

ROSIE HECKS CLARK

Deep Creek; b. 1893

kitchen worker at Moscow Hotel

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Side A

- 00 Arrival on Deep Creek. They first lived in a log barn. Father worked out in harvest. They didn't go to school first winter because they didn't have overshoes. Helping at home. The little hen who always laid her egg in the house.
- 04 As children they cut up apples to pretend they were beef. Mother didn't want to light lamps when father wasn't home so others wouldn't think they were home. Father worked out; he broke his leg, which was badly set by a drunk doctor.
- 07 Mother's fear of men coming to the place: a man was trying to run people off their claims. A visitor who was a surveyor.
- 09 She met Archie at literary. Women debated the usefulness of a mop vs. a dishrag. Her courtship, Saturday nights and Sunday. Archie got jealous of a man who wanted to go with her. Her shivaree - they were followed home with a lot of noise.
- 15 Renting and buying houses. Going to work at the hotel. Looking for a place to rent in Moscow - \$15 a month rent for a five room house. Moving into town.
- 24 She worked with the wife of the man her husband worked for on the farm. Depression required skimping.

Side B

- 05 Arrival in Farmington. Aunt loved to hear coyotes howling, because it reminded her of home.
- 07 Making butter in a churn. Fifteen mile trip to town. She found a dollar on the way to Palouse, and bought material to make a Fourth of July dress. A peddler sold material to the women for making such a dress each year. The celebration went two or three days by the schoolhouse. She sewed for whole family.
- 12 They made their own things for Christmas presents. They went to town once a year, ate lunch in the back of the store, and felt "so happy cause we got to go to town".
- 14 Fear of a bull loose in the brush. Her sister followed by an animal. Her fear of a coyote when her house was locked. A man she didn't want to go with. Family fear of bobcat. Relatives visit on Fourth of July; someone sneaked a look at kids sleeping on floor.

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Side B (continued)

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Brother said, "How about making a pee pie?" United Brethern Church on creek. Walking home at night with mother past a group of men. Farm chores: drive cow home. People went to bed when it got dark.

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Husband ploughed garden, but she had to do all the work. Making sauerkraut and pickels.

with Sherrie Fields

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