

ELLA OESON OLSON

Nora, Troy Idaho

b. 1897

housework, cook in logging camps, pea work, mica cutter

Side A

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- 00 Personal data sheet information. The town of Nora. Her parents' migration to Idaho.
- 05 Her brothers' deaths at early ages. Her marriage at home. Her husband's work in the woods.
- 07 Her work started when she began the eighth grade. Going to Spokane to work. Spending the first paycheck. Dating her husband.
- 08 Working on the cookwagon. Deciding to get married. A doctor attended her children's births.
- 13 The facts of life were never discussed. More about her children's births. Commonness of large families in her parents' generation. Her church affiliations. Small town interest in high school sports.
- 17 Depression experiences. Doing laundry at the hospital.
- 22 Depression was worse on her family than World War II. Picking peas in Moscow. Cutting mica at the mica plant.
- 25 Her leisure time. Comparing her life in a rural setting to that in the city.
- 28 Childhood play. She only spoke Swedish when she started school at age five. She taught her children Swedish. Her father gave an acre of land for the Crescent Hill school. A childhood prank played on her by a schoolmate.
- 30 A cruel schoolteacher.

Side B  
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- 00 Her granddaughter has adopted a rural way of life similar to her early day experiences. Hard for you people to get work nowadays.
- 02 She was responsible for most of the decision making in her marriage. Her courtship at the logging camp.
- 05 Small towns are good settings for childrearing. She worked when her children were in school. Ill effect on children without parental supervision.
- 08 Difficulty in being the oldest child. Sewing her own clothes.
- 13 Her expectations of marriage. Fear of having too many children.