

CLAY GUSTIN

Helmer; b. 1900

logger

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Side A

- 00 Wood ranching on Cumarine Creek; neighbors. Helping cut wood as a boy. School: getting there, discipline, grown-up students.
- 09 Working in Moscow at various jobs: dray hauling for the bakery and the university; the harvester plant.
- 15 Work in the woods starting at age fourteen. Swamping. Fighting the McGary Butte fire; backfiring; he thinks the Potlatch set it to save piling the brush. A Princeton fire.
- 21 Clarkia was a rougher town than Bovill. Early Deary. Building the railroad, foreigners got killed.
- 23 IWWs blamed for a lot they didn't do; they got better conditions. At first many of them were foreigners. The 4-L was a Potlatch company union, and after the men realized it, they stopped paying dues. The CIO didn't do much when they became the union.
- 30 The Park sleigh haul. (continued)

Side B

- 00 Working on the sleigh haul for 72 days steady, putting sand on the road for the sleigh teams. Potlatch used a sleigh haul because they had to get the timber off the school sections or lose it.
- 05 A dog trained to snoop out whiskey bottles. Pat Malone follows a man to take a drink; he hardly bothered people. Potlatch Joe tells the boss to quit because there were too many bosses.
- 10 Clay got mad when men shirked their work. Killing of Agnes Liner.

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Side B (continued)
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Accidents with loaders. Why he left the woods.
Work of toploading. Fatal accidents in the
woods; accident unloading one of the early
trucks. Cats replacing horses tore up the
woods, and destroy the land. Decking with
horses, hauling out with shays. Camps had
lots of men. Incline logging near Clarkia.

with Sam Schrager
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