

TAPE FOUR \* SIDE ONE \* IRMA EGLAND \* THIRTEENTH INTERVIEW \* 097-614

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- 097 Interview starts ~~with~~ Filling out personal data form. Name, Irma Egland, nee Schlader. Born, 1928 in Orofino, Idaho. Mother's maiden name, ~~x~~ Kachelmier. Narrator grew up on a ranch. Mother worked outside a lot; also was a rural mail carrier for 25-30 years. Mother born 1899 in Nez Perce, Idaho. Father, name George Schlader, born 1889 in Illinois; occupation farmer and rancher.
- 126 Two sisters. Helen Anderson in Troy, Idaho and Shirley Seeley in Orofino, Idaho. One brother, Raymond Schlader in Orofino.
- 130 Husband, Harry Egland, Jr.; born 1922 in Moscow. Narrator married husband in 1951 in Orofino, Idaho. Husband is a salesman for Everett Well Tractor in Moscow.
- 139 Five children. Nick, born 1952, now married and lives with wife nearby; both attend college. Mike, born 1953. Hollis, born 1955; now a student at Lewis and Clark College. Ed, born 1957; now in high school. Tony, born 1964, now 11 years old.
- 157 Education. Narrator graduated from University of Idaho in 1950 in Sociology and Psychology.
- 160 Skills. Antiques, refinishing furniture, gardening, all types of sewing -- quilts, handiwork, etc. Jobs. Worked way through college as a waitress, worked two years waiting tables at a logging camp. Narrator comments that waitress was a common job for young women at that time in Orofino, was a better job than being a domestic -- better pay and more independence. Other odd jobs Irma had while attending college, lifeguard, animal lab work at university, bank teller, hospital kitchen work. Quit work shortly after marriage. Narrator comments she was quite independent during college years.
- 197 Nowadays. Irma raises hay, oversees the hay crew, and cooks for them. Hay crew is her own family and ~~x~~ other boys. Husband leaves much of the hay work up to Irma, although he ~~does~~ does some of the work. ~~Family~~ Selling hay brings in extra money. ~~Family~~ <sup>Irma</sup> drives truck, but not the tractor. Family also have beef cattle and one milk cow. Because of husband's job, narrator does much of the farm work.
- 219 Clubs and groups. Member of Genesee School Board, loves that work. Narrator is only woman on the board. Comments how she only likes to belong to groups when she has time to take an active part. Comments about rarity of women on school board. Suspicions of harrassment by the men toward one woman who was member of school board in the past; but men ~~now are better~~ on the board now are better. Narrator feels she has influenced some board decisions, e.g. girls' sports. Feels men more interested in running the school and do a good job; but, women more interested in ~~welfare~~ of the children

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- 245 Other activities and clubs. 4-H leader for 13 years. Used to belong to Catholic Daughter, C.G. Club (neighborhood women's social and charity club).
- 254 Rural life. Narrator enjoys rural area. As a child, she wanted to live in town where she could have other advantages such as a school bus. However, she always thought she would eventually marry and live on a farm. Rural area good for families; wouldn't want to live in the city.
- 269 Narrator feels her children's lives not much different from her own childhood. Narrator's childhood: family of three girls and one boy; all did basically same kind of chores, all treated equally. Father helped mother inside the house and mother helped father outside. Narrator's children:--because there are four boys and one girl, the boys don't do as much housework.
- 286 Narrator's siblings. Brother went into service, one sister graduated from college, one sister ~~just~~ graduated from high school. Irma didn't want to go onto school after high school, but parents insisted she go on to some kind of school to get training. Although parents expected narrator would eventually marry, they wanted her to know some skill. Narrator also feels this is a good idea for women.
- 298 Childhood. Grew up on a cattle ranch. Each child given a calf when they were 10 years old so they could start their own little herd. Chores: haying -- took longer back then because it was before there were bailers. Had to feed cattle every morning and night. Got up by 6 or 6:30 a.m. to do chores and then walk two miles to schools. Though town girls had an easier life. Amusing comment about secretly adjusting clothes in the mornings before entering school building.
- 318 Met husband at college. Courtship for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years. Husband wanted her to graduate from college before marrying. Narrator feels this was a good idea. Irma married because she wanted to. Never had been much interested in careers if that would have taken her away from the country, although during college she was interested in criminal psychology. Was never pressured by parents to marry. Story about narrator's aunt who never married and ~~Narrator~~ <sup>Irma</sup> felt she was admired because of that -- she was self-sufficient. Another aunt who was a nun. Irma married when she was 23.
- 349 Narrator's mother an outstanding and brilliant woman; had a wider or different perspective.
- 353 Expectations of marriage, no surprises. Childbirth, doctor in Genesee and hospital in Moscow. Birth control, although narrator wanted about ~~5~~ five children, she did not plan her family. Feels boys are easier to raise than girls. Boys outside more and had lots of friends to keep them occupied. Husband didn't want as many kids as they had.
- 379 Husband's ~~family~~ ~~six~~ grew up in a ~~large~~ family of six, large age difference between siblings.
- 384 Raising family. Narrator ~~pretty~~ did not have much advice or experience with kids before she had her own. Took this for granted that she would need to figure out how to raise and care for family for herself.

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- 401 During Narrator's childhood, not many close neighbors, family pretty much self-contained. Similar to ~~waxx~~ Irma's family now.
- 415 Family activities. Because husband and sons love sports, narrator ~~had~~ has learned to enjoy attending ball games; however, no one watches much sports on TV. No time during summer to take vacation trips. No one watch much TV. Both Irma and husband read a lot.
- 434 Magazines. Used to like American Homes, but too modern now. Likes women's magazines. Also Sports Illustrated. ~~Getx magazine from~~ Narrator can get lots of magazines from mother-in-law. Subscribes to Idahonian newspaper.
- 450 Changes over the years. Nowadays people have fancy cars. Narrator questions why high school boys have to have new cars. Irma's boys had old pickup ~~trux~~ trucks and were quite happy with that.
- 465 When first married, bought a used car, Irma made the downpayment. Husband worked for a farmer during first two years of marriage, then became a salesman. Has always supported the family; but farm income provides extra money.
- 481 ~~Children~~ Although narrator's children were always in 4-H and showed at county fairs, narrator never had time to participate much herself.
- 485 Life of a farm wife now in this area. Easier nowadays. Farming not as hard around here, although ranching still requires hard work.
- 502 Narrator never ~~flaxt~~ felt lonely being a farm wife. Feels loneliness due to the woman herself, not due to farm life.
- 513 Chores nowadays, canning and gardening. Enjoys canning.
- 525 Decision making in the family. Most decisions made with husband. Story about husband buying a house in the country. Husband helps with maying farm work in that he works on machinery and decides where haying crew will work; but narrator does the rest.
- 550 ~~No regrets about~~ Narrator has not regrets and wouldn't make any major changes in her life.
- 559 Changes for young people over the years. Feels girls have about the same opportunities now as they did when narrator was a young woman. But girls nowadays are pressured to go out into the world and do something. Too much pressure on girls nowadays; they don't have a choice about family and career anymore. ~~¶~~ Narrator comments about how it is acceptable for young men to stay home on the farm to help father, but is unacceptable for young women to stay home and help mother. Nowadays, girls are pressured to be more sexually active. Irma feels it was easier to be a girl when she was growing up.
- 595 Irma has no expectations for her daughter to marry, does not want to pressure her daughter into marriage. Doesn't feel a woman has to be married and have children to be fullfilled, although this is what Irma wanted for herself. Feels can have a full life doing any number of things.
- 614 End of interview. (614-616 should be erased)