;03;10 - 00;00;05;00

I am Elisha.

00;00;05;00 - 00;00;08;14

And today I have special guest

00;00;08;25 - 00;00;11;25

and star Arlo.

00;00;11;28 - 00;00;14;05

Arlo is a friend of mine.

00;00;14;05 - 00;00;15;17

A friend of the pod.

00;00;15;17 - 00;00;20;06

Arlo is from the region of Virginia  
that today's episode is about.

00;00;20;07 - 00;00;25;02

So hopefully they can bring us  
their personal takes on

00;00;25;17 - 00;00;28;08

all the tea happening.

00;00;28;08 - 00;00;29;16

Without further ado.

00;00;29;16 - 00;00;32;16

Arlo, thank you.

00;00;33;09 - 00;00;35;03

Do you want to.

00;00;35;03 - 00;00;37;20

Let them know anything about you?

00;00;37;20 - 00;00;40;06

Do you have anything.

You want them to know?

00;00;40;06 - 00;00;41;11

Well, Elisha and

00;00;41;11 - 00;00;44;12

I have been friends

for a good amount of years.

00;00;44;12 - 00;00;45;29

Couple years now?

00;00;45;29 - 00;00;46;10

Yeah.

00;00;46;10 - 00;00;51;28

Elisha has visited my hometown,  
which we'll talk about. Yes.

00;00;52;18 - 00;00;53;24

Well, we'll get into the.

00;00;53;24 - 00;00;55;18

Hillbilly of it all.

00;00;55;18 - 00;00;58;04

Yeah.

00;00;58;04 - 00;01;01;02

I mean, that's about all perfect.

00;01;01;02 - 00;01;02;00

Perfect. Yeah.

00;01;02;00 - 00;01;02;17  
I'm excited.

00;01;02;17 - 00;01;05;01  
We are going  
to get to the hillbilly of it all.

00;01;05;01 - 00;01;07;26  
Without further ado,

00;01;07;26 - 00;01;10;15  
I'm going to get into today's topic, which

00;01;10;15 - 00;01;13;19  
is Hurricane Camille.

00;01;14;18 - 00;01;15;29  
So Hurricane

00;01;15;29 - 00;01;19;03  
Camille is a Category five hurricane

00;01;19;16 - 00;01;25;04  
that on July 15th, 1969,  
came up the Gulf of Mexico

00;01;25;04 - 00;01;28;07  
into Mississippi and Louisiana  
and then traveled

00;01;28;07 - 00;01;31;07  
north into Virginia.

00;01;31;09 - 00;01;36;07  
It was one of the three category five  
hurricanes ever to hit the United States.

00;01;36;17 - 00;01;41;06  
The hurricane experienced  
winds of over 200 miles per hour.

00;01;41;17 - 00;01;47;09

And it dropped 27 inches of rain  
in Virginia, killing a total of 153

00;01;47;09 - 00;01;52;09

people, causing \$116 million in damages.

00;01;53;00 - 00;01;54;00

Yeah.

00;01;54;00 - 00;01;57;20

I don't I don't know  
if you're going to mention this.

00;01;58;05 - 00;02;01;27

I don't know if it's even publicized  
or written anywhere,

00;02;01;27 - 00;02;05;14

but I had a teacher in Nelson

00;02;05;14 - 00;02;09;10

County tell us that there is a theory  
that I

00;02;09;23 - 00;02;13;29

I don't know if you know Creedence  
Clearwater Revival, that Moon Rising.

00;02;14;06 - 00;02;17;06

Okay. Now came out in the same year.

00;02;17;10 - 00;02;19;08

Okay.

00;02;19;08 - 00;02;20;01

There is a theory.

00;02;20;01 - 00;02;23;09

It was about the same like  
it was about Camille.

00;02;23;17 - 00;02;24;19

Is it a movie?

00;02;24;19 - 00;02;26;06

It's a song.

00;02;26;06 - 00;02;28;17

It's a hippie song. Cute.

00;02;28;17 - 00;02;30;22

It probably. Is. It's a very sorry.

00;02;30;22 - 00;02;32;23

It's a famous hippie song.

00;02;32;23 - 00;02;35;00

I actually think I saw this song  
in my research.

00;02;35;00 - 00;02;36;14

Maybe. Okay.

00;02;36;14 - 00;02;37;18

Maybe not, though.

00;02;37;18 - 00;02;39;10

Well, we can listen to it later.

00;02;39;10 - 00;02;40;08

My bad.

00;02;40;08 - 00;02;43;02

you might be asking me, Elisha,

00;02;44;01 - 00;02;45;07

why are we

00;02;45;07 - 00;02;48;14

talking about a hurricane in Virginia?

00;02;49;05 - 00;02;51;27

Oh my God. I'm so glad you asked.

00;02;51;27 - 00;02;54;07

So, as Arlo knows.

00;02;54;07 - 00;03;00;03

Camille, when I went up into Virginia  
and I actually sat over Central Virginia,

00;03;00;03 - 00;03;04;12

the location which we haven't said yet,  
I don't believe is Nelson County.

00;03;05;20 - 00;03;13;24

Yay, Arlo is like ugh. Arlo and I are

00;03;13;24 - 00;03;16;17

Actually from a similar part of Virginia.

00;03;16;17 - 00;03;19;25

We're from like Central  
Southwest Virginia.

00;03;21;02 - 00;03;24;08

right up 29,  
which didn't exist at the time.

00;03;24;20 - 00;03;25;14

Yeah.

00;03;25;14 - 00;03;26;04

to talk a little.

00;03;26;04 - 00;03;28;21

Bit about the geography there  
and why Camille stayed

00;03;28;21 - 00;03;32;11

there as it is east of the Blue Ridge  
Mountains, I believe.

00;03;32;18 - 00;03;34;02  
No West.

00;03;34;02 - 00;03;36;08  
No East. Well, kind of about.

00;03;36;08 - 00;03;38;09  
My knowledge of Virginia.

00;03;38;09 - 00;03;41;08  
Geography is shameful.

00;03;41;08 - 00;03;44;06  
I forget. I know of all the towns.

00;03;44;06 - 00;03;49;11  
I know of all the locations,  
but my brain rearranges in Fairfax.

00;03;49;23 - 00;03;51;14  
I know. Now it's in Nova.

00;03;52;15 - 00;03;54;23  
However, I forget.

00;03;54;23 - 00;03;57;07  
Yeah, there is like a Halifax and.

00;03;57;07 - 00;03;58;15  
Southern Virginia too.

00;03;58;15 - 00;04;01;28  
So they sound similar, regardless,  
to say

00;04;01;28 - 00;04;05;00  
the Blue Ridge Mountains  
cut in between Nelson County. Yes.

00;04;05;01 - 00;04;08;10

And because of that it takes storms

00;04;08;18 - 00;04;11;18  
a while to move out of the area.

00;04;11;26 - 00;04;14;09  
And because of that, this hurricane

00;04;14;09 - 00;04;17;09  
grew to be as big as it was.

00;04;17;10 - 00;04;21;03  
But before we get in there,  
we always like to do a little review.

00;04;21;09 - 00;04;23;28  
We talk about the reviews of the location.

00;04;23;28 - 00;04;29;06  
yes. Now I chose to do the Nelson County  
Historical Society. Oh lovely?

00;04;29;09 - 00;04;30;17  
Yeah, I've been there.

00;04;30;17 - 00;04;32;24  
Have you been there? Yeah, It was cool.

00;04;32;24 - 00;04;33;28  
It was a. Fabulous.

00;04;33;28 - 00;04;35;19  
Yeah, it was pretty nice.

00;04;35;19 - 00;04;37;22  
I don't remember.

00;04;37;22 - 00;04;41;12  
I mean, it's high school  
- a while ago -  
I wasn't a person yet.



00;04;41;21 - 00;04;44;16

Right. But the tour guide was lovely.

00;04;44;16 - 00;04;48;22

And the same person  
who talked about the CCR song.

00;04;48;22 - 00;04;50;13

I'm like.

00;04;50;13 - 00;04;52;12

Kind of like talking with a tour guide.

00;04;52;12 - 00;04;54;14

But yeah, they gave us some pretty.

00;04;54;14 - 00;04;57;04

Like,  
they have a pretty in-depth exhibit.

00;04;57;04 - 00;04;59;18

On Hurricane Camille there, Right?

00;04;59;18 - 00;05;02;10

I remember correctly. Which.

00;05;02;10 - 00;05;03;04

Who knows?

00;05;03;04 - 00;05;03;22

Yeah.

00;05;03;22 - 00;05;06;15

Well, once we see the reviews.

00;05;06;15 - 00;05;07;20

Maybe there'll still give more light,

00;05;07;20 - 00;05;11;20

but I think it might have gotten smaller

or changed since then.

00;05;12;09 - 00;05;14;15

but yes, they are.

00;05;14;15 - 00;05;17;25

They go to resource on Hurricane Camille. Yes.

00;05;17;25 - 00;05;19;26

let's get into the reviews.

00;05;19;26 - 00;05;22;26

so they have a 4.6 out of five stars.

00;05;23;09 - 00;05;23;26

Good job.

00;05;23;26 - 00;05;26;27

Nelson

County Historical Society. Promising!

00;05;27;09 - 00;05;28;22

I have three reviews here.

00;05;28;22 - 00;05;31;25

The first one is from four years ago by Tim Webber.

00;05;31;25 - 00;05;34;21

Do you know Tim Weber your fellow Nelson County-er.

00;05;34;21 - 00;05;36;00

You think we all know each other?

00;05;36;00 - 00;05;39;04

No, I'm just hoping you know some.

00;05;39;08 - 00;05;43;00

What you're going to know people later that we talk about what you said.

00;05;43;00 - 00;05;44;05

You heard the name.

00;05;44;05 - 00;05;49;09

Okay, Well, okay, we  
we do recognize each other by last name.

00;05;49;09 - 00;05;53;22

And like, the typical thing is like,  
if you if you're talking

00;05;53;22 - 00;05;57;05

about a classmate when you're young  
and when you're young in Nelson,

00;05;57;15 - 00;06;01;04

it's the question your parents will ask  
is like, well, who's their daddy?

00;06;01;20 - 00;06;04;05

and that's how they ask. Like the family.

00;06;04;05 - 00;06;07;04

They're part of the,  
you know, the big family.

00;06;07;04 - 00;06;07;18

Yeah.

00;06;07;18 - 00;06;10;21

It's like it's like, it's like, you know.

00;06;11;06 - 00;06;13;19

Were you going to say Shifflett?. Yeah.

00;06;13;19 - 00;06;16;19

So on episode two, the Pocosin Mission

00;06;17;00 - 00;06;21;05

I, I cut out every reference to Shifflett

because they

00;06;21;05 - 00;06;22;22  
weren't involved in the mission.

00;06;22;22 - 00;06;25;14  
But if I censored myself, Yeah.

00;06;25;14 - 00;06;26;24  
If you're from Central Virginia

00;06;26;24 - 00;06;30;17  
you know that like Shiffletts  
are like a huge family.

00;06;31;07 - 00;06;33;23  
The Shiffletts and my family go way back. Really?

00;06;33;23 - 00;06;34;19  
Yeah.

00;06;34;19 - 00;06;36;04  
We're we're all good friends.

00;06;36;04 - 00;06;38;19  
That's another episode, guys. Okay.

00;06;38;19 - 00;06;41;20  
But yeah, like  
you always ask the last name

00;06;41;20 - 00;06;45;04  
and then which one's saying,

00;06;45;06 - 00;06;48;06  
okay, Yeah, yeah, oh.

00;06;48;15 - 00;06;50;27  
We'll see if I know any. Okay.

00;06;50;27 - 00;06;51;25

Okay.

00;06;51;25 - 00;06;54;13

Well, Tim Weber from four years ago says

00;06;54;13 - 00;06;58;08

wonderfully informative exhibits  
and incredibly friendly staff.

00;06;58;17 - 00;07;02;18

There is an awful lot  
packed into a relatively small space here.

00;07;02;27 - 00;07;03;29

The stories and photos

00;07;03;29 - 00;07;08;13

documenting the Hurricane Camille disaster  
tell the human side of the tragedy.

00;07;08;22 - 00;07;11;08

Have a look and a listen. Dot, dot, dot.

00;07;11;08 - 00;07;12;29

You won't be disappointed.

00;07;14;01 - 00;07;14;23

Second review.

00;07;14;23 - 00;07;17;06

Is by Jay Beard is from a year ago.

00;07;17;06 - 00;07;20;13

He said I wanted more information  
on Hurricane Camille.

00;07;20;13 - 00;07;24;16

And this is the go to place in quotation  
marks for the history

00;07;24;16 - 00;07;26;12

of that devastating storm.

00;07;26;12 - 00;07;28;27  
So this is from a year ago,  
which makes me feel like.

00;07;28;27 - 00;07;31;13  
Maybe they should fund. The exhibit  
change.

00;07;31;13 - 00;07;32;16  
Is it not funded?

00;07;32;16 - 00;07;33;22  
I don't know.

00;07;33;22 - 00;07;34;02  
Well, it.

00;07;34;02 - 00;07;36;15  
Was an uneducated thing that I said.

00;07;36;15 - 00;07;39;14  
I. I listen to a podcast

00;07;39;17 - 00;07;42;26  
where someone interviewed  
some survivors of Hurricane Camille,

00;07;42;26 - 00;07;46;24  
and it was last year and they did it  
at the Nelson County Historical Society.

00;07;46;26 - 00;07;48;15  
Yeah.

00;07;48;15 - 00;07;51;00  
Anyways, next review by Pat Harris.

00;07;51;00 - 00;07;52;10  
This is also from four years ago.

00;07;52;10 - 00;07;56;14

They said the society works very hard  
to provide the very best

00;07;56;14 - 00;08;00;24

and historical information and artifacts  
and a format that everyone can enjoy.

00;08;00;28 - 00;08;02;27

Nelson County Historical Society fights

00;08;02;27 - 00;08;06;26

tirelessly  
to preserve our Nelson County heritage.

00;08;06;26 - 00;08;08;06

Well done.

00;08;08;06 - 00;08;11;19

And I want to say that  
this is like the mood for who

00;08;11;21 - 00;08;14;11

Nelson County is as a culture.

00;08;14;11 - 00;08;17;15

This kind of spoke at all to be like,

00;08;18;00 - 00;08;23;18

I feel like you guys really support  
each other for the most part,

00;08;23;19 - 00;08;27;28

maybe not, but from what I've experienced  
from Nelson County people,

00;08;27;28 - 00;08;32;11

it's like they're like rural people  
that have more sense of like.

00;08;32;24 - 00;08;33;24

You know, struggle.

00;08;33;24 - 00;08;39;08

Together versus like other places  
like where I'm from in Lynchburg.

00;08;39;08 - 00;08;40;20

That's not the how.

00;08;40;20 - 00;08;43;13

Have you been to any of our communities  
centers?

00;08;43;13 - 00;08;44;00

I haven't.

00;08;44;00 - 00;08;45;19

I've been to the.

00;08;45;19 - 00;08;47;16

farmer's market with you one. Yes.

00;08;47;16 - 00;08;49;28

And I just remember  
I don't know, I remember

00;08;49;28 - 00;08;52;28

how chill it was compared  
to the Charlottesville market.

00;08;53;00 - 00;08;56;02

It's my favorite one for that reason. Yeah.

00;08;56;09 - 00;08;59;00

and also,  
there's a lot of communes out there.

00;08;59;00 - 00;08;59;21

Yeah.



00;08;59;21 - 00;09;04;02

Which gives it like a super  
like flower child vibe.

00;09;04;02 - 00;09;06;25

And you have to own land on the communes.

00;09;06;25 - 00;09;07;28

you do. Yeah.

00;09;07;28 - 00;09;11;17

I mean you can have like, you know  
if you want to be there you can have

00;09;11;17 - 00;09;16;08

someone like, you know, vouch for you,  
you know, if you want to live there.

00;09;16;09 - 00;09;19;21

I mean it's,  
it's still ownership of the land, right?

00;09;20;01 - 00;09;22;25

So that's, I mean that's common

00;09;22;25 - 00;09;26;25

to communist general but Yeah, but yeah,

00;09;26;25 - 00;09;30;20

it is something that like  
there is in Albemarle County as well.

00;09;30;20 - 00;09;35;08

It's and there I suppose  
probably is in other parts of south.

00;09;35;27 - 00;09;37;17

Or South Central.

00;09;37;17 - 00;09;39;20

South West Virginia. West.

00;09;39;20 - 00;09;40;09

Yeah.

00;09;40;09 - 00;09;44;14

I don't know, I don't remember  
any communes being in Lynchburg.

00;09;44;14 - 00;09;46;02

I might be ignorant.

00;09;46;02 - 00;09;49;12

I know there are around here  
but I don't know about Lynchburg.

00;09;49;12 - 00;09;52;14

Well, I just feel like Lynchburg.

00;09;52;16 - 00;09;54;09

Mega-churches. Yes, I was going to say.

00;09;54;09 - 00;09;56;12

We were more of  
like a religious community.

00;09;56;12 - 00;10;00;13

So the vibe, because Nelson  
isn't like a religious community to me.

00;10;00;17 - 00;10;02;03

Yeah, not entirely.

00;10;02;03 - 00;10;04;22

There are certainly religious groups.

00;10;04;22 - 00;10;06;11

Certainly there is.

00;10;06;11 - 00;10;11;24

I would even say that the majority  
are religious like or are Christian.

00;10;11;24 - 00;10;17;11

But yeah, they're just like different divisions of that.

00;10;17;11 - 00;10;17;19

Yeah.

00;10;17;19 - 00;10;20;00

And like,  
you know, you have your non-denominational

00;10;20;00 - 00;10;25;08

and Catholic and like different groups instead of like, of the.

00;10;26;17 - 00;10;27;10

evangelical.

00;10;27;10 - 00;10;29;08

More of the evangelical.

00;10;29;08 - 00;10;30;24

I know there are fewer kind.

00;10;30;24 - 00;10;32;14

Of like evangelical churches.

00;10;32;14 - 00;10;33;29

Totally, totally

00;10;33;29 - 00;10;37;09

you have to kind of go out of the county for that kind of thing.

00;10;37;12 - 00;10;40;16

Yeah. Yeah. It's more like. Rural church.

00;10;40;29 - 00;10;43;10

Or did at least. When I saw growing up.

00;10;43;10 - 00;10;46;06

Yeah, yeah, totally.

00;10;46;06 - 00;10;48;20

Arlo doesn't live there anymore.

00;10;48;20 - 00;10;52;25

So please don't take what they say  
as the Nelson County truth.

00;10;52;25 - 00;10;55;11

It's not the Gospel Church.

00;10;55;11 - 00;10;58;18

But they're talking  
from previous experience.

00;10;58;21 - 00;11;00;02

Yes. Okay.

00;11;00;02 - 00;11;02;14

I am one person.

00;11;02;14 - 00;11;05;13

So I have so many resources from this.

00;11;05;22 - 00;11;09;02

I'm just going to post all the sources  
this time instead of saying them all

00;11;09;02 - 00;11;12;11

because, well, literally be here  
for half an hour and I'm not stealing

00;11;12;11 - 00;11;13;12

Nobody's thunder.

00;11;13;12 - 00;11;16;10

So y'all  
look up, y'all read the description,

00;11;16;10 - 00;11;19;02

I write them for you, none,  
y'all read them. Yeah you don't

00;11;19;02 - 00;11;20;23

even hide them in like, a document.

00;11;20;23 - 00;11;23;17

You put it right there. Yeah, Cause  
I don't want to get sued.

00;11;23;17 - 00;11;24;22

I don't know the rules. That's great.

00;11;24;22 - 00;11;27;14

Yeah, well, better like,  
you're not hiding anything.

00;11;27;14 - 00;11;28;00

That's perfect.

00;11;28;00 - 00;11;29;13

Yeah, I'm not trying to hide anything,

00;11;29;13 - 00;11;31;18

and I'm trying to be investigative,  
so that's why I just.

00;11;31;18 - 00;11;35;02

I put, like, the brief little blurb,  
and then I just put all the sources.

00;11;35;02 - 00;11;37;00

I'll even put, like, the graphic art.

00;11;37;00 - 00;11;42;14

I stole on the internet, like, not stole, but  
like, you know, common use or whatever.

00;11;42;15 - 00;11;43;26

Derived, derived.

00;11;45;21 - 00;11;46;22

Okay.

00;11;46;22 - 00;11;48;11

So let's began.

00;11;48;11 - 00;11;49;19

let's kind of break down.

00;11;49;19 - 00;11;53;20

Let's get science

first back and let's break down

00;11;53;20 - 00;11;56;19

what makes a hurricane really, really bad.

00;11;56;22 - 00;11;59;00

Kind of bad. Not so bad.

00;11;59;00 - 00;12;02;18

and we are now on August 19th

and August 20th,

00;12;02;18 - 00;12;05;17

when the hurricane sits over

Nelson County.

00;12;05;17 - 00;12;08;16

The Hurricane Camille is stretch

from Fredericksburg,

00;12;08;16 - 00;12;11;15

Virginia, all the way to West Virginia.

00;12;11;17 - 00;12;14;12

And overnight in about 6 hours,

00;12;14;12 - 00;12;17;12

Nelson County received

27 inches of rainfall.

00;12;17;19 - 00;12;20;10

There are three main factors that go.

00;12;20;10 - 00;12;22;09

Into a hurricane.

00;12;22;09 - 00;12;26;22

The first is our wind and rain ratios.

00;12;26;24 - 00;12;30;22

So are we having 200 mile gusts?

00;12;30;27 - 00;12;33;24

Are we having 50 mile per hour gusts?

00;12;33;24 - 00;12;37;07

Is it raining 50% of the maximum amount?

00;12;37;07 - 00;12;40;12

Is it raining 80% of the maximum amount.

00;12;41;00 - 00;12;44;11

So yeah, those are the  
that's the first thing

00;12;44;16 - 00;12;49;02

that kind of determines  
the quality of a hurricane.

00;12;49;16 - 00;12;53;20

Second is the hurricane fast moving?

00;12;53;23 - 00;12;57;25

Is it slow moving and then third is storm

00;12;57;25 - 00;13;01;23

surges, flash flooding, storm surges,

00;13;01;23 - 00;13;06;03

flash flooding make up for nine

out of ten deaths in a hurricane.

00;13;06;03 - 00;13;06;21

Typically

00;13;07;27 - 00;13;10;14

in our case, in Nelson County,

00;13;10;14 - 00;13;13;19

rain was at a 100%.

00;13;13;28 - 00;13;18;27

The National Weather Service at the time reported that it was the probable

00;13;18;27 - 00;13;24;09

maximum rainfall, which meteorologists compute to be theoretically possible.

00;13;24;22 - 00;13;27;11

That came down on Nelson County that day.

00;13;27;11 - 00;13;30;27

Yeah, I

this is something I remember hearing about

00;13;30;27 - 00;13;35;05

when I was really young is the humidity and the rainfall.

00;13;35;06 - 00;13;35;20

Yeah.

00;13;35;20 - 00;13;36;23

And I.

00;13;36;23 - 00;13;40;27

Again, I don't know if you have something about this in your sources,

00;13;40;27 - 00;13;47;00



but I was told by my mom that the humidity  
and rainfall was so great

00;13;47;00 - 00;13;51;27  
that people reported that livestock  
were drowning from breathing the. Air.

00;13;51;28 - 00;13;53;11  
Really? Yeah.

00;13;53;11 - 00;13;54;20  
And that's. Anecdotal.

00;13;54;20 - 00;13;55;24  
Yeah, of course.

00;13;55;24 - 00;13;58;14  
Secondary or tertiary source.

00;13;58;14 - 00;14;01;01  
Yeah. That's what was said.

00;14;01;01 - 00;14;05;06  
a lot of it we're going to go into today  
is also about how lake farmers suffered

00;14;05;11 - 00;14;06;21  
from. All of this.

00;14;06;21 - 00;14;09;06  
also why this hurricane was so horrible.

00;14;09;06 - 00;14;14;14  
And Nelson County is a series of waterways  
that connect to the James River.

00;14;15;03 - 00;14;20;00  
And because of this when  
there was flooding, you couldn't escape.

00;14;20;00 - 00;14;23;13

We were inland and so it rapidly

00;14;23;13 - 00;14;27;00  
increased we'll get into that experience.

00;14;27;00 - 00;14;31;07  
But that was the main cause  
of all the suffering people

00;14;31;07 - 00;14;35;11  
went to bed that night, not realizing  
how intense the storm was going to be.

00;14;35;23 - 00;14;38;17  
And then people in Lynchburg  
and in Charlottesville on either

00;14;38;17 - 00;14;43;27  
side of Nelson County had woke up having  
no idea everything that had just occurred.

00;14;44;01 - 00;14;49;10  
So let's get and to an example  
of what happened that night

00;14;49;10 - 00;14;53;04  
and that'll open us up to understanding the experience

00;14;53;04 - 00;14;56;12  
more to then talk about what happened  
and adding personal anecdotes.

00;14;56;12 - 00;15;00;04  
So we're going to go over the story  
of Warren Raines.

00;15;00;05 - 00;15;01;11  
Have you heard this story?

00;15;01;11 - 00;15;02;03  
Yeah. Okay.

00;15;02;03 - 00;15;04;17

Um we read it when I was in high school.

00;15;04;17 - 00;15;05;18

Okay. Okay.

00;15;05;18 - 00;15;05;27

Yeah.

00;15;05;27 - 00;15;09;06

He's like the really popular person  
to give his take

00;15;09;06 - 00;15;12;06

because he's one of the few residents  
that will speak about it.

00;15;12;08 - 00;15;15;01

A lot of the survivors  
don't want to speak about it

00;15;15;01 - 00;15;16;16

because it was so traumatizing.

00;15;16;16 - 00;15;21;14

Warren Raines was 14  
when Hurricane Camille happened

00;15;21;24 - 00;15;25;15

and his family, had two sisters,

00;15;25;15 - 00;15;28;26

two brothers, so five children in total,  
and then a mom and a dad.

00;15;29;10 - 00;15;33;09

And they lived in an area of Nelson  
County called the Davis Creek

00;15;33;09 - 00;15;36;13

Maxie Mill, Massey's Mill area.

00;15;36;13 - 00;15;38;28

Massey's mill is where they lived.

00;15;38;28 - 00;15;42;01

And they went to bed that night

00;15;42;01 - 00;15;45;06

thinking this is a normal storm.

00;15;45;11 - 00;15;48;01

Nothing serious is going to happen.

00;15;48;01 - 00;15;50;09

It's like. It's like white noise. Yeah.

00;15;50;09 - 00;15;52;03

And if you live in this area,

00;15;52;03 - 00;15;56;06

you know, we have storms all the time  
and it's never a big deal.

00;15;56;11 - 00;15;59;03

So they go to bed, everything's fine.

00;15;59;03 - 00;16;03;16

And then around 2 a.m.,  
they get a call from their neighbor

00;16;03;16 - 00;16;05;00

who lives farther down.

00;16;05;00 - 00;16;07;06

Massie's Mill closer to the water.

00;16;07;06 - 00;16;11;17

And they say, my gosh,  
our entire neighborhood is flooding.

00;16;11;17 - 00;16;14;00

Our car is floating away.

00;16;14;00 - 00;16;17;00

Can we please send our children with you

00;16;17;07 - 00;16;19;25

like you guys need to get out of here  
if you can.

00;16;19;25 - 00;16;21;20

Your car is not under water.

00;16;21;20 - 00;16;25;05

Warren and his family  
and this family get into a station

00;16;25;05 - 00;16;29;02

wagon, 11 people in total  
they try to rent the car.

00;16;29;07 - 00;16;30;23

gives two different accounts.

00;16;30;23 - 00;16;35;07

One account I read, he says they went like  
20 yards and the car stopped.

00;16;35;19 - 00;16;39;08

And another account, he says the car  
and started all due to water damage.

00;16;39;15 - 00;16;42;02

Either way, it did not get far.

00;16;42;02 - 00;16;44;22

the families get out of the car.

00;16;44;22 - 00;16;47;21

And at this point  
the water has surged up to

00;16;47;21 - 00;16;50;22

about eight feet, is what he says.

00;16;50;29 - 00;16;54;02

And it's just pouring buckets

00;16;54;17 - 00;16;57;18

everyone starts going separate ways,  
trying to run uphill.

00;16;57;18 - 00;16;59;29

I was trying to figure out how to escape.

00;16;59;29 - 00;17;04;23

And eventually he and all of his family,  
unfortunately, get separated.

00;17;04;28 - 00;17;10;01

So at this point,  
Warren says the water keeps rising

00;17;10;07 - 00;17;15;17

and he finds himself  
holding on to a willow tree to stay safe.

00;17;15;19 - 00;17;19;09

He holds on to the willow tree  
and stays there.

00;17;19;14 - 00;17;21;03

The rest of the night.

00;17;21;03 - 00;17;23;08

So he's there until the morning.

00;17;23;08 - 00;17;27;25

Meanwhile, he's avoiding like carnage  
that is floating around him.

00;17;28;02 - 00;17;29;00

At one point.

00;17;29;00 - 00;17;29;29

This is a direct quote.

00;17;29;29 - 00;17;34;11

He says, Whole homes were floating by  
and you were making sure you weren't

00;17;34;16 - 00;17;36;10

going to run into it.

00;17;36;10 - 00;17;40;03

The next morning,  
the water receded quickly and he says like

00;17;40;03 - 00;17;44;08

the water basically,  
like more or less went to a normal state.

00;17;44;09 - 00;17;47;06

It receded like eight or nine feet.

00;17;47;06 - 00;17;48;12

Just from erosion.

00;17;48;12 - 00;17;49;04

At that point.

00;17;49;04 - 00;17;52;04

Yeah. Everything's eroded.

00;17;52;13 - 00;17;55;13

Yeah. It going off for the eroded thing.

00;17;55;14 - 00;17;58;14

It was later reported that of our main  
sources

00;17;58;14 - 00;18;02;06

says that it was like a thousand years

of erosion.

00;18;02;09 - 00;18;07;08

Happened in like 6 hours and so what happened.

00;18;07;08 - 00;18;11;27

Was it rained so hard in 6 hours  
that the ground

00;18;12;11 - 00;18;17;11

instead of turning like being soil  
turned into like wet cement

00;18;17;25 - 00;18;20;28

and we'll get into it later,  
there was a huge landslide.

00;18;21;10 - 00;18;24;03

It ended up killing. An entire family.

00;18;24;03 - 00;18;27;14

Warren,  
after everything recedes, he's in shock.

00;18;27;14 - 00;18;29;27

Clearly, he's 14 years old.

00;18;29;27 - 00;18;32;03

He wanders around and finds his brother.

00;18;32;03 - 00;18;34;27

At first he's so in shock,  
he doesn't realize it's his brother.

00;18;34;27 - 00;18;38;07

And then when he realizes brother,  
they get together, they come around,

00;18;38;13 - 00;18;41;13

they find a few more people.



00;18;41;20 - 00;18;46;27

There's no electricity, there's no cops,  
firefighters, there's no resources at all.

00;18;46;27 - 00;18;48;25

Because this is like rural Virginia.

00;18;48;25 - 00;18;53;14

two gentlemen, young men  
and the people that survived wait it out.

00;18;53;14 - 00;18;55;10

They look for other survivors.

00;18;55;10 - 00;18;58;02

Unfortunately,  
Warren's family did not survive.

00;18;58;02 - 00;19;01;12

He said that at the time  
people comforted him by telling him

00;19;01;12 - 00;19;04;12

they had been flown to Lynchburg  
General Hospital when that was not,

00;19;04;16 - 00;19;05;24

in fact, the truth.

00;19;05;24 - 00;19;09;17

he said that when I went to bed  
that night, knowing that

00;19;09;17 - 00;19;13;26

I hadn't seen or heard anything  
from anybody, that it was bad news.

00;19;14;08 - 00;19;16;28

And he said, there's a reason why.

00;19;16;28 - 00;19;21;23

For me, the biggest thing is nature  
can really do some bad things.

00;19;22;08 - 00;19;26;10  
August 28th will be a day of branded  
in our minds until we die.

00;19;27;02 - 00;19;30;12  
Something really upsetting about Warren's  
story,

00;19;30;12 - 00;19;34;06  
too, is his house  
actually survived for the most part.

00;19;34;17 - 00;19;37;24  
The second and third floor of his house  
are completely unscathed,

00;19;37;24 - 00;19;41;20  
and his and his family had decided  
not to leave and stay in the home.

00;19;41;20 - 00;19;43;12  
They likely would have survived.

00;19;43;12 - 00;19;46;08  
So, yeah, that is Warren's story.

00;19;46;08 - 00;19;50;11  
I know we're trying to be a comedy  
podcast, but this one is a little dark.

00;19;50;17 - 00;19;52;16  
A couple of the episodes  
have a kind of dark.

00;19;52;16 - 00;19;54;25  
You've heard this before.  
What is your reaction?

00;19;54;25 - 00;19;58;29

Yeah, I mean, there are parts of that  
I've heard before, but yeah they,

00;19;58;29 - 00;20;02;28

they still hit,  
yeah, I mean, especially,

00;20;03;10 - 00;20;07;00

I mean, yeah, losing an entire family.

00;20;07;18 - 00;20;13;11

Obviously the fact that the house was  
all right for the most part, I remember.

00;20;13;11 - 00;20;16;11

The details of that story, like

00;20;16;24 - 00;20;19;24

kind of describing the parts of the house  
that were still there.

00;20;20;09 - 00;20;21;02

Yeah.

00;20;21;02 - 00;20;24;05

When yeah, when we had kind of

00;20;24;05 - 00;20;27;05

talked about it  
when I was younger in school

00;20;27;12 - 00;20;31;08

and the other thing that I think about is  
like is

00;20;31;08 - 00;20;35;11

Massie's Mill is a place that  
I'm relatively familiar  
with like it's

00;20;35;12 - 00;20;41;07

the place kind of that you go through in Nelson  
kind of between I guess

00;20;41;21 - 00;20;45;12

more Eastern Nelson and Amherst area.

00;20;45;13 - 00;20;49;09

I'm terr- again please don't listen to me  
I'm terrible at geography Yeah it's.

00;20;49;10 - 00;20;53;14

It's like  
it's like kind of near central Nelson.

00;20;53;15 - 00;20;57;02

Yeah into like the next county over.

00;20;57;02 - 00;21;00;04

Yeah, like closer to Amherst.

00;21;00;14 - 00;21;02;06

Yeah. Yeah.

00;21;02;06 - 00;21;05;20

But yeah, that's, that's an area  
that's still very rural.

00;21;05;20 - 00;21;10;02

That's still like,  
at least in the 20 tens.

00;21;10;04 - 00;21;13;23

The last time I was really there, a lot,  
it was still very

00;21;14;02 - 00;21;19;01

you know, a lot of places  
Nelson County are still

00;21;19;06 - 00;21;24;01

your neighbors are very far away from  
you it's not like in a suburban

00;21;24;01 - 00;21;28;06  
or urban environment  
where you can see their house.

00;21;28;06 - 00;21;29;24  
Yeah, look out the window.

00;21;29;24 - 00;21;33;26  
and that was a big thing of why  
this devastated communities

00;21;33;26 - 00;21;37;14  
was this community farther west is like,

00;21;37;23 - 00;21;40;15  
shit, we're getting our asses handed to us

00;21;40;15 - 00;21;44;16  
and like infrastructure in Nelson  
isn't the strongest.

00;21;44;16 - 00;21;46;29  
So by the time they were like,  
we have to warn,

00;21;46;29 - 00;21;50;06  
you know, the next town over,  
it was like, too late.

00;21;50;07 - 00;21;52;17  
It was all back road. Yeah, time too.

00;21;52;17 - 00;21;55;29  
There were no like, we.  
Yeah. Highway. Yeah.

00;21;56;04 - 00;21;59;17  
Even today when I drive

from Charlottesville to Lynchburg

00;21;59;17 - 00;22;03;03  
to see my family, which Nelson  
is the main part of the drive,

00;22;03;18 - 00;22;06;08  
I'm not unlike a beautiful straight  
highway.

00;22;06;08 - 00;22;09;08  
I'm like, literally winding through Virginia.

00;22;09;14 - 00;22;11;26  
Yeah, yeah. And it's gorgeous.

00;22;11;26 - 00;22;12;20  
Yeah, it is.

00;22;12;20 - 00;22;15;21  
But I remember  
times we've gone through there.

00;22;16;08 - 00;22;18;06  
I've taken you on some back roads. Yeah.

00;22;18;06 - 00;22;21;19  
I remember times we've gone through there  
and I have literally

00;22;21;21 - 00;22;24;27  
felt like we are in  
like the West Virginia mountains and

00;22;25;14 - 00;22;29;15  
not to like compare our experiences  
to third world countries experiences,

00;22;29;15 - 00;22;32;20  
but there are parts of America  
that have infrastructure

00;22;33;01 - 00;22;36;00  
comparable to less developed nations.

00;22;36;00 - 00;22;39;09  
Yeah, I mean. It's isolated, right?

00;22;39;22 - 00;22;42;22  
Yeah. There. There's a great disparity.

00;22;42;27 - 00;22;48;07  
and throwback to episode two of the Pocosin Mission,  
we go into how isolation

00;22;48;16 - 00;22;52;07  
shaped this impoverished community.

00;22;52;16 - 00;22;55;19  
And it's kind of crazy  
because the Pocosin Mission

00;22;55;19 - 00;22;59;22  
we experience people drowning in like  
there was a huge flood there and they live

00;22;59;22 - 00;23;00;13  
deep in the mountains

00;23;00;13 - 00;23;04;17  
and it's like so similar to  
what happened here just on a huge scale.

00;23;04;25 - 00;23;06;17  
Yeah, I mean.

00;23;06;17 - 00;23;12;04  
Even again, like even in recent  
times, there are people

00;23;12;04 - 00;23;17;01  
who live in places that are just like,

heated by only a woodstove.

00;23;17;01 - 00;23;20;11

There are people like,  
can't make it to school

00;23;21;01 - 00;23;24;05

in the snow because there is no like

00;23;24;05 - 00;23;29;00

there are no state roads, there is nothing  
that is plowed, there is no accessible route

00;23;29;10 - 00;23;32;23

like there are like people  
still living in those mountains.

00;23;32;23 - 00;23;33;17

Right.

00;23;33;17 - 00;23;36;17

It's it's just modern.

00;23;36;22 - 00;23;38;10

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

00;23;38;10 - 00;23;42;29

And the story,  
part of the biggest struggle I had with

00;23;42;29 - 00;23;46;02

this story was hearing how

00;23;46;15 - 00;23;50;09

the aftermath of the disaster  
was taken care of.

00;23;50;20 - 00;23;53;28

So there was a lot of heroine beautiful moments,

00;23;54;07 - 00;23;57;06



but there were also moments  
that really painted

00;23;57;06 - 00;24;00;09  
the picture of how horrible  
the situation was.

00;24;00;22 - 00;24;05;22  
So first I'm going to discuss

00;24;05;25 - 00;24;10;08  
I'm going to discuss how many people died  
in the three major locations.

00;24;10;08 - 00;24;13;06  
And then we're going to talk about  
how we uncovered this number.

00;24;13;06 - 00;24;16;17  
So Massie's Mill  
where Warren and his family was.

00;24;17;00 - 00;24;20;16  
23 people died in Hoffman Hollow,

00;24;20;16 - 00;24;23;18  
which is an area  
predominantly of the Hoffman family.

00;24;23;18 - 00;24;25;28  
But there were other families there, too.

00;24;25;28 - 00;24;27;29  
About 50 people died.

00;24;27;29 - 00;24;31;24  
And then in Davis Creek, an unknown  
number of people died.

00;24;31;27 - 00;24;35;21  
The numbers vary based on the sources,

but in total,

00;24;35;23 - 00;24;40;10

people say about 130 to 150 people died.

00;24;40;10 - 00;24;44;02

It's hard to say

exactly how many people died

00;24;44;02 - 00;24;46;29

because there could have been people  
driving through the area

00;24;46;29 - 00;24;49;03

that didn't live

there, that there were some bodies

00;24;49;03 - 00;24;52;03

that were never identified

that were near the road.

00;24;52;03 - 00;24;55;03

So with all of that being said, after

00;24;55;08 - 00;24;59;18

the hurricane, bridges were blown out,  
roads were blown out.

00;24;59;18 - 00;25;03;24

There was no way to enter

and to Nelson County from Lynchburg

00;25;03;24 - 00;25;07;27

or Charlottesville,

other than tiny back road arteries.

00;25;08;07 - 00;25;11;12

And because of that, rescue operations

00;25;11;12 - 00;25;15;23

were really difficult

in typical natural disaster operations.

00;25;15;23 - 00;25;18;14

You are allocated 30 days  
to recover people,

00;25;18;14 - 00;25;21;20

and after that, it's considered  
like, no, go ahead.

00;25;22;01 - 00;25;26;12

Keep in mind, Mississippi also  
just got hit with this disaster storm.

00;25;26;21 - 00;25;28;10

So the National Guard is down there.

00;25;28;10 - 00;25;29;22

A lot of things are happening down there.

00;25;29;22 - 00;25;33;13

And then all of a sudden  
this happened in rural Virginia,

00;25;33;16 - 00;25;37;07

unexpectedly in inland Virginia,  
not even the coast.

00;25;37;23 - 00;25;43;04

And the people in Nelson can't  
even inform other people what's going on.

00;25;43;13 - 00;25;46;16

And so what ends up happening is a group

00;25;46;16 - 00;25;49;25

of Nelson County officials,  
including the sheriff

00;25;49;27 - 00;25;54;26

and some other people

that survived, grouped with

00;25;55;18 - 00;25;58;19  
outside resources,  
such as volunteers from the Lynchburg

00;25;58;26 - 00;26;02;16  
police station, people  
in the National Guard,

00;26;02;27 - 00;26;04;06  
all sorts of different organizations,

00;26;04;06 - 00;26;07;26  
the Mennonites, the Red Cross  
all came together and was led by this,

00;26;08;07 - 00;26;11;22  
the locals,  
and started a recovery process.

00;26;12;15 - 00;26;17;09  
In this recovery  
process, people were not recovered

00;26;17;18 - 00;26;20;26  
until seven or eight days after the storm

00;26;20;26 - 00;26;22;29  
in some circumstances.

00;26;22;29 - 00;26;26;05  
Particularly at Hoffman Hollow, where over

00;26;26;10 - 00;26;29;14  
50 people died,  
they were not recovered and.

00;26;29;14 - 00;26;34;24  
August 28th,  
which is eight days after the incident.

00;26;35;12 - 00;26;39;09

And the reason for  
this was other than like

00;26;39;14 - 00;26;43;09

having lack of resources going in

00;26;43;09 - 00;26;47;29

and the locals of Nelson County  
were the only people

00;26;47;29 - 00;26;51;27

who had the knowledge to identify  
where communities were.

00;26;52;17 - 00;26;54;28

So later in the recovery

00;26;54;28 - 00;26;58;26

process, two days  
and we have people from the military

00;26;58;26 - 00;27;03;15

and the Navy and Marines  
come in from Quantico and they fly.

00;27;03;15 - 00;27;06;22

Helicopters around, which is awesome.

00;27;07;03 - 00;27;08;20

It's like one of those moments  
where you're like,

00;27;08;20 - 00;27;12;12

We're a military society,  
but like at least it was used for good.

00;27;12;12 - 00;27;14;04

Kind of in this instance.

00;27;14;04 - 00;27;14;27  
all these.

00;27;14;27 - 00;27;16;21  
Helicopters are coming in rescuing people.

00;27;16;21 - 00;27;20;17  
But they had Nelson County residents  
in the helicopters

00;27;20;26 - 00;27;24;29  
directing them to where these communities,  
because they were so small

00;27;24;29 - 00;27;27;29  
and hidden in the mountains,  
it was like critical.

00;27;28;08 - 00;27;30;11  
I want to. Read this article.

00;27;30;11 - 00;27;35;20  
It's from the, Lebanon News,  
and it's called In Disaster Area.

00;27;35;25 - 00;27;41;28  
says Rescuers were donned gas masks today  
to repulse the stench of death

00;27;42;02 - 00;27;45;15  
hanging over Virginia's disaster  
stricken mountains.

00;27;45;27 - 00;27;50;01  
It was exactly one week ago today  
that dying hurricane Camille poured

00;27;50;05 - 00;27;53;24  
than ten inches of rain  
on western and central Virginia,

00;27;54;00 - 00;27;58;11  
touching off landslides and floods  
that swept away entire mountain villages.

00;27;58;26 - 00;28;01;08  
The toll from Virginia's worst disaster  
ever stood.

00;28;01;08 - 00;28;05;00  
Today at 83, known dead, one of 104

00;28;05;00 - 00;28;08;00  
people missing  
and more than 100 million in damages.

00;28;08;05 - 00;28;11;05  
So people who worked it (the rescue)

00;28;11;08 - 00;28;15;26  
some of them were Vietnam veterans  
and compared it to the carnage of Vietnam.

00;28;16;03 - 00;28;19;10  
it was apparently very traumatizing  
for people because they would

00;28;20;05 - 00;28;24;20  
come up to an area  
where there were no survivors

00;28;25;07 - 00;28;29;14  
and there were like 50 or so dead  
bodies are more.

00;28;29;23 - 00;28;32;16  
And this particular family,  
the Hoffman family, there was only one

00;28;32;16 - 00;28;36;00  
survivor of the Hoffman family,  
and it was because he was actually working

00;28;36;19 - 00;28;41;06  
at the time of the hurricane  
and he survived.

00;28;41;06 - 00;28;44;06  
His whole entire family did not.

00;28;44;16 - 00;28;48;12  
So that's one instance  
where it's like really cruel to hear that,

00;28;48;12 - 00;28;51;12  
like people's bodies were so decomposed.

00;28;51;12 - 00;28;55;02  
Yeah, it's the middle of August too,  
- right -

00;28;55;02 - 00;28;56;22  
Yeah. Right.

00;28;56;22 - 00;29;00;06  
And yeah, just This is of course

00;29;00;13 - 00;29;03;13  
just a unfortunate.

00;29;03;13 - 00;29;04;20  
I guess not.

00;29;04;20 - 00;29;06;02  
Efficient rescue.

00;29;06;02 - 00;29;09;17  
Operation and not the most efficient.

00;29;09;22 - 00;29;12;11  
Efficient.  
But that's because of the circumstances.



00;29;12;11 - 00;29;15;26

I say it because geographically  
it was almost.

00;29;16;03 - 00;29;18;25

Geographically because of the area. Yeah.

00;29;18;25 - 00;29;22;20

my research it was saying that like  
even if you live like even before

00;29;22;28 - 00;29;27;15

the landslide disaster, Nelson  
County was a Jeep area where you have

00;29;27;15 - 00;29;30;02

basically had to have a jeep to go near  
how you'll drive.

00;29;30;02 - 00;29;33;20

Yeah, yeah, I,  
I have delivered pizzas around.

00;29;33;20 - 00;29;36;23

Nelson county if you're making a turn.

00;29;37;12 - 00;29;40;19

sometimes you're lucky  
and you can see like somebody's

00;29;40;20 - 00;29;46;01

mailbox or some indication  
of like a driveway or of a house.

00;29;46;01 - 00;29;46;16

Right.

00;29;46;16 - 00;29;51;14

But in rural areas, a lot of times  
there's just literally a dirt path, right?

00;29;51;17 - 00;29;54;17  
Like, it's still hard to tell.

00;29;54;21 - 00;29;59;22  
But what I mean to say is,  
like even in the 2000, it's

00;29;59;24 - 00;30;04;12  
like we still have like if you compare  
this to, say, Hurricane Katrina,

00;30;05;03 - 00;30;08;04  
I mean, if you think of Hurricane Camille  
as more of a

00;30;08;19 - 00;30;11;13  
geologically created

00;30;11;13 - 00;30;14;29  
disaster in terms of the reaction to it.

00;30;16;24 - 00;30;17;19  
I mean,

00;30;17;19 - 00;30;20;19  
Just comparing it to that, it's  
I would consider

00;30;20;27 - 00;30;25;07  
that to be more of a manmade failure of.

00;30;25;24 - 00;30;26;19  
with Camille.

00;30;26;19 - 00;30;29;02  
The National Guard is there.

00;30;29;02 - 00;30;30;28  
I hear what you're saying, Katrina.

00;30;30;28 - 00;30;34;28

A lot of people after Katrina were saying  
no one was helping us.

00;30;34;29 - 00;30;37;20  
People were stopped from helping them,  
right?

00;30;37;20 - 00;30;38;19  
Yeah, right.

00;30;38;19 - 00;30;42;10  
And where we are, they're having

00;30;42;10 - 00;30;45;12  
residents of the area  
help them in the helicopters.

00;30;45;12 - 00;30;46;29  
Yeah for us.

00;30;46;29 - 00;30;48;09  
Yeah, Yeah.

00;30;48;09 - 00;30;51;23  
It's just it's interesting to me that way.

00;30;52;23 - 00;30;54;19  
40 years before, you.

00;30;54;19 - 00;30;56;06  
Know, I'm 30.

00;30;56;06 - 00;30;59;14  
put more effort towards it I guess. Yeah.

00;30;59;14 - 00;31;01;14  
Well after Camille.

00;31;01;14 - 00;31;06;12  
The response from Virginia  
and from the country was amazing.

00;31;06;24 - 00;31;10;02

one of the news stories

I read in Richmond,

00;31;10;02 - 00;31;15;03

people were donating their unused cars

to the residents of Nelson County

00;31;15;20 - 00;31;18;26

Post the disaster residents were given

trailer

00;31;18;26 - 00;31;22;22

homes for 90 days,

which is not really that long of a time.

00;31;22;22 - 00;31;26;10

But they were given trailer homes

to live in temporarily.

00;31;26;10 - 00;31;29;17

Secondarily,

a huge Mennonite church community

00;31;29;27 - 00;31;34;07

came in and helped a) build a church fee, b)

offered funerals to all the families.

00;31;34;07 - 00;31;38;01

And c) helped people in

Massey's Mill and Davis Creek

00;31;44;23 - 00;31;45;17

There was a

00;31;45;17 - 00;31;48;18

V dot organizer that said at one point

00;31;48;18 - 00;31;54;18

he believes 50% of the Virginia Department

of Transport equipment and supplies

00;31;54;18 - 00;31;59;01

and vehicles were all in Nelson county helping to restore the county.

00;31;59;06 - 00;32;03;13

Also because of Hurricane Camille,  
there was a

00;32;03;20 - 00;32;08;03

the US Congress  
passed the Disaster Relief Act of 1969

00;32;08;03 - 00;32;13;15

in direct response to Hurricane Camille,  
and that basically what this act does

00;32;13;15 - 00;32;20;01

is it allows the president to shift  
resources to help natural disasters.

00;32;20;10 - 00;32;23;07

So one of the issues,  
Hurricane Camille and Nelson

00;32;23;07 - 00;32;27;03

County faced was when all this happened,  
there was not a lot

00;32;27;03 - 00;32;31;00

the government could immediately  
technically do,

00;32;31;20 - 00;32;35;29

and it took like one or two days  
for them to like, get these helicopters

00;32;35;29 - 00;32;40;16

there instead of like 30 minutes later,  
like they would now, especially because

00;32;40;24 - 00;32;43;09

Nelson County,  
as it's in Virginia, is really close

00;32;43;09 - 00;32;48;02

to a lot of military bases  
that do have the equipment to help out

00;32;48;05 - 00;32;51;28

other things that happened  
where there is a landmark

00;32;51;28 - 00;32;56;08

commissioned near Wood Mill in Nelson  
County memorializing the tragedy.

00;32;56;16 - 00;32;58;04

There have been multiple books written,

00;32;58;04 - 00;33;02;01

one called Torn Land,  
one called The Roar of the Heavens.

00;33;02;08 - 00;33;04;29

Multiple interviews,  
multiple documentaries.

00;33;04;29 - 00;33;07;06

So Another instance was

00;33;07;13 - 00;33;12;09

The Red Cross gave a man and his horse an award

00;33;12;16 - 00;33;17;12

because the man saved,  
and his horse,  
saved his mother from drowning

00;33;17;13 - 00;33;20;09

the man's name was Emory Fitzgerald

00:33;20;09 - 00:33;24;16

Oh, I feel like that's awakening  
a really old memory

00:33;25;03 - 00:33;30;17

But that is lovely,  
It was cool to hear all the interviews about it  
because you could tell,

00:33;30;17 - 00:33;34;22

first of all,  
everyone was talking with like an accent.

00:33;34;22 - 00:33;36;24

Like I had a hard time understanding.

00:33;36;24 - 00:33;40;23

If you're on TV,  
you like the ones they put on TV,

00:33;40;23 - 00:33;44;04

the ones they interview  
and have like the thickest accent.

00:33;44;04 - 00:33;48;05

They do not put you on TV  
unless you have an accent.

00:33;48;07 - 00:33;48;19

Yeah.

00:33;48;19 - 00:33;51;27

So these people have like  
such thick accent and they were like,

00:33;52;07 - 00:33;54;28

they were like,  
they'd be like, Well, yeah.

00:33;54;28 - 00:34;00;12

We got on the helicopters and we saved

the town the aftermath of it, too.

00;34;00;13 - 00;34;04;21

Nelson County actually suffered  
suffered economically.

00;34;05;15 - 00;34;08;08

Two of the major employers in Nelson

00;34;08;08 - 00;34;10;22

left after Hurricane Camille.

00;34;10;22 - 00;34;11;21

I'm a bad researcher.

00;34;11;21 - 00;34;13;18

I don't know what those employers were.

00;34;13;18 - 00;34;14;22

those employers left

00;34;14;22 - 00;34;16;07

And because of that, Nelson

00;34;16;07 - 00;34;20;01

County residents had to find jobs  
in Lynchburg and Charlottesville.

00;34;20;03 - 00;34;24;01

When interviewed about this, Sheriff  
William Whitehead said

00;34;24;01 - 00;34;27;01

people have left in regards  
to find employment,

00;34;27;08 - 00;34;31;25

but people want to live  
and stay in the county.

00;34;31;27 - 00;34;33;02



I guess it hits a.

00;34;33;02 - 00;34;36;02

Little different with, like, for me,

00;34;36;12 - 00;34;39;15

I do recognize the last names.

00;34;39;28 - 00;34;43;01

Yeah, like in a lot of these,

00;34;43;15 - 00;34;48;21

like you said at the beginning, but  
like almost all of the people I probably

00;34;48;21 - 00;34;52;24

all of the people mentioned, like,  
their descendants are people I've known.

00;34;53;05 - 00;34;53;15

Yeah.

00;34;53;15 - 00;34;57;25

And so, like, that kind of trauma  
lives in some kind of community.

00;34;58;00 - 00;35;02;25

I want to go to the Oak Hill Cemetery  
where most of the people that passed.

00;35;02;25 - 00;35;06;09

I want to go there  
for our B-roll for this one.

00;35;06;17 - 00;35;09;17

okay. thank you for coming, Arlo.

00;35;09;25 - 00;35;11;05

I feel like I chatted it way

00;35;11;05 - 00;35;14;04

Too much,  
but you have some great insights.

00;35;14;04 - 00;35;15;01  
Thank you for joining us.

00;35;15;01 - 00;35;19;28  
Hopefully you could be on the next fun  
future ones if you're into it.

00;35;19;28 - 00;35;23;18  
If you didn't, if you didn't like it,  
I'll tell you, this is fun.

00;35;23;18 - 00;35;24;06  
Okay?

00;35;24;06 - 00;35;27;07  
This is well,  
this this topic is not funny.

00;35;27;10 - 00;35;32;16  
And yeah, it's it's yeah it's interesting  
to talk about it. It.

00;35;32;25 - 00;35;33;08  
Yeah.

00;35;33;08 - 00;35;37;15  
This fun in episode two which is lowkey  
similar to this the Pocosin Mission.

00;35;37;18 - 00;35;40;19  
Yeah, both episodes researching it

00;35;40;19 - 00;35;44;15  
and like editing it and start are like  
telling the story and stuff.

00;35;44;15 - 00;35;46;24  
It's not like a ha ha, It's like aHhh.

00;35;48;14 - 00;35;50;09

Yeah, yeah.

00;35;50;09 - 00;35;52;18

No, I mean I guess like.

00;35;52;18 - 00;35;54;11

accustomed to it again.

00;35;54;11 - 00;35;55;22

Like a lot of these,

00;35;55;22 - 00;35;58;25

like some of these things

I've been hearing since I was like

00;35;59;10 - 00;36;02;23

old enough to hear, Yeah, I like it.

00;36;03;06 - 00;36;07;28

It doesn't hit as hard as it might have  
done, but yeah, it still is very sobering.

00;36;07;28 - 00;36;10;01

I it's, yeah, definitely.

00;36;10;01 - 00;36;12;28

Well you understand a little bit more  
when you're older.

00;36;12;28 - 00;36;17;01

It definitely  
makes it a lot harder to swallow.

00;36;17;05 - 00;36;17;27

Yeah.

00;36;17;27 - 00;36;21;15

last question of the pod  
on a scale of 1 to 10 EHs

00;36;21;15 - 00;36;26;05

One being not very scary,  
ten being

00;36;26;07 - 00;36;28;14

I'm so scared. Girl.

00;36;28;14 - 00;36;32;25

How many years do you give Hurricane  
Camille?

00;36;33;10 - 00;36;37;08

God, I Yeah, Mother Nature.

00;36;38;13 - 00;36;41;13

I think I'm going to give Mommy ten EHs

00;36;41;14 - 00;36;44;14

I guess I give her ten Ehs too

00;36;44;21 - 00;36;46;03

Like I'm scared.

00;36;46;03 - 00;36;47;09

Yeah, Yeah.

00;36;47;09 - 00;36;50;19

153 people dying.

00;36;50;26 - 00;36;51;22

Yeah.

00;36;51;22 - 00;36;54;28

More people died in Virginia  
than in Mississippi,

00;36;54;28 - 00;36;56;11

where the hurricane touched land.

00;36;56;11 - 00;36;58;03

Initially, it wasn't.

00;36;58;03 - 00;37;01;29

It didn't they say that was like a one  
in 10,000 year storm?

00;37;02;04 - 00;37;02;14

Yeah.

00;37;02;14 - 00;37;06;29

They said the probability of  
it was like 10,000 years.

00;37;07;01 - 00;37;09;19

And Mother Nature is scary.

00;37;09;19 - 00;37;12;10

Yeah, that's. That's  
what I'm really scared of.

00;37;12;10 - 00;37;14;13

You got nothing to fuck around with.

00;37;14;13 - 00;37;15;27

Yeah, he.

00;37;15;27 - 00;37;17;02

All right.

00;37;17;02 - 00;37;19;17

Well, thank you, Arlo, and.

00;37;19;17 - 00;37;22;22

Thank you for tuning into

00;37;22;22 - 00;37;26;04

Elisha's Eerie history. EHHHHH

00;37;26;18 - 00;37;33;22

[ Song "Elisha's Eerie History" by Sydney followed by drum break.]

