

CURTIS PRESBY

Viola; b.

farmer

minute page

1 hour

Side A

- 00 Father came from Coeur d'Alenes, mother from Colfax. They came in 1912. Her parents came from Wisconsin to Potlatch in 1909. He graded lumber for PFI for ten years in Lewiston.
- 06 Working on a custom haybaler - hard dirty work, \$1.25 a day. Women tried to put on a good feed for the most part, occasionally lean. He bought his first tractor in 1945. Father's road grading - he helped as a boy. Local phone "never did work". Long distance calls were bad news in family. Community worked on line. Too bad she couldn't have talked to real oldtimers. Road changes. Sawmill at Fourmile (Viola). No riches in fruit packing.
- 24 A neighbor that always helped when it was needed. Never see neighbors today. His help in butchering. The only fruit you had was what was raised on the place. A bad freeze in the thirties hurt family orchards. One fall fruit sent back east on speculation spoiled. Viola people traded wood to people from the prairie; trading wood for groceries.

Side B

- 00 Places went by names of homesteaders. People were more satisfied then than now - they had a living. Outsiders boarded with families. Country dances every Saturday at someone else's home - square dances, hard cider, "at least one good brawl."
- 10 Viola baseball team. A teacher's response to a tussle. Town died because railroad passed it by. No deer when he grew up - seeing a deer track made your day. Lots of blue grouse. Not as much fishing or hunting - those that had the time were considered "ne'er-do-wells".
- 18 Father's concussion put him out of his head for a couple of weeks. His dislike of doctors. How he healed his own hand. Mr. Presby got use of his injured leg after father threatened to cut it off. Brother died at four.

with Marilyn Chaney
(no date)