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NORTON PENGRA: ... between 7 and 8 years old.

EDWARD GRAY: You had, oh; you had a --- how many --- your father was who?

NORTON: Was William Joel.

EDWARD: William.

NORTON: William Joel Pengra. Now William, he was named for his uncle, who was William Pengra, who came across the plains. But he was born in Springfield.

EDWARD: Okay, your father was.

NORTON: Yes.

EDWARD: When was he born?

NORTON: 1858, I believe.

EDWARD: And he was William Joel Pengra.

NORTON: Right.

EDWARD: And he married your mom, who was a Harlow?

NORTON: Was a Harlow.

EDWARD: In what year?

NORTON: Margaret and he were married --- '84.

EDWARD: 1884.

NORTON: Yeah, when they were married.

EDWARD: Margaret Harlow and William Joel Pengra were married in 1884.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And you were born in 18---

NORTON: 1896.

EDWARD: --- '96. What birth date, Norton?

NORTON: November 21st.

EDWARD: November 21st.

NORTON: Now I was the youngest one in the family. There were six of us.

EDWARD: Including you?

NORTON: Including me.

EDWARD: And your brother just passed away?

NORTON: My brother passed away, just a year ago last July.

EDWARD: And he was 94.

NORTON: He was 94. He was between 7 and 8 years older than I.

EDWARD: Where were you born, in a house?

NORTON: I was born in Springfield, in a house on the corner of 3rd and A Street.

EDWARD: Is the house still there?

NORTON: No.

EDWARD: It's gone.

NORTON: The house is gone. It was an old house at that time.

EDWARD: Your Grandfather Bynon ---

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: --- had a house in Springfield.

NORTON: Yes, on Mill Street. It was a nice place. Yeah, that's a picture of it.

EDWARD: That's it.

NORTON: I've been there many times.

EDWARD: Were you there when Bynon was still alive?

NORTON: Oh yes, I have been there when Bynon was still alive, but I was only about 6 years old. And Bynon and Grandmother were separated.

EDWARD: Uh huh. Did, was Bynon living in this house, or was your grandmother?

NORTON: My grandmother. Grandmother lived there until her death.

EDWARD: This is 225 Mills Street, Springfield.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And this was, your Grandfather Bynon Pengra built this in 1866.

NORTON: Yeah. And it was torn down here just a few years ago.

EDWARD: Oh, it was?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: What did they do that for?

NORTON: Well it went out of the hands of the family, and it was sold to --- right now there is a mortuary there on the corner of the place. He had a half a block there.

EDWARD: Yeah. Do you by any chance have a picture of this?

NORTON: Yeah, I've got a picture of this ...

EDWARD: Could I get it recopied? Is that a possibility?

NORTON: I don't remember whether it was such a position --- it isn't just a photograph, it was, I think it was taken out of the paper. It may be the same picture as that one that we had.

EDWARD: Yeah, I'm not sure where this came from, Norton, it doesn't say. That's too bad. I was hoping that house was still there.

NORTON: No, the house has been gone for ... years.

EDWARD: Here, this is by; this is immigration roster of the Elliott Cut-Off Train. And your

Grandfather Bynon ---

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: --- came from New York, didn't he?

NORTON: Yeah, yeah.

EDWARD: And he came through the Umatilla Agency in August 28th, of 19---, 19---, August 28th, 1853.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Well they've got it kind of backwards Norton; they've got Pengra, P I N G R A, B. T., wife, one dependent. Dependent, I think, was Sarah? Was that her ---

NORTON: P I N G R A.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: B. T., that was Bynon.

EDWARD: Yeah, the person that took this immigrants at, they call it Utilla then, actually it's supposed to be Umatilla, messed up on this August 28th date, because that was your grandfather with wife and one dependent, which was Sarah.

NORTON: Well ---

EDWARD: Wasn't it?

NORTON: --- no, that was Aunt ---

EDWARD: Stella.

NORTON: Stella.

EDWARD: Stella.

NORTON: Aunt Stella.

EDWARD: Stella. Did you ever meet her?

NORTON: Oh yes, yes, I knew all of the --- all of the uncles and aunts. Dad was the only boy, the rest of them were all girls.

EDWARD: All girls.

NORTON: That is he was a twin, he had a twin brother that died when they was 7 years old.

EDWARD: Oh, oh.

NORTON: And so Dad was the only one that grew to maturity of the boy, the only boy in the family.

EDWARD: Only boy left.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: When was your, do you know when your grandfather's birth date was, Norton?

NORTON: Well I've got it upstairs.

EDWARD: I'm not sure what year either.

NORTON: Well I've got a birthday book up there, and its got it.

EDWARD: Okay. And then when Bynon went through Umatilla Agency, and the agent there took all the names from the people passing by in wagons.

NORTON: I see. Uh huh.

EDWARD: And then on August 30th, two days later, a William Pengra came by.

NORTON: Well now that was his brother.

EDWARD: His brother, right.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And they spelled it Pengra, P E N G R E, that's getting closer. So you can see the spellings ---

NORTON: You know I get mail to P E U G R A, and P E N G U E, and

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EDWARD: I imagine.

NORTON: I get all kinds of things.

EDWARD: It's not a common name, you know. So anyway your Grand-father Bynon came by August 28th, 1853, on this roster with wife and Stella, and his brother came two days later.

NORTON: Well they started out together.

EDWARD: Right.

NORTON: And they got separated a little bit. Grandfather was very; he wanted to do things right now. He lived 50 years before his time. He thought Eugene/Springfield were going to be one big city during his lifetime. (Laughter)

EDWARD: He, I mean he was really aggressive. Was he a hard worker?

NORTON: Oh yeah, aggressive.

EDWARD: Must have been a hard worker.

NORTON: Well he was a hard worker, but he was kind of, you might say, imaginative too

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NORTON: Oh yeah.

NORTON: --- and thought things were going to be a good deal different than they were.

EDWARD: Well he was, from what I've seen, and what little information there is on your Grandfather Bynon, there is not a lot of information about him, except through the Oregon Central Military Road.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And then I have maps, which --- I'll probably leave some of this stuff here, Norton, you'd probably like to look at it.

NORTON: He carried the vote from Oregon for Lincoln's second term.

EDWARD: Huh.

NORTON: The vote back to Washington, D. C.

EDWARD: You mean by ---

NORTON: By horseback.

EDWARD: By horse?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: That would be 1860?

NORTON: '60 --- was it '60, or was it '62, I don't remember now.

EDWARD: Yeah, one of the years, yeah I can't --- It was probably '62, because Lincoln elected him Surveyor General.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And I bet you it was '62.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: He went all the way back by horseback.

NORTON: Yeah. You appointed him, he didn't elect him.

EDWARD: Yeah, appointed him. He probably talked to Lincoln personally then.

NORTON: Oh, I don't doubt it, yeah.

EDWARD: It's just too bad there is just no record of, you know, of that.

NORTON: He was quite an orator, Grandpa was.

EDWARD: Was he?

NORTON: Yeah. He did a lot of talking. And he was, you know, he was, he had the first republican newspaper.

EDWARD: Yeah, *People's Press*.

NORTON: *People's Press*.

EDWARD: Here in Eugene.

NORTON: Eugene, yeah.

EDWARD: Was he a good writer?

NORTON: I imagine, I don't know, I never saw any.

EDWARD: Probably a better talker. (Laughter)

NORTON: Better talker.

EDWARD: I've got kind of a chronological order of some of the things that maybe we could spend just a little bit of time, Norton, and then I'm going to --- I think what I'm going to do, I'm going to leave some of this --- you'd like to look at some of this?

NORTON: Yeah, I wouldn't mind having some of it to look at.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: And you can pick it up ---

EDWARD: I'll pick it up later.

NORTON: Later.

EDWARD: Now your Grandfather Bynon had seven children, is that right?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Married Charlotte Stearns.

NORTON: Yeah, Charlotte Emery Stearns.

EDWARD: Charlotte Emery Stearns. And May 1st, 1849 in Winnebago County, Illinois. Do you know where your Grandfather Bynon got his education?

NORTON: Well evidently in New York, or in that area. I don't know anything about his education. He evidently was well educated for that time.

EDWARD: Must have been, because of all the businesses and ventures that he was involved in.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: He must have been a very smart man. Genesee County, New York, I --- you know that's no problem to find. But ---

NORTON: I think that's right.



EDWARD: He came to Oregon; we discussed that, in 1853.

NORTON: They moved out first from, and I'm not sure about this statement either, but they moved out to, into Illinois, and that's where he married Grandmother, was there.

EDWARD: Winnebago County.

NORTON: Winnebago County, and they were there long enough that their first child was about a year old when they, when they came across the plains.

EDWARD: That would be Stella.

NORTON: Stella.

EDWARD: How long did Stella live?

NORTON: Oh, she was quite a ---

EDWARD: Was she an old, quite old too?

NORTON: Yes. She lived in Portland.

EDWARD: Oh, your family must have a body chemistry that don't quit.

NORTON: The, see there was Stella, and Belle, and Anna, and there was one other. There was five, there was five women, five sisters.

EDWARD: Stella, Anna, Belle.

NORTON: Anna was the youngest one. Stella was the oldest, and I think Belle was next. There was, her name --- Stella married a Larason, and Belle married a Black, and they were both, lived in Portland area. And then there was, huh, I can't remember.

EDWARD: Well what was your father's name?

NORTON: William.

EDWARD: William, that's right.

NORTON: William, named after his uncle. William Joel was his middle name. W. J. Pengra.

EDWARD: And his father is ---

NORTON: Bynon.

EDWARD: Bynon. Oh this relative stuff, I get lost. Your father was born when?

NORTON: In Springfield.

EDWARD: In Springfield, in 18---

NORTON: '58, I think.

EDWARD: '58, '58, okay.

NORTON: I think that's right.

EDWARD: Okay. Anyway Bynon came --- do you think Bynon was wealthy when he traveled across on the Oregon Trail? Or did he

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NORTON: Well I don't think he was wealthy, but he wasn't a poor man.

EDWARD: But just smart.

NORTON: He had some property; he had some --- because of the way that they traveled, and the fact that they had money enough to buy some things that they needed on the road. He wasn't what you'd call a real poor man.

EDWARD: Uh huh. He was quite an intelligent man, you know.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Is there any diaries by him on that trek across the ---

NORTON: No, his wife kept a diary of their trip. It ended in Eastern Oregon when she became ill.

EDWARD: Uh huh, I'm pretty sure I've seen that, sure. Yeah.

NORTON: Uh huh. We have copies of that.

EDWARD: And the original is at the Oregon Historical Society isn't it?

NORTON: I think so.

EDWARD: Bynon, yeah, or Charlotte's. How, do you have any idea, Norton, how he

ended up here in Eugene/Springfield?

NORTON: Well he first homesteaded up above Natron.

EDWARD: Okay.

NORTON: Did you get that?

EDWARD: Huh uh.

NORTON: Well as you go through Natron and on up to ---

EDWARD: Following the river.

NORTON: Following the river, just a little ways above Natron there is a place where the --  
- there is a cut-off road that goes under the railroad, and that goes up to an old home  
there, and that's where he homesteaded was right there. I don't know how much land he  
took up, or anything about it. But I know that that's where he was, he first located when  
he first came here.

EDWARD: Wonder how they knew, of all this country, they just followed the streams  
probably, until they came to a place that wasn't deeded out or marked off.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Had to be.

NORTON: Well this place here had been staked when the folks came. And they climbed  
up on Skinner ---

EDWARD: Skinner.

NORTON: --- Butte and looked on out over the country here, and decided that this is  
where they wanted to locate. And they came out here and found this place that was all  
staked out, but the people were willing to depart with it. And they paid them five dollars in  
gold and an old horse pistol for it. (Laughter)

EDWARD: Oh brother. Now what year was that? You told me, I forgot.

NORTON: '51.

EDWARD: In '51. That's crazy, isn't it?

NORTON: Then they sold Chase Gardens, Frank and Jack Chase, they sold them, they came in here later.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: I don't remember the year, but they sold them 50 acres apiece, and loaned them grain to plant for the first year on it. And they returned the seed.

EDWARD: Huh. But Bynon went up the river, up the Willamette.

NORTON: He went up the river.

EDWARD: Up the Willamette, the middle fork of the Willamette and homesteaded.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And your father homesteaded ---

NORTON: No, my father didn't homestead.

EDWARD: Okay. Huh.

NORTON: My father was born while they lived in Springfield, after they moved down into Springfield.

EDWARD: That's right.

NORTON: And he worked in the mills that Grandfather owned there. Grandfather and William, his brother, were interested both in the sawmill and in the gristmill.

EDWARD: Is that right? But Bynon was, your grandfather, had the homestead up by Natron.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And then in '62, now wait, wait, wait, excuse me, Norton. In, actually maybe in '58 he started the *People's Press*.

NORTON: Yeah, that was in Eugene.

EDWARD: So in '53 he was up by Natron on his homestead, five years later,

approximately, he was on the *People's Press* paper, which was his wasn't it?

NORTON: Yes, it was his.

EDWARD: All his?

NORTON: That's the way I got it anyway.

EDWARD: Which was a republican paper.

NORTON: True, republican paper.

EDWARD: And he got it in a gunfight with somebody.

NORTON: Yeah. Well no.

EDWARD: Not really.

NORTON: The other fellow pulled a gun on him.

EDWARD: Pulled a gun on him, yeah.

NORTON: And tried to shoot him and, I mean, and that was a political proposition.

(Laughter) The other, it was the principal of the college that was started, the first college that was started in Eugene was up on college hill, right at the south end of Willamette Street, off to the right just a little bit. At the end of what was the end of Willamette Street.

EDWARD: Willamette at that time, yeah.

NORTON: And it was right up on the side of the hill there, as I understand it. And he was, the principal of the school was rather an outspoken, hot-tempered fellow, and he had written some things

--- he was a democrat.

EDWARD: Oh yeah, it had to be, because Bynon was a republican.

NORTON: And he had, was pretty sharp with his tongue, and had made some statements, and Grandpa wrote some things in the paper that contradicted him and he come looking for Grandpa, wanted him to apologize for what he had done. Of course Grandpa wouldn't do it, and he pulled a pistol on him. But --- oh those were the days.

EDWARD: Oh yeah, because some of those papers, you know, 1800's they said whatever they wanted to.

NORTON: Oh yeah.

EDWARD: Oh, you know, not compared to now.

NORTON: Nobody, there was no, it was really a free press in those days.

EDWARD: Yes. You could call somebody a bastard if you wanted to, and get away with it, you know. You can't do that anymore, hardly. But ---

NORTON: Well he may have called him that for all I know.

EDWARD: Yeah. It would be interesting. I have not seen any copies or any type of paper relating to that *People's Press*.

NORTON: Well I ---

EDWARD: Must be very few ---

NORTON: I don't know a thing about it, because that was way before my time.

EDWARD: Oh yeah. Way before mine. So he ---

NORTON: But ---

EDWARD: --- go ahead, Norton.

NORTON: There, I thought maybe there were some things in regard, there are, I know there are some things in regard to it, but I don't, I rather doubt if there was any of those papers left any-where.

EDWARD: Right. I don't know how long he had the paper, either.

NORTON: Well not too long.

EDWARD: Couldn't have been.

NORTON: No.

EDWARD: Couldn't have been.

NORTON: Not too long. Because he was changeable, he'd get one idea and start to

carrying it out. I think, well the college burned down that was up there. They had quite a time about that college. It was ---

EDWARD: What was it, the forerunner of the University of Oregon?

NORTON: Well it was before the University was started.

EDWARD: Or before, right.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Huh. Did --- now Pengra, he must have went back east in '62, or maybe late - -- no, he wouldn't go in the winter. I don't think he'd ride a horse in the winter.

NORTON: Not across the mountains.

EDWARD: No, huh uh.

NORTON: It evidently was in the spring.

EDWARD: And he went back and took the vote to, for the State of Oregon.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: So he must have traveled a lot around this state, from the time he had his homestead and ---

NORTON: Oh, he did, yeah.

EDWARD: --- at Natron.

NORTON: He located the baseline for the, all of the surveying that went on from that time on. The baseline runs right down through the valley here.

EDWARD: And he did a lot of surveying east of the mountain, you know.

NORTON: Oh yeah.

EDWARD: Out by LaPine, Crescent.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: All the townships --- I'll show you. I don't know whether you have seen some of these maps, Norton, but I'll probably leave those here. You'll get a kick out of all that.

His name is on that, Pengra.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: But in '62 he must have went back east, got appointed Oregon Surveyor General. He was probably --- I'm just taking guesses. I'm assuming he still had his homestead out by Natron.

NORTON: I don't think so, not that late.

EDWARD: Don't think so. Not that late?

NORTON: I think by that time he was --- I don't know just when the *People's Press* was organized, when that was.

EDWARD: Earliest date I have is '50, 1858.

NORTON: '58. Well that was about the time my dad was born.

EDWARD: Uh huh.

NORTON: And he had had a number of children in between that and when he came here. Because there was ---

EDWARD: Yeah, in five years.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: He is having kids, has got a homestead up at Natron, trying to run a paper. Goes back from '53, okay, '53 to '62 he had four kids, five kids. Has a homestead at Natron, starts a public press, paper, goes back east and carries the news of the Oregon vote. Gets elected Oregon Surveyor General in nine years.

NORTON: Yeah. And then after that he made these surveys for the old Military Road ---

EDWARD: Oh yeah.

NORTON: --- and up through Salt Creek, that route up there. And besides what he did in Eastern Oregon, you see.

EDWARD: Yeah, amazing.



NORTON: And besides that he was interested in a coalmine down at Coos Bay.

EDWARD: At Coos Bay?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Busy boy. Your dad was born 1858.

NORTON: I think of all the trouble that he and Grandmother had, was because he couldn't stay home.

EDWARD: He wasn't home.

NORTON: He was gone somewhere.

EDWARD: They had one kid after another. "Bung, bung, bung, bung, then he quit, and he was gone all the time.

NORTON: He'd come home and get her knocked up and then he'd take off. (Laughter)

EDWARD: See you later.

NORTON: Well there was another woman or two involved in the whole thing.

EDWARD: Oh well. Dirty old man.

NORTON: We thought at one time that they had done him out of all the money that he ever got a hold of.

EDWARD: We know that ---

NORTON: But when he passed away he still owned some of that property in Eastern Oregon.

EDWARD: At LaPine, around LaPine.

NORTON: Yeah. And he left, Dad was appointed his executor.

EDWARD: Your father?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: William.

NORTON: William. And Dad had all the bills that he had, to look after. And he had

plenty of them. And what to do with that place in Eastern Oregon --- well Dad run cattle over there for several years during the summertime. He'd drive them over there in the spring early, early as he could get through for the snow. And over the old Military Road.

EDWARD: Over the Military Road, right.

NORTON: And through by Crescent Lake.

EDWARD: Uh huh.

NORTON: And then he'd summer them over there until fall, and then drive them back over here and dispose of them. And at that, during that period, we were living at Coburg, just this side of Coburg about a mile. In fact it's the first place after you cross the bridge, on the right hand side. Well we had the whole bottoms in there too.

EDWARD: Now is that the, is that that old Spores house?

NORTON: The old Spores house.

EDWARD: Is that where your Grandpa Bynon died?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: In that old Spores house.

NORTON: Yeah, that's right.

EDWARD: Which is now remodeled.

NORTON: Well it probably is, because it was quite an old house at that time, as I remember it.

EDWARD: Yeah. Built in 1850 something or other, 1850 something. Anyway ---

NORTON: You got a picture of it there, I expect.

EDWARD: Maybe, I don't --- Let's see if this is, got to be it, it's got to be it.

NORTON: That's the house.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: That's the house that I lived in as a little boy, when my first memories are in

that area.

EDWARD: Now that's still there.

NORTON: Yeah, that's still there.

EDWARD: Beautiful home.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: I think they added on to the back of it.

NORTON: Well yes. In fact I'm not so sure but what that, this front part was added on to the other after it was built, after Spores first built it. Then he added this on, I think, from the way the house was shaped. Because there was a wing that run back, and it was the kitchen area. And then the front was just this piece across here. And Grandfather was housed in that corner.

EDWARD: Right in this room here?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Is that where Grandpa Bynon passed away?

NORTON: Yeah, that's right.

EDWARD: I'll probably leave this with you too, Norton. Now have you seen this?

NORTON: No, I don't think I have.

EDWARD: Chalk up another one. So he did all that stuff from the time they traveled the wagon train, Oregon Trail, until '62. Now in '64 he had this brilliant idea, he was going to build this Military Road, Bynon.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And he got together a bunch of people, Underwood was one. You've heard of Underwood?

NORTON: Oh yes.

EDWARD: I can't recall all of them; there was quite a few of them. And they organized,

the Oregon Central Military Road Company in --- April 14, 1864. Now that's a long, long story.

NORTON: Yeah, I suppose it was. Took quite awhile to get even the surveying done for it. I've been over that road.

EDWARD: Now that's why --- what I was going to ask you. What do you recall about that road, particularly up by Crescent Lake area?

NORTON: Well I don't recall anything about that road to amount to anything, except that it did go along the shore of Crescent Lake.

EDWARD: Uh huh.

NORTON: It went by Summit Lakes. There is more than one of them, they're kind of in a string, aren't they, the Summit Lakes?

EDWARD: Yeah, yeah, there is couple of them nip and tuck.

NORTON: Well the road went along the north shore of those lakes, and on the south shore of the Crescent, as I remember.

EDWARD: Right. Now ---

NORTON: And on the way up there is several places that are notable.

EDWARD: Rigdon.

NORTON: The Rigdon Ranch.

EDWARD: Hill.

NORTON: And Hills Ranch, yeah. Now the Hills Ranch, or one of the Hills married one of, one of my cousins. Now --- Aunt Ella was one of the other girls that I couldn't think of. Aunt Nell we called her, Aunt Nell Walker.

EDWARD: Oh yeah, okay, right, Walker.

NORTON: Yeah. And Earl Walker married the Hills girl.

EDWARD: Uh huh. Hills had quite a pile of kids. You know Hallie don't you?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Okay. What a character.

NORTON: I don't know her well, but I know --- I know about ---

EDWARD: She's ---

NORTON: Well anyway, so I know the family only through ---

EDWARD: The marriage.

NORTON: --- the marriage, yeah, between Earl and ---

EDWARD: And Nell.

NORTON: --- can't even think of ---

EDWARD: Nell.

NORTON: No, Nell was Earl's father, or mother.

EDWARD: Father --- mother.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Well we get into these relatives, I really get lost.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Hard for me to remember all of these. Who is related to who.

NORTON: Yeah. I'm related to so many people, I can't get any idea of them all.

EDWARD: You're a Pengra, that's for sure. Do you ---

NORTON: Well the Harlow's, there was 12 of the Harlow's. And the Califf's and the Day's.

EDWARD: Caleb's?

NORTON: Califf.

EDWARD: Califf, okay.

NORTON: C A --- Califf, and the Days, and I don't know how many more. There was several of them ---

EDWARD: Diamond was out here too someplace, John Diamond. He's buried out there next to your, where your grandfather passed away at the Coburg Cemetery.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Diamond Peak was named after him.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: He was running around out here. They all run around out here somewhere, you know.

NORTON: And the Campbell's, there was a Campbell, the old Campbell house is still down here.

EDWARD: Is it that big white one?

NORTON: Yeah, it's a big white house. It's about half way between here and Springfield.

EDWARD: I think I know which one that is.

NORTON: He had a homestead there. They tell stories about him. He --- in those days dog fennel, you know what dog fennel is?

EDWARD: No.

NORTON: Well it's a weed, and it just grew thicker than the hair on a dog you might say, all over the country.

EDWARD: Oh I see, yeah.

NORTON: And he thought he'd get away from it, and he went off down in the bottoms. He had some --- his land run clear down into the bottoms. And so he went down there and cleared out a tract, he was going to have a garden that didn't have any dog fennel in it. And it just come up with this ... he said he guessed it was just a natural production of the soil. (Laughter)

EDWARD: Yeah, no doubt, no doubt. Like some of these weeds we got nowadays.

NORTON: Anyhow ---

EDWARD: Did you, when your grandpa passed away, did you go with your father up, up the Oregon Central Military Road to LaPine and help run cattle back? Or, see you would have been 8, 7 or 8? You ever recall doing any of that, Norton?

NORTON: No, I was 6 when we moved from the place down there, moved to McMinnville, and we were down there about 5 years, 4 or 5 years. My oldest sister was old enough for college, and he wanted her to go to school at McMinnville. So we moved to McMinnville on her account.

EDWARD: I see.

NORTON: Dad sold the place down here, and I think he sold it to one of the Peilas.

EDWARD: Now your father built this house in 1908.

NORTON: '08.

EDWARD: 1908. 150 Garden Way, North Garden Way. He built this in 1908.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: He bought the, was it your father that bought the Spores old home?

NORTON: Yes, we bought that about, I don't think I was over a year, or a year and a half old when we moved down there.

EDWARD: So you lived in the Spores, quote, the Spores original ---NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: --- home from, oh 1898 until 1903.

NORTON: '03.

EDWARD: 1903. Went to McMinnville, came back in 1908, and your father built this house?

NORTON: Yeah, that's right, yeah. We lived in the old Harlow home, which was back off the road about a block or so.

EDWARD: Which is still standing.

NORTON: No.

EDWARD: Oh it isn't? That one not?

NORTON: No, no, that house was falling down when we built this one.

EDWARD: Oh really? Oh the original, the old Harlow?

NORTON: Yeah, the old Harlow. We lived in it one winter.

EDWARD: Uh huh. That must have been about 1904, or something, probably.

NORTON: No, no.

EDWARD: No, no, it would be later than that, that's right.

NORTON: It was in 1907, I think, that I came down here with Dad from McMinnville. And he came, he had been up here. I don't know just what he was doing, it may have been that he was across the mountains and just came home that fall from over there.

EDWARD: Because he was taking care of Bynon's old ranch over by LaPine.

NORTON: Yeah. And he traded that, as I understood it, for a bunch of horses. And he -- his brother-in-law was so mad at him that he wouldn't speak to him for quite a little while.

EDWARD: Because the way I understand it, Bynon had at least 340 acres, around in there, at one time over by LaPine.

NORTON: Yeah, I think so.

EDWARD: And then --- because there was a post office named for your granddad, called Pengra.

NORTON: Pengra Post Office, over there.

EDWARD: In 1886, so it had to be on, either on his homestead or

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NORTON: Right close to it.

EDWARD: --- right close to it, yeah. And then that was, that was the ---

NORTON: As I understood it, that was probably north of LaPine.

EDWARD: Right, right.



NORTON: That's what I heard. I never knew anything.

EDWARD: Yeah. It's really hard to get records going back that far, because a lot of them are gone, you know. It's not hard, but you might get lucky, you might not.

NORTON: You don't know exactly where you're going to find it.

EDWARD: No.

NORTON: I don't know whether they would have anything in regard to the post office in the archives of, back in Washington, D. C.

EDWARD: Yeah, it's in Washington, D. C. That post office was established January 18th, which is a funny month, really, 1886, and was closed down December 22, 1888. Now that's kind of after your Grandfather Bynon got in trouble with this Oregon Central Military Road mess, you know, because of the land grant situation, which was a ---

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: You go on and on about that. We'll talk about that one of these days. But I don't know when ---

NORTON: That I didn't know too much about.

EDWARD: I got --- I'll leave something with you to read, you'll probably find kind of interesting, that was done in 1936 by Mrs. Bruce. It was Henrietta Bruce. It was a master's thesis for the Department of History of the University of Oregon, September 1936. And your father, or father, your grandfather is all through this. You'll probably get a kick out of reading this. It's all the basic history, and the only basic history of the Oregon Central Military Road, right there. That's about it, except some of this stuff here, that's later. So we don't have --- The only thing I got, is Bynon Pengra was surveying with Huntington, the, what we call Highway 97 now.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: In early 1860's. In other words he wasn't here again, he was up there.

NORTON: Uh huh.

EDWARD: Over in Eastern Oregon. He might have taken up some of that property on the Little Deschutes then.

NORTON: Uh huh.

EDWARD: Because there is map here that says Thompson, Pengra, Huntington. And they were surveying the Huntington Road, that's what it used to be called, the Huntington Road, which now is basically Highway 97.

NORTON: 97.

EDWARD: In some parts, not all parts. Oh, there wasn't nothing over there then, there was nothing. I mean Klamath Falls was, you know, barely started.

NORTON: That's an easy country to make a road in; there is nothing there.

EDWARD: Yeah, it's pretty easy.

NORTON: If it wasn't for the jack pine, and the jack pine, you could pretty near pull them up with your hands.

EDWARD: Yeah. And another thing, you know, Mr. Menefee and I were going to flag part of that original road, but they have logged so much it's really hard to find some of it. But we found a buggy hub last summer, and what we're going to do is find, try to flag the road from where the original road went over Marsh Creek, clear to the Little Deschutes. I know where the road, what's left of it, by going through fifteen maps, figuring out within, you know, two blocks, going by section by section where the road went over the Little Deschutes. And I finally found it last summer. So we got about 9 miles of road to flag, and I know where some of it is, but I don't think anybody has been around. That's where I found that bag --- that bag, bag, that buggy hub. Oh, my heart just jumped up in the air. You could still see where they blazed the trees.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: You know they chop, then they ---

NORTON: Yeah, yeah, I know what you mean.

EDWARD: I brought one stump back, but I leave everything alone, you know. There were quite a few of them. So anyway I have some diaries, sort of diaries, that Bynon wrote. Of course you know that he discovered O'Dell Lake.

NORTON: Discovered what?

EDWARD: Him and O'Dell, when they ---

NORTON: Oh, O'Dell Lake.

EDWARD: Lake.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: They climbed O'Dell Butte. You know all about that, Bynon?

NORTON: No.

EDWARD: You don't?

NORTON: I don't know much about anything over there, actually.

EDWARD: Huh. Yeah, Pengra and O'Dell were camped at Big Marsh Creek where Menefee's own. Don Menefee owns that.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And they decided one day, I think it was July 14th, 1865, --- you know what they used to do, you know, they'd climb mountains so they could ---

NORTON: See around.

EDWARD: --- see around. So O'Dell Butte is about 7,000 some feet. It's fairly easy --- well it's not easy to climb, but I mean it's, you know, it's not straight up and down.

NORTON: Reasonably ---

EDWARD: Yeah. These guys must have been healthy or something. Probably didn't smoke and drink for one thing. So they climbed that Butte, and they knew that Crescent

Lake was there, but nobody had gone any further west to see O'Dell Lake, or north, northwest. They get on top of O'Dell Butte, and they go, my god there is a big lake over there. So Pengra named it for O'Dell, and named O'Dell Butte for O'Dell.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: I think it was William O'Dell.

NORTON: Could have been.

EDWARD: I believe. I've got it all written down. But that was quite interesting. And of course Pengra has got three --- there is Pengra Pass, Pengra Railroad Siding, which is up by Natron.

NORTON: Yeah, Natron.

EDWARD: And then Pengra, the old post office. But you never traveled the Oregon Central Military Road to go over to LaPine with your father, huh, to bring back cattle?

NORTON: I didn't, no. My brother did.

EDWARD: Your brother did.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Shoot. One thing I'm trying to collect is, as much --- not hearsay, but real knowledge of that Oregon Central Military Road, and people actually passed over it, and used it, and that's getting hard. Norton, by any chance, do you happen to know Paul Jones?

NORTON: Paul Jones.

EDWARD: Lives out here on Armitage Road. His father and mother, and when he was one year old, left Eugene in a wagon in 1910, went up to Crescent, homesteaded from 1910 to 1917, just the three of them. Took them three days by wagon to get from there to Bend.

NORTON: I can imagine that.

EDWARD: Built a little shack in 1910, stayed in a little shack. How they lived, I don't know. But that was right next to Hamner's place, Black Rock Ranch. I've got pictures of that going way, way back there. Let me, I want to double check that, Norton, on your grandfather's ---

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NORTON: ... heard a lot of stories from their grandparents and so forth at that time. But Grandfather, during my experience with him while he was at out house before he died, was in no shape to tell anybody stories. He was a sick man. He had, well he had cancer of the rectum.

EDWARD: Huh.

NORTON: He was in bad shape. I just got in my mind a picture of him holding his hind end, going out to the toilet. And as far as my having any conversation with him, it was very small.

EDWARD: He, what did your father --- did your father ever say anything, what, did he say anything about Bynon?

NORTON: As little as possible.

EDWARD: (Laughter) But I'd like to, you know, see what kind of guy this was.

NORTON: Grandmother never talked about him at all. She was through with him.

EDWARD: Do you think that Bynon ---

NORTON: He wanted her to come and help take care of him while he was ---

EDWARD: In the last ---

NORTON: The last days. And she wouldn't do it. She said, "No, I won't help care for him. I'll come and do the cooking and do the housework," and left mother to do that. And she did, she took ---

EDWARD: Your mother?

NORTON: Yeah. Mother did most of the caring for him.

EDWARD: Do you think Bynon was so busy and active and --- he was always doing something?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And he just didn't spend enough time with his family?

NORTON: That's right.

EDWARD: Think that is what it is, Norton?

NORTON: That is what I think was what was all the trouble ... Because as long as he stayed at home and was in business, why there was no trouble, as far as I know.

EDWARD: It seemed like he had, you know, a pretty nice home, you know, there in Springfield.

NORTON: Yes, they had a nice home.

EDWARD: And your grandmother --- wait, what was Bynon's --- Charlotte. Your Grandmother Charlotte?

NORTON: Charlotte.

EDWARD: She passed away at the house in Springfield?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: Around 1912, I've got the date upstairs, but it was around 1912.

EDWARD: Boy you guys have age on your family. Geeze.

NORTON: Well she was 80, or a little past, I believe, when she passed away. My mother was 84. Dad was about 70, or 69 I think, when he passed away in 1927. He had, I'm sure that he had cancer of the prostate.

EDWARD: Boy oh boy, not much they could do then.

NORTON: I have, he was, I know I helped him back and forth to the bathroom. We, at that time, during the early 1920's, about 1924 I think it was, that we got electricity here, and put in the electric pump and that. We had a bathroom, as such, upstairs, off the kitchen.

EDWARD: Was it an ott house type, or out house, I mean?

NORTON: No, it as just a room before a bath, but there was no bath in it.

EDWARD: Oh, oh.

NORTON: We had that room, and we just used it as sort of a storeroom. And then when we got the running water why we put in the bathtub and toilet in there. And at his death, why we were using that, that was --- So I helped him back and forth to the bathroom a time or two.

EDWARD: What is your wife's name, Norton, I never asked?

NORTON: Iva.

EDWARD: Iva.

NORTON: I V A.

EDWARD: When did you guys get married? You got married in 1918?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Yeah. I V A ?

NORTON: Iva J., Iva Jeanette.

EDWARD: Jeanette. And she was a ---

NORTON: Her name was Hill.

EDWARD: Hill, okay.

NORTON: Her father was an Irishman that had been --- his name was Daugherty. When he was born, he was born to a family by the name of Daugherty. And something happened in the family and he was just shuttled off to another family by the name of Hill,

and took the Hill name. So that's the story of that.

EDWARD: Huh. What I need to do, Bynon --- oh do you have some stuff --- are you getting cold --- you alright, you getting cold or ---

NORTON: No, I'm all right, as far as that's concerned.

EDWARD: I don't even know what time it is, I have no idea.

NORTON: Well it's 3 o'clock, ten minutes after.

EDWARD: I've got a lot of questions, but I don't want to hold you that long, Bynon --- or Bynon --- I got Bynon on my brain, Norton. I can just see Bynon, he must have been a --- I, you know, as much as he did in riding horses and going here and there, boy --- that's rough. And he had some stuff, he had some businesses in Springfield too, or something, didn't he?

NORTON: Oh yes, Springfield was where he'd had most of his businesses.

EDWARD: Big sawmill or ---

NORTON: Sawmill and a gristmill. Dad worked in the gristmill, as a young man, for ---

EDWARD: Your father?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: William, I think.

NORTON: Dad was a small man. He wore a 6 or 7 shoe, and he weighed around 130 pounds. But he was awfully strong from working in that flour mill, and wrestling wheat and flour around.

EDWARD: Do you know where that mill site is, or was?

NORTON: Well the old gristmill is right where the last gristmill there was. Was right at the south end of Mill Street.

EDWARD: South end of Mill Street.

NORTON: In Springfield.



EDWARD: In Springfield.

NORTON: And the sawmill was up --- see they dredged the millrace from up the Willamette further, down in through Springfield, and out into the river just south of where the bridge is.

EDWARD: Where the bridge is. Is that what that little creek thing is?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: That was an old ---

NORTON: That was the, that was the millrace.

EDWARD: Oh, okay.

NORTON: And they run logs down that millrace to the sawmill, from the river.

EDWARD: Uh huh.

NORTON: And then the water came on down through to the gristmill, and turned the grist mill wheel.

EDWARD: Probably nothing left. Do you have any pictures of any of that, Norton?

NORTON: I don't have any pictures of that sort of thing at all.

EDWARD: Yeah. I'm going to go; I'll go check that out. I'm going to go rummage around over there, get in my mind what all that was.

NORTON: Of course the millrace is still there.

EDWARD: Right.

NORTON: And it still feeds the millponds above the, up in there where the sawmill used to be. And I worked in that sawmill one winter. But I decided that I didn't want to make a career of it. (Laughter)

EDWARD: I don't know when your grandfather built that sawmill, in the ...

NORTON: Well I'm not so sure that he built it.

EDWARD: Oh, oh, okay.

NORTON: But he owned it, he bought it, apparently.

EDWARD: When did it, when did it --- did it burn down, or did it just go to waste and fall over?

NORTON: I don't know.

EDWARD: I don't know either.

NORTON: The gristmill burned down at one time.

EDWARD: I think so. I think I've seen that somewhere. And I don't know anything about that sawmill.

NORTON: And it was rebuilt right away.

EDWARD: I would guess that that sawmill was built in the '60's, I would guess.

NORTON: Well ---

EDWARD: Or maybe '70.

NORTON: I would think along in that time. Probably the late '60's or early '70's.

EDWARD: Uh huh.

NORTON: Because ---

EDWARD: Well now, you know, he was, he had to go to Portland too, you know.

NORTON: Oh yes, he was in Portland quite a bit.

EDWARD: He must have had a fast horse.

NORTON: (Laughter)

EDWARD: Because this is the, ... Oregon Central Military Road, unfortunately it doesn't have a signature.

NORTON: Any signatures.

EDWARD: Signatures. And this occurred, this \$100,000.00 capitol stock didn't occur until about 1867. And a company was started in 1864, but the actual, that amount of capitol didn't occur until about 1867. And here we're talking \$250 each, and the date on

here is still 1806, you know, 1860. So he pretty well, and I think he was the president of the OCMR, '64 to '68, '69, around in there. I've got all that information, I just have to --- I think it was '69. It's a wonder I can remember all this stuff. I'll tell you what; you want this Norton, just for fun?

NORTON: I wouldn't mind having it as far as that goes. I don't want to take any of ---

EDWARD: Oh I got, I got a photocopier. Don't know where the original is?

NORTON: No.

EDWARD: Don't have any idea where the original of that is? Thank heavens somebody has got a copy of it.

NORTON: Here is a copy of the family tree.

EDWARD: Oh, oh, okay.

NORTON: Now here is --- we're starting here. Oh, here it is down here. Stearns, Pengra and ---

EDWARD: George Pengra.

NORTON: George, George yeah, there was a George now. You see it come off here there was Anna, and William, and George was the one that died.

EDWARD: Died, the young one.

NORTON: Yeah. And on this side over here you've got Stella Pengra.

EDWARD: Okay.

NORTON: Larison and ---

EDWARD: And Ella.

NORTON: Ella.

EDWARD: And ---

NORTON: Walker, and Bill Pengra Black.

EDWARD: One, two, three, four, five, six ---

NORTON: And then this would be the seventh.

EDWARD: Yeah. Norton, can I make copies of this stuff?

NORTON: As far as I'm concerned, yes.

EDWARD: Just take off --- I'll trade, I'll give you all my stuff to look at, and then I come and get your stuff.

NORTON: This is my family.

EDWARD: That's your --- I was going to ask you about --- now there is Byron, okay.

NORTON: That's Byron.

EDWARD: Jim, Don, Janie.

NORTON: Jane.

EDWARD: Margie.

NORTON: And ---

EDWARD: Was that ... can't read that.

NORTON: This is Maylin.

EDWARD: Maylin.

NORTON: Yeah. Now this was the oldest, this is the next one, this is the next. I don't know why they turned that around. And then this one, and then this one, and there is Jim Pengra, is the baby. That's my family.

EDWARD: How --- are all of them still alive, Norton?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Geeze, really?

NORTON: Yeah. We sure haven't been a death; knock on wood, there hasn't been a death in the family at all. The young children, the grandchildren, I have 22 grandchildren.

EDWARD: Oh man.

NORTON: I've got 24 great-grandchildren. And every one of them is perfectly all right,

not a dummy in the bunch.

EDWARD: You guy's religious?

NORTON: Yes, you bet I am.

EDWARD: My father is a minister.

NORTON: Is that so.

EDWARD: Yeah, he is 74, and he just keeps going. The only one --- there is one, isn't there one that lives in Eugene?

NORTON: One of them did live in Eugene.

EDWARD: Oh, okay. There is another Pengra, and that's the only one I've ever seen.

NORTON: Yeah, Arthur Pengra was my brother, just, well I had a sister between me and --- he was the fourth one in the family. There was Lottie, and Edith, and Paul, and then Arthur, and then Francis, and then Norton.

EDWARD: And then you.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Boy. A lot of children.

NORTON: I think that they were married in 1884, I think. And my sister, oldest sister was born in '85, and I was born in '96. So you see she was 12 years older than I.

EDWARD: Yeah, yeah there is quite of difference in span there.

NORTON: Yeah. They run pretty near two years apart.

EDWARD: Because your father was born in '58.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And you were born in '96. He was ---

NORTON: 38.

EDWARD: --- 38.

NORTON: Yeah, mother was 42.

EDWARD: Whew. That was probably; well maybe it wasn't that old to have children then.

NORTON: Well it was. You didn't find very many people that were, that had them any later than that.

EDWARD: Yeah, right. What the heck did they do for birth control, I don't know?

NORTON: This has to do with my grandmother, or the Harlows.

EDWARD: Tandy, Tandy?

NORTON: Tandy.

EDWARD: You related to ---

NORTON: My great-great-grandmother Tandy.

EDWARD: Oh, because there was a Tandy that, do you know, went over 1852. Tandy Walker, Walker Mountain was named after Walker. Tandy was with them; Diamond was with them, Masey.

NORTON: Well, '52.

EDWARD: That was '52.

NORTON: '52, you see they came in '51, and the Tandy boys came with them.

EDWARD: It had to be the same one.

NORTON: Probably was.

EDWARD: Do you have their journal?

NORTON: Huh, no.

EDWARD: I do, I think.

NORTON: There was, Grandmother had quite a family, great grandmother had quite a family.

EDWARD: Is that Sarah McClure?

NORTON: McClure, yeah.

EDWARD: I have, I don't believe this ---

NORTON: Frances B. Tandy was my grandmother, Maylin H. Harlow. They were --- 1811 to 1896. Grandfather died the year I was born, I never knew him. But I knew grandmother, because she lived until about 1910, or '11, along in there. She was 96.

EDWARD: (Laughter) You guys must be hard workers or something.

NORTON: Now this is the William Snelling and Sarah Scott Snelling, that was 1864 --- or 1764 to 1813, and 1766 to 1849. That was that family.

EDWARD: Wow, look at the ages.

NORTON: And Henry Tandy was down --- I guess that come of this here.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: But the Snelling's and Haggard's, and there was Donald Snelling and Vincent Snelling, and Theodothia Snelling.

EDWARD: Theodothia.

NORTON: (Laughter)

EDWARD: Boy, that's an oldie. Never heard of that before.

NORTON: And all of them.

EDWARD: You know I have a book that I bought out here at Ayers, you know, old Ayers Farm?

NORTON: Yeah. Mary Ayers was a first cousin of my mother.

EDWARD: Yeah, because I forgot about the Ayers, they were out here --- when your grandpa was running around out here, almost, not quite. I have a book that belonged to Sarah McClure, that she's got her name in it.

NORTON: Yeah, I wouldn't be surprised.

EDWARD: And then the Tandy, William ---

NORTON: William and Robert.

EDWARD: Yeah, William, Robert --- I'll be doggoned. They were in 1852.

NORTON: They were my great uncles. They were my mother's uncles.

EDWARD: But there weren't --- I can see why, because there wasn't a lot of people, you know.

NORTON: No. The First Baptist Church of Eugene, what is now the First Baptist Church of Eugene, was organized right here on this place, in my grandfather and grandmother's home. Seven people organized that church.

EDWARD: Was Tandy one of them?

NORTON: Mrs. Tandy was, yeah, the grandmother.

EDWARD: Doggone. So most of this is all your family ---

NORTON: Background on both sides. I don't know what else is in here.

EDWARD: ... Oh, that's of your grandma. I think I have this somewhere.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: In one of --- I have a whole mess of journals.

NORTON: But the background of, early background of the Pengra family goes clear back into the 1600's, that I had, it's here somewhere.

EDWARD: Oh brother.

NORTON: And there were a lot of them were named, and old family name, an old Bible name ---

EDWARD: Jacob, Moses.

NORTON: Moses, Moses is right.

EDWARD: Moses.

NORTON: Moses Pengra, and it goes down from generation to generation, Moses Pengra, Moses Pengra, Moses Pengra.

EDWARD: Huh.



NORTON: Until it come down to mine, my descendent was a Marshall Pengra. He was the son of Moses.

EDWARD: This ---

NORTON: This is in the Tandy ---

EDWARD: Yeah, Tandy, McClure, Bushnell, they all came at the same time.

NORTON: All came at the same time.

EDWARD: Right. And they took that new cut-off, I'm sure of it.

NORTON: Now the Bushnell place was right over here at, where Harlow joins Coburg Road, Harlow Road.

EDWARD: Oh, okay.

NORTON: Right across the road there is the old Bushnell property. And right up the road about a block and a half or so was the old Bushnell home. It's a big old, I think the old house is still there.

EDWARD: Huh. Yeah, these are, I think one of the --- I thought one of the Tandy's died quite young, but evidently they ---

NORTON: No, they lived to, lived to a pretty fair age.

EDWARD: Yeah, I've got some information on that.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: They were on that Elliott --- I think that they were on that Elliott wagon train. I can tell you, what am I thinking of, it's right here. But maybe not --- Tandy, Robert Tandy.

NORTON: Yeah, that's right.

EDWARD: Right, that guy, there is Robert. Born January 4th, 1831. Yeah, that's him.

NORTON: Died in 1905.

EDWARD: Yes, November 22nd, 1905.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Never married.

NORTON: The other one was a little older; he was born 1827, and died in 1911.

EDWARD: Yeah, Robert was the one that was with the lost, that Elliott Wagon Train.

NORTON: Yeah, he was the younger one of the two.

EDWARD: I don't have William, he wasn't with that train. But Bushnell, Bushnell, let's see, just for fun. Bushnell, John, what have we got here? We got Joshua ---

NORTON: No, Jemima.

EDWARD: Jemima?

NORTON: Jemima B. Bushnell.

EDWARD: Have I got this spelled right?

NORTON: They called her Aunt Mime.

EDWARD: Jason Bushnell, Martha, John, Mrs. Ursula Bushnell. No, I don't see him.

NORTON: I never knew the Bushnell children, except Ed. Will Bushnell lived on the old place over here, and I was acquainted with him. But I didn't know the rest of the family.

EDWARD: Yeah, they came too, ...

NORTON: Except I have been at the house when I was just a kid, in the old Bushnell home. That was when William was a small boy. He was older than I was.

EDWARD: Oh yeah, yeah. What else have you got in there, Norton? How am I going to do this? I won't be back until Thursday.

NORTON: I don't know what else there is.

EDWARD: I can photo copy that stuff. See I'm a schoolteacher.

NORTON: Oh, are you?

EDWARD: Yeah. And I can photo copy that, but I wouldn't be able to get it back to you until Thursday or Friday.

NORTON: Well I wouldn't mind that part ... Harlow family reunion picnic. I suppose this

is another one, we had a number of them.

EDWARD: Oh boy, I can imagine. You got so many people.

NORTON: Oh, this is what I received from Mrs. Neigler over in --- Mrs. Neigler was the party that contacted me in regard to this book.

EDWARD: Oh, oh, oh, okay.

NORTON: That's the letter she wrote me about it. Family charts, David and ... Stearns.

EDWARD: Stearns, that's your grandmother's side.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Yeah, somebody got that figured out, didn't they?

NORTON: Yeah, that's ---

EDWARD: Oh my lord, ... boy there is a lot of historical names there. Yeah.

NORTON: ...

EDWARD: I can't remember what they did, but they did something, something important. I can't --- I lost it. I think that they built a, I think they built a hotel, rest stop up on Graves Creek.

NORTON: Where?

EDWARD: Graves Creek was on the Applegate Trail.

NORTON: Oh. Well the Stearns, most of them, of course Grandmother came with Grandfather. But the Stearns tribe, the rest of them, went into Southern Oregon.

EDWARD: Yeah, right.

NORTON: Down around Grants Pass and ---

EDWARD: Yeah, this is just this side of Grants Pass, about 20 miles.

NORTON: Yeah, yeah.

EDWARD: That has to be the same people.

NORTON: Yeah, yeah.

EDWARD: Yeah. Oh I don't know how I'm --- oh --- well anyway, I try to remember most of this, but ---

NORTON: I didn't know --- I knew Orson, Orson came to our place, I remember him. But the rest of these I'm not sure whether it was this Orson, because there is Oscar and Orson, and ...

EDWARD: George.

NORTON: George. That isn't all of them, because ---

EDWARD: There is quite a few of them, huh?

NORTON: David Stearns --- well there was a John Stearns too. I was thinking that John Stearns was Grandmother's father.

NORTON: Well you got 22 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren, oh, I don't know how you keep track of all that, I really don't. Man it's a lot of people, a lot of people.

NORTON: Emil Stearns was one of them that contacted me. He was writing, he was writing a family newspaper.

EDWARD: Oh, wow. Have produced a 100 books, still a few left. Family newsletter.

NORTON: He sent me several of them. What's this here?

EDWARD: Now there --- now, okay, oh that's out of the ---

NORTON: That's the house.

EDWARD: Now where --- this is what it looks like now.

NORTON: This is my grandfather ---

EDWARD: Oh.

NORTON: And this was my grandmother.

EDWARD: Yeah, that, he ---

NORTON: That's the old house that I ---

EDWARD: Yeah, there is that backside. You must have just taken this --- this is, I

remember this. I can't remember, '83. '83, '83 --- this is what ---

NORTON: That's B. J. Pengra.

EDWARD: I can get --- if I get, if I got this re-copied, it takes about two weeks. Is that possible, Norton?

NORTON: Well yes.

EDWARD: You know what you do, they put it down, and then they take another picture of it.

NORTON: Uh huh.

EDWARD: And that's how I got --- whatever happened --- oh, I probably got all these photos. It's a little expensive, but it's the only way you can do it. And this is your grandmother.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: And she was Charlotte ---

NORTON: She was Frances Emily Stearns.

EDWARD: Now who --- this isn't Charlotte?

NORTON: Charlotte Emily Stearns.

EDWARD: Charlotte Emily Stearns. That's quite young.

NORTON: C. E. Pengra.

EDWARD: Yeah, that's quite young.

NORTON: That was, I don't know just when it was taken. That probably is a photo of an old tintype.

EDWARD: Yeah, right, right.

NORTON: As far as ---

EDWARD: Yeah. Yeah, that --- I don't recall who ---

NORTON: That's one of my ...

EDWARD: I was going to ask you, I thought that's what you did. Whose big barn is that down there?

NORTON: That was Jack Chases.

EDWARD: Oh, that's Chases?

NORTON: Uh huh.

EDWARD: Mrs. Howard A. Hall.

NORTON: Howard Hall was a ---

EDWARD: Was he a painter?

NORTON: Uh huh. And she was --- oh what was her name when she was, before she was married?

EDWARD: I knew a Howard Hall, a teacher. He was a teacher ... it probably says in there, Norton. Dunn?

NORTON: Dunn.

EDWARD: Dunn. Great-grandparents, Daniel Christian --- There is a bunch of Dunn's buried out here at Coburg. Or is that VanDuyn?

NORTON: VanDuyn, there is ...

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: This is May of 1966.

EDWARD: Yeah, VanDuyn, that's who I was thinking of.

NORTON: Williams.

EDWARD: Williams.

NORTON: Her name was Williams. She and my --- she was a distant cousin.

EDWARD: You've probably got cousins scattered from here to ---

NORTON: She had, there was only, well she had one brother and two sisters, that was a smaller family. And he run the grist mill in Eugene ... There was a grist mill just across

the bridge, well it run off the old millrace, before the millrace was, went under the

---

EDWARD: Oh, oh, okay, okay. Same ---

NORTON: Just before it went into the river.

EDWARD: Do you know of anybody, Norton, that has any documents of, by Bynon, or any signatures or maps, or anything like that?

NORTON: No, I really don't. Outside of what you'd be able to find over at the ---

EDWARD: Library.

NORTON: --- library ---

EDWARD: The Pioneer Museum.

NORTON: --- or the historical museum over there.

EDWARD: Yeah, yeah. For example, you know, I was just wondering where this photograph came from. It might be gone.

NORTON: Well my brother, Arthur, wife, has a big picture of this. But this was taken ...

EDWARD: Oh I see, okay. Yeah, I could have that redone. Now do you have any more photographs or anything like that, Norton?

NORTON: I don't know what's all, was in here that you could take.

EDWARD: Yeah, just look.

NORTON: I haven't ---

EDWARD: Some of the things you kept, huh?

NORTON: What was this picture of?

EDWARD: This, more than a hundred years old house ---

NORTON: This is another view of the house in Springfield.

EDWARD: Oh. Now see they might have copies of that, you see.

NORTON: *Springfield News*.

EDWARD: Oh.

NORTON: This was when it was being torn down.

EDWARD: Oh great. Kind of a sad sight, isn't it?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Yeah now, see what I could do, Norton, is go over to *Springfield News*, have them look this up with that date, and they might, might, have a copy of it.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: See.

NORTON: Probably would.

EDWARD: Maybe. That's getting back there a ways though.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Sometimes they keep them, sometimes they don't. That's too bad, don't understand. The same two windows, but they have recovered it. Would like to know where that came from, sure would.

NORTON: Well that's my grandmother standing out there in front.

EDWARD: Which one do you think, this one?

NORTON: Let me see.

EDWARD: Boy that's hard to see.

NORTON: Well I'm not sure who the other person is there, but that is Grandmother, there is no question about that.

EDWARD: The one at the gate. Who is this lady? Norton did this. I could ... I can probably find out where she got those. Well I'll have to get a hold of her. I'm going to leave that and let you take a look at that.

NORTON: Okay.

EDWARD: Well you want me to just go through that stuff, Norton, and see?



NORTON: Well ---

EDWARD: Is that all right?

NORTON: If you want to, you can take this.

EDWARD: You never know, like that, see they'll give me a date or something I can look up. Just anything to look up.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: I've been doing it for so long. Well actually not too long though.

NORTON: Here is some more pictures. Now this is of the Tandy's, Henry and Ann Mills Tandy. Now that's my great-great-grandfather and mother.

EDWARD: Great-great-grandfather on your mother's side.

NORTON: My mother's --- yeah.

EDWARD: Oh.

NORTON: And this is Mother. This is my mother.

EDWARD: That's your mom.

NORTON: And this was my uncle, the youngest one of the family. And this was Jude, one just older than Mother. And this is Mime, Aunt Mime, Jemima. And this is Grandfather and Grandmother Harlow.

EDWARD: Okay. Grandfather and Grandmother Harlow. Which his first name was ---

NORTON: Malin.

EDWARD: Malin.

NORTON: M. H. Pengra.

EDWARD: Who in the world ---

NORTON: Or M. H. Harlow.

EDWARD: Harlow. Who in the heck was Malin Sweep?

NORTON: I don't know.

EDWARD: Oh that's another ---

NORTON: Another ---

EDWARD: --- bunch of hooey, huh?

NORTON: ... bunch entirely.

EDWARD: 1873. Grandma and Grandpa Harlow and Uncle Anderson.

NORTON: Uncle Anderson was the oldest boy.

EDWARD: Grandma and Grandpa Harlow. This is your Mom's ---

NORTON: My mother's mother.

EDWARD: Mother and father.

NORTON: And father. No, not the father --- well yes it was. And that's the baby.

EDWARD: And that's the baby.

NORTON: Yeah. He was the ---

EDWARD: Boy this get confusing. Okay, that's the same one.

NORTON: Now that's my Uncle Henry Harlow at the picnic, one of the picnics.

EDWARD: Oh geeze, that's an old, that's about '20's.

NORTON: That was taken back in the '20's, or early '30's, some-where back in there.

EDWARD: 1930, August. H. C. Harlow and Donald Pengra.

NORTON: That's my boy.

EDWARD: Cute little devil.

NORTON: They were the two smallest children there. This is my boy right here. Donald and --- oldest and youngest at the reunion.

EDWARD: That looks like --- that's out at Armitage.

NORTON: Huh? Armitage Park.

EDWARD: Yeah, that's at Armitage.

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: I can tell by those trees there.

NORTON: Yeah, that's at Armitage Park.

EDWARD: Oh that's --- Oh, oops, I'll get them Norton. Okay, that's same. Aunt Nell.

NORTON: Ella Walker.

EDWARD: Aunt --- Nell Walker, Walker.

NORTON: This is my father.

EDWARD: Oh that's you ---

NORTON: And that's Nell Walker, and that was a Pengra from back in Wisconsin that came out here.

EDWARD: Winfield F. Pengra.

NORTON: Winfield Pengra.

EDWARD: 1920. That's right here, that's out in front of your house?

NORTON: Yeah, was right here in front of the house.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NORTON: This is that Emil Stearns that --- Now that's the old Harlow ---

EDWARD: Harlow House.

NORTON: Yeah, the old Harlow House.

EDWARD: Now that looks familiar. 10-18-39.

NORTON: Here is another view of Grandfather Pengra.

EDWARD: That is a big house.

NORTON: It was a big house. Now in this, you went in the front door here, and turned to the, into the hallway, and turned to the left and you were in the living room. And then there was a bedroom here, and another bedroom over here. Then when you turned to the right inside there, you went into the parlor, and then there were two bedrooms down to the end there. And ---

EDWARD: That is big.

NORTON: Here --- the chimney goes right up ---

IVA HILL PENGRA: Dad.

NORTON: Yeah.

IVA: We got company.

NORTON: What?

EDWARD: You got company, Norton.

NORTON: Oh.

EDWARD: We better; I'll let you go ahead.

NORTON: It was a big chimney that went up through the ... And there was a fireplace on the, in the living room, and another one in the parlor. And it used the same chimney up through ---

EDWARD: Okay.

NORTON: And we had the fireplace front, and the mantle area that was in the parlor in our house here.

EDWARD: Oh, in this one?

NORTON: Yeah.

EDWARD: Boy, that's a big place. Okay, that's Grandpa.

NORTON: That's Grandpa.

EDWARD: Okay, we got that one. That's your --- Harlow, no.

NORTON: Yeah, yeah.

EDWARD: Yeah, yeah.

NORTON: That's Harlow. This is taken in front of the old house out there, and that's the family, that's the ...

EDWARD: Oh, they're all marked.

NORTON: Yeah, they're all marked. And this is taken right here on the place. This I don't remember what his name was, but that's me.

EDWARD: Oh really? That's Norton. Boy you look spiffy.

NORTON: And this is Mother, and this is my sister and her little girl.

EDWARD: Boy, you look good. Oh ---

NORTON: And this was taken down at the family reunion, with pictures, that one. And this was the family in front of the old house.

EDWARD: Out on, you mean Spores old house?

NORTON: No, the old house here.

EDWARD: Here.

NORTON: The old Harlow ...

EDWARD: That's right.

NORTON: This is Grandfather and Grandmother and their children and grandchildren.

EDWARD: And this is Harlow's, okay.

NORTON: Yeah. This is practically; well no this is taken at a different view. But it's the same people practically.

EDWARD: Norton, we better get you upstairs, or they're going to have a fit.

NORTON: Yeah, I'm going to have to ---

EDWARD: Well let me take --- here. What do I want to leave with you? I want to leave something with you here. I'll take it up-stairs though.

NORTON: Well let's leave it right down here.

EDWARD: Oh, okay. I want to leave this. I want you to read that, because that has a Starnes, Stearns I mean, and then I --- you don't want that, it doesn't tell much. I want to leave you, leave you this. I think --- okay.

NORTON: Okay.

EDWARD: This you don't need because that's just a bunch of hoey. This, old Bancroft, he doesn't tell us anything about Pengra. I want to leave --- I've got to take it easy, this is old 1888 here. Geeze, believe it or not, Norton, I'm organized, but it doesn't look like it. These are some original --- not original, but most original stuff is gone.

NORTON: But they're copies.

EDWARD: Yeah. Thompson Pengra, can't read that, 1868. So I don't know, did you want to look at these?

NORTON: Oh, it might be interesting to look at them, as far as that's concerned. If you want to leave them ---

EDWARD: Yeah. Okay, there we go. Now that should keep you active for a while.

NORTON: Yeah. You'll be back this weekend.

EDWARD: I'll be back, yeah, and I don't know what day, Norton, but I'll call.

NORTON: Okay.

EDWARD: You might --- now that's too much, that's a lot of reading.

NORTON: You've got those two pictures.

EDWARD: Okay. Oh, they're right here.

NORTON: Oh, I thought you wanted to take that.

EDWARD: Yeah. Should I just take that whole thing, Norton, is that all right?

NORTON: Well I don't care if you take it, as far as that is concerned.

EDWARD: Yeah, make it just as easy.

NORTON: Well just don't lose it, that's all.

EDWARD: No. I've got to get copies made of those photographs. But the photographs will take awhile.

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