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CHILDREN: ... (Talk about a play they want to perform.)

ANNE CLARK: ... sold that place of Knowles that they own now, was it the Cawlfild place ...

GEORGE CLARK: You know when I can first remember the Cawlfild ranch ... they weren't the first owners either, I don't think.

ANNE: Somebody else had it before that, huh?

GEORGE: Yeah, I think so. Who, I don't know. But I assume that Cawlfilds weren't the first owners.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: And that place of ... I think Walt homesteaded that.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: DeGiorgios.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: ... got it now, I think.

ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: I'm sure that was Walt Capps homestead. And I don't know whether Gabe Rush had a homestead there or not, they call that Gabe Creek. I don't know that he ever homesteaded it.

ANNE: Okay. But is that part of that DeGiorgio place out ...

GEORGE: I think so, I think so.

ANNE: So those are separate places then? Okay, and then I go down to the Gearhart place of

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Terry (Williams) and Rotha's. They kind of split it up didn't they?

GEORGE: Yeah, I think Gearharts homesteaded that, Polk Gearhart.

ANNE: Did they, Polk Gearhart.

GEORGE: Homesteaded that. Probably had, probably she homesteaded two, they usually did.

ANNE: Yeah, so they would get more land, with the man and wife.

GEORGE: I don't know that there is any ---

NORM CLARK: Well that and the Davis place are two different places, aren't they?

GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: The one that Terry owns.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Yeah, yeah, we have a different one down here, Davis place.

GEORGE: Yeah that, I think Uncle Jess homesteaded that, Jess Davis.

ANNE: Yeah, that's what Eunice had down anyway. This Bill Ward, did he own part of that Gearhart, Polk Gearhart place originally, or was it, was he, just owned it after Gearharts, or can you remember?

GEORGE: Well I think he owned it after Gearharts, because Williams' loaned Gearharts the money on it and got the place.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: There is a story there, the way I understood it.

NORM: It's on the Davis place, but ...

GEORGE: No, not the Davis.

ANNE: No, the Gearhart place.

GEORGE: Gearhart place.

ANNE: Well I don't know where I got this, probably out of some of Eunice's stuff, but I'm not real sure. And it said that Bill Ward had owned this Gearhart, or was part of the Gearhart place.

GEORGE: She probably knows more about it than I do.

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ANNE: Might be that he had a homestead and they bought it out later, or something.

GEORGE: Something, yeah.

ANNE: Williams' or somebody. Then this Jess Davis' place, said that Bill and Charlie Davis owned it later, and then Lee and then Terry had it.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: And it is all just the same place, isn't it?

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: Okay. And then the place that Borellis have now, was, these were the Millard place? Then Lucke's owned it?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: And then Jones'. And then they also, and was it Kerns place, and Joneses owned it later. And then Sam Jenkins, was that the one?

GEORGE: Yes.

ANNE: And they, Guyer, people by the name of Guyer, and then Eunice and Lloyd (Jordan) bought it. And then some Coleman's bought it, and then Joneses bought it.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: And that's all that's in that place of Borellis own now, that Mike Johnson sold ...

GEORGE: I think so, that's all I know of.

ANNE: Okay. Quite a few people owned that. Must have been what, three different places then originally?

GEORGE: Yeah. When I was a kid there were three places there that --- Ben Kerns place, and then a Lucke.

ANNE: Uh huh.

GEORGE: And then Sam Jenkins.

ANNE: Oh.

MAN: Was that the Baer field in there?

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GEORGE: That's right there too. No, that, I think Jack Baer homesteaded that Baer field. But Eunice could tell you about this. John Davis had a homestead that I think is part of that place too.

ANNE: Oh it was?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: She didn't say anything about that in her stuff. But she might have just overlooked it.

GEORGE: I'm pretty sure because ... Johnny had a homestead up there, kind of between the Ben Kerns place and the Baer field, I think.

ANNE: Well is the Baer field part of Johnson's place?

GEORGE: This is all --- no ---

ANNE: its part of Bentz's, isn't it?

GEORGE: No, Bentz's.

ANNE: Okay. Well where was this Kerns place at then?

GEORGE: Well it was on the old road, you know where the reservoir is?

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: Just north and west of that.

ANNE: Oh.

NORM: It's the --- where that windmill is out there.

GEORGE: I think there is a windmill there, yeah.

ANNE: Oh, out in there.

NORM: Corral and stuff, you know where Mike used to brand his calves.

ANNE: Uh huh, yeah, up in there.

NORM: An old well there, we pumped water out of to water that field.

ANNE: That's kind of funny that there would be so many little places in there. Used to be able to make a living on them, I guess. This Millard place then, was it the one where Johnson's house is, or

GEORGE: It might have been originally. When I first remember it was, Louis Lucke lived there.

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ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: And ---

ANNE: But it was the one right where the house is now?

GEORGE: Yeah. I told you about --- well you probably met him, Norm, that Mitchell Carlton out, was out a time or two, he brought his family there once and, going hunting or something. Anyway, his mother was Louis Lucke's niece, I think.

ANNE: Oh really?

GEORGE: ... introduced himself as ...

ANNE: Oh really.

NORM: Richard Carlton?

GEORGE: ...

ANNE: Carlton, I've heard that name before.

NORM: He was whose niece, or nephew?

GEORGE: He was Mitchell's son. Mitchell's mother was Louis Lucke's niece, I think, was the way it was. Some relation there, I think she was his niece.

ANNE: Huh. Well this, let's see, okay so where was this Sam Jenkins place? Was it on Duck Creek?

GEORGE: Right where the hay shed is.

ANNE: Oh. Right there across the road.

NORM: Right at the house that old Sam Wade burned down there.

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Oh, huh.

NORM: Just across ...

GEORGE: Across the road ...

ANNE: Just across the road from the hay shed, okay. Okay ---

GEORGE: Old Sam used to have a little portable sawmill there, but I don't know how portable ...

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ANNE: On the creek there?

GEORGE: Yeah, as I recall it set right in that --- let's see, Mike had a granary there, didn't he?

Yeah, right where that granary is.

NORM: Granary right on the road there.

GEORGE: Yeah. Well, as I recall right in there where the sawmill was.

ANNE: Has the road always gone out through the middle there like that?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: This Larson place I have next, then there was Larson owned it first, or was it Andersons.

GEORGE: Andersons.

ANNE: Anderson. What was his first name?

GEORGE: ...

ANNE: Remember at all? I might have it on something. Compton Anderson, Jim Anderson?

GEORGE: Compton's dad.

ANNE: Ben Anderson?

GEORGE: I don't know if it was Ben or not. There was a Ben Anderson around Drewsey later, but it doesn't seem to me --- different names, before I can remember it. Andersons left ...

ANNE: Yeah. Well this, they owned it before Larson's then. Then Larson's bought it from them?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: And then Mike Acton bought it, and then Stewarts bought it, and then Bentz's bought it.

GEORGE: Yeah, or inherited it or something.

ANNE: Inherited. Well is that Holebos place a part of that Larson place now? Holebos, or how do you pronounce it?

GEORGE: Holebos.

ANNE: Holebos.

GEORGE: Well ... yeah I think it was part of it. I wouldn't be sure about it. I think it is all part of it.

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ANNE: Part of it.

GEORGE: I think so.

NORM: Part of the Larson place.

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: I wasn't sure about that. I got that from some ---

GEORGE: Eunice would know.

ANNE: Yeah. Okay, now the Bentz's, Bentz place now. And this is getting hairy here. The McKinnon place, was that where they live right now, McKinnons do?

GEORGE: ... I didn't know there were any McKinnons, place there.

ANNE: Oh. She had it down; I should have brought that too. And then Wagner's, then Cramer's, and Campbell's.

GEORGE: Campbell's, that was ---

NORM: ...

GEORGE: --- first name I can remember that had that place before Acton's.

ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: I don't remember it, but then somebody told me that that was the Campbell place.

ANNE: Yeah. Well that's how Eunice had it down. She had McKinnons, Wagner's, Cramer's, Campbell's, Acton, and Bentz.

GEORGE: Well that's probably right.

ANNE: So that would have been probably where they live now.

GEORGE: Where they live, yeah.

ANNE: Okay.

NORM: Cramer's owned that sometime later?

GEORGE: I didn't know that they did, but I guess they did.

ANNE: I don't know.

NORM: Are you sure that don't mean that Drewitt place over there?

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ANNE: No, it's separate. She had the Drewitt place, and then Macomber's owned it too she said.

GEORGE: Uh huh. And Cramer's got it from Julie Macomber.

ANNE: Oh they did? Cramer's got it after them?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: And then Bentz's bought it from Cramer's.

GEORGE: No, Mike.

ANNE: Oh, Mike Acton or something. Okay.

NORM: ...

ANNE: Shelley's and then Bentz's. How about this other place up there? The Bentz place itself was owned by Shelley's before Bentz too, wasn't it?

NORM: Well that Poer place, who was on it?

NORM: You don't even have it.

ANNE: Yeah, I've got Poer place.

GEORGE: Oliver Poer had it when I first remember. But they weren't the original owners either, I don't think.

ANNE: Oh they weren't?

GEORGE: I don't think so.

ANNE: And then ---

GEORGE: There was some people by the name of Parkers, I think, had it, might have had part of that. Or maybe those ---

ANNE: Oh, don't have anything about them.

GEORGE: Ken told me about some Parkers coming there to look at a grave; I think they put a little fence around it.

ANNE: Oh really.

NORM: That one there by the feedlot?

GEORGE: It's ---

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NORM: Just on the hill.

GEORGE: Yeah, between the feedlot and Poers, yeah. But then ... said something to my dad about it, and he said yeah, that windy partner said if you want to believe anything about him unless he told you he was a heck of a good fighter, says then you better believe it. (Laughter)

ANNE: Oh, heck.

NORM: Must have whipped him.

GEORGE: I guess, I don't know.

ANNE: Harry, did he fight quite a bit when he was younger, did he?

GEORGE: Yeah, he was always in some kind of squabble.

ANNE: Well after Oliver owned that place there, did he sell it to Acton's from there?

GEORGE: No, I think Dunn's bought it. They just had it a short time, and then Mike bought it from Dunn's.

ANNE: Oh Dunn, which Dunn was that?

GEORGE: Oh ---

ANNE: Not sure?

GEORGE: Sam Dunn, Mavis' dad, Sam Dunn. It was some of the Dunn's from over in the ... the one that Campbell's bought that place from over there, sodhouse.

NORM: Oh.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: What Dunn was that?

NORM: I don't know.

GEORGE: I know they just had it a short time.

ANNE: Short time.

GEORGE: Mike was a dickering with them trying to chew him down, and Dunn's moved in and bought it, so Mike had to buy it from Dunn's then.

ANNE: Oh boy. Well did Shelley's buy all of Acton's place from him?

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NORM: Well Pine Creek was part of Acton's too.

GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: Robbins ranch.

ANNE: But this Poer place though, then actually before Bentz's got it, then Shelley's owned it. Okay, so anything that Bentz's have actually was Shelley's before Bentz's got it.

GEORGE: I think so, yeah.

NORM: Everything but the Farnes ranch and Larson place.

ANNE: Okay.

NORM: And Baker place.

ANNE: So the Farnes ranch, the Larson place, and the Baker place are the only ones that they, that Shelley's didn't own before Bentz's. Okay now this Drewitt place, we got it taken care of. One other place that was mentioned, and I can't --- I guess it was probably Chas was telling me about it. This Bill George, he said, owned a place between the Drewitt field and the Farnes place, kind of on, over the hill from the Drewitt place.

NORM: ... field.

GEORGE: Huh huh.

NORM: In that old map that Chas gave you.

ANNE: George's had a place ---

NORM: George's owned that, the place you're on. I think it was part of ... field.

GEORGE: George's?

NORM: Edna George. That name was on your place, you know.

GEORGE: Was it?

NORM: I think it was a '35 map.

GEORGE: They must have done a little trading in the family there, some way or another. But Bill George's place was over there on Muddy Creek above the Robbins ranch.

NORM: What relation was Edna George then to him?

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GEORGE: His wife.

NORM: Because her name was on that place that ... owned now. Jones place.

GEORGE: I never knew that.

NORM: You should remember that.

GEORGE: No, it was ---

NORM: I think that map was '32 or '35.

ANNE: '32 or '35, somewhere in that vicinity.

NORM: It was an old ownership map. That Webdell field, seems like their name was on it too.

ANNE: Seemed like it.

GEORGE: It wasn't owner, it wasn't rented was it?

NORM: No, it said ownership maps.

GEORGE: Well Jeff and Sadie left there ...

NORM: It still had his name on his homestead there, Jack Drewitt.

GEORGE: Up on the hill there.

NORM: Yeah.

GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: His name was on it, but it was Edna George on that other one.

GEORGE: Maybe they bought it when Jack and Sadie left there. I ... remember them moving down there. Maybe they did buy it when Jack and Sadie left there.

NORM: Uh huh.

GEORGE: I don't think they ever lived there. Bill worked for Uncle ... there one summer, I think, just before they moved to Burns. That would have been about '33, I think. But ---

ANNE: Well Chas was trying to remember, and he said that he thought that George's had lived there for a short time over the hill there, between --- he said it was just between the George, or between the Farnes ranch and the Drewitt field.

GEORGE: I don't ever remember that.

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ANNE: I couldn't, I just wrote it down in case somebody else would remember it. Now this Farnes ranch, he homesteaded it first, Farnes?

GEORGE: I think so, as far as I know he did.

ANNE: Okay. And then Otleys bought it, and then Stringer bought it, and then ---

GEORGE: Joneses had it, I think.

ANNE: Did they?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Before Otleys?

GEORGE: Yeah. It might have just been leased, I don't know.

ANNE: Okay.

NORM: Matt Howard had it before Stringer.

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Oh before Stringer?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Oh, I thought it was the other way around.

NORM: Stringer took it on a mortgage.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay, and then Bentz's bought it from Stringer?

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: I don't think there was anybody in between them.

ANNE: Then this Van Middlesworth's place there, it is still in the family, but Bentz's rent it.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay. And then the Woodard place, where in the world is that?

NORM: ... Miller lived on that Middlesworth place for years.

ANNE: Yeah, I should put that down, shouldn't I, Jack Miller.

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GEORGE: Who?

NORM: Jack Miller.

ANNE: Jack Miller.

NORM: He must have had it leased. ... 20 years or better, didn't he?

GEORGE: Yeah. When I first remember Rink and Myrtle Meyers lived there, then John Gearhart had it for several years. Then I think Jack moved there, and I think he had it until he sold it.

NORM: Eunice claimed that was the Van post office there.

GEORGE: I think it was.

ANNE: To start with?

GEORGE: Grandma Clark, I think, that, I think that was her first post office.

NORM: Was it?

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: Oh really, started there huh?

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: Huh, that's something. Well this Woodard place then, you say, is the one ---

NORM: I ...

GEORGE: I don't know.

ANNE: Know where it is, huh? I think --- what was their first name?

NORM: Wasn't some of the Millard's or something there was it?

ANNE: No.

NORM: What was the Needmore place?

ANNE: Well she, both --- Eunice didn't have anything down anymore than the Needmore place. But Chas said someone owned it before them, but he couldn't remember.

NORM: Before who?

ANNE: Needmores. They homesteaded it.

GEORGE: I don't remember when ---

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ANNE: He thought they did anyway, he wasn't sure.

GEORGE: Mike and ... I think bought that before they ever bought the place over where the Bentz's are now.

NORM: Oh.

ANNE: They bought it from Needmores then, probably, huh?

GEORGE: I guess. I don't remember Needmores at all.

ANNE: Yeah. No one else seems to either. Must have been a pretty ---

GEORGE: Well Chambers lived there first I remember.

ANNE: Oh in the Needmore place, in the house?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Oh, that's right, I remember Irene talking about that too, living there in that house. Did they just have it rented, or did they buy it?

GEORGE: I'm not sure. I think they just had it rented.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: But Chambers ... that Sitz place once.

ANNE: Yeah, that's what I heard, and then they let it go back, didn't they?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

NORM: Out where Jim lived?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Uh huh. This Baer field now, who bought it after Baers settled in there? How do you spell that Baer, B A R E ?

GEORGE: Yeah, I think so.

NORM: It's on the map B A E R.

GEORGE: Is it?

NORM: I think so. Seems like that's ---

ANNE: Don't know if I have it or not.

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NORM: Forget where I saw --- saw it on a map someplace.

GEORGE: You might be right, I don't know.

ANNE: Well that might be it too, yeah. Okay. But it's part of Bentz's now.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Whoever had it after him, and before --- or after Baers and before Bentz's. Probably Acton's.

GEORGE: Jim Anderson was that Anderson.

ANNE: Oh Jim, okay.

GEORGE: And Compton Anderson also owned part of that. He homesteaded that place up the creek there.

ANNE: Oh did he?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: And I think there is a homestead there, and people by the name of Holbrook, I think. There used to be an old building set there, and it seemed to me folks said that was the Holbrook place.

ANNE: That name sounds familiar. I don't know if I have it some-where here or not. Holbrook, up there around that same area up there.

GEORGE: Uh huh, it was in that ... down where the building things were, and Devils Gate.

ANNE: Oh, up in there.

GEORGE: Uh huh.

NORM: That's probably part of that land Terry owns up in there then.

GEORGE: No, Terry's is on over on the double slide side.

NORM: Isn't that what you was talking about?

GEORGE: No, Devils Gate.

ANNE: No, this is on the other side.

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GEORGE: It's ---

NORM: I thought that's what you were talking about.

GEORGE: No, Devils Gate is, oh about a mile north, and it's west of where the road goes up now.

ANNE: Oh.

NORM: Devils slide road.

GEORGE: Devils Gate.

ANNE: North of the Van-Drewsey road, you mean? Or east of --- west of the Van-Drewsey road.

GEORGE: West, west of it, yeah. You know where it goes over the top between Jones place and the Larson place.

NORM: Yeah.

GEORGE: Well that Devils Gate is just about a half a mile west of there.

NORM: Oh, out in there.

ANNE: Oh, so that would actually be in the Larson place now?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Okay.

NORM: Well that's actually Co-op in there then now. What they call Anderson field.

GEORGE: Yeah, uh huh.

ANNE: Oh, is it?

NORM: Part of the Co-op now.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Huh.

GEORGE: And I guess Compton's, Compton Anderson place, that was part of that too, because it was up the creek there above the Larson place there.

ANNE: Okay, now this --- okay, Johnny's place now. It was originally this Ace Johnson place.

GEORGE: When I first remember it was.

ANNE: And then Mike Acton bought it. And then Swords bought it from Acton's.

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GEORGE: Kenneth Cramer had in between. I believe Cramer's got it from Johnson, I'm not sure.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: Then Mike got it from Cramer's, and then he sold it back to ...

ANNE: Okay. Then the Needmore place, Acton's and then Swords.

GEORGE: Yeah. Cramer's, I know, had most of those places; well all three of those places once. Charlie and Dora's place was the Drewitt place. Kenneth had the Johnson place and the Needmore place. And Mike wound up with all three of them.

ANNE: Okay. And then the Muller place, of course, and they got it directly from Muller's, Swords did?

GEORGE: ...

ANNE: Someone else had it in between?

GEORGE: Joe Cronin.

ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: Wait a minute. Mike Acton ---

NORM: Abners had it sometime.

GEORGE: --- then Joe Cronin, then Swords. Took place during the war, Cronin's and Acton's.

ANNE: Okay. Okay, now the Riley place where Ellingston lives now, it was Bill Moffets, William Moffets originally?

GEORGE: Sumner Moffets.

ANNE: I had that down from Eunice, I think.

GEORGE: Yeah, that's probably right. It was some of the Moffets. And I don't know whether the PLS bought it from them, or whether there was other owners in between or not. But it was a PLS --

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NORM: PLS owned the Taylor place, and Milldale and all that.

GEORGE: No, I don't think so. Bought the Taylor place around Milldale.

ANNE: Taylor place, what's that?

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GEORGE: Petersons was Taylor's. When I first remember it, Pipes had it. Well no, Pipes had Milldale. I'm not too sure but what maybe old Jimmy Taylor didn't homestead that Taylor place, because it wasn't much of an agricultural venture.

ANNE: Oh wasn't it?

GEORGE: Just a place to live, I think, was all.

NORM: Well how come they called it the Peterson place?

GEORGE: Well Petersons had it ---

NORM: They just leased it or something for a long ---

GEORGE: No, they owned it for a while. Let me think, Brandon's got it from Pipes, and Petersons got it from Brandon ...

ANNE: Pipes?

GEORGE: Yeah, Whackey.

ANNE: Whackey Pipes, what a name.

GEORGE: I don't know ... name. Whackey or Snapper, they called each other.

ANNE: Good grief, what names, they must have been quite the characters. And they got it from Taylor's, you said?

GEORGE: No.

ANNE: No.

GEORGE: No it was from Milldale.

ANNE: Oh, Pipes had Milldale.

GEORGE: They got it from Otts, I think. I think John Ott had ---

ANNE: Had Milldale, yeah that's true, yeah.

GEORGE: John Ott, and then Pipes, I think, got it from them. Brandon's from Pipes, Petersons from Brandon's, I think is what it was.

ANNE: Okay. Now this was Milldale, okay. Okay, now this Taylor place, what was it, just a separate place from this Milldale?

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GEORGE: Uh huh.

NORM: It's right over, when you drop over the hill, like going up to Milldale. ...

ANNE: Uh huh. And it went directly to Riley's or something from there?

NORM: It's the one Petersons had.

GEORGE: Huh uh.

ANNE: No.

GEORGE: They had Milldale.

NORM: They had Milldale.

GEORGE: Uh huh.

NORM: ...

ANNE: No one had it in between Taylor's and Riley's?

GEORGE: I don't think so.

ANNE: Okay. Okay, so then the PLS Company had the place, named part of the ranch though?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: And then old George Riley bought it from him?

GEORGE: No, Amos Rattler had it, got it from the Company, and George got it from Rattler.

ANNE: Rattler, like a rattlesnake?

GEORGE: R A T T L E R, I believe it was.

ANNE: For Pete's sake.

GEORGE: Amos Rattler.

ANNE: Never heard of him before.

GEORGE: He didn't have it very long, I don't think. I think he was a sheep man.

ANNE: Yeah. Okay, now the place that we have now was the Muller field, then Wards, and then Swords, and Clarks, and Cronin's owned it in there somewhere didn't they?

GEORGE: Muller place was ---

NORM: Muller place ... Swords had it ...

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ANNE: Yeah. So it was the same thing, wouldn't it?

NORM: Ward place was where Harry ... wasn't it?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay, let's get it right then. Okay, Ward place --- now Muller's had that before Wards did though, didn't they?

GEORGE: No.

ANNE: No. Wards had it first?

GEORGE: Yeah. I think they homesteaded it.

ANNE: Okay, and then Muller's bought it from them?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: And then they gave it to Emma and Harry?

GEORGE: Yeah. ... the one that bought it.

ANNE: Oh she bought it, okay. Okay, now is that all the places of that? Oh, your place now had William Jones, and then Drewitts, then you guys?

GEORGE: Yeah. Rink Meyers, I think, had it rented for a while, but I don't think he ever owned it.

ANNE: They never owned it, okay. Okay, now Sitz's place was originally Robbins' place. And then Chambers --- Sitz's must have bought it from Robbins.

GEORGE: Yeah, I think so.

ANNE: Okay. Then Chambers had it, and then Dillmans had it. Sitz's had it after Chambers though, didn't they?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: When did Dillmans have it, or did they? I don't even know where I got that Dillman thing. I remember Glenn even saying they got it back from Chambers.

GEORGE: Maybe he was between Robbins and Sitz.

ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: Kind of believe it must have been. Dillmans or Dills?

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ANNE: I don't know, they had Dillman down.

GEORGE: Then maybe it's right.

ANNE: I never heard of them.

GEORGE: I think my dad said it was Dills ...

ANNE: Okay. Okay now O'Toole's place was the Conley place.

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: And then also Mark Howard, Dunlap's, Bill Miller, Woodruffs, Edmunson's and O'Tooles.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: What was it, this Mark Howard place was a separate little place that Dunlap's owned afterwards?

GEORGE: I don't know which was his. The Dunlap's, that was down there at the lower end.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: The Conley place was up where the house is.

ANNE: The house is, okay.

GEORGE: ... down below was the Dunlap place.

ANNE: Okay. And then they said there was Jake and John Wright owned it, part of O'Toole's place too. I know somebody I'm missing is the Cain place.

GEORGE: ...

NORM: ...

ANNE: Yeah, get those later.

NORM: ...

GEORGE: Who is that?

ANNE: That something? Okay, and then Cain field, who owned it before?

GEORGE: Howard's had it first I can remember. And Kent's, I think Kent's bought it from Howard's. And of course Cain's bought it from Kent's. Pat got it from Cain's.

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ANNE: Okay. Okay, now I skipped Drewsey and go to French's place, and it was homesteaded by old Ves Williams.

GEORGE: Did Ves homestead it?

ANNE: I don't know.

GEORGE: I don't know.

ANNE: That's the first thing I have about it. I'll have to ask Drex and ...

NORM: That wasn't homestead, that was --- didn't Rotha say he bought Indian land somewhere?

ANNE: Could well be. I imagine it was, it was all-Indian in Drewsey anyway. ...

GEORGE: You can get the records at the courthouse anyway.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: Have it accurate anyway.

ANNE: That's about it. But I'll ask Drex and those guys. Milt Davis had his place until Swords bought it from him, from Percy? From Percy's widow I should say, old Hilda.

GEORGE: I don't know whether Milt homesteaded that or not.

ANNE: He homesteaded that place up there where Jerry Miller had.

GEORGE: I know he owned that once.

ANNE: Yeah. But as far as, I don't know if anybody owned --- who owned it before he did?

NORM: Read that in one of those paper articles. Old Milt had that listed for sale.

GEORGE: Oh.

ANNE: Oh, that place of Jerry's, you mean, yeah.

NORM: Where Jerry is.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: Best alfalfa ranch in the country.

GEORGE: Nope.

ANNE: Quite the deal.

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NORM: What was it he wanted for it, \$800 or something like that? GEORGE: He tried to sell it to Francis, and he tried to sell it to several ... Campbell bought it, then he sold it to Francis. They had to move to the lakes.

ANNE: Well this --- do you know anything about that Rod --- the place that Rod Robertson's is on?

GEORGE: No, only that Mac Lee had it before Robertson's ...

NORM: Hart.

GEORGE: Huh?

NORM: Harts had it in between there, or did they just lease it? Bill Hart was there for a while.

GEORGE: Yeah. No, I think Harts bought it, I think. I think so.

ANNE: I can ask Robertson's too, I've got to go get a hold of them. And then the Edmunson place, they bought it from the PLS Company.

GEORGE: Yeah, Hatts bought it.

ANNE: Hatts bought it, okay. Hard to say who the PLS Company bought it from. Okay now this Stallard place that Sitz's rent out there, was it, has it always been Stallards ever since you can remember?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: That's where that stage stop was?

GEORGE: Uh huh. Yeah, that was the Stallard place since I can remember.

ANNE: Then Altnow's place, of course was in the Altnow family ever since, whenever. Then Arnett's and Turners have had it since. Okay. And Glenn Sitz's place was Fredericks place.

GEORGE: ...

ANNE: And then ...

GEORGE: Part of it, the Haal field ---

ANNE: Haal field?

GEORGE: Yeah, the upper part of it was the Haal field.

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ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: And then ---

ANNE: Which Haal had it; you remember what the name ---

GEORGE: Haal, H A A L.

ANNE: H A L L.

GEORGE: No, H A A L, double A.

ANNE: H A A ---

GEORGE: I think was the way that was spelled.

ANNE: Okay. And you don't know what his first name was? Okay. Then he sold it to someone before Glenn got a hold of it?

NORM: Was it Stallards?

GEORGE: Stallard, I think, Chet Stallard I believe.

ANNE: Okay.

NORM: And then Jim Gardner.

ANNE: Oh Jim had that place, right, before Sitz's. That's right. I'd forgotten about that. We'll get these pretty close without going to the courthouse and spending a week. And then Sitz's, okay. And someone had down, I don't know who told me this, but Highsmith, Lee Highsmith had this place after Fredericks, and then Stallards and then Jim Gardner, and then Sitz's.

GEORGE: I didn't know Highsmiths had it, maybe they did.

ANNE: Maybe Highsmiths leased it instead of it --- that was his first name maybe. Then Freeman's place was Ed Beede's place. And this Upton lived there too, you say?

GEORGE: I think so. I think Upton's were there, I think when I was a little kid.

ANNE: Who did Jim and Bernie buy that from, do you remember?

GEORGE: Robertson's, I think.

ANNE: Robertson's, okay. Okay now, Terry Williams' place was always in the Williams' family?

GEORGE: No. Ed Duncan had part of it. I forget who had that up above where the buildings were

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now. But that was another homestead.

ANNE: There is quite a few in there.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: I've got to talk to Rotha and Drex yet; I could probably pick their brains on it too. I could probably get in a big argument over that. Okay, and then Rex Robertson, where he lives now, was the Drinkwater place.

GEORGE: Yeah, and somebody had it before them too. Can't remember now. I think at the time that was settled up, I think 160 was all they could file on.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: So that would mean that there were quite a few owners to put on the places together.

ANNE: One of those places together, yeah. Well if we kind of get the main ones.

GEORGE: Names and --- long time before my time.

ANNE: Right, I know. A lot of these people, people never heard of before I think. Then Robertson's has basically been in the family forever. And Wilber's was the PLS Ranch, and Otleys, and then Wilber's.

GEORGE: Yeah, there was somebody before PLS, but who it was I don't know. The first transaction I can remember was when Otleys bought it. They bought it from the Company, I think.

ANNE: Yeah. Let's see, oh I have the Cain field down there ... Byron Dunten's place ---

GEORGE: As far as I know Burt Dunten ... but ---

ANNE: I can ask Byron too, about that.

GEORGE: Now wait a minute, was it Burt or ---

ANNE: Well it was Burt and Charlie and Sunshine and I don't know who else.

GEORGE: Yeah, Sunshine was Burt's wife. Charlie and Maggie ---

ANNE: Oh, was it?

GEORGE: I won't say that Burt ever had that place where Byron lives. Burt Dunten place was the one that, where Lloyd and Eunice ---

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ANNE: Lloyd and Eunice, yeah.

GEORGE: But ---

ANNE: Said Sam Williams homesteaded Lloyd and Eunice's. And then Burt and Charlie had it.

GEORGE: No.

ANNE: Then S. and M. Dunten --- oh Sunshine Dunten.

NORM: No, that's Monty Dunten.

ANNE: Monty Dunten, okay.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: And then Loren and Cleo Dunten, and then Jordan's ---

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: --- owned it after that. I can ask Byron on that place of his too. This McMullen place that Sitz's own now, there across, who owned it before them, anyone? Before Sitz's?

GEORGE: Well McMullen's owned it first I can remember.

ANNE: Okay. And then Sitz's bought it right from McMullen's.

GEORGE: June Ingersol was there awhile, but I think he just had it leased.

ANNE: Leased.

GEORGE: I think so.

NORM: Jim said they got it back on a store deal.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: Yeah. But McMullen's had it, I think, Lester, is where Lester lived in the ... the store that, that the store got the place, and then Sitz's of course had an interest in the store, so

ANNE: Paid it up with the place.

NORM: There is a lot of Porter-Sitz land on that 1935 map.

ANNE: Map, uh huh.

GEORGE: Is there?

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ANNE: There really is.

NORM: There is place up there across from the schoolhouse; I don't know whether it is part of that Jones place, or what it is.

GEORGE: Yeah, yeah, they owned ---

NORM: Got darn near a section of ground in there.

GEORGE: Yeah, they owned that once, Jess' homestead.

NORM: There is some more somewhere.

ANNE: Jess Davis' homestead?

GEORGE: Jess Jones.

ANNE: Jess Jones, oh. What did they get that on a store bill too?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: For goodness sakes. Okay now Turen's (Dunten) place ---

GEORGE: I think it was originally the Ed Miller place.

ANNE: That was August's brother, was it?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: And then who bought it from Ed Miller?

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GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: They was telling about ... trying to take it away from him.

GEORGE: Oh. Yeah, I think Ed and Agnes lived there one year, two years. ... I'm pretty sure there was somebody between them.

ANNE: I could ask Wilma (Dunten).

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Got to get a hold of her and Claire (Newell).

GEORGE: Yeah, between them and Ed Miller.

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ANNE: Okay, I've got Chas' place pretty well. Got it written down.

GEORGE: I imagine there was several homesteads went into that too, when the Company got it.

ANNE: Yeah.

NORM: Chas'.

ANNE: Chas'. He said there was. They had a list of the different people that had basically owned it, but I don't think they got all the little homesteads.

NORM: I imagine there was only two homesteads that, Chas only owns 320 acres.

ANNE: Is it?

NORM: Uh huh.

ANNE: Well he said Newton, and somebody else, and then the PLS bought it, and then someone had it for a while after the PLS and then they got it. I have it on a tape, but I didn't write it down.

GEORGE: No, he got it from the PLS. Charlie ---

ANNE: Somebody had leased it, or something.

GEORGE: Yeah, it was leased, Perry's.

ANNE: Yeah, that's who it was.

GEORGE: Stones, then Perry's had it, but I'm sure they just had it leased or worked there.

ANNE: Yeah, yeah.

GEORGE: But, no they bought that from the PLS Company. Because Charlie bought up a bunch of Company stock, I think, for 33 1/3 cents on the dollar, and traded it in to the PLS Company at face value.

ANNE: Oh really.

GEORGE: Because several of the people bought those places that way.

ANNE: Huh, that would be a pretty good deal.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: I've got Tom Howard's place, I think, pretty well. And then this Cronin's place, where Harvey lives now, they got it from someone didn't they? They didn't come until recently.

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NORM: Howard's owned it once.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Howard's.

NORM: Howard's owned it.

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: You can't remember who Cronin's bought that from, huh?

NORM: Probably was Howard's.

ANNE: Could well be.

GEORGE: I wouldn't be surprised.

NORM: Tom said they had to sell that and the Cain place off in the depression.

GEORGE: Yeah, I'm not too sure but what Howard's owned that place of Turen's too.

NORM: Did they?

GEORGE: I believe so.

ANNE: Oh, huh.

GEORGE: I believe they did.

ANNE: Okay. That place of Jack Millers, where Steven Dunten lives now, that little trailer there by Turen's ---

GEORGE: Yeah. I think that was the old Steve Miller place. It wasn't up there, the house was on down there between there and where Turen lives.

ANNE: Closer to Turen's.

NORM: ... boards ...

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: Uh huh. That was, I think, was the Steve Miller place.

ANNE: I remember Glenn and somebody else were talking about riding their bicycles to school with Jack from there, to Kimball Flat School. Said that they rode their bikes, they come across the river and then they rode bicycles from Jacks down.

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GEORGE: Bridge across there.

ANNE: Was there?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

NORM: Yeah, Glenn talked about that. Washed out, said when it washed out too.

ANNE: Uh huh. Okay now ---

GEORGE: During World War II, or right after it, I think.

ANNE: When it washed out, really?

GEORGE: Used to cross there.

ANNE: Wonder why they didn't, never built it back?

GEORGE: Well had this, that market road fixed up by then too.

ANNE: Oh, didn't need it.

GEORGE: Didn't need it that bad.

ANNE: Huh. Okay now this Lillard place; Joe Williams was the one that had it originally? Then Lillard's bought it from him? Part of it, there is another part of it that Julie and George had.

GEORGE: Yeah, I was going to say I thought Julie and George had part of that.

NORM: Part of where Lillard's live, or over on Muddy Creek?

GEORGE: No, no, Millers wound up with that Julie and George homestead over there. But no, I think he had part of that Lillard place.

NORM: Well what's the field that Millers own on Muddy Creek? Is it part of George's too, some of George's?

GEORGE: Oh maybe it ... Maybe that was ---

NORM: See Lillard's own that strip clear around that ryegrass field. Comes clear out to the road there at the, down at the bridge there at the Robbins Ranch.

GEORGE: Well that must have been the Julie and George place then.

NORM: I thought that's what Francis told me, that that was Julie and George place. He owned the Bill George place up above.

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GEORGE: Yeah, Francis wound up with that.

ANNE: Okay. And then this Robbins Ranch was Robbins, and Acton's, and Shelley's and then Dryers. And then part of it was Turkey Johnson's, and then Robbins bought it. And then Shelley's, and then Francis bought it, and now Hoyt's own it.

GEORGE: Well must have been more too, Mrs. Kribbs there and the Morgan's.

NORM: Morgan's. What was that Kribbs, I've never heard anything about that other than that field being called that?

GEORGE: Well Kribbs field, what Kribbs it was I don't know. And what Morgan it was either, I don't know. I know they called those two fields the Kribbs field and Morgan field.

NORM: I asked Tom that the other day, and he didn't know either.

ANNE: Have to ask Francis; Francis is supposed to be here tomorrow. He is supposed to be over around the country. Dorman said he'd let me know. I'm going to make all earth and heaven meet and get to talk to him. He sent me quite a bit of stuff, but there is always questions you have, you know. This Bill George place is where Dorman and Cathy Ann lived then, is that right?

NORM: No.

ANNE: No, that was a different one.

NORM: Bill George was on up the canyon.

ANNE: Was up the canyon further. And then he owned it, and then Millers owned it, and then Hoyt's own it now.

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: So where, at that place of Dorman and Cathy Ann's, who owned it?

NORM: Well that's part of that ryegrass, that Robbins place ...

ANNE: Oh, it was part of it. Oh, okay. Now this Webdell place, how in the world do you spell their name?

GEORGE: W E B D E L L.

ANNE: D E L L, okay. What was their first name, do you ever hear it?

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GEORGE: Steve, I think.

ANNE: Steve.

NORM: That's in that book. What book was it we was reading in it? ANNE: I don't know.

NORM: Him and Bradfield had brought horses to the country.

ANNE: Yeah, what was it. Either that, or maybe it was, it wasn't a book, wasn't it ---

NORM: Oh, it was in one of those paper deals, in the ---

ANNE: Paper, oh that's right.

NORM: --- you know that 100 years ago in the paper.

ANNE: That's right.

GEORGE: Oh.

NORM: There was something about Webdell and ---

ANNE: About that. But then ---

NORM: Webdell and Bradfield had come through the country from Prineville looking for someplace for their horses.

GEORGE: Is that what it was.

NORM: Yeah, it didn't say that they had settled out there, but it had given an account of them coming through Burns there, looking for a place for their horses.

ANNE: There is another one, oh, Cleveland, Victor Cleveland said something about it, didn't he?

NORM: Yeah, that might have been ... in that tape.

ANNE: ... I don't know. They talked about the horses I know, one of them.

NORM: His or Harry's place, one of the two.

ANNE: One of them. Okay. He had it, and then did he sell it directly to Millers?

GEORGE: No, Joneses ...

NORM: I think it was listed on there together with that place of yours, with Edna George on it.

GEORGE: Well Francis owned the, or bought that from Joneses I think.

NORM: Webdell field?

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ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: Uh huh. George's, darn I don't think they ever owned anything, they might have it leased. I don't think they ever owned any of it.

NORM: Maybe they just had a mortgage on it.

GEORGE: Well that could very well have been. That could very well have been.

NORM: Hard to say. ...

ANNE: That's true. This Bill Miller place that Hoyt's own now, it said that there had been the J. Gould place, the Bill Meeker place, and the Lite Howard place were all in it. Plus Jerry's place that he had, and Milt owned it, then Ed Campbell, and then Jerry. Oh, there is also the King Flat was owned by David Muller. Kings and then Bill Miller.

NORM: David Muller?

ANNE: That's what it said, that's what he said.

GEORGE: Who told you that?

ANNE: Francis. Then there was a Currier place, and a Travis place.

GEORGE: I think that must have been Dave Miller.

ANNE: Miller.

GEORGE: I never heard of a Dave Muller.

ANNE: Okay.

GEORGE: I know there was a Dave Miller.

NORM: Where did all that Muller basin and that country come from? How did that get its name, August Muller?

GEORGE: Evidently. He ran sheep up there.

ANNE: Oh, huh.

NORM: What did he take up some of that water then, where that ---

GEORGE: Bought that from, well it was state land, I believe, he bought that.

NORM: Oh.

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GEORGE: They bought that the same time they bought that 80, wasn't it 80 acres up there, the school section?

NORM: Sitz is on that now.

GEORGE: Oh.

NORM: ...

ANNE: That's right, they did didn't they. Okay Pine Creek was owned by the PLS Ranch. Chambers bought it, then Acton's had it, and then Dryers had it. There is Jack Greenley's place in there, and Tom Arnold's. Of course the VanDerVeer place, and Sturtevant, or whatever, and Dryers.

GEORGE: Wasn't the Charlie Miler place, wasn't that the VanDerVeer place?

ANNE: I don't know, I was asking --- I really don't know, Laddie, was it.

GEORGE: I believe it was, I think so.

ANNE: I was asking --- I know it's right up there, because I was asking Chas that, and he couldn't remember.

GEORGE: Yeah, I think that was the --- I'm wondering if that was that VanDerVeer place.

ANNE: VanDerVeer place. I don't know if that stuff --- I haven't looked at that stuff that Francis sent lately. It probably had --- he mentioned something about Tom Arnold's place. ... know much from that. This VanDerVeer place, didn't Acton's have it before Dryers got it? Or did it go straight from VanDerVeer to Dryers?

NORM: Who was it telling about the VanDerVeer place; they were homesteading and then ---

ANNE: Oh, it was Chas. He said that, what was it, I can't even think of VanDerVeer's names now.

GEORGE: Well it was Edgar and William T. and Jack.

ANNE: Okay. So Edgar had a place up on the hill there, evidently where the VanDerVeer field is or something.

GEORGE: Reservoir.

ANNE: Reservoir.

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GEORGE: Homestead up there someplace.

ANNE: Said that, they never lived up there very much, but he had a place up there and they went up and were spreading cans around one day, and the homestead guy come by and asked where they were. And a kid said up spreading cans around. (Laughter)

GEORGE: Well that was, ... that was a homestead. In fact I don't think it was, just some of the neighbors there.

ANNE: Oh was it?

GEORGE: He got a big laugh. "Where was your dad?" "He went up the creek." "Well where is Edgar?" "He went up the creek too." "What are they doing?" "Took a load of tin cans up there so it looked like Ed had been living up there." (Laughter) They evidently forgot to coach Jack before they left. (Laughter)

ANNE: Well did Tom own that VanDerVeer place, after VanDerVeer probably, huh?

GEORGE: No.

ANNE: Before?

GEORGE: Before. No they had that when Dad was, kids was, he and your dad were pretty near the same age.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: And they, that's where they started their friendship.

ANNE: Friendship right in there. VanDerVeer, and then you don't know who owned it before Dryers did?

GEORGE: There was a J. R. M. Davis too had that, I don't know whether there was ever any building out across the creek there, ... but his homestead ---

NORM: Oh, where those old buildings were?

GEORGE: Across the creek.

NORM: On that ryegrass there?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

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ANNE: Oh, huh.

GEORGE: Well I think that creek channel, when they changed that, I think it went right down through the barnyard there.

NORM: Well Dryers bought all of it from Vanderveers.

ANNE: Oh did they?

GEORGE: Yeah. Hites had it rented for several years, there about the time --- well during and right after the war. They left and Dryer bought it.

ANNE: Well this Lamb Ranch out there, did Joe Lamb have it originally, to start with?

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: Okay, and then PLS Company bought it from them? And then Mike O'Toole had it, and then Gooding's had it, and then Stringers had it, then Shelley's had it, and the ... had it.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Been around. Okay now, I need to --- these graves, different graves around, we've got the, of course the graveyards, but can you think of any separate graves around besides that Parker grave that you were talking about up there at the feedlot?

GEORGE: There are some graves right there behind the old schoolhouse there, at the old point of that hill. What the names were, I don't know.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: Because ---

NORM: Wasn't that supposed to have been the ones that the kid that died in the hot springs?

GEORGE: Rattlesnake bite there. Yeah ...

NORM: Rattlesnake bite, where he died down ---

GEORGE: But Altnow's ...

NORM: Ward.

GEORGE: Ward, then there was Howard, was some of them buried there, but there is also some graves, oh right on down the, our road there, where it turns off at the schoolhouse. Way my dad

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told it, I never did see them, but it was right at the foot of the hill.

NORM: Francis talked about that.

GEORGE: Yeah. I never did see them.

NORM: That was the one that died at home, when he poisoned him, the whole family ...

GEORGE: I never heard that.

NORM: Yeah Francis --- he found them a week or so after they had died.

GEORGE: Oh.

NORM: They ate something --- and buried them right there by the cabin.

GEORGE: Oh. I hadn't heard that, but there is some people died with ptomaine poisoning, I think down there at that --- place that O'Toole has got now, Dunlap.

NORM: Oh.

GEORGE: I think there was some people ---

NORM: Did you read that article in the paper about the kid that died at the hot springs with the snakebite?

GEORGE: Huh uh.

NORM: It was in one of those hundred years ago ---

GEORGE: Oh was it?

NORM: Yeah.

GEORGE: Oh.

NORM: Here last spring.

GEORGE: My dad would have told me about it, but I never did read it.

ANNE: There is just one grave down there on O'Tooles then some-where?

GEORGE: No, I would imagine they were buried at the cemetery.

ANNE: Oh, probably buried --- oh okay.

GEORGE: Let's see, then the, of course the Muller cemetery.

ANNE: Yeah, I got it.

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GEORGE: And the Davis cemetery.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: There is the Gearhart cemetery. This grave right at ---
Reicharts, right across the creek from Cleveland's house.

NORM: Is that the one Mike dug up awhile back?

GEORGE: ...

... (Unrelated)

ANNE: That's all you can think of around?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Where was supposedly Eva Retherford's sisters, or whatever it was, buried? Have you ever heard of that?

GEORGE: ... sister.

ANNE: Yeah, two of them, I think. They are supposedly buried over around Bentz's somewhere, but I'm not sure where. I can't ---

GEORGE: On the Oscar Arnold family?

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: Don't know, that's a new one on me.

NORM: Mabel's babies are buried up there at the ---

ANNE: Milldale.

NORM: --- Moffet Mill.

ANNE: Oh, at Moffet Mill.

GEORGE: Oh, Mabel Moffet's?

NORM: She had two sets of twins; one of them is buried at the cemetery ...

ANNE: Yeah, uh huh.

NORM: One set up at Moffet Mill. She went back in later years and tried to find her, but she couldn't even find the graves herself.

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ANNE: They were going to mark them or something, and they never could find them. That --- the hot springs there at Harry's place, did it have very much of a, what you call it, following or very many people come there to use it or anything?

GEORGE: I think it had been used as a community wash center.

ANNE: Was it?

GEORGE: And you would know it. People would come there and bathing, and swimming, and washing their clothes when I was a little kid.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: And I think they had something ---

NORM: Said that kid got rattlesnake bit, it said that in the paper, it was at the Ward Hot Springs.

GEORGE: ... Washing clothes there, I think. My dad said they poured so much whiskey down that kid ...

NORM: That's what it said in the paper.

GEORGE: Did it?

NORM: Said the alcohol killed him.

GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: You read that account Marcus had on those soldiers come down through there to camp at the hot springs, didn't you?

GEORGE: I got the copy of it there ---

NORM: I guess they didn't camp at the hot springs, they camped at the mouth of Pine Creek, and then they come up by the hot springs going on out.

ANNE: Well they never actually had too much as far as anything but a bath house and ---

GEORGE: That's all.

ANNE: That's about it there.

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: What, and your grand --- your mom later delivered babies and stuff there quite a bit there

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at ... midwife. Let's see, how about that Holladay hot springs out there? Is that Holladay, or Halladay?

GEORGE: Holladay.

ANNE: Holladay, okay. Going to get rained out.

GEORGE: Yeah, they used to have a swimming pool there.

NORM: It's still there --- let's see, well it was anyway.

ANNE: Did you ever go out there?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Did you?

GEORGE: First time I can remember Percy Davis and my dad and I went out there, and I was just about like so.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: I remember Glenn blowing up an inner tube and bringing it to me.

NORM: Stay on top?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Oh for Pete's sake.

GEORGE: You was brave as heck with that thing.

NORM: I understood they raised pretty good crops out there until that water killed the ground out.

GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: Pretty good alfalfa field.

ANNE: What was there some sort of mineral in the water that killed the stuff out?

NORM: ...

GEORGE: Boron.

ANNE: Boron. Huh. Let's see, do you know of any of the sawmills around the country that you can remember? There was one up on Otis, and Howes' Sawmill, and Hankins, and Moffets. Were they pretty much --- some of them the same ones?

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GEORGE: Howes was the one at Crane Flat. I don't know whether they had a mill there at, I don't think they ever had a mill down at the ranch that Cleveland's got. Does that say, did you hear that Hankins had one on this side of the mountain, and on that side of the mountain?

ANNE: Huh uh. No, it just said --- all I saw was an ad for it in the paper, and I didn't --- didn't say where it was.

GEORGE: It was, you know where, what Uncle John used to call the Buckley place, did Norm or anyone else ever show you where it was?

ANNE: Huh uh.

GEORGE: Well it was on back there on the Mountain Creek.

ANNE: Oh.

GEORGE: And he run that up until about the time I was, oh I would say middle teens.

ANNE: Yeah. And then Moffets was where Milldale is, or not?

GEORGE: No, that was John Ott.

ANNE: That was John Ott's there.

GEORGE: Yeah. And the Moffet Mill, that was not very far from the Blue Bucket ... just over the hill west of there.

ANNE: Oh, okay.

GEORGE: Was that the same one they called the ... mill? I think there was one they called the Drewitt Mill too, that might have been that same one.

ANNE: As Moffet's?

GEORGE: Yeah, I think maybe it was.

ANNE: And that little mill that you said that guy owned up there?

GEORGE: Yeah, Sam Jenkins.

ANNE: Sam Jenkins'.

GEORGE: Uh huh. John Ott was in it, I think, three, four different locations.

ANNE: Oh really.

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GEORGE: Let's see, he was first at, up there in the Van country someplace. He went from there to Milldale, and there out on the Squaw Creek, Squaw Creek, I think, it runs into Otis.

NORM: ... meadows.

GEORGE: Yeah, and from there over to the old Van Gulch.

ANNE: Oh.

NORM: Ott did own that one at ...

ANNE: Frost had?

GEORGE: ... yeah.

ANNE: Huh.

GEORGE: Yeah, see Kenneth Frost married Vella Ott.

NORM: Oh.

GEORGE: That's how Frosts came to get it.

ANNE: Oh for Pete's sake. I never knew that.

GEORGE: Took place during the war, World War II.

NORM: Old Gearald's brother?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

ANNE: Okay, on these PLS Ranches, Laddie, these the only main ones around in the Drewsey area. We went clear to Warm Springs and picked it up, but we had Swamp Ranch, which is Riley's. Otis, which is Edmunson's. The Lamb Ranch, Drewsey Field Ranch, which is Wilber's. Warm Springs, which is under the dam. Who owned that before PLS Ranch got a hold of that one, Warm Springs Ranch, can you remember?

GEORGE: I don't know, Oscar Newell worked for the PLS Company while it was still a ranch, before it went under water.

ANNE: Oh did he?

GEORGE: I think he was working there at the ---

ANNE: Time they put the dam in.

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GEORGE: --- when they had to move them out.

ANNE: Huh, for Pete's sake. Then Kimball Flat, which Milers have, and Pine Creek Ranch. That the only ones you can think of that are right in that vicinity?

GEORGE: I think Potts field was a PLS Ranch.

ANNE: Oh it was?

GEORGE: I think so.

ANNE: Do we have the Potts field in this somewhere? We didn't, did we? Where is it at? Who owns it now?

GEORGE: Gun Barrel Creek.

ANNE: Gun Barrel Creek, oh, okay. No one owns it ...

NORM: Schaffer's ...

ANNE: Oh, that Meyers?

NORM: Meyers.

ANNE: Now what was Potts field, we better put it down too. Okay. GEORGE: I'm sure there are probably more of them too, but ---

ANNE: Well those little homesteads around and stuff, probably they picked up little pieces that, here and there too, didn't they?

GEORGE: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay. Now as far as these roads go that went through the area, the market road wasn't a road ever through there until later years?

GEORGE: Yeah, in fact I think that was the Canyon City to Agency road, I think, went down there.

NORM: Down the river?

GEORGE: I think so.

NORM: Oh.

GEORGE: You can see the remains of it yet. And I think it went down there. Cindy told me it

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went over Juniper Ridge, but I think that's wrong. I think it went down to the river.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: I believe so.

NORM: Well there is some kind of an old trail down through there, but I don't know how old it is.

GEORGE: Well it was ---

NORM: That one, you can see it there, oh there in the lower end of our field.

GEORGE: Yeah.

NORM: You know it goes over the hill, you know where that little juniper campground is down there?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

NORM: It goes up over the hill there, and you can see the grade coming down into the road, on down.

GEORGE: Uh huh.

NORM: Never did notice it there until I was riding there, here last fall.

GEORGE: Yeah, you can see it there, and the, then where you put that road to the mines.

NORM: Yeah, I followed that trail.

GEORGE: Followed that for a ways, and it goes, angles down to that, where you say there where the campground was, and then up over the hill there. Goes, used to go down right by your house there.

ANNE: Oh it did?

GEORGE: Right outside the fence there.

ANNE: Yeah.

GEORGE: But I think that that was the Canyon City to the Agency Road.

ANNE: To the Agency Road. Where did the Agency Road come in at then? Where would --- on the other side of Drewsey, you mean?

GEORGE: Uh huh.

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ANNE: Out across Otis, like it goes?

GEORGE: Uh huh, yeah. Pretty well parallel to the way it goes there, follow that old stage road.

ANNE: Old stage road out through there.

GEORGE: Great road.

ANNE: But there wasn't anything over Juniper Ridge, as far as the road goes?

GEORGE: Well I imagine there was, because there was ---

ANNE: It was kind of a trail, people ...

GEORGE: --- they could go just about anyplace with one of those old wagons. (Laughter)

ANNE: That's true. Someone said there was a road that used to come down there by the old Muller Cemetery, and go through the field there.

GEORGE: Uh huh, yeah.

NORM: There was a road that went on up to Pine Creek. Was that the one that ... who was it, ... got drowned in the wagon ...

GEORGE: That was down in your field there. I imagine that ---

NORM: Wasn't that part of that road though over the top of the rim?

GEORGE: I think so, uh huh.

NORM: Wasn't it ...

GEORGE: Yeah. Lou Bradfield ... got her out of there, and I think turned the horses loose so they could get out.

NORM: She give him hell because he didn't get the hams out.

GEORGE: Yeah. (Laughter)

ANNE: Hams flooded down the river, did they? (Laughter)

NORM: He wouldn't swim back up and carry this ... swim back out and get the hams. She had a heck of ... over that.

ANNE: She must have been quite an old gal.

GEORGE: ...

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ANNE: Huh. What were --- I had some of the different stage stops, what can you remember? The one, Stallards --- were there any of them that you --- did you ever go to any of them that you ever remember?

GEORGE: Huh uh.

ANNE: They were pretty well gone by then? Okay.

GEORGE: Okay. There was one at the, I think my dad told me at the Gates place, that's up there where Leathers lived, and now ---

ANNE: Carpenter has it, the Gates place.

... (Unrelated)

ANNE: Well, I don't know, I guess I picked your brain on every-thing. Do you remember the Indians ---

GEORGE: I ain't got any to spare. (Laughter)

ANNE: Do you remember the Indians camping there where we are at all?

GEORGE: Yeah, uh huh. Leon Hoodyate, they dropped the "ate" part, they ... Hoody. Pretty near the same age ... three or four years younger.

ANNE: Oh really?

GEORGE: They used to come ...

ANNE: Huh.

GEORGE: They used to camp ...

ANNE: What, every winter they'd just come, huh?

GEORGE: Whenever they felt like it.

ANNE: Whenever they felt like it, huh? Story --- that one thing I was going to ask you. Who was it that ran out of the Bartlett Hotel when it was on fire with a pie on their head?

GEORGE: Was that the hotel? You have that damn thing going (recorder)?

ANNE: Yeah. (Laughter) Bad as Uncle Chas.

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