

MERTON WATERMAN

Tape 199
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Moscow; b. 1896
mail carrier, farmer

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Parents lived in Illinois. Their life in Illinois. Father forced to go to church by mother's family. Mother told him to be prosperous before marrying, as father had been.

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Three day celebration for Fourth of July in Moscow(1910). He was too sensitive about being two years behind others in school, so he didn't go to high school. He quit school to work on paving of Third Street. Harvey Smith as city engineer-the maps in his head.He took the short course at university for three years, from middle of October to March; the subjects.

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Family experience farming near Hereford, Texas, before moving to Idaho; typhoid fever, an outlaw horse which injured father.

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He farmed the vacant land on the Lieuellen estate, raising vegetables after mother bought him team. The Idaho Harvester Company ran on Day family money, until they got tired of financing it. Guy Wolf lost leg in threshing machine, so became a lawyer. He lost money on his farming for three years in a row, and was never caught up on grocery bills for David's.

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His work on delivery and many other jobs. How he began delivering mail. His dual jobs of primary separation and delivery. He made 65 cents an hour at first.

with Grace Wicks
Feb. 2, 1973