

HARNEY COUNTY HISTORY PROJECT

AV-Oral History #205 - Side A

Subject: Clayton W. "Buck" Clemens

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Interviewer: Pauline Braymen

PAULINE BRAYMEN: Hi, this is Pauline Braymen, and I'm interviewing Buck Clemens at his home in Burns, on July 10, 1986. He's been chosen to be Grand Marshal for the 1986 Harney County Fair Parade.

... Buck, you were born in Harney County, weren't you?

BUCK CLEMENS: Right, right.

PAULINE: What was the year you were born?

BUCK: 1908.

PAULINE: What day?

BUCK: The 21st of October.

PAULINE: October 21st.

BUCK: 1908.

PAULINE: 1908. And where were you born?

BUCK: Borne out at --- by the Nine Mile Slough, about eight miles south of the old town of Harney.

PAULINE: Did your father have a homestead there?

BUCK: Yes, yes he homesteaded it.

PAULINE: But he came to Harney County a lot earlier than that?

BUCK: Well, that's --- my granddad.

PAULINE: Oh, that was your granddad.

BUCK: My granddad come, he come in 1879, and he come to Harney County. And then in '82, he homesteaded out on Poison Creek. So that makes us --- that ranch has been in the family for 104 years.

PAULINE: Now is that where Delmer lives?

BUCK: Right. Right, that's the home place. Yeah.

PAULINE: He actually came --- excuse me --- he actually came to Harney County in 1879.

BUCK: Right. He came to the Whitehorse.

PAULINE: He came --- and he worked for John Devine.

BUCK: Yes, he must have. He built --- he built the, well he built the barn at the Whitehorse Ranch too, if you want to put that in there.

PAULINE: Yes.

BUCK: That's pretty --- that's ---

PAULINE: That barn is still standing.

BUCK: Still standing. He built that in 1879.

... (Unrelated conversation)

PAULINE: Was he a carpenter by trade?

BUCK: He was a stonemason.

PAULINE: A stonemason.

BUCK: Yeah.

PAULINE: Is the barn made of stone?

BUCK: It is.

PAULINE: I've never been there.

BUCK: Oh, it's a --- it's a wonderful piece of work. In those days, you know, they didn't

have cement and all that stuff, and the arched doors, was just arched down just like, you know, a professional. Been there all those years. They have re-roofed it, and put a --- the barn, but the main, the main structure of the barn is stone, and that's been there ever since 1879.

PAULINE: Where did he come from?

BUCK: He came from --- what's that ---

BESSIE CLEMENS: Berdorf, Luxembourg.

BUCK: Berdorf, Luxembourg.

PAULINE: And his name was Peter?

BUCK: Yeah.

PAULINE: Peter Clemens.

BUCK: Uh huh.

PAULINE: So then in 1882, he moved up on Poison Creek to take up a homestead.

BUCK: That's right.

PAULINE: And were you the oldest --- you're not the oldest?

BUCK: No, you see that's ---

PAULINE: Cal was the oldest?

BUCK: Who?

PAULINE: Cal.

BUCK: No, my dad, Clay.

PAULINE: Clay was the oldest.

BUCK: Clay, and Cal, and Glen, there are three boys. You see, I'm Clay's boy.

PAULINE: Who did your father marry? Who did ---

BUCK: Married --- my father married Alice Drinkwater.

PAULINE: Okay. I knew you were tied in there some way.

BUCK: Yeah.

PAULINE: And did he --- he continued to ranch on the old homestead ---

BUCK: Yeah, he ranched --- you mean my father?

PAULINE: Your father.

BUCK: Yeah, he ranched, and then he run a sawmill for a few years too.

PAULINE: Well, where was the sawmill located?

BUCK: Idle City, and up here by --- where the monument --- he had two different places. Where the monument sets today, why --- up Poison Creek there. He had a sawmill there, and one over at Idle City, close to Idle City.

PAULINE: Was he there at the time they were panning for gold?

BUCK: Yes. Yeah.

PAULINE: What can you tell me about Idle City?

BUCK: Well, Idle City at that time --- I was just a pretty small brat, but they was about eight or ten miners that stayed there the year 'round. And they mined and they got enough gold out of there for a grubstake, and they just --- and then they kept weeding out, you know. But there was ten or twelve that stayed there and mined all the time.

BESSIE: And you want to name some of them, Frank Jackson, Charlie Mitchell. We got -- I got the names of them here.

BUCK: Yeah, if you want to name them.

PAULINE: Yeah, say it right out loud, the tape will pick it up.

BESSIE: They --- some of the men that were there was Frank Jackson, Charlie Mitchell, Ben Johnson, Jack Dorist, Potter ... Frank and Ernie Williams. I went out and took ---

BUCK: They was a ... there was some more too there, that stayed on there, but they ---

BESSIE: That's all I knew of.

PAULINE: Well, did the gold sort of peter out, and not become profitable anymore?

BUCK: Well, I don't --- well you see, they took a dredge in there, and was going to try to dredge it, but it didn't seem to pan out. I don't know about that, but they just run it through sluice boxes, you know, and got it that way, there in that little creek there, you know. That's the way they mined it.

PAULINE: Okay, did you go to school at Poison Creek?

BUCK: No, no I went to Burns.

PAULINE: You come on into Burns?

BUCK: Yeah, I come to Burns, went to school in Burns.

PAULINE: Did you stay in town during the winter, or did you travel back and forth from the ranch?

BUCK: We stayed in town during the winter.

PAULINE: Did your mom move in too?

BUCK: Yes.

BESSIE: You built a house in town.

BUCK: Well, you know we had ---

BESSIE: That house is still standing.

BUCK: About out the edge of town there, the big house right out there is where we went to school. And then later on then we moved to the ranch. That's where I got, you know, ten or twelve years old why we moved to the ranch then.

PAULINE: Now which house was that?

BUCK: Well, it's the big, it's like you're going to the Indian Camp, it's a big --- kind of --- they got it painted kind of bluish I think now.

PAULINE: Okay.

BUCK: But it's a big shed roof on it, you know, like that. And that's where we stayed and went to school from. After we'd ---

WOMAN: Knock, knock ---

BUCK: Come on in.

WOMAN: I knocked.

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PAULINE: According to the picture there, in Bessie's book, you used to catch fish out of the stream there at Idle City with your hands.

BUCK: We did. My brother and I went down and they had eight or ten men working there all the time, and we'd catch enough fish, just run and prod them out of the --- underneath the bank there, there wasn't much water in there. And then one of us would knock them in the head with a stick. And we caught enough fish out of there to --- to feed the mill crew.

And then another place in there --- the first ice cream that I ever ate --- why Ali Dillard, they lived down there just where Dickenson had his sawmill, right there on Trout Creek. That's on down below Idle City. And he --- we went down there one Sunday, and they made homemade ice cream. They didn't have no ice cream freezer, they took a tub and put a gallon bucket in there, and turned the handle like that and put the ice --- and salt and stuff around and froze the ice cream.

PAULINE: Just took a hold of the handle ---

BUCK: Took a hold of the handle and turned like that.

PAULINE: And turned the ---

BUCK: And they froze --- and that's the first ice cream that I can remember ever having.

PAULINE: How did you like it?

BUCK: Well, of course kid like, I suppose it was the best, you know. But I don't know, but that's the way they froze it.

PAULINE: Then you went into high school, at Burns Union High School?

BUCK: No, I didn't go to high school.

PAULINE: You didn't go to high school.

BUCK: No, I didn't go to high school. I just went to grade school. I enrolled, it was in the fall of the year, threshing time, and my dad needed me on the ranch there. So I thought after threshing I would go back, but I didn't.

PAULINE: Uh huh. Well, when were you and Bessie married?

BUCK: In '29.

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BUCK: What?

BESSIE: I say tell her, tell her when we were married we celebrated our ---

BUCK: Oh, yeah, we'll celebrate our 57th anniversary August the 6th, coming up.

PAULINE: Bessie, what was your maiden name?

BESSIE: Vickers.

PAULINE: And who were your parents?

BESSIE: Tom and Mary Vickers.

PAULINE: Tom and Mary Vickers. And you said you lived at the Island Ranch --- your mother lived at the Island Ranch.

BESSIE: Yes, when she was a girl.

PAULINE: When she was a girl.

BESSIE: Uh huh.

PAULINE: The Vickers Ranch was at Harney?

BUCK: That's where ---

BESSIE: That's where I lived, was at Harney. That's where they built that log house and --- what's that kid's name that bought it? Sandy Morris bought it.

BUCK: I think they did, up there now. It's right on the turn there, you know, where they

built the new log house. That's where she was ---

PAULINE: What was your mother's maiden name?

BESSIE: Mary Howser.

PAULINE: Howser.

BESSIE: Uh huh.

PAULINE: Well, what do you remember about your wedding day?

BUCK: (Laughter) Well ---

BESSIE: Well, that was a dandy.

BUCK: We went to --- we went over to Canyon City. And that's where my grandfather and grandmother got married, Canyon City. And so we --- Bessie's mother and her sister and husband went over with us, and I think I had about \$12, and didn't have --- paid the old justice of the peace I think \$2.50. And when it come time to eat, why I didn't have enough money to eat on. So I fed --- fed, they had enough to buy their meals, so I had to go hungry till I got home. So that's the way we started out.

BESSIE: We got on that road --- tell her about detour.

BUCK: Well, they was working on the road a going down Canyon Creek, and we had to detour on that old road ---

BESSIE: It said detour, and you didn't detour. We went through all that.

BUCK: Yeah, but we made it.

PAULINE: You just took the road, and you didn't bother with the detour.

BUCK: Yeah.

BESSIE: No.

PAULINE: So the --- you lived at the ranch up there on Poison Creek all of your life, then you retired.

BUCK: Yeah, party, yes.

BESSIE: We lived at the homestead place.

BUCK: We homesteaded up a little farther up Poison Creek there, and we lived there until the kids had to go to school. And then we moved into town, just in the wintertime.

BESSIE: Wintertime.

BUCK: And then we moved back to the ranch, and was there ever --- Poison Creek until I had to retire on account of my ---

BESSIE: They went to school at Poison Creek then.

PAULINE: Well okay, I want to be sure I get this all straight. There are so many Clemens's that it's easy to get them mixed up.

BUCK: You sure can.

PAULINE: Delmer is your son.

BUCK: Yes, and Tommy.

PAULINE: And Tom.

BUCK: Tom is the oldest, and Delmer is younger than Tom.

PAULINE: You just had the two boys.

BUCK: Two boys.

PAULINE: And you have some grandchildren?

BUCK: Oh yeah, we have ---

PAULINE: Can you tell me who your grandchildren are?

BUCK: Well ---

BESSIE: Well let's see, do you just want the numbers?

PAULINE: Oh, let's have their names.

BESSIE: Oh my goodness, you will have quite a lot ---

PAULINE: How many do you have?

BUCK: Seven.

BESSIE: Well, Jerri has three, and ---

BUCK: Well, that's great grand --- you want the grandchildren first?

PAULINE: Let's start with grandchildren.

BUCK: Let's start with Jerri Ann then.

BESSIE: Let's see, Tom's got four, three ---

BUCK: Tom's got three.

BESSIE: And Bub's got three --- four.

BUCK: Four.

BESSIE: That's seven grandchildren.

PAULINE: Okay.

BUCK: Well now do you want, she said she wants the names of the grandchildren, so better start with Jerri Ann.

BESSIE: The names of the grandchildren.

PAULINE: Let's start with Delmer's oldest.

BUCK: No, Tommy is the oldest.

BESSIE: Tommy is the oldest, would be the oldest.

PAULINE: Tom is the oldest.

BESSIE: Tommy would be the oldest. Jerri Ann.

PAULINE: Okay.

BUCK: You want her name now, or just Jerri Ann, or ---

PAULINE: Jerri Ann, uh huh, what's her name now?

BUCK: Davidson.

PAULINE: Davidson.

BESSIE: Tom and Tim.

PAULINE: And Tom and Tim. Okay.

BESSIE: Now Dels ---

PAULINE: Delmer's children --- is Bailey the oldest?

BUCK: No, he's the youngest. Alicia is the oldest.

BESSIE: Alicia is the oldest, she's a Bentz.

BUCK: She is married to Bentz.

PAULINE: Okay.

BUCK: And then John.

PAULINE: And John.

BUCK: And he's married. Now, they don't have any, he don't have any kids. He married a woman that had a little boy, but they don't have any their selves.

BESSIE: That don't matter.

PAULINE: Okay. Who comes after John?

BUCK: Bailey.

PAULINE: Bailey. Bailey is the one that I know the best.

BUCK: Yes.

PAULINE: And then who is younger than Bailey?

BUCK: Linda.

PAULINE: Linda.

BUCK: She's the ---

PAULINE: I know Linda too.

BUCK: She's the baby.

PAULINE: Okay. And then how many --- what is --- how many grandchildren --- I mean great-grandchildren ---

BESSIE: Great-grandchildren --- didn't we just have that. Let's see, Jerri Ann's got three, and Alicia's got two.

BUCK: I think there's eight.

BESSIE: And ---

BUCK: Tom ---

BESSIE: Tom has got two.

BUCK: And Tim's got two.

BESSIE: Tom's got --- Tim's got one.

BUCK: Tim's got one.

BESSIE: That's eight.

PAULINE: Eight great-grandchildren.

BUCK: Eight great-grandchildren.

BESSIE: One girl in amongst the bunch. Don't put that in but ---

PAULINE: Okay. And, you ranched on the home ranch from 1938 to 1964.

BUCK: Uh huh.

PAULINE: Well, let's talk a little bit about Harney County Fair and Rodeo.

BUCK: Yeah.

PAULINE: You've been active in that for a long time.

BUCK: Pretty much ever since this started, I mean, in my time. Yeah, we run relay horses there, down there. And then for the last several years I was a judge, race judge.

BESSIE: Yeah, but you roped and ---

BUCK: Oh yeah, and we team roped and entered in the ---

BESSIE: In the events.

BUCK: --- events out in the arena.

BESSIE: Cow milking, and the boys calf roped. You didn't do any-thing but cow milk did you?

BUCK: Yeah. I team roped.

BESSIE: Team rope and cow rope.

BUCK: Team rope and cow milk.

BESSIE: Cow milk, whatever you call it.

PAULINE: Well, well what was the first fair and rodeo that you were involved in? What --- that you remember? What was it like then?

BUCK: That I was involved in --- I imagine that was in, when --- you see the rodeo --- the fair it quit for awhile, and it was out

--- they didn't have none for a few years. My dad and Davey Jones and Ted Hayes and --
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BESSIE: Archie McGowan ---

BUCK: Archie McGowan, they started it back. And that was in --- it was --- was that '29, or before?

BESSIE: Must have been.

BUCK: Huh? It was '29. I think that was the year they started it back. I had, I run relay horses that year I remember.

BESSIE: ... Red Walter, wasn't it?

PAULINE: How do you run a relay with the horses?

BUCK: Relay horse, you have three horses, and you change --- lots of times you just change the horses, you don't change saddles. Pony --- well they call it pony express, I guess you call it, or relay. But, there's a difference, because you change saddles on one or the other, and then you just change horses --- and I think its pony express you just change horses.

PAULINE: Uh huh.

BUCK: But --- we just changed horses, we didn't change saddles.

PAULINE: Uh huh.

BUCK: I rode, well we run relay for several years, more than one year. But that was the first --- that was in '29.

BESSIE: But there is a little funny story to that, if you'll tell it, about the turkeys.

BUCK: Oh well, that's too long a story.

PAULINE: No it isn't, tell me the story. It sounds interesting.

BUCK: (Laughter)

PAULINE: Tell me the story.

BESSIE: Before we was married, he bought this stuff ---

BUCK: Well, before we was married we bought 21 head of cattle, and 200 head of turkeys, for \$400.

BESSIE: From the Cox boys.

BUCK: From the Cox boys. They was living out here, and they was starved out, so we bought them. So I relayed these horses, and I think I made \$80 or \$100. I got first money. And I bought corn to fatten these turkeys. And so we started feeding them the corn, and coyotes --- we let them graze around the place --- it was on, out there on Poison Creek. Let them graze around the place there, and the coyotes got, got into them and got to killing them. So by gosh we ---

BESSIE: They told us ---

BUCK: They told us to put bells on them, and the coyotes wouldn't bother them. So we went and bought some bells and put on them. So one day after we had the bells on them awhile, why we looked around and here's several of them that had bells on them, they was kind of going around in a --- great big knot come out on the side of their craw here, like that. And boy gosh what was a happening, the bell --- the collar was too tight and the corn was just going into that sack there, and wasn't going, wasn't getting into their body at all.

PAULINE: Oh dear!

BUCK: And so anyway, why we didn't do too good on them. The coyotes got into them and we didn't do very good in our turkey business. So that's one of our first escapades.

PAULINE: Well, turkeys can be kind of a pain. My mom used to raise turkeys.

BUCK: Yeah. Well they are pretty ticklish all right; there is no getting around that.

PAULINE: They like to lay down and die just for the ---

BUCK: Yes, kind of like sheep, you know. Yeah, kind of like a sheep.

PAULINE: Well, what are some of the other things that have happened as far as the fair and rodeo are concerned that you remember?

BESSIE: You run against the --- Rankin.

BUCK: Well, well there was Rankin ---

BESSIE: Three or four strings.

BUCK: There was three or four strings of horses, but I don't know whether that would mean anything.

BESSIE: Well, it was rodeo.

BUCK: But, I always --- I always liked --- I never missed, we never missed a rodeo at all, because we really --- I was a great fancier of horses. I would rather have a good horse than the best car that you could run out. I always liked horses.

PAULINE: Did you serve on the fair board?

BUCK: No. No, I didn't. No, I never did, only just as a judge down at the --- just a judge.

PAULINE: As a judge. Yeah. So your main interest was as a participator.

BUCK: Yes.

PAULINE: Participant. You like to go and take part in the activities.

BUCK: Yeah, that's right. Of course, earlier years when I was relaying and team roping and all that stuff, I participated then, but that has been quite a few years back. But later

years, why I was just a race judge.

PAULINE: Have you --- what are some of the organizations that you have been active in?
Have you been on any county committees or---

BUCK: No.

PAULINE: --- or anything like that?

BUCK: No, no I haven't. No I haven't.

PAULINE: Were you active in the Grange?

BUCK: No --- well we was --- wasn't we charter member?

BESSIE: We was awful close.

BUCK: Close to charter member in the Grange when it started. But we finally dropped out, we didn't ---

PAULINE: Well, you've been pretty active in senior citizens here in the later years.

BUCK: Yes, yes. We went there practically all the time until we got so it was kind of tough for us to go.

PAULINE: How has the rodeo changed over the years? Is it a lot different now than it used to be?

BUCK: Oh yeah, I think it has really changed. Yeah, they got --- I think better riders, and better stock, and I think it has changed.

BESSIE: Got their starting gate.

BUCK: Yeah, they got their ---

BESSIE: All the grounds are fixed ---

BUCK: And their starting gate down for their racing is lots better. They used to have to just bring them up abreast, and ---

BESSIE: And the grounds have been fixed up.

BUCK: And the grounds has really improved, the rodeo grounds I think. They have really

done a lot there.

PAULINE: Well, I can see that just in the last few years.

BUCK: You bet, you bet it has. I don't think we have to take a back seat from anybody --- the size of our little community.

PAULINE: You never did live anywhere else except Harney County?

BUCK: Pretty much, we --- we was out, we moved out to Boise, and we was there a year and went to school there in Boise for a year. But then we moved back to Burns, and have never lived anywhere's then, outside of Harney County.

PAULINE: Pretty good place to live.

BUCK: Yes it is, you bet, you bet.

PAULINE: Well, let's see --- I have a lot of the Peter Clemens history already, I talked to Cal a lot.

BUCK: Uh huh.

PAULINE: Years ago.

BUCK: Yeah.

PAULINE: He gave me a real complete history ---

BUCK: Sure.

PAULINE: --- of the Clemens family.

BUCK: Sure.

PAULINE: Was your dad married --- not your dad, your grandfather married when he first came to Harney County, or did he marry ---

BUCK: He married afterwards.

PAULINE: After. Who did he marry?

BUCK: He married Jenny Ulum --- well then Jenny Thomas, she was married before.

PAULINE: Uh huh.

BUCK: And her husband got killed at Happy Valley. And then she married my granddad.

PAULINE: And let's see, your brothers were Clay, and Cal, and Glen.

BUCK: Right.

BESSIE: Not your brother's dear.

BUCK: Oh no, not my brothers, that was my uncles.

PAULINE: Those were your uncles.

BUCK: That was my uncles. They was Pete and Jenny's boys.

PAULINE: Okay. Like I said, you Clemens's are hard to keep ---

BUCK: Oh, there's a lot of them.

PAULINE: I find it hard to keep straight, and I want --- okay.

BUCK: In our ---

PAULINE: In Clay's family ---

BUCK: Clay's family --- was my brother Elton, and myself, and Mardell. And there was two deceased, they died when they was small. And then in Cal's family, why there was Irene, and Pete down here, west.

PAULINE: Okay.

BUCK: And then in Glen's family, they was Helen and Darrell, and then there was a boy, he got killed in an --- a horse accident. A team run off, and his name was Dale.

PAULINE: Okay. Mardell, that's ---

BUCK: That's my sister.

PAULINE: Okay. Who is she married to?

BUCK: Proby.

PAULINE: Proby.

BUCK: Proby, a fellow by the name of Proby, yes.

PAULINE: They don't live around here.

BUCK: No, they live up at Carver.

PAULINE: Okay. And what does the C. W. stand for?

BUCK: That's my initials. I'm C. W. C. W. "Buck", I always go by that.

PAULINE: You don't go by ---

BUCK: Clayton is my right name.

PAULINE: Clayton.

BUCK: My name, but nobody ever calls it to me --- well I just sign my checks C. W. And everybody knows me by Buck. That's all --- I went through school that way, and that's all they know me by.

PAULINE: Okay. Can you think of anything else?

BUCK: By gosh, I don't know --- just what --- you know. I suppose a fellow could get back, and think of a lot of things but --- that happened when --- that --- that --- right now I don't, Pauline. You just ---

PAULINE: I was going to look at your notes here and see if there was anything.

BUCK: Yeah, like I say, you might --- you'll have to change that around to where you want to put it down. But I just, that was just some of them notes that I put down there.

PAULINE: Yeah. Well we have talked about most of those things. Do you mind if I just take those?

BUCK: Yes, take them right along, you bet.

PAULINE: Okay.

BUCK: Yeah, you bet. You can take them right along.

PAULINE: Okay. Well, you're going to be the grand marshal.

BUCK: Uh huh.

PAULINE: Do you know --- are you going to try to ride your horse?

BUCK: I'm going to try to, yes.

PAULINE: Uh huh.

BUCK: I want to, because I've got a nice horse. And as far as I know, that I'm going to try to.

BESSIE: We hope he can.

PAULINE: Well, I hope you can too.

BUCK: Yeah. Because ---

PAULINE: What kind of a horse do you have?

BUCK: Well, a good gentle horse. He's a sorrel, nice looking horse, quarter ---

PAULINE: Sorrel ---

BUCK: Yeah, he's a sorrel, quarter horse.

PAULINE: Have you had him a long time?

BUCK: Not too long. About, I guess I've had him about three years.

BESSIE: Oh my gosh --- three years ---

BUCK: How long, how long have I had him?

BESSIE: Well, you've had him anyways five years or more.

BUCK: Oh, I don't think so. Well, three and five --- there's not much difference.

PAULINE: Well, I ---

BUCK: That ain't going to make ---

PAULINE: Well, I just thought if it was his horse that he'd had for fifteen or twenty years, why he'd ---

BUCK: No, no, he's just a horse I've had the last few years.

PAULINE: Uh huh. What was your --- what was your favorite horse of all that you've --- probably had more than one or two.

BUCK: Oh, I've had some good ones, you bet I have. That's why I say; I've had some dandy horses. I ---

BESSIE: But that old canary was the best that --- and ---

BUCK: Well, I had two canary horses, we call canary, that was awful good horses. But they ---

BESSIE: Last one was Spooks.

BUCK: Yeah, but --- like I say, they was all good horse. But I just couldn't --- I'd have to --
- I don't know. This horse we got now is --- I'd almost say he'd have to be the best. His name is Dollar.

PAULINE: Dollar?

BUCK: Uh huh.

BESSIE: Wish we had a picture. We had one picture, but it's not

BUCK: They don't want --- do you want a picture of the horse, or

PAULINE: Well, I think we'll get a picture of you on the horse---

BUCK: Before --- for the paper then.

PAULINE: For --- at the fair time.

BUCK: Yeah.

PAULINE: Maybe we can, well we wanted to run this --- the fair books are going to come out next week, and the fair board wanted to announce the fact that you would be the grand marshal.

BUCK: Sure.

PAULINE: And at the same time the fair books came out, then at fair time why we'll have to do ---

BUCK: Yeah.

PAULINE: --- something a little special too.

BUCK: Well, if it's so we can I would like it if --- you know if I'm able, which I know I'm going to be, is ride my horse. My three granddaughters, you see Alicia she was the Oregon High School Rodeo Queen. I would like to have her and Jerri Ann, she was a Princess in the Harney County Rodeo, and then Linda, that's the other girl, and I --- if it's so they can, I'd like for them to ride ---

BESSIE: Well, Helen was a ---

BUCK: Whoever, whoever places them, I would like to have them ride right back of me, if it's so they could, Pauline. Do you suppose?

PAULINE: Oh that, I don't see any reason why not.

BESSIE: Helen, Helen Clemens was a Princess way back.

BUCK: Yeah, but she's not going to ride. There's no ---

BESSIE: She's going to ride if she can. Mardell can't, but then --- Mardell was a Queen. And ---

BUCK: See --- my sister, she was the first --- she was the first Harney County Rodeo Queen, my sis.

PAULINE: We better put that in.

BUCK: Yeah, she was the first one.

BESSIE: I've got all the write-ups about it if I, if I --- but I haven't been able to get around and dig through these, all of these books. I've got millions of them.

BUCK: But I thought it would be pretty nice, they could just ride right back of me, you know.

PAULINE: Uh huh.

BESSIE: Well, of course you've got to wait and see ---

BUCK: They got all ---

BESSIE: --- they may not even be here or anything. You can't ---

BUCK: What! I don't know, but that's what we figure, we'll let them know plenty, length of time, you know. Jerri, she lives in Colorado.

PAULINE: Well, Helen is ---

BESSIE: Helen McCart.

PAULINE: McCart.

BUCK: But I don't ---

PAULINE: And she was a Princess or a ---

BESSIE: She was a Princess, uh huh.

BUCK: But I don't know --- whether she would ---

PAULINE: Now was Linda a Princess or ---

BESSIE: No.

BUCK: No, Linda she never was. She was active in 4-H all the time.

PAULINE: Uh huh.

BUCK: But she, she never did go out for Princess or ---

BESSIE: No, she ---

BUCK: --- Queen either one, but she's a ---

PAULINE: How do you spell Jerri Ann's name, is it G E R I ?

BESSIE: J E R R I.

PAULINE: J E R R I. And then capital A N N.

BESSIE: Uh huh.

PAULINE: Now did she --- you told me here --- I'm asking this again, but she's married?

BUCK: Yeah.

BESSIE: Yes. To Davidson.

BUCK: She lives in Colorado Springs.

PAULINE: Jerri Davidson. Okay. Well, I think that'll give me enough to write you up

pretty good.

BUCK: Yeah, it kind of gets you started on it. --- Come on in.

WOMAN: Hello ---

BUCK: How we doing here?

WOMAN: Hello, hello.

BUCK: It'll kind of give you a start, Pauline.

PAULINE: Yeah. I can call you if I run into any snags.

BUCK: Yeah, you do that.

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