

AMANDA ASPLUND PHELAN

Dry Creek; b. 1887

housewife.

1 hour

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Side A

- 01 Midwives; natural childbirth. Births of younger sisters and brothers, hiding in the orchard because mother hollered so badly; having her own children. Hauling water, washing clothes at the creek. Fear of the dark; visiting the outhouse in the dark; fear of the train in Troy.
- 7 Rememberances of visiting Troy after hiking 9 miles; walking on the top of snow. Bear Creek School (later Dry Creek) and parties; visiting Carl Olson's family; big piles of pancakes for breakfast at home and other foods.
- 11 Mother's jobs; going to school, learning English; mother's intelligence shown in her sewing all of the clothes without patterns. Washing clothes by hand. More on having babies at home.
- 18 Preparing father for burial, the coffin on the front porch, funeral preparations, no flowers.
- 21 Parties and dances in old empty houses; meeting her husband; family pictures; married at 29 - having too much fun to be married earlier; working in Spokane as housekeeper; coming home to help mother for birth of younger brothers and sisters, 13 total including a half brother and two half sisters.
- 28 Never any fear to walk in Spokane; more on mother's sewing talent; mother a very quiet woman. Big Anderson.

Side B

- 00 Young people, need to go to work; as child, playing, fishing, picking huckleberries; Big Anderson smelled bad; Wild Dave; walking to school through the scary woods.
- 4 No sickness; homemade medicine; going to town for groceries; more on mother. Different food; sickness and neighbors, measles not considered dangerous; big families.
- 9 Going to work in Spokane; never worked hard because of being small; doing tub laundry and the soap. School; fun at recess; good at spelling not at map drawing, so copying from neighbor; need to know enough to get out to work. Making \$6 a week.
- 17 Big Anderson; Food and eating with friends, families would travel many miles to visit over night.

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Side B (continued)

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Canning fruit; picking the fruit a family project. Hiking to town.

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The buildings she remembers in town of Troy. Dad would buy whiskey for medicine for colds. Roads were very bad.

with Karen Purtee
and Addie Swanson, Mrs. Phelan's
daughter

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