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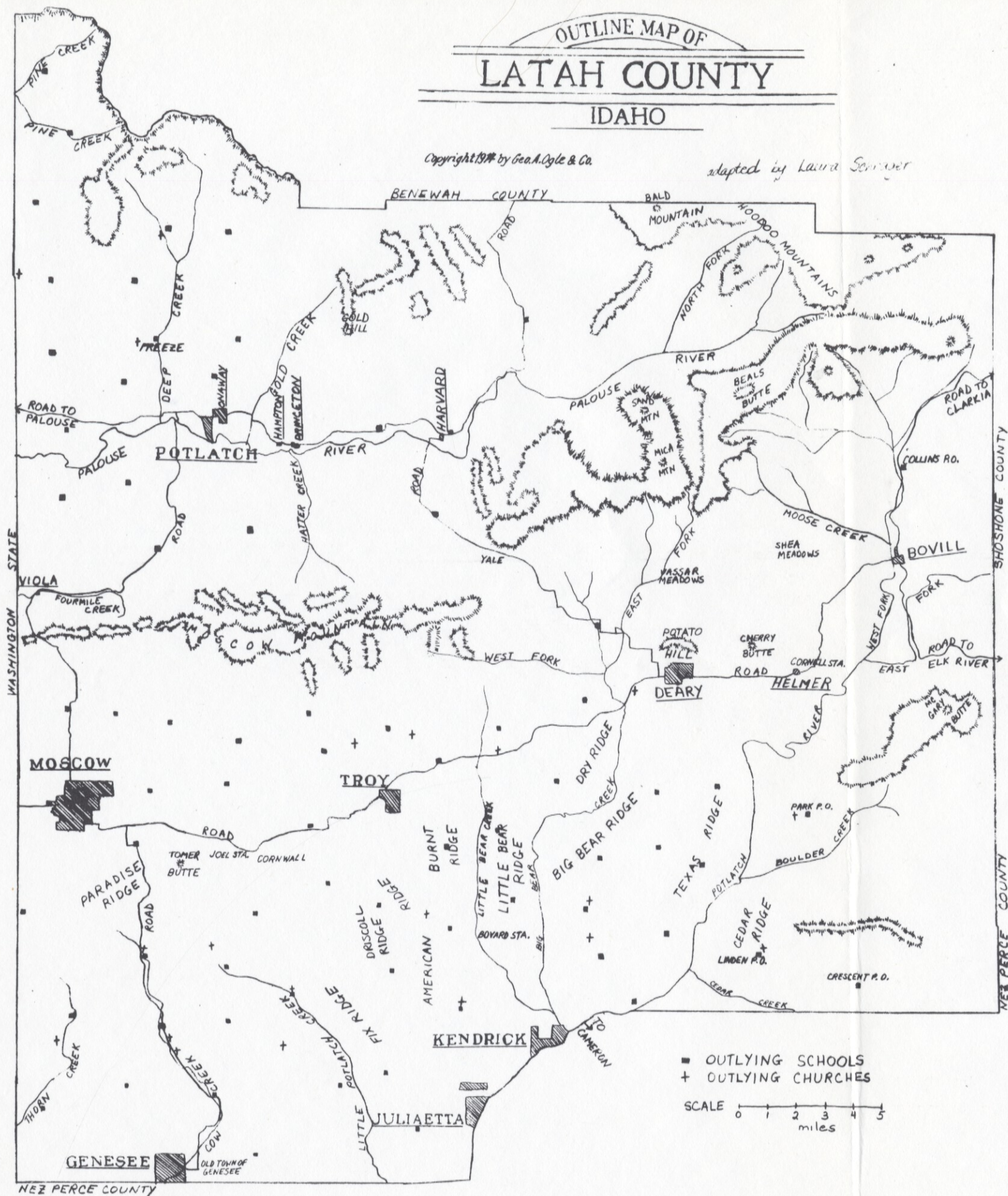
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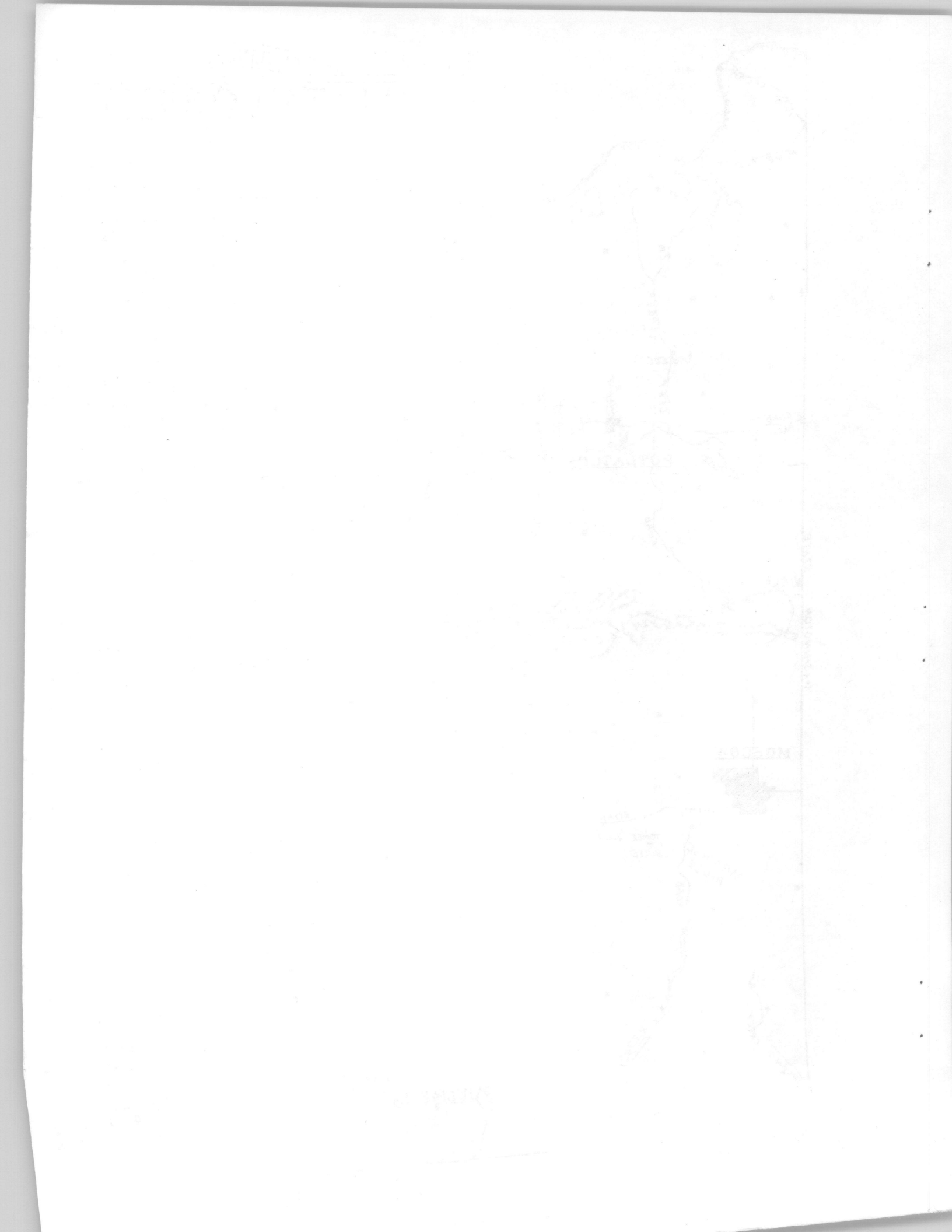
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## FOREWORD

There's a story out there the likes of which  
has never been told.

-- Glen Gilder

With these words Glen Gilder proposed the recording of life histories of local men and women. In the course of wide reading of Western history and fiction he had been surprised by the absence of information about the kind of life he has personally known. He decided that the exploits of cowboys, outlaws, mountain men and territorial politicians have received plenty of attention, while the experiences and values important to communities such as his have yet to be documented.

Like many young people in the inland Northwest at the turn of the century, Glen grew up on a subsistence farmstead in a pioneer neighborhood and then struggled patiently for decades to develop his own farm. Often needing to work away from home to make a living, he became well acquainted with farm families, lumberjacks, sawmillers, townspeople and miners. When I first met Glen, as a newcomer asking ill-informed questions about Idaho history, he was troubled by the passing of lifelong friends who had intimate knowledge of the varied traditions of these groups. One spring evening he took me to see Emmett Utt, a retired sawmiller who regaled us with tales of citizen retaliation against high-handed practices of the Potlatch Lumber Company. I was mesmerized by the quality of both men's recollections and by the perfect understanding that seemed to pass between them.

That was my first glimpse of the importance of oral history within communities. I soon realized that the elders of Latah County take great pleasure in telling stories that they draw from long lifetimes of work and residence in the area. Their narratives enfold personal, family and community experiences in an unbroken continuity that extends from the frontier conditions of their childhoods to the recent transformations of their neighborhoods and towns. Their sense of history is sharpened by the newness of the country, for many of their parents were homesteaders, and they know that they had a unique opportunity to witness the formative period of early settlement and change.

Through the medium of oral history they express not only their personal knowledge of past events, but also the central beliefs of their culture. For today, with their parents' generation gone, they have become the keepers of traditional values, who, by retelling the deeds of the old and the dead, try to link those who are younger to the community's heritage. Many share Glen Gilder's uneasiness that the wisdom of their culture will soon disappear. They are well aware that there has been a disruption in the transmission of traditional attitudes

to future generations. They see that the world of their children and grandchildren is so different from their own that their understanding can easily seem irrelevant to the present.

For Glen, Emmett and their acquaintances, the exchange of oral history occurs often, whenever they swap stories about the past. These occasions, which can be termed storytelling events\*, are the natural context for the expression of oral history in most communities. The storytelling event is a distinct form of human communication that takes place when two (or more) people assume the roles of story-teller and story-listener. The teller narrates stories; the listener responds to them. Each participant is expected to follow local customs of social interaction, and as the event progresses each interprets and influences the other's presentation through a process of continuous feedback. When a narrator relates oral history, he communicates his worldview through stories that are designed to interest and entertain his listeners; they respond with signs of comprehension and encouragement, and probably take turns at telling stories themselves.

Normally, then, oral history is expressed spontaneously within communities, rather than as the result of prodding by an interviewer. Once this is recognized, it becomes much easier to see the opportunities that oral historians have, as well as the traps that may ensnare them. If we choose we can learn to be good story-listeners, to respond in ways that stimulate people to freely reveal their own views and values. To do this we need to become intimately familiar with the perspectives of the communities we are studying, so that we can bring to storytelling events the kind of knowledge that is expected of a local audience. As story-listeners we are in a superb position to discover and pursue subjects that matter deeply to the people themselves. By making our aim the documentation of their interests, whatever they happen to be, we act as conduits for the communication of their culture to the larger society.

Too often, however, oral historians rely on interviewing techniques which are foreign to normal patterns of speaking within communities. It is appropriate to use formal interviews, with structured questioning on prearranged topics, when one is tape-recording prominent personages about their careers; but these methods will distort the testimony of people like the oldtimers of Latah County, who are not accustomed to them. Researchers whose techniques interfere with the natural flow of storytelling never hear the history that is most meaningful to community members. This is the information that Glen Gilder hopes will be saved; and his view that it has been neglected until now is shared by a growing

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\* Robert Georges develops a theoretical model for this concept in "Toward an Understanding of Story-telling Events", Journal of American Folklore, 82(1969), 314-328.



number of social historians who have turned their attention from the well-established record of major national leaders and events to the unrepresented history of American subcultures. As Richard Dorson has observed, the oral testimony of these groups is "personal and immediate"; it is wholly different from textbook history, and it must be approached without preconceptions. "We have no way of knowing in advance what are the contours of this history," he writes, "except that they will bear no resemblance to federal-government-structured elitist history."\*

In American society this history is usually communicated as life history. Each of us has formed a record of his own experiences and those of others who are significant to him, and willingly shares parts of it through storytelling, given the right circumstances. These personal accounts of the past develop in a continuing synthesis throughout our lives. In fact, we need to have distance in time from events to be able to understand their meaning within our life histories, just as professional historians require the unfolding of later events before they can interpret what occurred at a given moment. From all that happens to us, certain incidents and feelings are eventually solidified in memories that we find to be especially important. They exist as specific experiences in themselves, but they also represent, in a concentrated form, basic conceptions about the world in which we have lived and our own place within it.

The interplay of individual and collective meanings in life history has great symbolic value for the story-teller and his audience. Each story is actually an intricate communication of messages on many levels. As an example, let us consider one of the stories that Emmett Utt told during the visit mentioned earlier, keeping in mind that its symbolic dimensions would be clearer to Glen Gilder, an old friend and fellow community member, than they could have been at the time to an outsider like me. Emmett as a teenager decided to "teach a lesson" to William Laird, general manager of the Potlatch Lumber Company. Local people were expected to pull their vehicles off the narrow dirt road at the approach of Laird's luxury car, a Hudson Super Six, and on this occasion Emmett refused to give up his rightful half of the road as he roared through town in the family jalopy. The astonished chauffeur turned off into a watery slough, while Emmett, by escaping unidentified, avoided certain firing from his job at the Potlatch sawmill.

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\* For descriptions of the differences between elite and folk history, and an excellent introduction to oral history, see Richard Dorson's "The Oral Historian and the Folklorist", and Henry Glassie's "A Folkloristic Thought on the Promise of Oral History", both in Selections from the Fifth and Sixth National Colloquia on Oral History (New York: The Oral History Association, 1972). I am much indebted to these essays for my orientation to the field.

On the surface, of course, this is a story about "playing chicken", an enjoyable prank. On another level it speaks of the rebellion of youth against status pretensions. It taps a widespread folk tradition of disdain for those who place themselves above common people, and affirms the democratic ideals of the West against aristocratic, monied interests. Within the community's own past the story portrays an act of defiance against the area's major corporation. Not long before the incident, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW's) led lumberjacks on a strike that won a great improvement in logging camp conditions but received little support in the company-owned town of Potlatch, where family men, dependent on the sawmill for their livelihood, were unwilling to oppose their employers. Local oldtimers would hear Emmett's tale as a commentary on this acquiescence, and would understand his action as a venting of community frustration and resentment against company paternalism. For Emmett, who had a very independent boyhood on a stump farm just five miles from Potlatch, it was hard to adjust to the constraints of the town and mill, and listeners who are familiar with his life would realize that this escapade is a moment of personal triumph. Twenty years later he resolved the conflict by quitting his job as a skilled sawyer at Potlatch for the greater freedom of being a farmer.

Emmett's story illustrates what I believe is the primary function of oral history--to symbolically act out problems and values of the speaker and his culture. Oral narratives are the most direct source we can find for knowledge of the behavior and beliefs of groups who have depended mostly on speech rather than writing to communicate their past. By hearing people tell of the range of circumstances they faced, the choices they made, and the traditions that have given them strength, we can discover the dominant concerns of American working people during the last century.

Beyond the inevitable local coloring of time and place, the elders of Latah County address social and psychological questions of great importance for our historical understanding. They speak, for instance, of the motives and hopes of those who migrated to the West, of families striving to become self-sufficient and secure, of the neighborhood as a source of stability and unity, of children's rights and responsibilities, and of adult realities of work, family and community. Many of the tensions within their culture reveal the impact of national forces upon people's lives. In Latah County these issues included drinking, which as a serious family problem and an illegal form of good fellowship became a focal point for conflict and humor; the relations between country, town and city, with their differing social structures and attitudes towards status and success; the First World War, which made patriotism a subject of intense debate and caused a wave of prejudice against German pioneers; and the new technologies of gas-powered machinery, automobiles, radios and films, all of which brought changes to an established way of life.

Should we be surprised to find that Joe and Lou Wells, black pioneers of the Deary area, were loved by their neighbors and in time became the major symbol of solidarity within their community? Or that many oldtimers

believe that the Nez Perce Indians were robbed of land that they managed far better than whites have since? That by teaching in one-room schools young rural women commonly became community leaders before marriage? Or that a large number of country folk regard the Great Depression as the final revival of neighborhood intimacy and pioneer spirit? Such views run counter to the generalizations of most printed histories. But then, their authors have seldom thought it necessary to consult the people themselves. We have a chance to change this, by learning to listen with care to what others--and we ourselves--say about the past, and by seeking out the stories of people like Clara Grove, Catherine Mahon, Axel Anderson and Dick Bengé.

Sam Schrager  
August 1977





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## USING THE COLLECTION

The Latah County oral history collection documents the social history of the area and its people, concentrating on the period from 1890 to 1940. The collection consists of individual life histories and community traditions, and attempts to be representative of the occupational, geographical and ethnic groups within the county.

Entries within the guide are arranged in the following manner:

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No. in collection      NARRATOR'S NAME

Place(s) of residence within the area.<sup>1</sup>      date of birth  
Place(s) of family origin.<sup>1</sup>  
Occupation(s).<sup>1</sup>

(No. of conversation in series.) Names of others taking part in conversation, besides interviewer, if any.<sup>2</sup>

Listing of main storytelling topics, in roughly descending order of their importance within the conversation.

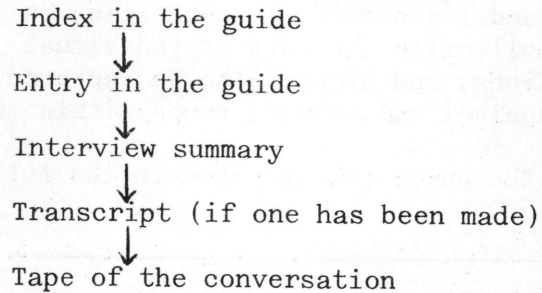
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conversation      conversation      transcript<sup>3</sup>      interviewer<sup>4</sup>

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1. For further information on these terms, see Indexes: Explanation (page 71).
  2. "And" indicates co-billing with another narrator; "with" indicates a supporting role in the conversation.
  3. The letter "p" indicates that a transcript of the conversation was planned but not completed as of August, 1977.
  4. Unless otherwise indicated, the interviewer was Sam Schrager. These abbreviations are used for other interviewers: Rob Moore--RM, Karen Purtee--KP, Laura Schrager--LS.
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The indexes (pages 71 to 79) are references to the entries which form the body of the guide. These entries are brief descriptions of the narrators and conversations within the collection. From them the researcher can select specific interviews for closer examination. More detailed information about each conversation is provided by interview summaries, which are keyed to the minute on the tape and the page number



of the transcript when topics were introduced. Two examples of these summaries are included as Appendix B (pages 65 to 69). Typical steps for finding information in the collection might be:



By a cooperative agreement between the Latah County Museum Society and the University of Idaho Library, the tapes, transcripts and summaries are available for public reading and listening in the Special Collections section of the university library. Use of the collection is subject to standard archival procedures. Restrictions have been placed on some interviews by the narrators, and access to the collection will be limited until final transcript corrections are completed in 1978. Inquiries about the collection should be addressed to the Special Collections Library, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843. Copies of transcripts and summaries are also held by the Latah County Museum Society, 110 South Adams, Moscow.

In the summer of 1977, the collection included roughly 560 hours of recorded tape with 205 narrators, of which 350 hours had been transcribed in finished or rough form. Future interviewing and transcribing will be reported as a supplement to the guide.



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THE ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION



1 ADAIR, Ione

Moscow, Bovill, Fortynine Meadows 1883  
Parents came from Oregon and Indiana (1893); family lived in the McConnell mansion (1900-36).  
County assessor, teacher, postal clerk, timber homesteader.

(1) with Bernadine Cornelison (sister)  
Family's Bovill homesteading. Cooking for firefighters (1910).  
Governor McConnell's family. Purchase of mansion. Family's pet bear.  
Backwoods humor.

6-8-76 2 hr 33p

(2) with Bernadine Cornelison  
Timber homesteading at Fortynine Meadows; loss of claim. Relationship with parents. Victorian manners and dress. Methodist church and revivals. Prohibition. Family cars.

9-3-76 2 hr 51p

(3) with Bernadine Cornelison  
Family life in the McConnell mansion. Father's medical practice; his friendship with Nez Perces. Mother's poor health and optimism.  
Family move to Moscow. Reading club. Bovill fishing.

11-16-76 2.4 hr 62p

(4) and Bernadine Cornelison  
Mansion grounds and parties. McConnell family background. College experiences. Singing career.

1-27-77 2 hr 56p

(5) with Bernadine Cornelison  
Women homesteaders in the timber. Experiences of 1910 fire. Friendship with father. Dr. Watkins family. Carrie Bush and Mary Borah.

2-24-77 2.5 hr 59p

2 ALBRIGHT, Lora Brackett

Potlatch River, Juliaetta 1898  
Came from Lookout, Idaho (1916), where parents had moved from Minnesota.  
Manager of family produce operation, teacher, farm wife, state legislator (1949-50).

(1) Experiences in Midwest logging camps as a girl. Family adversity and development of Idaho ranch. Schooling and teaching. Favorite horse. Homesteading rough land near Juliaetta (1918).

4-29-76 2 hr 54p

(2) Significance of teacher to community. Midwiving at childbirths. Decision to marry. Longings of pioneer women. Native and imported plants.

5-25-76 1.5 hr 40p

(3) Lay missionary work at Lapwai Methodist Church. Selling school consolidation to communities. Family truck gardening and turkey raising. Work as state legislator. Homesteading experiences. Helping tramps. Ethics.

6-23-76

4 hr

107p

### 3 ANDERSON, Axel

Bovill, Elk River 1886

Arrived in 1907, two years after emigrating from Sweden.

Assistant logging superintendent, camp foreman; employed by Potlatch Lumber Company for 44 years.

(1) First experiences in America. Beginning work for Potlatch. Preparing Elk River millsite and townsite (1909). Foreman for 350 men. Severe flooding of St. Joe River (1933).

7-23-74

2.5 hr

58p

SS&LS

(2) IWW strike of 1917; improvement of camp conditions. Fighting 1910 fire. Relationship to crew. Elk River life. Childhood on a Swedish estate. Weyerhaeusers.

7-25-74

2 hr

38p

SS&LS

(3) Serving in forestry unit in France in World War I. Drinking and liquor control in camp. Log chutes; donkeys and horses. Depression logging.

7-26-74

2 hr

40p

SS&LS

(4) Work as walking boss. Hiring and firing men. Relations with workers and management. Woods routine and variety. Laying shay lines.

8-20-74

2 hr

42p

SS&LS

(5) Unsuccessful IWW strike of 1936. Gyppo logging. Accidents. Camp life; cooks and flunkies. Woods animals. Retirement. Inflation.

8-24-74

2.5 hr

47p

SS&LS

### 4 ANDERSON, Ernest

Burnt Ridge, Troy 1902

Parents emigrated from Sweden and settled in the late nineties. Helen Anderson's husband.

Farmer.

(1) Hard times in Sweden and Duluth. Play and fights as a boy. Getting started as a farmer. Canyon logging; horse team hauling. Joe Wells. Father's craftsmanship.

6-5-74

1.5 hr



(2) Depression trials. Rural schools: strictness, teachers, decline.  
Harvest work as roustabout. Early sawmilling. Chores.  
6-14-74 1.5 hr

5 ANDERSON, Helen Kellberg

Burnt Ridge, Troy 1904  
Parents were Swedish settlers who came via Missouri (1906).  
Farm wife.

(1) Tuberculosis and other sicknesses. Growing up on the farm. Women's  
work. Father's strictness.  
6-5-74 1.2 hr 18p LS

(2) Good and bad teachers. Neighborhood happenings. Party gatherings.  
Economizing in the depression. Naïveté of young. Shopping in Troy.  
6-14-74 1.2 hr p LS

6 ASPLUND, Ida Swanberg

Nora, Troy 1889  
Parents came from Sweden (1888).  
Homemaker, housekeeper, harvest cook.

(1) See Sundell, Theodore

7 ASPLUND, Philip

Dry Ridge, Troy 1894  
Parents were from Sweden and Norway (1886).  
Logging teamster.

(1) Working in the woods: pay reduction, blowing-in, World War I.  
Big Anderson. Youth on family farm. Troy as logging and trading  
center.  
2-13-75 1.7 hr 47p

8 BACCA, Amelia Odorizzi

Onaway 1908  
Came from northern Italy in 1931.  
Homemaker.

(1) and James Bacca (husband)  
Adaptation to America. Subsistence living near Trent, Italy; local  
interest in America. Depression struggle. Coal mining in Wyoming;  
settling in Potlatch. Other Onaway Italians.  
9-24-76 2.6 hr 60p

9 BACCA, James

Onaway, Potlatch 1901

Emigrated from northern Italy in 1920; came to Potlatch in 1927.

Fireman in the mill.

(1) See Bacca, Amelia

10 BAKER, Winney Tout

Texas Ridge 1886

Moved from Illinois with family as a child.

Farm wife.

(1) Rural childhood experiences.

7-12-75

.8 hr

KP

11 BERGE, Ella May Arden

Hatter Creek, Princeton 1901

Moved from Winchester, Idaho area (1924).

Farm wife, sawmill worker, cook.

(1,2) See Benge, John (2,4)

12 BERGE, John (Dick)

Hatter Creek, Princeton 1894

Moved from Nebraska with family in 1913.

Lumberjack.

(1) Logging life. IWW strike for better conditions. Deputy Pat Malone; preacher Dick Ferrell. Trading and neighboring in the depression.

Advantages of Idaho farming over Nebraska. Problems with bosses.

7-17-73

2.1 hr

55p

(2) and Ella May Benge (wife), with Art Farley (friend)

Playing jokes on neighbors: shivarees and chicken stealing. Feuding.

Keeping peace at town dances. Secrets of water witching and well digging. Decline of land through misuse.

5-3-74

2.2 hr

49p

(3) Lumberjack ways: East Europeans, camp conditions, poker, characters, fights. An incompetent foreman; good and bad management.

4-4-76

2.3 hr

49p

(4) and Ella May Benge, with Peggy Schott (daughter)  
Depression experiences: hardships, selling produce, parties, canning,  
credit. Her work: sawmilling, clearing land, cooking. Woods work.  
Home improvements. School plays.

4-27-76

3.5 hr

75p

13 BENSCOTER, Walter

American Ridge, Kendrick 1898

Parents were homesteaders from Michigan (1885).

Farmer.

(1) Farming: routines, threshing, economy, changes. Neighborliness.

7-23-73

1 hr

RM

(2,3) See Callison, Norla (2,3)

14 BENSON, Henry

Potlatch, Deary 1894

Parents were Deary area homesteaders.

Engineer on WI&M Railroad.

(1) with Nina Seybold (sister)

Unsafe railroad bridges; a major derailment. Support of IWWs and  
hoboes. Family homesteading. Joe Wells family.

5-15-74

1 hr

15 BJERKE, Arthur

Brush Creek, Deary 1886

Came from Norway with family, who homesteaded in 1891.

Farmer, carpenter, logger.

(1) Herding cattle in meadow rangelands. Experiences with Nez Perces.  
Family homesteading. Neighbors. Construction of WI&M. Father's accident  
and death.

8-15-73

1.5 hr

19p

(2) Winter surveying with Bill Helmer. Taming an outlaw horse. Impressions  
of cultural groups. Family farming and grazing methods. Homesteaders'  
poverty. Oxen logging, wild cattle, and sheep grazing. Deary townsite.

8-20-73

2.2 hr

27p

(3) Hunting experiences of a sharpshooter. Game animals' habits and  
history. Early Elk River. Surveying methods.

10-10-73

1.3 hr

15p

(4) Joe Wells family. Two killings. Impact of Potlatch Lumber Company. Signs of weather, planting, and reproduction. Fruitless mining operations. Spring floods.

5-30-75

2.2 hr

27p

16 BOAG, Violet Frei

Bovill, Moscow 1909

Parents moved from Kansas c. 1890.

Nurse, homemaker.

(1) Slabtown and Collins. 1914 fire. Advantages of moving to Moscow. Becoming a nurse.

10-15-76

1.4 hr

17 BOAS, Louis

Moscow 1900

Came from Boise to attend the university.

Editor of Moscow Daily Star-Mirror and Daily Idahonian (1926-1966).

(1) Dean French and university social relationships. Faculty, students, and school traditions. Limited opportunities for women. State education. Work as Boise city editor.

7-30-76

1.7 hr

p

(2) Role of small city newspaper. Coverage of local issues. Boosting Moscow. Relation of college to town. Moscow banks in the depression. Frank B. Robinson and Moscow's newspaper rivalry.

9-3-76

2 hr

p

18 BORAH, Mary McConnell

Moscow, Washington, D.C. 1870

William J. McConnell, her father, first came in 1879 from the Boise Basin and was elected Idaho governor (1892); she came with her mother from Oregon (1888).

Wife of Idaho Senator William Borah.

(1) First dinner at the White House with Teddy Roosevelt; her gown. Senator Borah. Her kidnapping as a baby. (Interview recorded in Beaverton, Oregon for radio broadcast; donated by Sister Mary Christina).

10-15-71

.5 hr

p

Maureen Bassett

See also Christina, Sister Mary



19 BRAMMER, Henry

Cameron, Juliaetta 1881

Family came from Germany via Kansas (1892).  
Farmer.

(1) Farming in two depressions. Getting started as a farmer. Father's carpentry. Kansas dugout. Rural innovations.

8-20-73

1 hr

20p

RM

(2) Farm life in the 1890's. Anti-German activity in World War I. Labor organization; hoboes.

8-27-73

1 hr

22p

RM

20 BRINK, Carol Ryrie

Moscow 1895

Grandfather was a Moscow doctor (1887) trained in Missouri; Father came from Scotland (1889).

Novelist, homemaker. Caddie Woodlawn won the Newberry Award; Buffalo Coat, Snow in the River and Strangers in the Forest are filled with detail about early local life.

(1) Historical and family background of novels. Sources of writing in childhood. Grandmother and aunt. Moscow mores. Development as a writer. Reading of three true sketches of early Moscow. (Recorded by Mrs. Brink in California in response to taped questions.)

6-75

1.9 hr

27p

21 BROCKE, Frank

Troy, American Ridge, Kendrick 1906

Parents' families came from Germany; father was born at Genesee, mother in Kansas.

President of First Bank of Troy, where he worked for forty-seven years; chairman of school board.

(1) Learning banking at Kendrick; offer to work at Troy. Advantages of one-room schoolhouse. Father's death. World War I and anti-German sentiment.

3-18-75

1.5 hr

39p

(2) Troy bank and community support in the depression. Victory during Bank holiday. Farm economics and bank policy. Banker Ole Bohman. School consolidation; work as school board clerk.

4-26-75

1.5 hr

38p

(3) Roles of small town banker. Credit and confidentiality. Country youngsters. Moonshine and dances. Early banking experience. Family struggle.

1-7-76

1.3 hr

35p

(4) with Margie Brocke (wife)

Confidence of Troy bank in local people. Bank resolution of depression crisis. Relations between banker and examiner. Frank Green. Local entertainments.

2-11-76

2 hr

56p

(5) with Margie Brocke

Robberies of the Troy bank. Local attitudes toward wealth and prospering. Country-town differences. Santa Claus. Student loans. Causes of 1970's depression.

11-9-76

2.5 hr

67p

22 BROUILLARD, Jennie Cuthbert

Viola 1886

Nurse, homemaker.

(1) See Byers, Fannie (2)

23 BUBULY, Michael

Bovill 1896

Emigrated from Yugoslavia in 1913.

Lumberjack.

(1) Protecting a killer at Elk River. 1914 Bovill fires. Bad logging accidents. Bootleg whiskey and Pat Malone. Discrimination against East Europeans. Father's return to Bosnia.

8-14-74

2 hr

44p

24 BUCHANAN, George (Bud)

Moscow 1896

Parents' families came from Illinois and Missouri and homesteaded (1870's); he moved to the Coeur d'Alene district as an adult.

Electrician.

(1) Town social events. Moscow businesses and proprietors.

5-74

.4 hr

RM

25 BURKLAND, Joel

Deary, Bear Creek 1892

Parents were Swedish homesteaders (1880's). William Burkland's cousin.  
Operated garage and service station, town marshall, secretary-treasurer of  
highway district (37 years).

(1) Family's water powered mill. Early Deary, fires and decline. Boys'  
work and fishing. Marshall's work. Depression debts.

8-15-53

1.5 hr

26 BURKLAND, William

Bear Creek, Deary 1887

Parents were Swedish homesteaders (1888).  
Farmer, logger.

(1) Bear Creek homesteading: instability, trading, getting by. Teaching  
and meetings in Bear Creek school. Why families left Sweden.

2-9-76

1.8 hr

39p

(2) Neighboring supplanted by town life. Beginning of Deary. Homesteaders'  
struggle. Harvest work. Runaway teams.

3-19-76

2 hr

46p

27 BUTTERFIELD, Edna Johnson

Woodfell, Princeton 1890

Family came from Michigan (1888).  
Farm wife.

(1) Family halfway house at Woodfell. Subsistence living. Hoodoo miners  
and local economy. Early towns.

10-11-73

1 hr

LS

(2) Courtship. Mother's schedule. Dresses. Coming of industry.

10-19-73

1 hr

LS

28 BYERS, Fannie Cuthbert

Fourmile Creek, Viola 1893

Parents were born in Scotland, came from Kansas and homesteaded (1888).  
Farm wife, pea processor, harvest cook.

(1) First jobs. Development of homestead. Local sawmills. A young  
arsonist. Viola town life. Move to Idaho.

5-14-74

1 hr

LS

(2) and Jennie Brouillard (sister)  
Nursing in a field hospital in France in World War I. Women's work in  
harvest and processing. Farm self-sufficiency. Viola Community Club.  
Impact of Adventists. Effects of school consolidation.

11-5-76

2.8 hr

71p

(3) Happenings in Viola community. Family experiences. (Interview donated  
by Marilyn Chaney.)

no date

.6 hr

Marilyn Chaney

29 CALLISON, Norla

American Ridge, Kendrick 1903

Grandfather came from Kansas and homesteaded (1888); mother was from Missouri.  
Farmer.

(1) Farming practices. Joint-owned threshing machine. Forms of neighbor-  
ing. Rural schooling and chores. Plentiful game. Raising apples. Kansas  
farming.

8-29-73

1.5 hr

p

RM

(2) and Walter Benscoter (friend)

Festive get-togethers. Moonshine. Weather and farming. One-room  
school. Thieves. Early homesteading.

12-7-73

1.3 hr

39p

RM

(3) and Walter Benscoter

Fights and local politicking. Farmer co-ops. Depressions. Desire to  
secede from Idaho. Neighbors.

1-24-74

1 hr

RM

30 CAMERON, Viola White

Bovill 1906

Parents came from Minnesota (1905).

Homemaker, store clerk, logging camp flunkey.

(1) and Grace Ryan (sister)

Flunkeying and lumberjacks. Social life of Bovill. Mother's work.  
Loss of Slabtown house in 1914 fire.

7-25-24

1 hr

LS

31 CARLSON, Gustav

Burnt Ridge, Troy 1899

Parents were Swedish immigrants who settled in 1891; he left the area as an  
adult. Willa Carlson's brother-in-law.

Teacher, census bureau officer.



(1) Family interrelationships on Burnt Ridge. Rural school and farm work. Changed attitudes of second generation. Father's socialism and religion. Non-fraternity education at the university. Troy killings.

7-12-76

4 hr

(2) Tuberculosis among the young. Careers of second generation Burnt Ridgers. Influence of canyons on countryside. Nora Mission Church. Farming methods.

7-15-76

3 hr

### 32 CARLSON, Helena Cartwright

Big Meadow, Troy 1899

Came with family from South Dakota (1912).

Teacher, homemaker.

(1) Rural school: games, get-togethers, teaching. Chores and play; animal pets. Cultural barriers with Swedish community.

7-6-75

2 hr

p

KP

(2) Community activities: picnics, parties, school programs. Opposition to school consolidation. Older girls' work.

7-20-75

1 hr

KP

(3,4) See Carlson, Melvin (1,2)

(5) See Ruberg, Hilda

### 33 CARLSON, Melvin

Big Meadow, Troy 1906

Family came from North Dakota (1912).

Logger, farmer.

(1) and Helena Carlson (sister-in-law)  
Farm life as youngster: school, work, play and entertainments. Ice making. Threshing. Local fires.

7-21-75

2 hr

p

KP

(2) and Helena Carlson  
Woods living: lumberjacks, work, women in camp. Halloween pranks. Shivarces. Buttermaking and cream. Home remedies.

7-22-75

2 hr

p

KP

### 34 CARLSON, Willa Cummings

American Ridge, Troy 1896

Parents came from Missouri (early 1890's).

Teacher and farm wife; author of manuscript on Latah County history.

(1) with Mavis Lee Utley (daughter)  
Disappearance of a buttermaker. A veiled lady. Boarding in Lewiston  
as a girl. Fortune telling experiences. Prescience.

4-23-74 2.2 hr 33p

(2) with Mavis Lee Utley  
Marshall Hays and family. Fannie and Al Roberts. J.P. Vollmer, the  
millionaire. Schooling and reading as a youngster.

4-30-74 2 hr 38p

(3) with Mavis Lee Utley and Helen Johnson (friend)  
Disappearance of Mae Downing. Last account of Winnie Booth. Moving a  
grave. Death of children from tuberculosis.

5-7-74 1.7 hr 16p

(4) Social and political views of American Ridgers; racial prejudice  
and regional divisions. Family adversity: typhoid, house fire, trouble  
with hired hand. Suspected vigilante hanging. Electioneering. Kendrick  
fire of 1904.

5-14-74 2.5 hr 48p

(5) Teacher's responsibilities to the community. Mother-in-law's  
nursing. Views of cultural groups. American Ridge lore.

5-20-74 1.5 hr 25p

(6) A country girl at Lewiston Normal: working for keep, sophistication  
of city elite. Difficult ranching experience. Family prune dryer and  
cider press.

1-15-76 1.7 hr 43p

35 CHRISTINA, Sister Mary

Beaverton(Oregon) 1899

Nun. She helped care for Mary McConnell Borah at the Maryville home.

(1) Stories Mary Borah told about her life. Mary Borah's last year.

8-19-76 .5 hr Lee Magnuson

36 CLARK, Archie

Potlatch 1886

Came from the Midwest in 1904. Rosie Clark's husband.  
Farm laborer.

(1) Coyote hunting. A pet coyote. Training a horse.

4-17-74 1 hr

37 CLARK, J. Les

Elk River 1904

Native of Manitoba, he arrived in 1923.  
Printer.

(1) See Clark, Marie

38 CLARK, Marie Jockheck

Elk River 1908

Father emigrated from Germany, mother was raised in Denver; they came to  
open a meat market (1912).  
Teacher, homemaker.

(1) and J. Les Clark (husband)

Growing up in Elk River. Town social life and cultural groups. Apprenticeship of a printer; Elk River print shop. Tramp printers. Leaving Elk River; loss of mill.

7-9-76

3.5 hr

39 CLARK, Rosie Hecks

Deep Creek, Potlatch 1893

Family moved from Missouri (1899).  
Kitchen worker, farm wife.

(1) Family farm life. Fears as a girl. Community Fourth of July.

4-17-74

.9 hr

Sherrie Fields

40 CLYDE, Lola Gamble

Paradise Ridge, Moscow 1900

Father emigrated from Ireland and became the area's first Presbyterian minister (1880); mother was from Victoria, British Columbia.

Teacher, farm wife; local historian, frequently addresses groups and aids researchers.

(1) Nez Perce trails and use of area. First white people in county.

Place name origins. Why Moscow got the university. Arrival of Clydes with Pennsylvania Dutch (1877). Governor McConnell's bankruptcy (1893). Meeting Ida Tarbell.

12-2-74

1.7 hr

44p

(2) Father's ministry. Eliza Spalding and Nez Perce religion. Family homesteading; mother's interests and isolation. Farm wildflowers and wildlife. Love of school.

12-13-74

1.5 hr

36p

(3) with Robert Clyde (son)  
Killing of Will Steffen for Dr. Watkin's murder. Double suicide of  
Winnie Booth and Dr. Ledbrook. Folk beliefs. Early politics. The  
1903 compilation of North Idaho history. Stories of Shorty Hill.

1-7-75 2 hr 36p

(4) and Thomas Wahl (brother-in-law), Elizabeth Wahl (sister)  
Play parties. Outdoor children's games. Women teaching. Awkwardness  
of courting. Chatauquas. Auctions.

5-19-75 1.3 hr 47p

(5) Famous North Idaho women. Subservience of women to husbands. Women  
and prohibition. Her teaching experience; choice of marriage over  
career. Depths of the depression. Rural electrification.

6-5-75 1.7 hr 44p

(6) Ignorance vs. independence for young women. Children's lives and  
troubles. Difficult marriages. Pioneer sickness. Nez Perce myths.  
Bedtime stories and lullabies.

7-3-75 1.7 hr 25p

(7) Women's life in country compared to town. Women's civic achieve-  
ments in Moscow. Women's teaching opportunities. Family size. Church  
activities; attitudes about dying. Social relations at university.  
Anti-German actions during war; Klan in the 1920s. IWW's in harvest.  
Frank B. Robinson.

10-12-76 2.5 hr p

(8) Nez Perce lore and craft objects. (Presentation given to young  
people at the McConnell Museum)

no date .5 hr

(9) Synopsis of Snow in the River, a novel by Carol Brink. (Practice  
tape made in preparation for public presentation.)

no date .5 hr

(10) McConnell mansion history. (Presentation given at McConnell mansion  
to Northwest History Group of Faculty Women's Club.)

1972 .7 hr

See also Gamble, Gus (1)

#### 41 CORNELISON, Bernadine Adair

Moscow 1897

Singer and voice teacher; taught at the University of Idaho.

(1) See Adair, Ione (4); see also (1-3,5)



42 CORRIN, Glenn

Troy 1890

Parents came from South Dakota (1890).

General laborer.

(1) Marshall Hays: his unpopularity and murder. Joe and Lou Wells.  
Driving supply wagon east of Troy (1906). Beauty of Bovill townsite.  
5-21-75 .9 hr 12p

43 COX, Andrew

American Ridge, Juliaetta 1902

Parents came from Nova Scotia in the 1890's.

Farmer.

(1) See Kent, Edward

44 CRAIG, Anna Vivan Hise

Moscow 1887

Came to South Idaho from Nebraska (1907), and after marriage to Orofino and Moscow.

Teacher, homemaker.

(1) Teaching methods in a one-room schoolhouse. Teachers' moral example for community.

7-26-73

1 hr

45 CROCKER, Lester

Kendrick 1899

Parents came from Pennsylvania and Kansas (early 1890's).

Banker.

(1) Local fires. Weather and transportation. Wild game.

7-12-73

.8 hr

RM

46 CROW, Ada Hill

Fourmile Creek, Viola 1880

Family moved from Junction City, Oregon and homesteaded (1887).

Farm wife.

(1) with Velma Gertz (daughter)  
Family homesteading: farm produce and 1893 wet harvest. Viola events  
and settlers. Religious and social gatherings. Typhoid; smallpox.  
Getting married. Canadian homesteading (1912-37).

7-24-74

2 hr

45p

LS

47 CROW, Charles

Palouse, eastern Washington 1879  
Family homesteaded in the 1880's. Ada Crow's husband.  
Farmer, carpenter.

(1) Driving horses across eastern Washington. Batching in a dugout as  
a boy. Rattlesnake lore. Fighting claim jumpers.

7-24-74

2.1 hr

48 CURRIN, Walter

Rimrock, Genesee 1904  
Father came in 1878 from the Willamette Valley, Oregon.  
Farmer and warehouseman.

(1) George Peopeoptalkt's friendship with family. Jackson Sundown.  
Local rodeos.

3-17-76

1 hr

49 DANIELS, Eva Slatter

Cameron, Park, Agatha 1907  
Father came from New York City, mother from Missouri (c.1900).  
Teacher, farm wife.

(1) Community functions of school and church. Teaching in rural schools.  
Working for board. Difficult living at Park. Childhood on homestead.  
Father's struggle as an orphan in the West.

4-29-76

2.1 hr

47p

50 DEMUS, Gus

Potlatch 1892  
Emigrated from Greece to the Northwest in 1909, and settled in Potlatch  
in 1914.  
Trimmer at mill, laborer.

(1) Working and living for Greeks in Potlatch; their social separation from Americans. Railroad labor in eastern Washington: boxcar living. Growing up in Dedemah. Departure of Greeks from Potlatch during depression.

8-7-75

2.5 hr

37p

(2) Laboring in the Northwest: language barrier, foreman-crew relations. Sending father back to Greece. Ten hour day at Potlatch. IWW radicalism. Getting ahead in America.

9-12-75

2 hr

33p

(3) Work as trimmer in mill: disagreements, foremen, sign language, accidents. Greek living arrangements and lack of security. Company profits. Prostitution.

10-24-75

2.5 hr

47p

(4) Brother's paranoia. Surviving the depression. Slow advancement in sawmill. Greek bachelors. Visiting Greece after retirement.

9-24-76

1.4 hr

26p

51 DENEVAN, Lucille Riddell

Bovill 1900

Grew up in Minnesota; came after completing training in Chicago (1919). Nurse, homemaker.

(1) Nursing experiences in Bovill hospital. Decisions as a first aid nurse. Becoming a nurse despite opposition. Value of hard work.

11-11-75

2 hr

p

52 DIAMANTIS, John

Elk River 1885

Emigrated from Klitsos, Greece in 1909. Sawmiller, logger.

(1) Extra gang slavery. IWW victory. Dismantling of Elk River mill. Leaving Elk River.

7-28-74

1 hr

53 DRISCOLL, Jennie Halverson

Genesee, Lenville, Driscoll Ridge 1888

Parents homesteaded after emigrating from Norway via Astoria (early 1880's). Farm wife.

(1) Parents' struggle to build farm. Mother's death; caring for family as a girl. Enjoyments and neighboring. Genesee. Why parents left Astoria. The thirties. Pioneering of Driscoll Ridge.

2-17-76

1.5 hr

26p

54 EAST, John

Princeton, Moscow 1882

Came from the Camas Prairie (late 1920's).

Farmer, moonshiner.

(1) Moonshining. Decline of morality.

7-9-74

.8 hr

RM

55 EDWARDS, Mary Grey

Grey Eagle District, Genesee 1897

Parents came from Nevada and Nebraska (1890's).

Homemaker.

(1) Family and neighbors in childhood. An Indian-white family. Dances.  
Life on the farm and in Genesee.

11-3-76

1.7 hr

56 EIKUM, John

Cow Creek, Genesee 1888

Family arrived in 1893 from Norway.

Farmer.

(1) Division of creek by two Lutheran churches. 1893 wet harvest and  
depression. Family farm life. Genesee stores and moving of town.

World War I experience. Homesteading on Coeur d'Alene reservation.

12-8-75

2.8 hr

44p

57 ERICKSON, Alfred

Hog Meadows 1893

Parents came from Minnesota (1892).

Railroad worker.

(1) with Lena Justice and May LeMarr (sisters)

Pioneering on Hog Meadows; father's troubles. Girls' work. Killing a  
bear.

7-26-74

1 hr

LS

58 ESTES, Willis

Viola 1893

Parents came from Iowa before he was born.

Mail carrier; president of Idaho chapter of Rural Letter Carriers Association.



(1) Delivering mail in rough conditions. Shoeing and working with horses. Responsibility of the mails.

7-9-74

1.5 hr

32p

LS

59 FISHER, Marie Leitch

Bovill 1900

Grewup at Nezperce, Idaho.

Teacher, homemaker.

(1) Life of single teacher in the twenties. Bovill social activities. Teaching methods and experiences. Town characters. Depression in Bovill.

10-29-75

2.6 hr

p

60 FLEENER, Dora Otter

Rural Moscow 1894

Family moved from South Dakota in 1902.

Farm wife, housekeeper; author of Coming West from South Dakota.

(1) Home life as a girl. Mother's influence on household. Exclusion of women from animal husbandry at university. Fleener family's plains crossing (1852).

8-21-73

1 hr

(2) Working out before marriage. Life during threshing season. Father-in-law's homesteading near Moscow (1870's). Controversy over identities of Wild Davey and William Drannan. Home remedies.

12-16-74

1.5 hr

p

61 FLODIN, Elmer

Dry Ridge, Troy 1899

Parents were Swedish homesteaders (early 1880's).

Farmer, logger.

(1) Survival of frontier homesteaders. Support of IWW despite opponents. Local strong men.

6-25-74

1 hr

p

(2) Destruction of land by fertilizer and logging. Olson family threshing; Wells family. Dry Ridge cemetery.

1-10-75

1 hr

62 FOLLETT, Mahlon

Genesee 1896

Parents came from Minnesota in the 1880's.

Operated general store.

(1) Follett's store. Flourishing and decline of Genesee. Socializing in town. Problems with credit. Genesee banks. Moving of townsite.

5-3-76

2 hr

63 FRY, Frances Vaughan

Cedar Creek, Kendrick 1893

Family came from Kansas (1895).

Farm wife, cook for woods crews, doctor's assistant, store clerk.

(1) Canning and baking; feeding family and guests. Neighborhood sharing and visiting. A lazy family. Local religious life. Mother's farm work, and her own.

8-3-76

2 hr

52p

(2) Her work to make ends meet. Raising children. Neighborhood life. Severe winters.

2-18-77

2 hr

55p

64 GAMBLE, Daniel (Bert)

Paradise Ridge 1887

Lola Clyde's brother.

Worked for woods products corporation; poet.

(1) "The Poet of the Palouse" reading thirty of his poems.

12-5-73

.8 hr

RM

65 GAMBLE, Gus

Genesee, Paradise Ridge 1890

Daniel Gamble's brother.

Farmer.

(1) with Lola Clyde (sister) and Bob Clyde (nephew) Stories of Shorty Hill: his brother's lynching; murder on the Twenty-One Ranch. Wild Davey. Homesteading near Elk River (1912).

11-25-74

1.4 hr

(2) More about Shorty Hill. Harvest work as a boy.

12-18-74

1.1 hr

66 GAMBLE, W. J.

Potlatch 1884

Came from Pennsylvania in 1910.

General manager of WI&M Railroad for 33 years; lobbyist for North Idaho  
lumber interests in state legislature.

(1) Selection of Potlatch for the lumber mill and townsite. Advantages  
of company town. Shipping resources on WI&M. Relations with other  
railroads. Working west from Pennsylvania. Problems of logging in  
Idaho mountains. Decline of Potlatch.

12-14-73

1.5 hr

32p

(2) Company operation of town of Potlatch. General Managers Deary  
and Laird. Dealing with the IWW. Company policies during the de-  
pression. Attitudes towards workingmen. Potlatch Japanese.  
Lobbying experiences. Weyerhaeuser family.

6-6-75

1.9 hr

40p

67 GILDER, Agnes Clark

Harvard, Spring Valley 1903

Came with family from Seattle, Washington (1919).

Farm wife.

(1) See Gilder, Glen (4); see also (5)

68 GILDER, Glen

Harvard, Spring Valley 1901

Parents came to the Washington Palouse country from Ontario and Iowa (c.1890).

Farmer, laborer, boilerman.

(1) Meaning of neighboring. Work and play. Hoodoo miners. Old Palouse  
River road. Father's farming.

5-22-75

1.8 hr

29p

(2) See Nichols, George

(3) Farm life versus city life. Tenacity of local people. Farmers'  
reliance on Potlatch mill. Selling milk in the depression. Mistreatment  
of Indians.

6-17-75

2 hr

32p

(4) and Agnes Gilder (wife), with Richard Gilder (son)  
Equality of farm families. Rural view of Potlatch. Marrying and  
raising children. Working-out while farming. Search for a missing  
man. Huckleberrying. Home remedies.

7-29-75

2.5 hr

49p

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(5) with Agnes Gilder  
Struggle to be an independent farmer: part-time farming, loss of  
farm in the thirties. A new start. First jobs.

12-9-76

1.8 hr

29p

See also Wurman, Mamie

69 GLENN, John (Bruce)

Potlatch Ridge, American Ridge, Juliaetta 1904

Roy Glenn's brother.

Oil deliveryman.

(1) with Agnes Glenn (wife)

Farm self-sufficiency; farming equipment. Juliaetta and Kendrick.  
Dr. Ruffle. School and dances. Tramway.

9-28-75

1.8 hr

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70 GLENN, Mabel Richardson

Texas Ridge, Fix Ridge, Juliaetta 1906

Parents came from Oregon (1893).

Farm wife, farmer.

(1) See Glenn, Roy

71 GLENN, Roy

Texas Ridge, Potlatch Ridge, Kendrick 1903

Family came from North Carolina (1904).

Auctioneer, farmer.

(1) and Mabel Glenn (wife)

Farm living as youngsters. Boundary disputes. Developing farm as a rentor.  
Tension with German community during wars. Early Kendrick and Leland.

11-18-76

1.8 hr

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72 GOFF, Abe MacGregor

Moscow, Washington, D.C. 1899

Moved to Moscow to attend university; father homesteaded near Rosalia, Wash.

Lawyer, state legislator, U.S. Congressman, chairman of Interstate Commerce  
Commission.



(1) Prohibition in the county: moonshining, drinking and evangelism.  
Arson and robbery cases. Teddy Roosevelt's Moscow speech (1911). World  
War I at university; working through school. Family move west;  
father's fight against rustlers. Naming of Moscow.  
11-13-74 1.8 hr 28p

(2) Moscow court cases. Successful enforcement of prohibition.  
Depression in the county. Serving as legislator and congressman.  
11-26-74 1.6 hr 36p

73 GORMAN, Madeleine Groh

Bovill 1913

Parents emigrated from Alsace, France and operated Bovill's mercantile store.  
Homemaker.

(1) Father's friendship with Nez Perces. Return to France as a child;  
mother's adjustment to America. Fires in Bovill and Kendrick. Tent  
meetings. Home remedies. First World War. Town characters.  
8-21-74 2 hr 46p LS

74 GRANNIS, Kate Price

Avon 1886

Parents homesteaded (c.1885), coming from California and Kansas via Cheney,  
Washington.  
Homemaker, mica cutter, cook.

(1) Homebound life of rural women. Neighboring. Homestead poverty.  
Work at mica mine. Wells family. An Avon murder.  
2-24-76 2.3 hr 45p

75 GROSECLOSE, Dixie Baugh

Potlatch River, Juliaetta 1900

Came with family from Bland County, Virginia in 1907.  
Farm wife.

(1-3) See Groseclose, Edward (1-3)

76 GROSECLOSE, Edward

Potlatch River, Juliaetta 1893

Came with family from Bland County, Virginia in 1902.  
Section man on railroad, farmer, poet.

(1) and Dixie Groseclose (wife)  
Homesteading in Potlatch Canyon. Goodness of Nez Perces. Flooding of  
Potlatch River. Railroad work at Arrow Junction. Cedarville settlement.  
3-9-76 2 hr 51p

(2) and Dixie Groseclose  
Family and community traditions from Virginia. Settling of Arrow by  
Virginia kin and neighbors. Her experiences as a youngster. Religious  
life. Misuse of blacks and Indians. Disputed strips of reservation land.  
6-1-76 3 hr 76p

(3) and Dixie Groseclose  
Adversity: house fire, quarantine, making do. Courtship. Her work. Foster  
and Adams as promoters. Aunt Susan. Hoboes. Southern witches. Religious  
differences.  
7-21-76 3.6 hr 96p

77 GROVE, Clara Payne

Moscow, Troy 1879  
Born in Iowa, she lived in the Dakotas and Montana before coming in 1925.  
Editor, cook, nurse's aid, columnist; leader of Women's Christian Temperance  
Union.

(1) Editing Troy Weekly News. Local life in the twenties.  
2-20-74 1 hr Emily Moore

(2) WCTU work: jail visiting, charity, temperance conversions. Editing  
newspaper despite opposition to businesswomen. Boarding students.  
Feeding the hungry. A woman's struggle through college. Women's suffrage;  
early politics.  
11-7-75 1.9 hr 38p

(3) WCTU crusade: protests in saloons, taking the pledge, Frances  
Willard. Family ties and self-reliance. Salvation Army selflessness.  
Caring for sick. Misuse of volunteer work in World War I. Childhood  
experiences.  
11-21-75 1.9 hr 37p

(4) Life roles and responsibilities of rural women. Views on child  
rearing and divorce. Preachers, revivals, and the Sabbath. Teaching  
and homesteading in Dakotah and Montana. Attending university in her  
eighties.  
12-16-75 2.6 hr 48p

(5) The management of marriage. Opposition to divorce. Fundamental  
values. Working as a woman. Overabundance of wealth in America.  
5-11-76 2 hr 38p

78 GRUELL, Crystal Ottosen

Juliaetta 1905

Parents were raised in Denmark and Iowa, and came in 1908.

Teacher, homemaker.

(1) with Cecil Gruell (husband)

Working at Juliaetta cannery. Local cherry industry. Teacher training and experience. Town church and social life; rivalry with Kendrick. Hard times.

7-21-76

2 hr

79 GUERNSEY, Viola Sheldon

Princeton, Onaway 1894

Family came from the Midwest via Nebraska (1910).

Homemaker, grocery store operator.

(1) with Getha Guptill (friend)

Family's search for a new home. Attending Ursuline Academy. Teaching experience. Church activities; Reverend Dick Ferrell. Loss of store in the depression. Onaway.

4-27-76

1.8 hr

80 GUILFOY, Leo

Bovill 1886

An Irishman, he came from England in 1916.

Scaler and treating plant operator at cedar pole yard.

(1) Lumberjack humor: tales of Bill Deary, Bill Helmer, Pat Malone and others. Bear stories. Experiences as Scoutmaster. Bovill electric plant and movie house. Cedar pole work.

12-10-73

1.5 hr

42p

(2) Origins of Lumberjack nicknames. IWW radicalism and blackballing. Refusing to join Four-L's. Spokane employment offices. Dick Ferrell; Axel Anderson.

7-3-74

1.5 hr

37p

81 GUSTIN, Clay

Helmer, Moscow Mountain 1900

Parents probably came from Utah in the 1890s.

Logger.

(1) Work on Park sleigh-haul and McGary Butte fire. Good ecology of early logging methods.

7-25-73

1 hr

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82 HALEN, Alben

Big Bear Ridge, Deary 1896  
Parents were Swedish homesteaders (c.1890).  
Farmer, logger.

(1) Farming with horses. Hard times for farmers. Logging for Potlatch.  
Farmer opposition to IWW.

2-9-76 1.5 hr

(2) Working out as a boy. Fires and early growth of Deary. Joe Wells'  
logging operation. Piling lumber. Grave digging.

2-20-76 1.5 hr

83 HALSETH, Edward

Big Bear Ridge, Jansville 1894  
Parents were Norwegian homesteaders (1890's).  
Farmer.

(1) Homesteading and local happenings. Frontier hardships in Montana.

12-20-74 1 hr

84 HAMPTON, Elvon

Grey Eagle District, Genesee 1911  
Parents came from North Carolina in the late 1880's.  
Farmer.

(1) Father's management of Genesee's largest farm operation. Rotation  
of crops and livestock. Hired hands. Rural isolation; chatauquas.  
Choice of farming career.

5-3-76 1.8 hr p

85 HANDLIN, Nellie Tomer

Moscow 1897  
Father's parents were among the county's first settlers, coming from California  
in 1871; mother was from Indiana.  
Homemaker, cashier.

(1) Tomers' pioneering. Relations with Nez Perces. Selection of Moscow  
Cemetery site. School and reading as a girl.

12-17-73 1 hr LS



86 HARDT, Verna Palmer

Viola 1905

Grandfather first came to the region with Captain Mullan's Army outfit (c. 1858); parents' families both moved from Oregon (1876 and 1880).

Homemaker.

(1) Family adventures, migration and settling. Viola events. Cattle herding experiences. Indians. Chinese miners. (Tape recorded by Mrs. Hardt for her brother, Glen Palmer, who was the donor.)

no date

2 hr

49p

87 HAZELTINE, Mabel Oliver

Fourmile Creek, Viola 1901

Parents came from Sprague, Washington area (1901).

Farm wife.

(1) Social life: games, dances, revivals. Chores and staples. Move to Canada. Childbirth.

6-3-74

.8 hr

20p

LS

88 HERRMANN, Beulah Dollar

Moscow, Troy 1900

Moved from Colorado (1928).

Clerk for Psychianna.

(1) Frank B. Robinson's integrity and his relations in Moscow. Working for Psychianna.

11-9-76

1 hr

89 HERZOG, Frank

Harvard 1898

Came with parents from Pennsylvania in 1900.

Logger, farmer, trapper.

(1) See Nichols, George

(2) Trapping bear, coyotes and mink. Changing population of game animals. Lumberjack life: risks, fighting, drinking. Family's work. Corporate control of country.

7-18-75

2 hr

90 HICKMAN, William (Dave)

Genesee 1900

Father came from North Carolina (1888); mother's family came from Wisconsin (1881).

Soil conservationist.

- (1) See Platt, E.J.

91 HOLLAND, Joseph

Bovill 1900

Grew up in South Dakota and Saskatchewan.

Depot agent at Bovill (1925-66); school board chairman, mayor, justice of the peace.

- (1) Bovill's way of life. Experiences as depot agent and judge. Relief in the depression. Lumberjacks and extra gangs. Pat Malone. Leo Guilfoxy's humor.

7-25-74

2 hr

41p

- (2) Railroad work and anecdotes. Local attitudes toward Potlatch Lumber Company. Conflict over school consolidation; problems of running town. CCC's. The depot clock.

8-23-74

2.6 hr

47p

92 HOVE, Palma Hanson

Cow Creek, Genesee 1893

Mother was raised in Norway, father in Wisconsin. They arrived in the 1880's. Farm wife, harvest cook.

- (1) Cook wagon at harvesttime. Family farm life. Division of Cow Creek by two Lutheran churches. Young people's socializing. Early Genesee.

6-13-75

2 hr

48p

93 INGLE, Florence Hupp

Big Bear Ridge, Little Bear Ridge, Kendrick 1884

Family came from California and homesteaded (1886).

Teacher, farm wife.

- (1) Relations among settlers. J.P.Vollmer's bad loan practices. Early communities..

8-22-73

1 hr

21p

RM

94 INGLE, Gerald

Big Bear Ridge, Kendrick 1910

Son of Florence Ingle. Grandfather was a homesteader from Tennessee (1883).  
County commissioner for 20 years, farmer.

(1) County school consolidation. Community life on the ridge. Father  
and grandfather. Depression and bank closure. Growing up; attending the  
university. Attitudes as a public official.

10-7-76

2.7 hr

p

95 JACKSON, Alice Henry

Lapwai 1885

Mother was Nez Perce; father moved from Asotin County, Washington (c.1890).  
Farm wife.

(1) Nez Perce way of life. Nez Perce Christian hymns.

2-5-74

.7 hr

16p

RM

96 JELLEBERG, Charles

Park 1900

Parents were Norwegian homesteaders (c. 1890).  
Horse teamster, sawmill.

(1) and Carl Lancaster (friend)

Handling teams; balky horses. Logging accidents and narrow escapes.  
Foremen; incompetent partners. Abortive IWW strike of 1936. Pay and  
production. Closeness of homesteaders.

8-8-73

2 hr

72p

97 JOHNSON, Clarence

Burnt Ridge, Troy 1895

Parents were homesteaders from Sweden (1884).  
Farmer.

(1) 1893 depression; J.P. Vollmer. Early Troy.

2-8-74

.3 hr

RM

98 JOHNSON, Della Beardsley

Rural Moscow, Moscow 1887

Family came from California (1903).  
Farm wife, dressmaker.

(1) Driving horses from California as a girl. Women's farm life.  
Attending the university. Dressmaking.

12-13-73

1 hr

21p

RM

99 JOHNSON, Hattie Wilken

Cameron 1897

Parents were German homesteaders (1886).

Farm wife, hotel and house maid.

(1) Family work and neighboring. Anti-German wartime sentiment.  
German Lutheran Church and language. Feeding threshing crews. Work  
at Portland's Multnomah Hotel.

8-4-76

2.5 hr

p

100 JOHNSON, Oscar

Troy 1901

Came with father from Sweden in 1910.

Worked at firebrick plant for forty years.

(1) Work for firebrick company. Early Troy. Father's life.

10-1-76

.7 hr

101 JOHNSON, Walter

Moscow 1892

Parents were Swedish immigrants who moved from Minnesota (1882).

Accountant.

(1) Killing of Dr. Watkins. David's Store.

1-16-74

.5 hr

RM

102 JONES, Agnes Healy

Thorn Creek, Genesee 1890

Mother's parents (Tierneys) were the first white settlers of the Genesee  
area, coming from Kansas in 1870; father emigrated from Ireland (early 1870s).

Farm wife, waitress.

(1) Family pioneering. Settlement of Thorn Creek. Fear of Indians.  
Early farming and threshing; 1893 wet harvest.

8-31-73

1.8 hr

63p

RM

(2) Raising geese. Father Cataldo. Rosenstein's kindness; Vollmer's  
foreclosures. Genesee.

5-6-76

1 hr

27p



(3) Growing up on the farm.

5-19-76

.3 hr

9p

103 JUSTICE, Albert

Bovill area 1898

Family moved to Spokane from North Dakota (1905).

Head cook in lumbercamps between the two world wars.

(1) Running logging camp kitchens. Quality of food; art of camp cooking. Problems with cleanliness and help. IWW winning of decent conditions. Gyppo cooking and conflict with union. Bovill restaurant in wartime.

8-23-74

3 hr

73p

104 JUSTICE, Lena (Molly) Erickson

Hog Meadows, Bovill 1901

Parents came from Minnesota (1892). Albert Justice's wife.

Logging camp flunkey, homemaker.

(1) Work of flunkeys. Attitudes towards women in the camps; good and bad horses. Family homesteading struggle.

8-20-74

.8 hr

LS

(2) and May LeMarr (sister)

Flunkeying and logging camp practices. Isolation and home life. Selling huckleberries.

8-23-74

1 hr

LS

See also Erickson, Alfred

105 KAUDER, William

Cedar Creek, Southwick 1868

Homesteaded alongside parents, after moving from Illinois (1889). Farmer.

(1) 1893 depression. Getting settled; help from neighbors. Political views of 1890's. Entertainment. Land clearing. Kendrick.

2-13-74

1 hr

16p

RM

(2) Developing the homestead. Pioneering ways. Available work.

5-3-74

1 hr

14p

RM

(3) Struggles of homesteading. Opening reservation to homesteading. Coming west.

6-74

.7 hr

p

RM

106 KELLBERG, Ruth Anderson

Burnt Ridge, Troy 1899

Parents were Swedish homesteaders (1890).

Farm wife.

(1) Pioneer hardships. Religious traditions.

6-13-74

.5 hr

LS

107 KENT, Edward

American Ridge, Juliaetta 1889

Came with mother from Nova Scotia in 1898.

Farmer, cowboy.

(1) and Andrew Cox (half-brother)

Farming on American Ridge. Early impressions of Idaho. Cowboy work.

Nez Perces on the Potlatch. Juliaetta. Preaching and schools.

8-10-76

1.3 hr

108 LANCASTER, Carl

Helmer, Harvard 1902

Parents came from Pennsylvania before he was born.

Logger, woods blacksmith and maintenance man.

(1) See Jelleberg, Charles

(2) Old logging terms. Tangling with a crazy man. Tricks and jokes.

11-21-73

.5 hr

See also Lawrence, Floyd (2)

109 LAWRENCE, Floyd

Jansville, Helmer 1898

Family came from Iowa and homesteaded on McGary Meadow (1893).

Logger, operator of dance pavilion.

(1) and Nona Lawrence (wife)

Jansville store on the Lawrence homestead. Beginning of Helmer.

Operating a popular dancehall. Timber homesteaders. Gyppo logging for Potlatch. Joe and Lou Wells.

1-21-76

2.4 hr

p

(2) and Nona Lawrence, with Carl Lancaster (brother-in-law) and Laura May Lancaster (sister-in-law)  
Neighborliness and poverty of homesteaders. Local inventors. Cattle on open range. Working when young. Malzer Anderson.

1-27-76

2.2 hr

p

110 LAWRENCE, Nona Wilkins

Helmer 1898

Parents came from Kentucky and ran pioneer store at Helmer.  
Farm wife, operator of dance hall pavilion.

(1,2) See Lawrence, Floyd (1,2)

111 LELAND, Ruth

Juliaetta 1890

Moved from Wyoming with family (1906).  
Store clerk, minister of United Brethern Church.

(1) Local church history and revivals. Children's Day. Nez Perce Christianity. Discrimination against Nez Percés. Alexander's Store.  
Foster School of Healing.

5-25-76

1.5 hr

21p

112 LEMARR, May Erickson

Hog Meadows 1907

Logging camp flunkie, homemaker.

(1) See Justice, Lena (2); see also Erickson, Alfred

113 LEPARD, George

Potlatch 1899

Family came in 1906 after living elsewhere in North Idaho.  
Grocer.

(1) Potlatch town and mill. Father's medical practice. (Interview donated by his son, George Lepard.)

2-14-74

.8 hr

Sandie Gittel

114 LEW, Marie Lee

Moscow 1910

Came to Spokane from China in 1920.  
Restaurateur.

(1-4) See Lew, Mi (1-4)

115 LEW, Mi

Moscow 1905

Came to Walla Walla from China with his father in 1911.

Restaurateur.

(1) and Marie Lew (wife)

Reasons Chinese came to America. Their fathers' early American experiences. Growing up in Walla Walla. Cooperative truck gardening. Herb doctoring in Spokane. Family structure. Subsistence farming in China.

11-20-75

1.6 hr

44p

(2) and Marie Lew

Role of Christianity in adapting to America. Loans and debts. Running Moscow cafe in the depression. Return to China in 1929. Spokane Chinese community. Tongs.

12-10-75

1.5 hr

39p

(3) and Marie Lew

Separation of families. Her immigration to America. Chinese community building in Walla Walla. Social controls within community. Life of truck gardeners.

1-20-76

1.9 hr

54p

(4) and Marie Lew

Discrimination in the twenties. Universities' social activities for Asians in Moscow and Pullman. Restaurant work. Fate of people returning to China. Youth in Walla Walla.

10-7-76

2 hr

57p

116 LONG, F. Marvin

Kendrick, Cedar Creek, Leland 1894

Family moved from North Carolina (1888).

Operator of mercantile store.

(1) Running general store. Family livestock business. Father's freighting. Junk business.

7-3-73

1 hr

28p

RM

(2) Kendrick fire (1904). Tramway and brick factory. Ice cutting.

7-10-73

.5 hr

RM

(3) Leland as a thriving town. Failure of family fruit ranch. Starting business in Kendrick. Early Kendrick; Gene Chinaman.

2-27-76

1 hr

Lee Magnuson

See also Long, Martha (2)



117 LONG, Martha Lowery

Kendrick, eastern Washington 1903

Parents came from North Dakota and homesteaded near Quincy, Washington (1902).  
Extension specialist for Chelan County and Washington state; homemaker,  
teacher.

(1) Youth on a drought-stricken homestead. Family holiday customs.  
Mother's character. Family move to Pullman. Attending Washington State  
College.

10-25-76

2 hr

61p

(2) with Marvin Long (husband)

Work as home extension agent in the depression. Conditions of Chelan  
County people in the depression. Work as state clothing specialist.  
Teaching at Culdesac; other jobs. The Long house. Kendrick's hobo. Long  
mercantile store.

11-18-76

3 hr

85p

(3) Historical roses of the Kendrick area. (Presentation prepared as  
project of Hill and Valley Garden Club, with accompanying slides.)

12-9-76

.3 hr

118 LYND, Mary West

Palouse 1895

Moved with family from Illinois in 1904.  
Farm wife.

(1) See Wurman, Mamie

119 MAHON, Catherine

Juliaetta, Lewiston-Clarkston 1906

Father, a New York Irishman, was manager of Juliaetta cannery; mother came  
from Oregon (1884).

Operator of greenhouse and beauty salon, teacher.

(1) Limited opportunities for women. Local Jewish families. Books and  
culture. Southerners in the West.

8-27-76

.8 hr

18p

(2) Grandparents' experiences and attitudes; old standards of morality.  
Lives of prostitutes in Lewiston. J.P. Vollmer and early Lewiston  
wealth. Dr. Foster and Juliaetta. Mother's sickness as a girl. Cannery  
and war shortages. Family politics.

9-27-76

3.5 hr

84p

(3) Progressive upbringing in a close family. Openness and equality in the West. Development of Clarkston townsite by proper Bostonians; Clarkston society. Ku Klux Klan; race prejudice. German Catholics. Mother's work as Tribune correspondent.

10-21-76

3.1 hr

p

(4) Cannery management and role in Juliaetta life. Work of beauticians in Lewiston. Unpleasant teaching experience. Abuses of children's welfare. Closeness to father. Lewiston Jewish families.

11-11-76

4 hr

p

120 MALONEY, Joe

Spokane, North Idaho 1892  
Came from Pennsylvania in 1915.  
Employment agent, camp foreman.

(1) See Murphy, Dan

121 MARTIN, Roy

North Idaho 1908  
"Roy Martin" is a pseudonym.  
Hobo, lumberjack, laborer.

(1) Panhandling. Riding freights. Friendships with partners. Wintering with wealth in Spokane. Camp-inspecting. Floating population. IWW protection of workers. Woods, mine and harvest work. Serving in Phillipines.

7-2-76

3.6 hr

71p

(2) Importance of IWW. Good-hearted prostitutes. Hoboes and freight hopping. Employment sharks.

7-30-76

1.8 hr

p

122 McKEEVER, George

Kendrick 1897  
Family came from Missouri in the 1890's.  
Dentist.

(1) Practicing dentistry in Kendrick. Kendrick founding, fire and flood. Hard work as youth. Chinese in Kendrick. Masonic Lodge. Advantages of small town.

8-4-76

2 hr

123 MESSERSMITH, Hazel Bramlett

Lapwai 1888

Parents were early settlers of Dayton, Washington area.  
Homemaker, worked in post office and store.

(1) See Messersmith, Lewis

124 MESSERSMITH, Lewis

Lapwai 1889

Learned trade in Pennsylvania; came West in 1905.  
Blacksmith.

(1) and Hazel Messersmith (wife)

Len Henry, the famous liar. Blacksmith work and inventions. Shop fire  
and depression survival. Attitudes towards Nez Perces. Aunt Kate  
MacBeth and Jenny Barton. Lapwai's decline.

1-21-75

1.7 hr

p

125 MILBERT, Frank

Gold Hill, Potlatch 1907

Came west from Pennsylvania in the twenties.  
Gold miner.

(1) Discovery of Gold Hill gold (1861). Gold Creek rush (1868). Gold  
rush life. Carrico family mining. Persecution of Chinese miners. Lost  
Wheelbarrow Mine. Park Shattuck's mining experiences.

6-18-75

2.5 hr

54p

(2) Dowsing for gold. Stories about local miners. Promoters. How  
gold spurred early settlement. Gold mining in the twenties. Dredging  
the Palouse River. Nature of gold miners.

6-20-75

3 hr

58p

126 MILLER, John B.

Bovill 1912

Parents came from Minnesota (1902).

Geologist; author of The Trees Grew Tall (1972), Bovill area history.

(1) Bovill's nature as a logging town. Causes for its decline. Deputy  
Pat Malone. Mother's hard workday. Gathering historical material;  
appeal of the past.

7-18-73

1.7 hr

47p

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127 MOODY, George (Hap)

Moscow 1885

Came from Vermont (1914).

County deputy and sheriff (1922-55); famous university football booster.

(1) with Bertha Moody (wife)

Impersonating lawbreakers. Trackdowns and arrests. Prohibition drinking and moonshining. Policing strikes; resisting bribes. Cooperation among lawmen. Prisoners and county jail. University football.

2-28-74

2 hr

36p

128 MOORE, Elsie Adair

Bovill, Princeton 1899

Father came from Oregon in 1882.

Homemaker.

(1) Bovill family. Beginning of Bovill; first businesses.

12-73

1 hr

LS

129 MORGAN, William

Lewiston and vicinity 1895

Parents farmed near Nezperce after leaving Kansas (1898).

Owner of Morgan Brothers, food and equipment distributors.

(1) Experiences selling to farmers. Art of selling. Becoming a peddler. Starting Morgan's Grocery (1921). Twenties farm depression. Rural social life. Farm boys' aspirations.

10-28-76

3.4 hr

74p

130 MORRIS, Mabell Nickell

Elk River, Potlatch 1887

Came from central Canada in 1907.

Drugstore operator, homemaker.

(1) with Lillian Yangel (daughter) and Chester Yangel (son-in-law)

The T.P. Jones's. Elk River drugstore. Lumberjacks. Town social activities and isolation. Devastating impact of mill removal. Elk River before the mill. Potlatch mercantile store.

5-14-76

3.3 hr



131 MUHSAL, Edward

Potlatch 1903

Father was sent by company from Wisconsin (1908).  
Sawmiller.

(1) Deaths in mill accidents. Working at the mill. Social life. Good  
work of IWW's. Foreign groups. Wartime prejudice against Germans.  
9-16-75 2 hr

132 MUNDEN, Mamie Sardam

Lewiston, Clarkston 1906

Mother's family came from Missouri (1886), father from Nebraska (c. 1894).  
Farm wife.

(1) See Wurman, Mamie

133 MURPHY, Dan

Bovill area 1887

Came from Wisconsin in 1908.

Logging clerk, scales and cedar pole inspector.

(1) and Joe Maloney (friend)

Life of single lumberjacks: hard work, honesty, blowing-in. Jungling  
up; camp inspectors. Stories of Weyerhaeuser brothers, Dick Ferrell  
and Big Gil. Eccentric camp cooks. Playing tricks in camp. IWW's.

8-22-74

1.6 hr

45p

134 NELSON, Elsie

Moscow 1890

Parents were Swedish homesteaders (1886).

Head cook at Hotel Moscow, teacher; author of Today Is Ours.

(1) Moscow - beginnings and existence as a pioneer town. Homesteaders'  
relation to Moscow.

3-14-74

1.5 hr

6p

LS

(2) Swedish Christmas. Indians and other cultural groups. Homestead  
economics; father's railroading.

3-27-74

1.5 hr

6p

LS

135 NEWMAN, Ida Mielke

Cameron 1898

Parents were German pioneers who came from Minnesota in 1901.

Farm wife, teacher; author of History of Cameron, Idaho.

(1) Family stress on education and equality. Life in a German community. Games, dances and literaries. Patriotism and tensions in First World War. Attending and teaching school.

2-18-77

2 hr

136 NICHOLS, George

Harvard 1888

Came from Deer Park, Washington to work on building of WI&M railroad (1904).

Laborer.

(1) and Frank Herzog, Glen Gilder (friends)  
Early settlement on Palouse River. Arrival of Potlatch Lumber Company. Logging, river drives, foremen; contribution of IWWs. Harvard's beginning. Hoodoo mining ventures. An ostracized family. Bee trees and trapping. Evil of corporations and politicians.

5-28-75

3 hr

p

137 NORDBY, Rudolph

Cow Creek, Genesee 1889

Family came from Iowa (1900).

County commissioner for eighteen years; farmer.

(1) Threshing and farm practices. Locating in the area. Building family home.

7-5-63

.8 hr

18p

RM

138 NYE, Maeci Groseclose

Juliaetta 1895

Came with parents from Kentucky (1903).

Teacher, farmer, farm wife; author of manuscript history of Juliaetta.

(1) Foster's hospital and Juliaetta's decline. Father's undertaking business. Abraham Adams. Juliaetta: celebrations and fires. Spiritualists. Dislike of teaching.

3-11-76

1.5 hr

43p

139 OLSON, Carl

Dry Ridge, Troy 1895

Parents emigrated from Sweden and homesteaded (1889).

Thresherman, operator of gas station and car dealership, sawmill, miner;  
Troy councilman for 24 years.

(1) Legendary local characters. Why parents left Sweden; Varmlanders  
come to Troy. Getting by on the homestead. Family copper mine and  
brickmaking. Neighborhood criminals. Decline of opportunity; ruin  
of country by erosion.

8-6-73

1.5 hr

37p

(2) Food and water on family homestead. Clearing land. Road building.  
Homestead ethics. Town of Nora. Tramps.

8-17-73

1.5 hr

25p

(3) More local characters. Impact of depression. Blaming smut fires  
on IWW. How environment shapes people. Unusual personal experiences.  
Social problems. City council.

11-8-73

2 hr

40p

(4) Threshing on the ridges in the twenties. Difficulties selling  
cars. Service station during depression. Struggles of homesteaders.  
Work in small sawmills.

2-21-75

2.5 hr

67p

140 OLSON, Ella Olson

Pleasant Hill, Troy 1897

Father came from Sweden (1884), mother from Norway (1887).

Cook, pea processor, housekeeper, homemaker.

(1) Cooking for sawmill and threshing crews. Life of country youths.  
Marriage. Spokane housekeeping. Mica cutting and pea picking. Depression.

10-1-76

1.2 hr

27p

141 OLSON, Hazel Hill

Deary 1920

Moved from central Idaho in the early forties.

Homemaker, teacher, camp flunkie.

(1) See Olson, Oscar

142 OLSON, Margaret

Deary 1910  
Teacher.

(1) See Olson, Ruth

143 OLSON, Oscar

Deary 1906  
Father was a Swedish homesteader (1890's).  
Foreman, scaler, logger.

(1) and Hazel Olson (wife)  
Living in a lumbercamp. Pleasures of flunking. Violent Pierce strike  
(1936). Lumberjack nicknames. Unmarried women teachers. Father's  
mistreatment in Sweden. Depression hardships.

6-16-76

2 hr

144 OLSON, Ruth

Deary 1906  
Parents came from Minnesota and homesteaded (1907).  
Teacher.

(1) and Margaret Olson (sister)  
Teaching and teachers' authority in small communities. Choice of career  
and training. Entertainment for young. Play and chores on homestead.  
Decline of small towns.

6-16-76

1.5 hr

145 OSLUND, Anna Marie Anderson

Troy, Nora Creek 1891  
Emigrated from Sweden with family in 1903.  
Teacher, homemaker; author of manuscript on Troy area history.

(1) Family comes to America: hard life in Sweden, decision and pre-  
paration, the journey. Father's homestead. Schooling.

12-14-73

1.5 hr

15p

LS & SS

146 OTNESS, Lillian Woodworth

Moscow 1908  
Grandfather was an original founder of Moscow, moving from eastern Oregon  
(1871); father came from Montana (1877).  
Teacher of English and physical education in college and high school; homemaker.



(1) A.A. Lieuallen's move to Moscow area. Loss of cattle in winter of 1873. His operation of Moscow's first store. Naming Moscow. Early town events. Closeness of university and town. Family experiences.

1-6-75

1 hr

20p

(2) Inequality of women in work and marriage. Deficiencies of early college teaching. Mother's character. A divisive revival. Flu and Red Cross in World War I. School, reading, Campfire Girl activities.

1-16-75

2 hr

40p

147 PAOLINI, Pete

Elk River, Lewiston 1903

Came from Italy in 1920.

Sawmiller, lumberjack.

(1) Company pressures; importance of union. Lumberjack unity and woods life. Elk River in the twenties. Depression hardships. Life near Florence. First years in America.

10-21-76

1.4 hr

p

148 PARKER, Naomi Boll

Bovill 1906

Parents took a timber homestead after coming from Wisconsin (1905).

Homemaker, raised cattle and silver fox.

(1) Family values and closeness. Fire of 1910 on homestead. 1914 Bovill fire. Community solidarity. Catholicism in Bovill. East European lumberjacks. Mildred Wells. Hunting. School consolidation; Bovill's decline.

9-1-76

3 hr

80p

149 PHELAN, Amanda Asplund

Dry Ridge, Troy 1887

Philip Asplund's sister.

Farm wife, housekeeper.

(1) with Addie Swanson (daughter)  
Childbirths. Childhood experiences and fears. Farm food and visiting. Mother's work. Town trips. Housekeeping in Spokane.

1-3-76

1 hr

KP

150 PIERCE, Albert

Deary, Texas Ridge 1889

Moved from Minnesota with family (1904).

Operated Deary store and farmed.

(1) Deary townsite and fire. Problems of a general store. Old homesteaders.  
Two murders. Family moves. Potlatch manipulations.

8-22-74

1.6 hr

151 PIERCE, Selina Smith

Deary 1893

Came from New York after marriage to Albert Pierce (1920).

Homemaker, operated grocery store.

(1) Town fire (1923). Problems of running store. Dislike of farm living.  
Boarding people.

8-2-74

1 hr

LS

152 PLATT, E. J. (Tom)

Genesee, Salmon River (1903)

Father's family came from Wisconsin (1881), mother's from Kansas (1894).

Livestock operator.

(1) and William Hickman (cousin), Kenneth Platt (brother)  
Introduction of purebred Herefords by Platt brothers (1896). Livestock  
operation at Genesee and Salmon Rivers; hardship in winter of 1919.  
Salmon homesteading. Settlement of Genesee area. Horse show and rodeo.  
Livery business.

12-3-74

2.5 hr

p

153 PLATT, Kenneth

Genesee, Salmon River 1907

Specialist in U.S. Department of Agriculture; author, poet and local historian.

(1) See Platt, E.J.

154 PLATZ, Ima Hodge

Palouse 1888

Came from Missouri with parents.

Harvest cook, farm wife.

- (1) Cooking for harvest crew. Art of shocking and threshing grain.  
2-19-75 .6 hr

155 PRESBY, Curtis

Viola 1913

Parents came from Colfax, Washington, and from the Coeur d'Alene district (1912).  
Farmer, lumber grader.

- (1) with Astrid Presby (wife)

Making a living in early days. Neighboring. Self-doctoring. (Interview  
donated by Marilyn Chaney).

no date

1 hr

Marilyn Chaney

156 RAMSDALE, Edward

American Ridge, Troy 1896

Emigrated from Eikefjord, Norway (1913).  
Farmer.

- (1) Experiences as a newcomer. Growing up in Norway. Connections to  
Idaho.

3-20-75

1.5 hr

28p

- (2) Starting farming as a rentor. Increasing land holdings. Depression  
and demise of small farms.

5-9-75

2.4 hr

57p

157 RINGSAGE, Helmer

Park, Central Ridge 1888

Parents were Norwegian homesteaders (1890); he is Edward Swenson's nephew.  
Farmer, logger.

- (1) Mother's death. Woods work in winter. Raising crops and hogs.  
Hard living at Park (1924-32). Serious accidents.

2-12-76

1.9 hr

49p

- (2) Running away from home. Struggle with a bad neighbor. Family  
homesteading on the ridge. Country dances.

2-27-76

2.4 hr

64p

- (3) Courtship with wife. Farming for others. Sack sewing in hard times.  
Work as a boy. Dangerous grade to Clearwater River. Wild Indian ponies.

3-5-76

2.1 hr

56p

- (4) Father's strictness. Fighting as a boy. Education in Spokane and  
Moscow. Farming on Central Ridge. Division of father's estate. Moscow in  
the thirties.

4-1-76

1.4 hr  
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37p

158 RINGSAGE, Jean Wilson

Park, Alberta, British Columbia 1905  
Moved to Idaho with husband in 1933.  
Farm wife, teacher, nurse's aide.

(1) and Stiner Ringsage (husband)  
Parents' backwoods marriage. Her isolated childhood. Women's culture.  
Single teachers' social life. Laboring in Alberta; subsistence farming  
near Wainwright. His father's healing powers. Pleasures of city living.  
10-5-16 5.5 hr 149p

(2) and Stiner Ringsage  
Struggle on Alberta farm in the twenties. Choice of life as a farm  
wife. Her religious awakening. Contrasts between Idaho and Alberta.  
Ukrainians in Alberta. Birth control information. Portland in World  
War II.  
10-19-76 5.9 hr 172p

(3) and Stiner Ringsage  
Women's work and families. Her religious sect. Fights and hunting.  
Rural living.  
11-7-76 3.9 hr

159 RINGSAGE, Stiner

Park, ALberta, Central Ridge 1890  
Helmer Ringsage's brother.  
Farmer, laborer.

(1-3) See Ringsage, Jean (1-3)

160 ROWAN, Frank

Troy 1885  
Family came from Minnesota (c.1900).  
Road foreman, brickyard worker, logger.

(1) and Lottie Rowan (wife)  
Neighbors' squabbles and peculiar behavior. Two murders by spouses.  
Wildman of Burnt Ridge. Moonshiners' troubles. Woods work during 1910  
fire. T.P.Jones.  
1-14-75 1.7 hr 52p

(2) and Lottie Rowan  
Local characters. Lawlessness around Troy and Grangeville. Wild pets  
and animals. A visitation.  
2-3-75 2.4 hr 57p



161 ROWAN, Lottie Johnson

Troy 1898

Came from Grangeville, Idaho area.  
Farm wife.

(1,2) See Rowan, Frank (1,2)

162 RUBERG, Hilda Carlson

Big Meadow, Burnt Ridge, Troy 1893

Family came from North Dakota (1912).

Farm wife, harvest cook, housekeeper.

(1) and Helena Carlson (sister-in-law)

Work as cook, housekeeper and farmer. Women's responsibilities at home.  
Childbirth and children's ignorance. Neighborhood entertainment.

6-19-76

2 hr

p

KP

163 RYAN, Grace White

Bovill 1907

Homemaker, store clerk, logging camp flunkey.

(1) See Cameron, Viola

164 SAMPSON, Clarice Moody

Moscow 1894

Parents came from Utah (1892).

Homemaker, teacher, clerk at David's Store.

(1) Parties, circuses, sleighrides. Consumerism in Moscow. Women's  
volunteer work in World War I. Father's monument business. Prohibition  
sentiment. Town visiting.

11-13-74

2 hr

43p

LS

(2) Schooling in Moscow. Interests as a girl. Limitation of career  
opportunities. Mother's poor health.

1-25-75

1.5 hr

31p

LS

(3) See Sampson, Harry (3)

(4) Friendship formation in Moscow. Young people's socializing.  
Relations within family. Courtship and marriage. Work experiences.  
Church activity. Social luncheons.

11-16-76

2.8 hr

73p

165 SAMPSON, Harry

Moscow 1893

Family came from Wisconsin in 1902.

Manager of men's clothing department at David's Department Store for nearly forty years.

(1) Learning the clothing trade. Working for David's. Credit and competition. Moscow business climate. Bringing scouting to town. Ragtime band Growing up in Moscow.

11-13-74

1.9 hr

30p

(2) Building character through scouting. Origin of Moscow golfing and country club. Innovations in men's department. Frank David's psychology of selling. Competition among service clubs. Chatauquas and circuses. Mother's student boarders.

1-25-75

2 hr

36p

(3) and Clarice Sampson (wife)

Frank B. Robinson and Psychianna: his relations in Moscow. Mrs. Robinson. End of Psychianna.

8-16-76

1.3 hr

30p

166 SANDELL, Hanna Anderson

Johnson, Troy 1891

Parents came from Sweden (c. 1870).

Nurse at Gritman Hospital, homemaker.

(1) Nursing experiences. Growing up on farm; food preparation. Nursing training. Early Moscow and Troy. First cars.

2-7-76

1.8 hr

KP

167 SANDERSON, Byers

Bovill 1896

Father came from the South and was Potlatch assistant superintendent; mother came from New York (1880's).

Head mechanic for Potlatch Lumber Company, miner.

(1) with John Sanderson (brother)

Bovill endangered in 1914 fire. Narrow escape of fire crew. Lumber-jack entertainments. Big Red's murder. Early logging camps and fluming. Moonshining and Pat Malone. Weyerhaeuser success.

10-16-75

3 hr

61p

(2) IWW, poor conditions and company tactics. Suffering of families in the depression. Bill Deary; Hugh Bovill.

11-13-75

1.4 hr

29p

(3) Hoodoo and swamp Creek mining. Company control of independent loggers. East European lumberjacks. Arson and murder in Bovill fire. Gambling and moonshine. Strong men.

1-23-76

2.5 hr

54p

(4) Experience as CCC camp superintendent. Mistreatment of men by foremen. Bovill at its prime. Failed mining claims. Company monopoly of cedar.

8-25-76

3 hr

p

168 SANDERSON, John

Bovill 1884

Byers Sanderson's brother.

Maintenance man for Potlatch Lumber Company, photographer.

(1) Stories about Bill Deary, Pat Malone, Mrs. T.P. Jones. Local killings. Life in lumbercamps and early Bovill. Houses of ill-repute. Force in the classroom.

7-25-75

2.1 hr

See also Sanderson, Byers (1)

169 SCHMALTZ, George

Elk River 1893

Arrived from Sweden in 1912.

Millwright, lumberjack.

(1) Tales of a liar, a single man and moonshine. Impact of mill removal. Elk River Japanese. Walker Anderson. Emigration from Sweden.

5-17-76

2 hr

34p

(2) Shacking-up for winter. Hunting in and out of season. Whiskey and sporting girls. Jericho Mine. Trapping mink. Work as CCC camp foreman. More characters.

8-27-76

2.6 hr

43p

170 SCHOEFFLER, Ada Oylear

Potlatch Ridge, Cameron 1901

Families came from Missouri and Iowa (1880's).

Farm wife, harvest cook, housekeeper.

(1) Hard work on farm and in harvest. Childbirth. Parents. German ways. Caring for children. Housekeeping.

2-7-76

1.3 hr

KP

171 SCHUPFER, Herman

Juliaetta, Kendrick 1892

Parents emigrated from Austria; father homesteaded adjacent to Juliaetta townsite (1879).

Operated local telephone company and theatre; district representative for Washington Water Power.

(1) Beginnings of telephone service. Founding of Juliaetta. Produce and cannery. Work for electric company. Family pioneer experiences. Nez Perces. Jobs for boys.

7-19-73

1.5 hr

32p

RM

(2) Tramway operation. Train wrecks and floods in canyon. Subsistence farming. Town socializing. Cannery work.

7-26-73

1.5 hr

33p

RM

172 SCHUPFER, Otto

Juliaetta, Kendrick 1891

Herman Schupfer's brother.

Operated local telephone company and theatre; helped manage electric service.

(1) Early telephone service and tramways. Anti-German sentiment in war-time. Foster's hospital and Adam's wheat. Experience versus education. Juliaetta cannery. Porter enterprises.

4-14-76

1.8 hr

p

(2) Early moviehouses, radios and cars. Right-of-way disputes. Juliaetta flour mill. Melon thieves. Trains in Potlatch canyon. Telephone and electric service.

6-1-76

2 hr

p

173 SETTLE, Eugene

Aspendale, Moscow 1894

His was one of the few black families to settle in the area; parents grew up in Mississippi, came in 1899.

Warehouse superintendent for Latah County Grain Growers; farmer.

(1) Family background. Life at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Pioneering at Bluestem, Washington (1898). Father's struggle to establish a farm. Work and play as a boy. Joe Wells family. End of small farming.

6-3-75

1.8 hr

40p

(2) Experience in a segregated unit in Europe during World War I. Acceptance in high school. Brother's career in Virginia; father-in-law's pioneering. Family hay baling operation.

7-7-75

2 hr

38p



(3) Independence of family as farmers. Dealing with job discrimination. Supervising men as warehouse superintendent. Meeting wife's family. Flu epidemic. Father's hunting.

8-4-75 2.2 hr 36p

(4) Parents' teachings. One-room country school. Store purchases. Country people in Moscow.

12-19-75 1.2 hr 28p

(5) Minimal effect of prejudice on family. Socializing in the neighborhood. Farming in hard times. Work as superintendent. Entertainment as a young man. More about Wells family.

1-13-76 2.1 hr 42p

174 SHERMAN, Theodore

Moscow 1901

Came to Moscow to attend college; father was mayor of Boise.

English professor at University of Idaho (1931-66).

(1) University of Idaho in 1920: domination of fraternities; events, traditions and characters. Youth in Boise.

3-24-76 2 hr P

(2) George Morey Miller, English professor. Light of the Mountains, Idaho history pageant. English department. Original musicals.

6-17-76 1 hr

175 SHIRROD, Emma Christenson

Rimrock, Genesee 1885

Parents were Norwegian homesteaders in the 1870's.

Farm wife, store clerk.

(1) Family pioneering and childhood experiences. Family illnesses and deaths. Early Genesee. Her courtship.

1-21-75 2 hr

176 SHOWALTER, Ulysses

Moscow Mountain 1886

Family came from Virginia (c.1890).

Woodcutter, farmer, moonshiner.

(1) Moonshining experiences. Impact of prohibition. Cutting cordwood. Fighting. Poker.

2-4-74 1 hr 25p RM

(2) Making moonshine. Stool pigeons and bribes. Arrest. Houses of ill-repute. Crooked gambling. Saloons.

2-20-74

2 hr

47p

RM

177 SMITH, Nellie Wood

Bovill, McGary Butte 1892

Came from Missouri with parents, settling in the area c.1900.  
Homemaker.

(1) Wagon journey from Rexburg to Parma. Family homesteading at McGary Butte. Moving west; living in Laramie, Wy.; move to Troy.

6-27-74

2 hr

39p

RM

(2) Charlotte Bovill and family. Arson and murder in Bovill fire. First Bovill school (1907). Get-togethers. Raising children; getting married. Community church. Ladies of the night.

9-10-75

2 hr

38p

(3) Birth of first child; lore of childbirth. Death of baby daughter. Learning sewing and needlework.

9-22-75

1.5 hr

33p

(4) Evacuation of Bovill in Beal's Butte fire (1914). Mrs. T.P.Jones' role in Bovill. Husband's work for Potlatch. Raising children.

10-3-75

2.5 hr

54p

(5) Problems in early marriage; dealing with drinking. Bovill plays; separate social clubs. Family religion. Baby's sickness. Amputation of a leg. A selling contest.

11-13-75

3 hr

67p

(6) Timber homesteading: one family's struggle; mother's miscarriage; development of a home.

1-23-76

1.5 hr

p

178 SPENCER, Jesse

Troy 1885

Parents were homesteaders from Kentucky (1884).  
Farmer.

(1) and Mabel Spencer (wife)

Art of horse handling. Homesteading in the Grand Coulee country (1907-19). Caring for her family as a girl. Home remedies. Self-sufficiency. Early events around Troy.

1-29-75

2.7 hr

58p

179 SPENCER, Mabel Stephenson

Troy, Moscow Mountain 1892  
Family came from Iowa and homesteaded (1898).  
Farm wife, harvest cook.

(1) See Spencer, Jesse

180 STEFANOS, Mike

Potlatch, Lewiston 1895  
Emigrated from Dimalis, Greece (1912).  
Sawmiller, operator of shoeshine parlor.

(1) Millwork and opportunities. Greek community in Potlatch. Life in Greece. Coming to Potlatch. Sending money to Greece. Purchasing shoeshine business in the depression.

9-1-76

2 hr

p

181 STEFFEN, Kenneth

Moscow 1902  
Father first came in the 1880's; parents moved from Kansas in 1900.  
Ran delivery service, laborer.

(1) Family view of Will Steffen's killing (1901). Life as an apple harvester and dishwasher in eastern Washington. Family farm. Moscow moonshine and other amusements. In the Marines in China.

1-23-75

2 hr

(2) Varied work experiences. Moscow livery stables, freighting and pool halls. Parents.

1-13-76

1.3 hr

182 STOWELL, William (Michigan Bill)

Clearwater River, Bovill area 1903  
Came in the mid-twenties; father had a farm and sawmill in Quebec.  
Lumberjack.

(1) Clearwater River log drives: wanigans, pilots, drownings. Tramp lumberjacks; wide open towns. IWW's and direct action. Foremen and gyppo logging.

10-29-75

2 hr

43p

(2) IWW Strike of 1936: murder of pickets; arrest and blackballing. Strikes on the job. Lumberjack sociability. Picking timber on river drives; fluming.

2-24-76

1.5 hr

42p

(3) Riding the rails. Jungles. Blowing-in. IWW community; support for 1936 strike in Pierce. Jail and blacklisting. Girl friends. Depression in California. Prostitutes. Fights; gambling.

9-28-76

2.8 hr

56p

183 SUNDBERG, Arthur

Potlatch 1899

Came with parents from Wisconsin in 1909.

Maintenance foreman and lead man in Potlatch mill for forty years.

(1) Potlatch as a company town: housing, store, script. Rowdy Midwest logging towns. Bad lumbercamp conditions. Company role in area development. Immigrant labor.

7-11-75

2 hr

37p

(2) Early working conditions in Potlatch mill. Attitudes towards foreign workers. Mill joking and sign language. Operation of mill equipment.

7-18-75

2.5 hr

49p

(3) Laird and Deary as general managers. Weyerhaeuser and rags-to-riches theory; ambitions of young. Potlatch baseball. Mill products and car loading. Town whistles.

7-25-75

3 hr

57p

(4) Unionizing: IWW versus company; millworker gullibility; his involvement. Worker aspirations. Foremen-crew relationships. Gyppoing. His work.

8-1-75

2.5 hr

45p

(5) Mill safety problems. Company management of town. Cooperation in the depression. Worker stagnation; character of Nob Hill. Power transmission in mill.

8-7-75

3 hr

p

184 SUNDELL, Theodore

Troy 1895

Parents emigrated from Sweden to Minnesota then to Latah County in 1900.

Warehouseman, carpenter, brick plant worker.



(1) and Ida Asplund (friend)  
A mean marshall and a mean teacher. July Fourth and other community pleasures. Harvest work. Desire to come to America. Clearing land. Drinking in prohibition.

3-3-74

1.5 hr

p

RM

185 SWEENEY, Nellie Edwin

Moscow 1883

Grandfather, Peter Carlson, was the first Swedish Lutheran minister in the area (1870's).

Teacher, pea processor, homemaker.

(1) Grandfather's works and closeness to God. Stories about swearing and religion. Teaching experiences.

7-3-74

1 hr

10p

LS

186 SWENSON, Edward

Park, Alberta 1883

Family emigrated from Norway and homesteaded (1891).

Farmer, carpenter.

(1) First years of homesteading at Park: locating, building, surviving. Community construction of road to Troy. Appearance of valley.

7-1-74

1 hr

19p

(2) Park back country: wild game, camping, Nez Perces. Building church; celebrating Christmas. Homestead work. Saloons. Lack of opportunity at Park.

7-2-74

2 hr

36p

(3) Nilson, a foolish miner. Mail service to Park.

7-5-74

.5 hr

7p

(4) Relationship of children to parents. Community socializing and religion. Problems with church doctrines; spirit experiences. Farming struggle near Wainwright, Alberta (1918-1925). Decline of Park.

8-10-76

2.5 hr

50p

187 THOMASON, Anna Bengtson

Dry Ridge, Troy 1899

Came from Torsby, Sweden in 1928.

Farm wife.

(1) and Oscar Thomason (husband)  
Adaptation to America. Life in Sweden: family's religion, social classes.  
Lore of America in Sweden. Family connections to Troy. Her journey to  
Troy. Banker Ole Bohman.

2-3-76

2.9 hr

p

(2) and Oscar Thomason  
Family divisions about emigration. Oppression of poor in Sweden.  
Food shortage following World War I. Logging in Norway and Idaho.  
Work of Swedish women. Owning a farm.

3-19-76

2.5 hr

p

188 THOMASON, Oscar

Dry Ridge, Troy 1901  
Came from Northern Sweden in 1927.  
Logger.

(1,2) See Thomason, Anna (1,2)

189 THURTL, Alice Hall

Avon 1889  
Family came from Iowa in 1888.  
Farm wife.

(1) Courtship. School and entertainment. Subsistence farming.

11-30-73

.5 hr

RM

190 TORGERSON, George

Park, Elk River 1892  
Father was a Norwegian homesteader (c. 1890).  
Ran drayline, did road maintenance, farmed.

(1) Homesteaders around Elk River. Prosperity of Elk River; devastating  
impact of mill removal. Settlement at Park. Moving from Elk River.

5-17-76

2 hr

191 TRIBBLE, Hershiel A.

Hatter Creek, Princeton 1896  
Parents settled in 1880's; mother was from Willamette Valley, Oregon.  
Woods clerk and scaler.

(1) Local persistence in 1893 depression. Unspoiled pioneer country.  
Art of scaling and clerking. Murder of Chinese miners. Mother's jobs.  
7-16-73 1 hr

(2) Foreign workers and conditions in Potlatch logging camps.  
Unreasonable IWW demands in 1917 strike; his role as Four-L representative.  
Tricks of log scaling. Medicine show come-ons. Courtship and marriage.  
7-23-73 1.5 hr 50p

192 TRIBBLE, Lolah Bengé

Hatter Creek, Princeton 1902  
Dick Bengé's sister; Hershiel Tribble's wife.  
Farm wife.

(1) Teenage years: dances, teachers, work. Settling in Idaho.  
Neighborhood closeness.  
7-23-73 1 hr LS

193 UTT, Anna Gleason

Harvard, Hatter Creek 1906  
Parents moved from Spangle, Washington (1911).  
Teacher, farm wife.

(1) Family life. Parents' view of school and dances. Getting settled  
at Harvard.  
10-19-73 1 hr LS

(2) See Utt, Emmett (4); see also (3)

194 UTT, Emmett

Hatter Creek, Princeton, Potlatch 1903  
Parents moved from Kansas (c. 1894).  
Sawyer in Potlatch mill, farmer.

(1) Retaliations against Potlatch Lumber Company arrogance. Winter  
logging. Gold Hill gold; father's mining and bad mining stock.  
A smart coyote.  
5-7-73 1.5 hr 39p

(2) Sympathy for Indians as a boy. Murders of Chinese miners and a  
tramp. Persecution of an ex-thief. IWW sabotage to pressure company.  
Gypsies; bootleggers; the Klan. New-fangled machinery. Demise of forest  
wilderness.  
8-10-73 1.6 hr 43p

(3) with Anna Utt (wife)

A boy's adventures on horse, bicycle, sled and skates. Competition with a friend. Motorcycling. Coming of cars. Working in Potlatch sawmill: sources of conflict in the crew; art of running saws.

10-19-73

1.9 hr

50p

(4) and Anna Utt

Her work as "servant girl" on Potlatch Nob Hill. Class snobbery and self-made men. Dating and marriage. Depression days. Gas rationing. Relation of country people to Potlatch.

11-14-75

2.3 hr

58p

195 VINE, Rannie (Ma) Johnson

Elk River 1882

Raised in Wisconsin; came via eastern Montana (c.1918).

Homemaker, kept boarders, worked in hotel.

(1) Working at Elk River. Goodness of IWW's. Recovery from tuberculosis. Homesteading in eastern Montana. Klan; bootleggers. Closure of mill. Good life at Elk River.

7-8-76

2.3 hr

196 WAHL, Elizabeth Gamble

Paradise Ridge, Genesee 1905

Lola Gamble Clyde's sister; Tom Wahl's wife.

Teacher, farm wife.

(1) See Clyde, Lola (4)

(2) See Wahl, Tom (3)

197 WAHL, Tom

Grey Eagle District, Genesee 1911

Father's family came from California (1879), mother from the Willamette Valley, Oregon (1890).

Farmer, research engineer at Washington State University.

(1) See Clyde, Lola (4)

(2) Relations between hired help and farm families. Butchering bees. Winter work and isolation.

3-10-76

2 hr

46p



(3) and Elizabeth Wahl (wife)  
Teaching and rural communities. Relations with Nez Perces and blacks.  
Family farming life. Early homesteading; J.P. Vollmer.

4-4-77

2.5 hr

p

198 WALDRON, Kate Sanderson

Bovill, Moscow 1890

Byers Sanderson's sister.

Head clerk in department store, logging camp flunkey, homemaker.

(1) Flight and loss in the 1914 fire. Work as an early woman flunkey.  
Christian rebirth. Sunday school teaching.

7-8-76

1.2 hr

27p

(2) Family closeness. Clerking a failing business. Meeting husband.  
Divine healing. Bible study; Ladies' Aid. Opposition to swearing.

8-25-76

2 hr

p

199 WATERMAN, Merton

Moscow 1896

Parents came from Illinois via Texas (1910).

Mail carrier, laborer, farmer.

(1) Working career. Short course at university. Family background.

2-2-73

.5 hr

Grace Wicks

200 WELLS, Elmer

Moscow 1878

Moved from North Carolina in 1902.

Laborer.

(1) Troubleshooting for a Moscow bank during depression. Chicanery  
of Harding presidency; fall of Woodrow Wilson. Republican domination  
of Idaho.

8-24-73

1 hr

(2) Joe Wells in North Carolina. Decision to leave North Carolina.  
Men who became wealthy.

11-15-74

.8 hr

201 WHEELER, Ruby Canfield

Harvard 1893

Parents came from Massachusettes and New Jersey (1877).

Homemaker.

(1) Palouse River town life. Entertainment for young. Woods camping.  
Homestead practices.

4-9-74

1.7 hr

10p

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202 WHITMAN, Bess Beardsley

Moscow 1891

Della Johnson's sister.

Homemaker, store clerk.

(1) Mother's skill and determination. Family's horse drive from California;  
loss of horses. Development of Penney's Store chain.

3-74

.5 hr

RM

203 WICKS, Grace Jain

Genesee, Coyote Grade 1906

Father's family came from Wisconsin (1878), mother's from Michigan (1892).

County commissioner and civic leader; homemaker.

(1) Pioneering ways and hardships at Genesee. Father's family pioneering.  
Family background.

6-12-74

1.5 hr

RM

(2) Growing up on the family farm: reading, music and pen-pal club.  
Farm animals and orchard. Mother's frailty as a pioneer. Nez Perce  
families. Jane Silcott; Brocky Jack.

10-3-74

1.5 hr

30p

(3) Heart-in-hand and Indian-white marriages. Pride in housekeeping.  
Washdays. Family hardship in World War I. Genesee culture, stock  
show, stores.

10-4-74

1.5 hr

30p

(4) Close ties among Genesee families. Stories of people buried near  
Jain family plot. Family Republicanism. Honoring war veterans. Town  
bells. Farm water supplies. Old Kentuck.

10-8-74

1.5 hr

18p

(5) Great aunt's independence and homesteading. Grandparents' pioneering.  
Parents' struggle to establish farm. Family politics.

12-11-74

2 hr

21p

204 WILKINS, Kenneth

Avon 1902

Grandfather was first homesteader in Avon area (1884), coming from Indiana.  
Farmer.

(1) with Dorothy Wilkins (wife)  
Homesteading without cash. Pioneer Avon community; impact of early  
county development. Lumbercamp conditions. Mica mining. Bee trees.  
Reversion to pioneering in depression.

6-23-75

2.5 hr

205 WURMAN, Mamie Sisk

Princeton, Palouse 1887

Parents came from Missouri and homesteaded near Princeton (1886).

Farm wife.

(1) and Mary Lynd (friend), Mamie Munden (niece); with Glen Gilder (friend)  
Keeping home and raising children; closeness of family unit. Community  
get-togethers. Home doctoring. Difficult farming experiences. Lack  
of conveniences. Girls' work.

6-24-75

2.4 hr

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THE  
FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF  
INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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#### APPENDIX A: BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE

The best introductions I have found to oral social history are the papers by Henry Glassie and Richard Dorson cited in the foreward. Theodore Rosengarten's All God's Dangers: The Life of Nate Shaw (New York, 1975) is an extraordinarily rich life history, and William Montell's The Saga of Coe Ridge: A Study in Oral History (Knoxville, Tenn., 1970) is an excellent reconstruction of one community's history. The use of oral history to investigate an aspect of community life in depth is demonstrated in Raphael Samuels' "'Quarry Roughs': Life and Labour in Headington Quarry, 1860-1920; An Essay in Oral History" (in Raphael Samuel, ed., Village Life and Labour, London, 1975). Studs Terkel's skilled listening to "ordinary" Americans has been instrumental in making oral history nationally popular; his books include Division Street: America (New York, 1967), Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression (New York, 1970), and Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do (New York, 1972). The French filmmaker Marcel Ophuls shows how oral history can powerfully illuminate the recent past in The Sorrow and the Pity and The Memory of Justice (for a good interpretation of Ophuls' work see Colin Westerbeck, Jr.'s "Sweet Reason", Artforum, Feb. 1977). The most vigorous movement in America to record the people's oral history can probably be found in school projects of young students: "I Wish I Could Give My Son a Wild Raccoon" (ed. Eliot Wigginton, Garden City, N.Y., 1976) provides a sampling.

Of recent works in social history, Eugene Genovese's Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made (New York, 1974) has special importance for those interested in oral history, because it is drawn largely from intensive analysis of oral narratives of ex-slaves collected by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s. Both this book and Herbert Gutman's Work, Culture and Society in Industrializing America: Essays in American Working-Class and Social History (New York, 1976; the title essay appeared in the American Historical Review, June 1973) have helped focus attention on the strengths and resourcefulness of cultural groups in America's past. The need to develop new theories of American culture based on the study of non-elites--and some of the scholarly barriers to breaking away from elitist orientations--are discussed by Robert Sklar in "The Problem of an American Studies Philosophy" (American Quarterly, Aug. 1975). Two classic histories which, taken together, describe social life during the passage from frontier to modernity in settings that were in some respects similar to those of northern Idaho are Everett Dick's The Sod House Frontier, 1854-1890: A Social History of the Northern Plains (New York, 1937), and Lewis Atherton's Main Street on the Middle Border (Bloomington, Ind., 1954).

Oral history is more than a branch of history; it is social communication and a direct expression of culture. Research in oral history can be greatly enriched by knowledge of relevant work in the social sciences. I will here note a few of the sources that have been valuable to me. Serious problems that prevent us from perceiving and respecting the vigor and integrity of American cultural groups are examined in two thoughtful

articles: Barre Toelken's "Folklore, Performance and Worldview" (in Dan Ben-Amos and Kenneth Goldstein, eds., Folklore: Performance and Communication, The Hague, 1975), and John Szwed's "The Politics of Afro-American Experience" (in Dell Hymes, ed., Reinventing Anthropology, New York, 1972). Both these researchers are associated with the field of folklore, which frequently exhibits sensitivity to the perspectives of the folk themselves: Folklore and Folklife: An Introduction (ed. Richard Dorson, Chicago, 1972) surveys folkloric concerns; Henry Glassie's All Silver and No Brass: An Irish Christmas Mumming (Bloomington, Ind., 1975) shows a creative folklorist at work. The depths of a culture's worldview are dramatically revealed in a study of filmmaking by Navajos, Through Navajo Eyes: An Exploration in Film Communication and Anthropology (Sol Worth and John Adair, Bloomington, Ind., 1972). Analysis of natural communicative events has been central to theorizing in sociolinguistics (e.g., John Gumperz and Dell Hymes, eds., Directions in Sociolinguistics: The Ethnography of Communication, New York, 1972, for technical research) and social interactionism (e.g., Erving Goffman, The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life, Garden City, N.Y., 1959, and Frame Analysis: An Essay on the Organization of Experience, New York, 1974). In Language as Symbolic Action: Essays on Life, Literature and Method (Berkeley, 1966) Kenneth Burke ingeniously untangles the complex relationships among language, symbolism and life. Community sociologists have already dealt with many of the problems and rewards of participant-observation that await community oral historians: Reflections on Community Studies (eds. Arthur Vidich, Joseph Bensman, Maurice Stein, New York, 1964) is an overview of diverse fieldwork experiences.

APPENDIX B: TWO SAMPLE INTERVIEW SUMMARIES

GUS DEMUS

Potlatch; b. 1892  
Trimmer at mill, laborer.

No. 50 (1) 2.5 hours  
with Sam Schrager 8-7-75

minute page

Side A

01	1	Poor conditions where he grew up in Greece. Industry there; irrigation problems. He worked in a bakery on an island away from home.
11	3	People heard about America; many came intending to make money and go back. Some succeeded, others failed. Men who had already learned English acted as interpreters. Working on the railroad was very hard for him at first.
22	5	After landing in New York, his group was sent south on another boat. In St. Louis they met up with Greeks who knew some English and were also shipping to Spokane by train. People didn't want to go to the "wild west." Railroad work was all manual labor. The interpreter got the group the job from the employment agency. There were many other groups from southern Europe. They quit it they didn't like the jobs.

Side B

01	8	His first job was building tracks into a Walla Walla cannery. Loading dirt and shovelling gravel. Wages: \$1.30 for a ten hour day. Living sixteen to a boxcar. Having to move in the middle of baking bread. Railroads were the chief industry then. His crew was composed of men from his home town, some here before he was. Refusing a job that looked like a bad situation. It was very tough to save money, but some of the old fellows could. Section work was easier in winter.
23	13	Working on construction at White Salmon, Oregon. Work was year-round, without the blowing-in that lumber-jacks did. Working on the section in winter. Heating boxcars with coal. The foremen were Americans, and watched the men. He was strong.



minute page

30 15 He came to Potlatch in 1914, after being laid off at Heppner, Oregon. His two cousins at Potlatch wrote and told him to come.

Side C

00 16 He got first job at Potlatch by lying that he had worked in a mill before. Working at Potlatch better than on railroad. Thirty Greeks at Potlatch were from his home town, Dedemah.

08 17 Housing for Greeks at Potlatch. Manure at Potlatch went to Japanese garden. Building burnt down by a Greek who didn't know about hot ashes. New housing for Greeks. Italians outnumbered Greeks. Foreigners did semi-skilled work.

20 21 He lived with his Greek friends. Learning to speak English despite obstacles and little opportunity to use language. He left Potlatch for a while during First World War to work in shipyard on the coast. He joined Masonic Lodge in 1945 when only a few Greeks remained in Potlatch, and learned more English. English language is harder than Greek, especially spelling. At first he was too soft for hard work in America, with bakery hands.

Side D

00 23 Most Greeks had to leave Potlatch during the depression. For humanitarian reasons, company had to support men with families who were in debt. One Greek kept his planer job because he was an oldtimer. When the mill started up again, many were not hired back.

08 25 His dealings with William Laird on behalf of Greeks who knew less English than he did. Laird cared for the people. Laird assured the people they'd get their money from the Potlatch bank after a large embezzlement.

20 28 Social life of Greeks was separate from rest of town. Greeks were refused membership in the gymnasium during the first war. Greeks played pinochle and gambled some. Italian social life and drinking. The foreman of the green chain started a strike and pushed his own interests.



Gus Demus 50 (1)

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29 30 Huge sales at the Potlatch store brought people from around the country.

Side E

00 30 Representing his friends because he knew some English. Friends took care of each other more then. People held on to their mill jobs then, so it was hard to advance. Working past retirement age. People disliked foreigners holding good jobs; they were hard to get without speaking good English. Foremen favored their own nationality.

12 33 Immigration slowed after 1915 because of quota. Need for foreign labor to build country. Italians didn't want to go to Catholic church in Potlatch. The priest refused to hold a funeral service for an Italian foreman. There were no Greek Orthodox services in Potlatch or the area.

22 35 Greeks were fairly satisfied at Potlatch. Lack of Greeks because the town was not open to competitive business. No beer could be sold in Potlatch.

27 36 Sawmill workers have to keep up with the work flow.

FRANCES VAUGHAN FRY

Cedar Creek, Kendrick; b. 1893

Farm wife, cook for woods crews, doctor's assistant, store clerk.

No. 63 (1) 2 hours  
with Sam Schragger 8-3-76

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Side A

00	1	Summary of her working career.
08	3	Mother did most of the work on their Cedar Creek place, while father worked in various towns as a depot agent. A bachelor neighbor did their heavy farm work in partnership with father.
15	6	Mother took family by team twelve miles to Kendrick a couple of times a year for goods. They went to Spokane for some specialty items, and got small orders at the store on Cedar Creek.
20	8	This area looked much better to parents than Kansas: the crops were dependable.
22	9	Making their own fun: visiting, dances, "hard time" parties. Her first talking movie, in Walla Walla. Enjoyment of farm work more than inside work; love of horses.
29	12	Husband's family: they came from California with money to buy the land they wanted.

Side B

00	13	While she raised her family of ten, she did outside work. Canning in enormous quantities. She used a fifty pound sack of flour a week. Meat supply--help from a German neighbor who was an expert butcher.
15	19	Feeding threshing crews. A crew that kept coming back during a rainy harvest. Neighborhood dinners at homes with dancing. Community Easter celebrations.
22	22	Helping each other in sickness. Simple funeral preparations. Attending childbirth. The family was struck with flu. Many people died from the after-effects. (continued)

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Side C		
00	26	Taking care of the family with flu, without help from husband. Doing different kinds of farm work. They couldn't afford a hired hand.
14	31	People helped neighbors on their own initiative. A large family that lived off the neighbors earned their dislike. Sharing with neighbors. Father's ignorance of farming; father killed birds with rocks, saving his shells.
27	38	Community church attendance. When a church was built on the creek, some tried to discourage dancing. A minister who encouraged a harvest ball after the service.
Side D		
00	40	"Protracted meetings" (revivals)--baptisms, going crazy. Getting caught in Kendrick by rain after chatauqua. Her dislike of a Billy Sunday revival, as an emotional but shallow experience. Her two Christian neighbors saw something good in everyone. A rough character who had a good side. The local church was United Brethern; before the church was built people met whenever a preacher came, and for Sunday school.
16	46	Family put out fire started by father on the same day that Kendrick burned. Mr. Torgerson died from burns after he slipped into a butchering vat. Torgerson's place in Park a major stopping point on route from Kendrick to Elk River.
23	49	Putting up a big pack train which arrived unexpectedly at night. It was always easy for her to put out a big dinner.





# INDEXES: EXPLANATION

WOMEN'S MAIDEN NAMES: Each woman narrator listed by her family name at birth, followed by her given name and her spouse's family name, if she married.

PLACE OF FAMILY ORIGIN: Generally, the last place that the parents (or the narrator) resided for an extended period of time before coming to the Latah County area. If the family immigrated to the United States, their country of origin is always noted.

PLACE OF RESIDENCE: The community or communities where the narrator lived for most of the time he or she was in the Latah County area, before retirement. If the narrator resided in a rural neighborhood, the main town with which he or she associated is also given. A place of residence outside of the area is noted if it played an important part in the narrator's recollections.

OCCUPATION: The narrator's work, concentrating on those jobs that were most important to the narrator and that are described in his or her oral history.

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TO : THE PRESIDENT  
FROM : THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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