

HARNEY COUNTY HISTORY PROJECT

AV-Oral History #235A - Side A (Beginning)

Subject: Red Walter & Jessie Williams

Place: Harney County Museum, Burns, Oregon

Date: January 23, 1977

Interviewer: Jim Baker

HELEN LANDERS: Do you ... brands for this?

RED WALTER: You see here is the LY and the Double O too.

JESSIE WILLIAMS: Yes, it was. Now I think he got that Double O iron no doubt when he bought that place.

HELEN: Well is that what that Riley and Hardwick used ---

JESSIE: Yes, Riley and Harden.

HELEN: --- on the Double O?

JESSIE: ... used the --- Orlock. What was that?

RED: Orlock.

JESSIE: Yeah, Orlock. (Laughter) Let's see if my dad's brand is registered back there. I believe it was.

HELEN: Burgett.

JESSIE: Here is a quarter circle seven.

HELEN: Burgett and Lamont?

JESSIE: Uh huh.

HELEN: Is that Bill?

JESSIE: Yeah, that's Bills'. And what was Love's name?

RED: Love.

JESSIE: Well, what's his first name?

RED: (Laughter)

HELEN: Well, what do they call it, the arrow ---

RED: Well, I don't know.

HELEN: Well, what would you call it?

RED: Never used it after I come here.

JESSIE: Looks like a spade-bar.

HELEN: Spade-bar. I don't know what you'd call it.

JESSIE: Now I believe Hanley used that Double H, and I could just see it ... on those cows.

RED: (Laughter) Well --- That's just it.

JESSIE: This come from the courthouse. Lily Beth Walker gave us this book. Now when he worked up there ... (conversation too far from microphone).

JIM BAKER: Did Hanley acquire most of this land out here? I heard that he'd try any trick ... Swamp Acts?

JESSIE: Well I think Hanley ...

RED: Oh, I think so, but --- well the old Fawcett place. Herb Fawcett homesteaded ... at the Double O.

JESSIE: Yes.

RED: But Hanley got a hold of that. Now I don't know how ...

JESSIE: Well he probably got a hold of that through taxes.

RED: Yeah.

JESSIE: But lots of these Company ranches ... Ray Perkins ... take you up to his homestead, and pay you thirty dollars a month ...

RED: Yeah, that ... Swamp Act.

JESSIE: Yeah, yeah he did.

RED: And he ...

JESSIE: ...

RED: He tell me that ... you have to swear that ... over this in a boat. Well they put the boat in the wagon, and they drove around it. That's what I heard.

JESSIE: Well they had to ...

RED: Yeah.

JESSIE: ... Yeah, I think things got ... I never did read anything about any ...

(Conversation too far from microphone)

RED: (Laughter)

JESSIE: I would ...

RED: What was that girl's name?

JESSIE: Hayes?

RED: What?

JESSIE: Her mother's name was Hayes. ...

NAOMI WALTER: Yeah, there's a whole bunch of ... Oh, they had, how many children did they have? ... was the oldest I think. ...

RED: ...

HELEN: Whose was that?

RED: That's old ... Charlie Haines.

JESSIE: Yes, it is, it's got his name on the inside.

NAOMI: Here's Bill Hanley's saddle over here.

JESSIE: ...

NAOMI: Here's Charlie Haines ---

JESSIE: ...

RED: Right there, Jessie.

JESSIE: ...

RED: Yeah.

JESSIE: ...

NAOMI: ... But I know it's there, because I saw it. ... Red---

RED: What?

NAOMI: Here is Hanley's saddle over here.

JESSIE: Here's Hanley's saddle.

RED: Good, they got one of them saddles.

NAOMI: No, I think this is ...

RED: Oh, they had one down there at Oregon State.

NAOMI: Yes. That's Hanley's saddle ...

RED: Oh, I think he had two or three.

NAOMI: ... Oregon State. ...

JIM: Was Burns a Scottish town, was it ...

JESSIE: Well ... named a Scotchman. There's pictures over there. Hanging by his picture, up on that wall.

JIM: ...

JESSIE: ... Robert Burns ...

JIM: Oh yeah, the poet.

JESSIE: ... And his grandson was living in Burns ...

RED: Yeah.

JESSIE: ...

JIM: Well maybe if I go to the Burns Times, maybe they will have some old pictures. ...

JESSIE: ...

(Conversation too far from microphone)

HELEN: This was it right here, here's one just like it. Yeah, here is one just like it.

JESSIE: ...

HELEN: Only theirs is bound. I have to figure out some way to get mine bound.

NAOMI: ... Jessie.

JESSIE: Yeah ...

RED: Can you ---

JESSIE: I got the address up ...

HELEN: Have you got an address I can send and get it bound?

JESSIE: I think so ...

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