

Ilene Darling Tape 50 Side I
Ilene is hardly audible.

047- Starts. Maiden name Stierly. Date of birth December 15, 1889. Place of
075 birth is Miles City, Montana. Cover other personal data.

076 1923 came to Idaho by train.

080 Mother's Maiden name Sartain. Birth date unknown. Occupation-housewife.
Mother married unknown.

090 Father's background. Name was Charles Sturtz(?? audio is very poor). Job-
was in the Army.

Is very hard to hear and understand both interviewer and interviewee

100 She lost her mother early in life. Birthplace of mother is Germany. Died
in 1904(?).

110 Has two sister named Alice and Mary(?). One brother named Charles and another
named Gilbert.

122 Married June 15, 1912. Husband dead 5 to 6 years at time of making tape.
Interruption by nurse, gave her something.

130 Has two daughters, both have died. One had two daughters named Dora and
the other named Marge. (She has trouble with her memory)

142 Said something about four children. Doesn't seem to want to talk about them.
Their names are Charles, Elizabeth, Bert. I think she is talking about her
children. Bert's occupation was a railroad worker.

155 Ilene's education. Went to 8th grade. Specials she picked up when working
for a doctor(?).

161 Hobbies/Interests. Horseback riding. (Background noise drowns Ilene out)

176 Group/Clubs/Societies. Went to church. The Lutheran Church. Never
received any awards.

183 Rural area advantages. She was brought in a rural area. Is beautiful, fr
freedom. Voice fades. Dances, playing cards. A very simple life.

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205 Hardships of rural area. Did wash outside. Carry own water in from well
outside. Dry clothes on clothes line outside.

216 Talks about hauling grain and women often had to help. Had to haul it to
a small town where a railroad would come and haul it away.

223 Differences between a rural and a urban woman. Rural woman has a better
life due to family ties, garden food, children grow in a family atmosphere.
Rural life is better now then back when.

235 Speaks about a house burning down. I think it was her parents home. People
went to live with relatives. Hard to determine if it is her family or
if it is her neighbors.

247 Lived in Montana. Talks about Yellowstone River and forests. Talks about
homesteading on 360 acres of forest land.

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- 253 Hardships. Living alone. Small house, log cabin. Speaks of squatters who would take away homesteaders land if not claimed properly. To keep land you had to put a log cabin on it or a house; some type of land improvement.
- 263 Audio improves a little
- 270 Disagreements about making off a homestead. Speaks of spotting on it. Had water troughs for horses.
- 275 Women from East didn't like a water troughs and had hard time living a Western life.
- 280 Homes far apart. Use other peoples troughs to water horses. Back East didn't do that.
- 290 Speaks of child bearing. One of Ilene's daughters not able to have children. Speaks of ways of living, entertainment have changed.
- 300 Speaks of wars. Audio is still very poor.
- 305 Tape ends.