

- 181 Starts. Advantages of rural life-class companionship, more things to do for others people, know your neighbors.
- 191 Born near Sheridan, Wyoming-cattle ranch. Those days shipped by train. 12 years of schooling in Wyoming. Then WWI. Husband comes back from war with idea to raise wheat to feed a starving Europe. She says it was due to propaganda.
- 206 First year-drought. Crop failure. Also had cattle too. Had milk cows-sold milk/cream. Bought their food for the year.
- 216 Two years of marriage-had 1st kid. Had 7 all together. Second year on farm-hail. Third year-drowned out. Fourth year they quit. Moved to her grandfathers ranch. Got on feet. Tried farming again later.
- 226 Husband delivered mail to get money. Bought another ranch. 1933-husband killed by tractor. She was 32 with 7 children. Wanted to stay in country. Lived with grandfather for 6 years.
- 233 WPA come into existance. Help hard to get. Had always wanted to go to Idaho. Planned to move with another family. Sold goods-bought truck, moved to Hope. Next year moved to Lake Pend Oreille.
- 247 Eventually, 3 sons in WWII. Remarries-1941. She worked at post office. Saved the situation ↗ Kids helped on ranch til they went to war. Then she got married. Too much pride for welfare. Sawed wood. Made own butter, cottage cheese. Chickens. Self-sufficient.
- 263 Today-divorce, neither partner is self-sufficient enough to hold them both up. Women working outside home leaves kids too alone. Taught kids christianity "from every angle." Made them independent.
- 277 Bought a new place, kids gone. Had cattle. Paradise Valley. Ran a creamer on farm-that's where your groceries come from. 1952-husband decides to bottle their own milk. Sons owns the dairy now.
- 296 She misses ranch life now. (In Bonners Ferry). (gap) Sold dairy to son in 1967. She worked too-sterilized bottles, worked equally with husband through whole project. Tied down to the enterprise.
- 311 Support of family. Helped in anyway except to earn cash. All her kids have worked since young. They are all self-made. Didn't get out of debt/on their feet until about 1952. "There is more than one way to keep yourself going.
- 332 Daughters. Able to confront different life today. Practical. 25 grandchildren. 31 great grandchildren. Future-hate to think about future of descendants. Will all be better educated than she or her kids. Today-"the best" is concerned with what money can buy. But that's not necessarily "the best." More options for women today-limited families, etc. but too materialistic. Wouldn't trade my life, one day, for lives they have today. Her life was fuller. Closer to nature.

Tape F Side II Lillian Mitchell  
Continuation

- 360 Hippies-trying to go back, but can't go back in time. Discuss differences of today-i.e. running water (conveniences).
- 380 Describes picking berries. Nature. Learned early to can, etc. Learned to survive. Recalls death of husband-she thought "I have to be father and mother both." Kids could help. No insurance. Cows, chickens, garden were life itself.
- 394 (gap) Always wanted to be receptionist. When younger wanted to be telephone operator. Now does volunteer work at Historical Museum as receptionist. Drives for senior citizens-meals. AARP secretary. Ladies club. WWI auxillary-potlucks. Busy every day. Loves her life.
- 405 Tape ends.



Tape G Side I Lillian Mitchell  
Audio quality-good

- 000 Starts. Loves her life. Enjoys retirement. Appreciates telephone. Not difficult to adjust to being widow. Family wanted her to move -but she wouldn't. Wanted to stay by friends.
- 024 Friends. (Gap) Lots of friends who are retired teachers. Really got to know people when you see them working at home.
- 045 Recalls trip. Nova Scotia, New England, back to west. Another trip to California, Oregon. San Juan Islands. Misses ranch though-where of horse-drawn mowing machines.
- 066 Rural life. Proud of sons. Advice for young women-young women she knows today (with education) do very well. Take places with husbands as well as with their own seperate lives. Have more choices and opportunities. Not necessarily better life-just different.
- 091 Change is not hard to accept, but young people themselves have changed-gone faster and farther than we have. Education is different. Need more emphasis on taking time to learn it well.
- 109 Interviews ends.