

HARNEY COUNTY HISTORY PROJECT

AV-Oral History #394 - Side A

Subject: Chas Miler

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Place: Miler Home - Kimball Flat Near Drewsey, Oregon

Interviewer: Anne Clark

(Note: Sound quality is not very good. Mrs. Miler is too far from microphone to pick up most of what she is saying.)

(Discussion of places and names of ranches in the Drewsey area.)

ANNE CLARK: Now you forget I turned that on. (Laughter) This I don't want you to do. But I want to ask you is, first on this ranch, this PLS Ranch, is we have these down here, were they owned by the PLS Company or not? The Swamp Ranch is what we term as Riley's. And Otis, was Edmunson's place. Drewsey Field Ranch is Wilber's place. Warm Springs is under the dam ruins.

CHAS MILER: That's under the dam.

ANNE: Okay. Pine Creek was Dryer's on the map. And Kimball Flat is yours. And then did they own the Lamb Ranch too?

CHAS: Who?

ANNE: The PLS Company.

CHAS: Uh huh.

ANNE: Okay. They did for sure though?

CHAS: Uh huh.

ANNE: They did own that for sure, the Lamb Ranch?

CHAS: Oh yeah.

ANNE: Now is there any of them that are missing, just in this area? We're not going to go into Harney Valley, but just around in this area. When they say Pine Creek, is it all the Pine Creek Ranch now, or just the old Pine Creek Ranch itself?

CHAS: Well of course Dryer owns the Vanderveer place here.

ANNE: Yeah.

CHAS: Nothing in that valley.

ANNE: Oh, they didn't have that? Okay. Just the main ranch is all?

CHAS: The old Company Ranch was below the road, and on down to the, where the road goes around the ... down there ... way to your place.

ANNE: Oh yeah, uh huh. Okay, they didn't own the Robbins place?

CHAS: ... owned that ...

NORMA MILER: ...

CHAS: Huh?

NORMA: Abner Robbins.

ANNE: Abner Robbins ... okay.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: So when Mike Acton bought it, he actually put a bunch of those places together then.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Okay. And then on this Kimball Flat place, was it all of your place right here in the valley?

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay, and the Lamb Ranch is basically all of what the Lamb Ranch owns now, or do you suppose they probably put more together with that?

CHAS: Oh, I think he got a little more land from ... but very little.

ANNE: Very little. Okay, how about this that is under the dam?

CHAS: I don't know which ...

ANNE: Okay. It said Newell's, but that wasn't really true? Okay. Now this place ---

CHAS: The Company owned that when they covered it.

ANNE: Oh did they? Otis Ranch, that Edmunson's own, did they buy it right from the Company?

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay. And the Swamp Ranch, did Riley's buy it right from them?

CHAS: I guess. I don't know about him. He had that years before all this other sold over ...

ANNE: Oh really? Did they call it something besides the Swamp Ranch?

CHAS: Nothing that I know of, it's all I ever heard.

ANNE: You can't remember? Yeah. There was something in that one book, you know, that one that they wrote about Miller and Lux, its hardback book, ... has it. And we were trying to figure it out, and I can't remember the name, and they called it some sort of a creek. Can't think of the name of it was now. And we were wondering if it was the same place. I'd have to look again.

NORMA: Riley's lived on Coyote Creek ...

ANNE: Oh, did they?

NORMA: ... that's where George and ...

ANNE: Oh. Yeah, to the Poer place, yeah. Now then you can't think of any other places that the PLS Company owns?

CHAS: No, not in this area.

ANNE: Was your dad, he worked for the PLS Company, didn't he?

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: What was he supposed to be?

CHAS: Well superintendent of the cattle division.

ANNE: Oh, he was kind of over the cattle then, some?

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Well what --- on the cattle did they, he lived right here too, did he? Was he centered here?

CHAS: Well he made his home in Drewsey.

ANNE: Oh. There weren't any buildings here per se in this ranch?

CHAS: At that time, oh yeah.

ANNE: Was there?

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Well who lived here on this one then? Can't remember over here?

CHAS: For the Company?

ANNE: Uh huh.

CHAS: Well the first I remember were Stones, Bill Stone.

ANNE: Uh huh.

CHAS: And then I think the next was Harriers (sp.?) I don't remember anybody between them, do you?

NORMA: No, I don't think so. ...

CHAS: Well he was, yeah, he was ... See the Company they sold all their property here in Oregon and Nevada, and almost went bankrupt. Sold all this, and kept the cattle ...

ANNE: Oh.

CHAS: So they, well they bought this place in ...

ANNE: What year did you buy the place?

CHAS: We bought it in 1933.

ANNE: Oh. So they had them for quite awhile then? Did they lease them out before they sold them?

CHAS: Well see they started going out of business along about 1931, '32, they was organizing to get sold out.

ANNE: Yeah.

CHAS: And that's when he ended up with the Company ... He leased the Lamb Ranch, and then he bought this place. And we leased it to ... one year, then moved over in 1934.

ANNE: Oh, I didn't know you guys had leased the Lamb Ranch.

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Huh, that's something. What, you and your dad?

CHAS: Well Dad --- I was going to school, I was still going to high school.

ANNE: Yeah, I guess you were a youngster, weren't you?

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Yeah. What year did you graduate; you graduated didn't you from Crane?

CHAS: In 1935.

ANNE: '35. Was the same year Daddy did, wasn't it?

CHAS: Yeah, we were in the class, yeah.

ANNE: I was trying to think if you were in the same class together or not.

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: I know he talks about the ornery things you used to do. (Laughter) Wasn't just you, it was him and you. (Laughter)

CHAS: Oh.

ANNE: Anyway, if --- I was going to ask you, what are some of the things that you think the PLS Company helped in this area to start, like --- Did, everyone actually did use their bulls and brand their unbranded calves, and stuff like that?

CHAS: Well, of course, yeah back in those times I think there was more problems, a little bit, rustling and something like that order, you know.

ANNE: Yeah. Well do you think that they made a positive influence of any kind in this area?

NORMA: ... payroll in the area ...

ANNE: Just about everyone worked for them, didn't they?

CHAS: You mean later, or when they were here?

ANNE: Well earlier, uh huh, when they were here.

CHAS: Well, they were quite an employer with a lot of help, you know.

ANNE: Yeah. Did they come in here when it was homestead actually, when it opened up? Or did someone have these places before them and they bought them?

CHAS: Oh yeah, they bought several homesteads. People that homesteaded and ranches, and things like that ...

ANNE: Do you know who owned this place before the PLS Company?

CHAS: Before the Company got it?

ANNE: Uh huh.

CHAS: I do, but I can't think ---

ANNE: Can't think who it is.

CHAS: Can't remember the names. That homesteaded it?

NORMA: ...

CHAS: A man by the name of Newton and another ...

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Well that's, then evidently every one of these places wasn't homesteaded by the -
-- there might have been little spots that they had their buckaroos homestead or something on this?

CHAS: Oh probably. Probably they had people homesteading for them, or paid them to do it, or something on that order. Lots of that went on all the time.

ANNE: Yeah.

CHAS: And then they, some of these people, some of these places are already fixed up and ranchers they just bought them, you know.

ANNE: Oh, I see. Someone else had gathered up stuff. Well basically they employed everybody around the country, didn't they? I remember everybody whose families I've talked to said oh Dad, or Granddad, or somebody worked for the PLS Company.

CHAS: Yeah, they had a lot of help.

ANNE: Seems like it.

CHAS: That's the only place to turn to for a job around the country. There wasn't anything else, you know.

ANNE: Uh huh, that's true. Well Daddy used to say that he thought that a lot people didn't use their own bulls, they used the Company bull, and then turned it back out when they were done with it.

CHAS: Oh sure. You get a big outfit like that ... You can't keep track of all, too much, you know.

ANNE: No way.

NORMA: James Newton.

CHAS: Huh?

ANNE: James Newton.

NORMA: James Newton, our homestead was part of it. And the rest was granted to the State of Oregon ...

ANNE: Oh. So you actually have a school section here, huh?

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Be sure we get you, Chas.

NORMA: ... P. Edon.

ANNE: P. Edon. P. was an initial, I guess.

NORMA: ... David Brown ...

ANNE: David Brown. Was he part of the Browns that were builders, or whatever?

NORMA: The other one was Sarah M. Brown ...

ANNE: ... Sarah M. Brown. And then the Company bought it from them.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Okay. Why don't we go around on this --- we'll start up at Van and then go around. And if you don't know anything about it, then just say you don't know anything about it, and go on. We'll start up there with the Renoir place.

NORMA: She could probably tell you more about Van than I can.

ANNE: We'll ask both of you. The Renoir place. And this was stuff that Eunice had written down. Owned by Wade Renoir, is that what it is?

CHAS: Sam Wade.

ANNE: Sam Wade, okay. Sold to Thomas. Thomas' then to Jake and Maureen, and then to Knolls, back to Knolls. Okay, so don't know which, Frank Renoir?

CHAS: I thought ---

NORMA: Campbell's.

CHAS: Campbell's owned it.

NORMA: I don't think they owned it, I think they rented it from ...

CHAS: Oh they did?

NORMA: I think, but I don't know ...

CHAS: They had it for quite awhile.

ANNE: You think his first name though is Frank Renoir?

NORMA: I don't know the ...

ANNE: Everybody just says Renoir, never heard anything either. Okay, the next place then is the Cawfield Ranch, now owned by Knolls'. This place was the old Charlie Johnson place. Sound right to you?

CHAS: I don't know.

ANNE: The Gearhart Ranch, now owned by Rotha French and Terry Williams, homesteaded by Poke and Margaret Davis Gearhart. The Cleveland Ranch was the old George Howe place. It is now the Van Cooperative. Davis Ranch, sole owners of Jesse C. and Bertha Wintermeier Davis until her death, then Louise Landing Davis. Then sold to two sons, William and Chas, Charles evidently. Then to Lee Williams, now his estate, Terry Williams owns it. That agreeable?

CHAS: Sounds right.

ANNE: Ott Sawmill was at Milldale, later moved to Van Gulch. It was operated by John Ott and ---

CHAS: Buster, his boy.

ANNE: Son Buster. Later Mr. Ott, his daughter Belle and husband Kenneth Frost. Later Kenneth and his brother Gearald operated the mill, then by Gearald and his family. And Alec was up there too?

CHAS: No.

NORMA: Alec was the oldest.

CHAS: No, he was Milldale.

NORMA: He was at Milldale.

ANNE: Oh he was at Milldale. Okay.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Oh, really.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Yeah, that's all I've heard it called too. The Millard Ranch, now owned by a man from California, Millard Ranch. It was formerly owned by Archie and something Jenkins Miller. Norris? Jenkins Miller. Then Lewis Lucky. He sold to Hugh Jones. Jones bought the Kerns place, and the old Jenkins place which now make up the whole ranch, which is the, part of Mike Johnson's place.

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Owned by Borelleys (sp.?). The Sam Jenkins place was sold to Honey Guyer (sp.?). What was her name?

NORMA: ...

ANNE: ... Oh, I see. Okay. ... Okay. Then to Lloyd and Eunice Jordan. Then to Ray Coleman. Coleman sold to Hugh Jones. And the Larson Ranch, the old Jim and Eva Violet Ranch sold to Larson, then to Andy and Delia Acton. Then to Paul Stewart, now operated and owned by Bentz.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: ... in between there.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Just leased, yeah.

ANNE: Oh was that Irene's then?

CHAS: Yeah. He just had it leased to them.

ANNE: Oh, just leased, okay. Which Larson was it, they don't ever say.

CHAS: E. E. was his initials. I don't know what his --- Ernest wasn't it?

NORMA: Ernest, I've forgotten.

CHAS: E. E., I think his name was Ernest. I wouldn't say for sure.

ANNE: Ernest. Sounds good to me.

CHAS: E. E. Larson, I know that.

ANNE: Okay. Then the Bob McKinnon place where Bentz's house now stands. Wagner's, Cramer's, Ed and Arthur Campbell, sold to Acton. Is that the Ed Campbell we know?

NORMA: That's the one across the river where ...

ANNE: Oh, where Bakers owned it for a while?

NORMA: Uh huh.

ANNE: Okay. The present Bentz place comprises the Poer Ranch, Jack Drewitt, Macomber.

NORMA: Macomber.

ANNE: Macomber.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Oh. This the same as Drewitt place at ... Place, and old Sam Woodard place. Well I know where the Poer place is, and the Drewitt place is, but this Macomber place, you think it is the same as the Drewitt's?

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Okay.

CHAS: Well they must mean the same place.

ANNE: Must be. Jack Drewitt and Macomber place?

CHAS: It was the Drewitt place, Macomber bought it. I think it was the Drewitt place to begin with.

ANNE: Oh, okay.

NORMA: They were right over the hill, this Ed Howes. ...

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Toward our place?

NORMA: Barnes place.

ANNE: Towards Barnes' place.

NORMA: There used to be a house just right over the hill from ...

ANNE: Oh, on the other side, oh. Okay.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Who?

ANNE: George's.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: They were there, but I don't recall when.

NORMA: That was after ...

ANNE: Acton's, the old house was down where the road comes up and out of field on to main road. Did they have a house that they built themselves?

NORMA: Uh huh.

CHAS: Right where it is now.

NORMA: Yeah. ...

ANNE: Oh that one.

NORMA: That was Acton's new house. I don't know where they lived before that.

ANNE: I don't know what she meant by it. Middlesworth place, by Elmer Middlesworth's widow, rented by Bentz. But it was Van Middlesworth, wasn't it? Wasn't that his name?

NORMA: ...

CHAS: There was a boy; I don't know what his dad's name was.

NORMA: Van.

CHAS: Was it?

ANNE: I've seen that in something. Thorne's Ranch.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Yeah, that's where I saw it was in that stuff ... Thorne's Ranch, owned by Bentz, originally belonged to Johnny ... Otleys, is it Stringer you have down here?

NORMA: ...

ANNE: John Stringer, and Ned and Marjorie Howard. Okay. Riley Ranch, now owned by ... was formerly William F. Moffet, then owned by PLS Company. The old Swamp Ranch, then owned by the George Riley family. John and Cindy Sword's Ranch, the old A. I. Johnson Ranch, the ranch now is comprised of the Needmore Ranch, formerly owned by Arlie and Delia Acton, and part of the old August Muller property. Now these Needmore's though, what, they must, they built that house, didn't they?

NORMA: I think, I don't know who built the house.

CHAS: There was a house up on there --- you know Needmore's, there was a house up there, you know.

ANNE: Uh huh, yeah. I was wondering if that was the name of the people that built it, Needmore.

NORMA: Uh huh. ...

CHAS: Did he live up there on the Needmore place?

NORMA: He lived there ...

CHAS: Oh.

ANNE: Moss place, where is the ... I heard that name.

CHAS: Moss place?

ANNE: Moss place.

CHAS: Well that ... Van ...

NORMA: Yeah.

ANNE: But this Needmore place, why do they call it that if there was never anybody ---

NORMA: I think the Needmore's ...

CHAS: That was the fellow's name.

NORMA: Oh, I see.

ANNE: After this Moss had lived there?

NORMA: Well I think he is the one that took the place up ...

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Oh, and then somebody built it later on, and they just called it that. I see. Takes me awhile. (Laughter) Okay. Lillard place, used to be the old Joe and Ruth Williams property.

NORMA: Uh huh.

ANNE: I don't know them. The Miller Ranch, the original owners were William and Frankie Miller, that's all she has got on there. That's pretty well stayed in the family, hasn't it, that you guys know of? ... Okay.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Huh?

NORMA: Part of, ... owns some of the ...

ANNE: ... yeah but Jerry has this ...

NORMA: ... Campbell's had it.

CHAS: Well Campbell's had it. Oh up Otis Creek, or Muddy Creek.

NORMA: Uh huh.

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: We had that in something, didn't we? It seemed like I'd seen that, something I've read. You know you read so much of this stuff and you can't remember --- The ... and Davis property was bought by Milt Davis --- oh here it is, later sold to Ed and Ruth Campbell, and then to Jerry and Crystal Miller. That was --- The Vanderveer Ranch now owned by Dryer, originally Joe --- how do you pronounce that, Sturtevant, Sturtevant?

NORMA: Sturtevant, I guess.

ANNE: Sturtevant. Okay. And there were other people that owned it, didn't they, in between? Wasn't Arnolds on there once too?

CHAS: Before Vanderveer?

ANNE: Well after Vanderveer.

CHAS: After Vanderveer.

ANNE: Yeah. Not? Something ---

NORMA: People lived there, but they didn't own it.

ANNE: They didn't own it, oh, okay.

CHAS: Well I think ... and bought that from Vanderveer. Well Mike ---

NORMA: Mike had it.

ANNE: Mike had it.

CHAS: Mike got a hold of it; didn't he buy it from Vanderveer?

NORMA: Yeah, but I'm saying several people lived there.

CHAS: Oh yeah, lived there, and didn't own the property.

NORMA: Yeah, Annie and ... lived there.

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Someone had said that Arnolds lived up in there somewhere too.

CHAS: They had a place across the creek.

ANNE: Oh.

CHAS: From where the buildings are, yeah.

ANNE: Oh really, I didn't know that.

CHAS: Yeah, uh huh. There used to be a little old house there.

ANNE: I don't have anything on that. So they owned a place right across there? That was old Tom, or was it Jed's?

CHAS: That was Tom, yeah.

ANNE: Okay.

NORMA: Tom and Etta ...

ANNE: Tom and Etta, oh, it was them that did it?

CHAS: I don't know if they homesteaded that or what. All I ever knew about it ---

ANNE: Well ---

CHAS: You know it went back to the county or something. And Dad bought the piece of property, and I went up and tore the building down, and got the old lumber. Then he sold it to Mike Acton.

NORMA: Oh.

ANNE: Oh boy. Sounds like a rat race. I just heard that. It seemed like Grandma Birdie told me that.

CHAS: Aunt ...

ANNE: My daddy or something, that place that they had owned something there by the Vanderveer place, and that stuck in my mind.

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: But said that Tom and Oscar both lived there, or something. No, what was the other one they called, Charlie, what did they call him. It was something besides Charlie. Bummer, or ---

NORMA: Buck ...

ANNE: Something like that. It was some name.

CHAS: I didn't know him at all.

NORMA: I didn't either.

ANNE: I didn't either.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Something like that. Anyway it was one of the other brothers.

CHAS: Anyway, I don't know how he got the property. Whether they homesteaded it or what, I don't know.

ANNE: Yeah.

CHAS: But they --- I'm not sure they didn't have that Vanderveer place, leased it or run it or something for awhile ...

NORMA: Before Vans.

CHAS: I think so, yeah. Oh yeah, it would have been way before he had it.

NORMA: Because he didn't, he really wasn't over there too long.

CHAS: No.

NORMA: ... Frenchglen and Crane.

ANNE: Who was that?

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Oh he was?

NORMA: Uh huh.

ANNE: Huh.

NORMA: Yeah, they came over here.

ANNE: Then they came over here?

NORMA: Uh huh.

ANNE: It could well have been them, couldn't it?

NORMA: ... Robbins Ranch too for a while. ... Tom and Grace, didn't they live at the Robbins Ranch at one time for a while? Seems like Hattie said they did, I'll make sure.

ANNE: No ...

CHAS: Well they could have been. I just couldn't remember ...

NORMA: I remember she talked about going up and staying with them, but I don't ...

CHAS: But I think they had the Vanderveer place, I think they had that place leased once, Tom did, when he was there.

ANNE: Yeah.

CHAS: Because there wasn't anything on that other place, you know, just a building and stuff.

ANNE: Just a building, ... It could be, all right. It's just, you know, things that kind of stick in the back of my mind.

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Forget what it was. The Pine Creek Ranch ---

CHAS: She would have known if I'd have asked her, but I never did.

ANNE: Yeah, I know. This is why I think we're about 20 years too late. Dryers was formerly owned by PLS Company. Ralph Chambers and Arlie Acton.

CHAS: Well yeah, Pine Creek Ranch.

ANNE: ...

CHAS: Yeah, just ... company.

ANNE: Okay. Clarks, formerly the property of Jack and Sadie Drewitt. Originally William Cougar Jones' place. That's where Grandma and Grandpa lived in. Okay. And Harry's place was Harry and Emma's, and now, originally Muller's. And Wards, which Ward was that?

NORMA: I don't know for sure which Ward had that. ...

ANNE: Probably has it on that stuff, land title stuff, doesn't it? ... Fitz Ranch was originally Abner Robbins, and then J. L. Sitz and Dillman, now owned by James and Betty Sitz. Didn't they sell it to somebody for a while? Glenn said something about they sold it to someone and they had to take it back.

CHAS: Well I don't know about that.

NORMA: Ralph Chambers wasn't it?

CHAS: Huh?

NORMA: Ralph Chambers.

ANNE: Was it?

NORMA: Wasn't it?

ANNE: Probably was.

CHAS: Yeah, I guess it was. It was the Robbins place at that time. I don't think --- did he buy it from Sitz?

NORMA: I think so.

CHAS: Was it Tom's?

ANNE: Yeah I think it was. Because Glenn said down there at Drewsey he was saying that they sold their place and then they had to take it back. His dad had to take it back. Pat O'Toole Ranch, originally the Pat and Lou Conley Ranch. The part next to the road was the Dunlap place. Later owned by W. W. Miller, then D. Woodruff and E. Edmunson. Everett Edmunson?

CHAS: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay. Rotha French and Kenny and Barbara Arnold, originally the property of S. S. and Effie Williams. Then Rotha got it from them evidently.

NORMA: Part of the estate.

ANNE: Okay. I. M. and Percy Davis property now belongs to Freda Sword and Conly and Joanne Marshall. They had it originally. Was that the deal there, where Freda lives?

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Huh?

NORMA: Who owned it when they built the 3 C Camp there? ...

CHAS: ...

ANNE: Oh, they had a 3 C Camp right there?

NORMA: They had a 3 C Camp.

CHAS: Yeah.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Those little buildings.

ANNE: Oh it is?

CHAS: Yeah, they lent them the camp there as long as they put up the buildings or something, then leave them when they moved.

ANNE: Oh heavens. When was that, in the '30's? Wasn't that when the 3 C Camps were

CHAS: Yeah, before the war you see, yeah.

ANNE: Oh, I never realized that. Albert Altnow Ranch, William Altnow, Albert Altnow, and Bill Claypool are owners now, were owners then, then. William Altnow, William, Albert, and Bill Claypool owned it to start with, is that right?

NORMA: ...

CHAS: William and Albert were brothers.

ANNE: Okay.

NORMA: Belle is Albert's wife.

CHAS: Belle is Albert's wife.

ANNE: Belle, oh, okay. Altnow's, I see, okay. Now ... of course, but Arnett's owned it for a while in between there. Okay. The J. W. Robertson Ranch, a 100 years in the Robertson family, homesteaded by Joseph Robertson, William and Mary Rutherford Robertson owned it for years. Bill and Carol got it from Bill's Grandmother Mary Robertson. I got to go up, I've got to go up to their house too. I know they have a bunch of stuff on ... I need to get.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: No. Terry and Nancy Williams, the lower ranch is part of the S. S. Williams property. Rex Robertson place, what was known as the Drinkwater place, owned by Clarence and Cassie Drinkwater. Now did Cassie and Clarence own that from the time they homesteaded it?

CHAS: They didn't homestead it.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Uh ---

ANNE: Clarence's dad homesteaded it?

NORMA: ...

CHAS: A fellow by the name of Canyon, or something like that.

NORMA: Canyon, Cameron, I don't know.

ANNE: But someone else did.

CHAS: I don't know who homesteaded that property.

ANNE: I'll ask around and see.

NORMA: Somebody else homesteaded the Williams place too ...

CHAS: The what?

NORMA: The Williams place, where Terry and Nancy live ...

CHAS: Oh.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: I could ask Drex and Rotha, maybe they could remember.

CHAS: Yeah. He'd give you all of that.

ANNE: Yeah. Okay, the Wilber's was the Drewsey Field Ranch, and probably it was owned by somebody before them too.

CHAS: The Company.

ANNE: Before the Company, I mean.

CHAS: Otleys bought it from the PLS Company.

ANNE: Okay.

NORMA: Did you have the ...

ANNE: Yeah.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Henry and Charlie Otley.

ANNE: Okay. And then they sold it to Wilber's didn't they? I wonder who owned it before the PLS Company owned it.

CHAS: I don't know who homesteaded ... I don't know.

ANNE: Okay. Chas and Norma Miler, this ranch was the Kimball Flat Ranch, property of the Pacific Livestock Company. And we talked about who owned it before. Tom Howard Ranch was the original property of Tom's Grandfather and Grandmother, and his parents Ed and Ida Ward Howard. The Lloyd Jordan Ranch, former owners were Tommy, or Sammy Williams, brothers Burt and Charles Dunten, then Sunshine Dunten and her stepson Monty. They sold to Lauren and Cleo Dunten, then to Lloyd and Eunice Jordan. Lamb Ranch, original owners were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lamb, later PLS Company, Mike O'toole, John Stringer, ... and then ...

CHAS: You left ---

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Huh?

ANNE: Godens?

CHAS: Goddau now. Jack Goddau was before Stringer.

ANNE: Before Stringer. How do you spell his name?

NORMA: G O D D A U.

ANNE: Jack was his first name?

NORMA: Uh huh.

ANNE: Okay. Okay, and then the post offices. Do you know anything about the post offices ...

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Not any more than what she had, huh? Okay.

CHAS: What who had?

NORMA: Eunice gave ...

ANNE: And the schools --- You're not going to go with me on these all the time, probably, huh?

NORMA: ...

CHAS: ...

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Yeah, we don't have it at all on here, do we? Can you think of any other --- there was just one ...

NORMA: ...

ANNE: And Tom has ... okay.

CHAS: Have you talked to Tom ...

ANNE: Huh uh, I've got to go to Tom ... I figured if I got to you first, and got anything out of you, I could get anything out of anybody. (Laughter)

NORMA: King Ranch.

ANNE: King Ranch, okay.

NORMA: Who had it originally?

CHAS: I think they called that Hamilton. I don't know what Hamilton.

NORMA: Tom could tell you who.

CHAS: Tom, you better wait until you see Tom about that.

ANNE: Okay.

NORMA: The Mitchell Ranch, which Pat O'Toole has now.

ANNE: Didn't Grandma Birdie live there for a while?

NORMA: Who?

ANNE: My Grandma Birdie? Seemed like she said she lived there for a while.

CHAS: At that place?

NORMA: She lived downtown.

CHAS: She lived there at Drewsey.

NORMA: Here.

ANNE: Okay. Did, well I know she lived there quite a few years, didn't she? But someone had told me, and I can't, and this is just something in the back of my head ---

CHAS: I don't remember being ---

ANNE: --- that ... lived up there for a while, or something.

CHAS: I don't know.

ANNE: What Mitchell? That's the one that they tore down.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: And Roy Beede and Josephine, they lived up there quite awhile.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Yeah.

NORMA: ... I guess.

ANNE: Mitchell. Can you think of any other places we have missed up Otis, or --- we don't have Glenn Sitz's place on here do we?

NORMA: Frederick's place.

ANNE: Frederick's place.

CHAS: I don't know anything about them.

ANNE: It was a German guy, I don't remember ...

NORMA: ...

CHAS: ...

ANNE: Masterson's place there.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: I don't know where it evolved from.

NORMA: We had it for a while ...

ANNE: Okay. I'll run down --- See was there any other places ...

CHAS: Have you been out in there?

ANNE: Huh uh.

NORMA: ... There is a place there below the old Stallard place below ...

ANNE: Oh that, there was a stage stop there, that wasn't there ---

NORMA: ... Dean Goodman had a place in there ...

CHAS: Drex's.

NORMA: Drex's ... He's got the Stallard place.

CHAS: Stallard place.

ANNE: Yeah, yeah.

NORMA: Jim's got the Stallard place.

ANNE: Yeah, Jim's got the Stallard place.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: There is no other places up and down here in Kimball Flats that we've missed, is there? Did we get ... place?

NORMA: ... You don't have the Muller place down.

ANNE: Huh uh.

NORMA: ... the most continuous ...

ANNE: We didn't miss a page, did we?

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Yeah, ...

CHAS: Oh yeah.

ANNE: Well she had just ... place, is what she put down ... over there where Harry lived. They didn't say anything about that other place, did they? ... okay.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Uh huh. How about that up there, Harvey Cronin's place. Whose is it before? Cronin's had it ... They bought it from some one, didn't they?

CHAS: Harvey ...

ANNE: Uh huh. Can't think who it would be, though.

CHAS: No, I think ... homesteaded, he homesteaded part of that on the other end up there. But I don't know right where he lives.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Huh?

NORMA: Up there where the orchard is, is where he homesteaded.

CHAS: Clarence homesteaded that.

NORMA: Yeah, that's Clarence's, oh, okay.

ANNE: What about Dunten's place, we didn't have anything about their place either. We had Howard's, but not Dunten's.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Yeah.

CHAS: I think you've got it all in there with Burt and Charlie Dunten, yeah.

ANNE: Oh, okay.

CHAS: Yeah, that would be including that.

ANNE: In with Eunice's.

NORMA: Sam Williams.

CHAS: ... Burt and Charlie were brothers.

ANNE: Yeah. And that's the ---

NORMA: Sam Williams took it up, I think. I don't know just what parts of it or anything.

ANNE: That's right, I remember.

NORMA: I don't know who took this place up, up here.

CHAS: I don't know.

ANNE: That place across the road where you see the trees from Dunten's place, you know across the river.

NORMA: On the hill.

ANNE: Yeah, whose place is that?

NORMA: That was theirs.

ANNE: That was theirs too.

NORMA: Yeah.

ANNE: Okay.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: How did we miss that?

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Oh, that's right. Okay, and then they owned it originally then too.

NORMA: I don't know, ... had it, but I don't know who had it before him.

ANNE: Before him.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Katie had this in there, and in her stuff, and I ... there is no name on it.

NORMA: Oh. ...

ANNE: Might be.

CHAS: Well you've got to edit all this to get it into a book yet?

ANNE: Uh huh. Aren't I lucky? We don't have anything about the George place up there either. Did they homestead it, do you think? Where Dorman and Cathy live?

NORMA: I think ...

ANNE: What was his first name?

CHAS: ...

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Huh, oh, oh Otis Creek, or Muddy Creek.

ANNE: Yeah, on Muddy Creek. Oh, it says Julian George, also William George.

CHAS: Yeah.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Okay.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: They were brothers to Adam, is that it?

NORMA: Bill was Julian's son.

ANNE: Oh, Bill was Julian's son?

NORMA: I don't know how Adam ... I think he and Julian must have been ...

ANNE: Brothers, probably. Okay. ... Okay, Julian George place. Muddy Creek. Okay. I'm sure we're missing some places.

NORMA: There is lots of little ones scattered around ...

ANNE: Yeah.

NORMA: ...

CHAS: Huh?

NORMA: ... flat, and ...

CHAS: Oh yeah, ... lots of homesteaders ...

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Yeah.

CHAS: Took up parts and pieces. People bought them out.

NORMA: And Dawson's evidently must have had something down here where Dawson Springs ---

ANNE: Oh, probably.

CHAS: Well they must have relinquished that.

NORMA: Well I wondered if they ...

CHAS: That's federal land up there.

NORMA: Huh?

ANNE: That's federal land then?

CHAS: Around Dawson's Butte, Spring in there, yeah.

NORMA: I wondered if they had something they ...

CHAS: Huh?

NORMA: I wondered if they had the place that ... have.

ANNE: ...

CHAS: I don't know ...

ANNE: I thought that maybe ... just kind of got the highlights of them would be doing good, don't you?

NORMA: Yeah, yeah.

ANNE: The ones who have been here and made any mark on the ---

NORMA: ... except for those now like that ... The places that they named ...

ANNE: Yeah.

NORMA: Of course they've changed most of those anyway.

ANNE: That's true too.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Really? Makes you mad when they change all the names on everything.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Don't know why they don't ask the people that are around here. I mean it's not like we've moved in and out every five years, you know. (Laughter) Enough people around that they should have known.

CHAS: The people ...

NORMA: ... the historical society ...

CHAS: I was going to talk to Wally Welcome to see if he wouldn't ...

ANNE: Oh, that would be a good idea.

CHAS: People that have been around for years, they talk about their springs, hell you don't know where they are.

ANNE: No.

NORMA: ... named after families that were here a long time.

ANNE: Long, long time.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: Uh huh.

NORMA: And we had a lot of changes.

ANNE: It's silly to have to change them now.

NORMA: Uh huh.

CHAS: That would be a terrible job, wouldn't it, to redo that.

ANNE: Oh, I think so.

CHAS: They'd have to change all their maps and everything.

NORMA: ...

ANNE: They do them all the time anyway.

CHAS: Like they need something ---

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