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DOROTHEA PURDY: This is Dorothea Purdy, and we're at Eunice Jordan's home in Drewsey. And the date is May the 9th, 1997. Helen Davis is here with us, and we're going to be talking about Van. So we'll start by asking Eunice, what is your name?

EUNICE JORDAN: Eunice Arlene Davis Jordan.

DOROTHEA: Okay. And where were you born?

EUNICE: At Van, on my father's ranch.

DOROTHEA: And what was the date?

EUNICE: October the 10th, 1908.

DOROTHEA: And what did your father do?

EUNICE: He was a rancher, raised cattle, stockman.

DOROTHEA: Okay. What was your mother's name?

EUNICE: Louise May Landing.

DOROTHEA: Davis.

EUNICE: Davis.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh. And your father's name was what?

EUNICE: Jesse Curl Davis.

DOROTHEA: How did you spell that, Curl?

EUNICE: C U R L.

DOROTHEA: Just C U R L, great. Do you know when they came to the Van area?

EUNICE: It must have been in the 1880's. I don't know the exact date.

DOROTHEA: Did they homestead? Or can you tell us something about

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EUNICE: At first they didn't, they came to Duck Creek at Van, this side of where the ranch is. And then they went to Willow Creek, down around Vale, and were down there, I don't know how long. And then they came back, and Aunt Maggie filed on what they call the Gearhart place now. And my father filed on the land below her place.

DOROTHEA: And did they have cattle, or ---

EUNICE: Not then.

DOROTHEA: Not then.

EUNICE: Not then.

DOROTHEA: So how many children are in your family?

EUNICE: Well I had two half brothers, William and Charles Davis, and a half sister, Ethel Bertha Williams. And then there were five of us, Cecil --- am I going too fast?

HELEN DAVIS: Huh uh.

EUNICE: Cecil Theodore, Lyston Eugene, then me, then a sister Etta Iola Caviness, and the youngest brother Elton Clifford Davis.

And they're all gone.

DOROTHEA: Just you left. Okay, Helen, did you have a question you wanted to ask her? Shall we go on and find out where, what her mother's parents did, and ---

HELEN: Okay, and then we can pick up school after this. Okay.

DOROTHEA: Okay. What did, how did your parents meet?

EUNICE: Well two of Grandma's sons, Elmer Ingley and Frank Landing, they were half-brothers, were up here to Church Creek, and Grandma and Aunt Gertie, this Gertrude Gearhart and Mom, they came up here from California. And I don't know why they came, nor --- but they stayed. And Aunt Gertie married John Gearhart, and Mom married Dad.

DOROTHEA: Well let's ---

HELEN: Now when you say Dad, give his name.

EUNICE: Jess Davis, Jesse Davis.

HELEN: Okay. And use your mother's name.

EUNICE: Louise.

HELEN: Whenever you are saying, we'll know then it's your mother, but give us the name and then we have it for sure. Right. Go ahead.

DOROTHEA: Okay. Where did you go to school?

EUNICE: At Van, started at Van, and went to school up there until the 5th grade. And then, I don't know whether they couldn't get a teacher or what --- but Dad had the stage line and he was, stayed one, he'd go down one day and stay all night in Drewsey and then

come back the next day with the stage. So then Mom, or my Mother moved to Drewsey to send us kids to school. And I think I was in the 5th or 6th grade, 6th grade I guess.

DOROTHEA: So you went to school in Van and then in Drewsey.

EUNICE: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Well did your dad have a vehicle at that time, or was it horses?

EUNICE: No, he drove with a team and a hack, a little light wagon.

DOROTHEA: About how many residents was there in the town of Van? Or was it a town, or just a ---

EUNICE: No, it was just ranches.

DOROTHEA: Just ranches.

EUNICE: Just ranches.

DOROTHEA: About how many people lived around the area?

EUNICE: Oh my. I just couldn't tell you offhand how many there were. You want me --- I can kind of count them.

DOROTHEA: Well, just kind of ---

EUNICE: Oh, I imagine there was probably 50 people, maybe 60 in the whole community.

DOROTHEA: Okay, okay.

HELEN: Actually it was just, I guess, a community, wasn't it?

EUNICE: Huh?

HELEN: Because they didn't have a store.

EUNICE: No.

HELEN: From what I've been told.

EUNICE: There were no stores.

HELEN: And Cleveland's had just a gas pump, and they did pump gas.

EUNICE: Well Cleveland's didn't have that gas pump but just very few years.

DOROTHEA: And where was it at?

EUNICE: At the Cleveland place.

DOROTHEA: At the Cleveland place.

EUNICE: Now it was just ---

DOROTHEA: Now did they sell gas to different people?

EUNICE: Mostly to the hunters.

DOROTHEA: Oh, I see.

EUNICE: But they didn't have it very long.

HELEN: See what makes it kind of hard for us, and keeping track of the people, because they voted at Pine Creek, the people from Van voted at Pine Creek. And sometimes see all you get for an address is a section, the township, and the range. But unless you know all of those townships and ranges, you don't know if it's at Van or out this way, or whatever.

EUNICE: Well they voted for years at the Wolf Creek schoolhouse.

HELEN: Well now see that isn't listed yet. And it might be later, I don't know. Because I have the 1900 and I have the 1908, I think that's what it was, yeah 1908. And the name Van, do you know who they, whose name ---

EUNICE: It was named for VanMiddlesworth, and that's the place,

the first place this side of the river bridge as you come this way.

DOROTHEA: And what did he do? Did he have a, did he come in --- was he the first person that homesteaded there, or settled there?

EUNICE: VanMiddlesworth, yes. And his sister was Mrs., now what was his name? I think it was Ed, but I'm not quite sure, Bailey, and he was a banker at John Day. And when Mr. Middlesworth died then she took over the property. And it still is in the Middlesworth, in Elmer Middlesworth, wife has it. Elmer was, his mother was part Indian, I don't know how much.

HELEN: Van's mother?

EUNICE: No, Elmer.

HELEN: Oh.

EUNICE: Van's boy. He was part, his mother was part Indian.

DOROTHEA: Elmer is Van's boy.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Son. And about how old would he be now?

EUNICE: Oh, he is dead now.

DOROTHEA: Oh, he is gone now.

EUNICE: Oh golly, he was a little younger than I am. I imagine about, maybe three or four years younger than me.

DOROTHEA: Well do they lease the place out?

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Who has it?

EUNICE: And right now she has it leased to Vic Thurman.

DOROTHEA: Oh, oh, I see.

EUNICE: And they've moved their trailer house up on the hill above the house. She won't let them live in the house, because she comes out there every once in awhile and stays.

DOROTHEA: And what's Victor's wife's name?

EUNICE: They call her Bert.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, I think her name is Bernice.

EUNICE: I don't know. That's all I know is Bert.

DOROTHEA: They call her Bert, Bert Thurman, yeah, yeah.

EUNICE: He hauled all these rocks for, last summer, was supposed to gravel the road, and god I hauled rocks all summer, big rocks, and I've still got to pick up some more.

HELEN: Who was H. E. Middlesworth?

EUNICE: H. E.?

HELEN: Yeah, it's like Harvey, or something on that order.

EUNICE: Harve, Harve Middlesworth, that was his name.

DOROTHEA: Instead of Elmer?

EUNICE: Elmer is the boy.

DOROTHEA: Oh, Elmer is the boy. And Harve is who then?

EUNICE: And Elmer's mother's name was Martha.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

EUNICE: Now she was Bob Moffet's second wife. Oh gosh, after Middlesworth died then she married Bob Moffet.

DOROTHEA: Okay, okay.

HELEN: Now this Harvey and Van, what are they?

EUNICE: There is what?

HELEN: Okay Harvey and Van Middlesworth ---

EUNICE: It was Harve, just, not Harvey.

HELEN: Oh Harve. Okay there is Harve Middlesworth and VanMiddlesworth.

EUNICE: Well that is the same person. See the name used to be VanMiddlesworth, and then they just dropped the Van part.

HELEN: And went with Harvey?

DOROTHEA: No, no what it was, was Harve VanMiddlesworth.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: And they dropped the Van.

HELEN: Oh. Well see one place where they have in that geographical name, they wanted to know how Van got its name. And they said because it was somebody that lived here, and that's how he got the Van. Then I come up with this Harve name ---

EUNICE: Well that's him.

HELEN: And this was the same person.

DOROTHEA: And that's the same person, and that's who Van was named after. And then Elmer is Harve's son.

EUNICE: Are you too warm?

DOROTHEA: No, not if you're not.

EUNICE: No, I'm not.

HELEN: ... Okay, I've got that straight now.

DOROTHEA: Okay, so ---

EUNICE: Got it straight now.



DOROTHEA: It's kind of like when you have a name by the name of McMurray, and then you decide your name doesn't want Mc on there anymore, so you change it to Murray. (Laughter)

EUNICE: See it was VanMiddlesworth is all one name, and then they dropped the Van part.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh, the Van. Well they named their community after them, so they had to drop the Van, okay.

EUNICE: And that's where the first post office was, was there.

DOROTHEA: Is in Van?

EUNICE: In that little, well I can't tell you, because they've cut all that out now, but there was a little nook the other side of the bridge, and that was where the post office was.

DOROTHEA: Also there was a Van Post Office.

HELEN: This Jimmy Capps said that they had, people left mail there at their house in the beginning.

EUNICE: Yeah. Well they had, she didn't have it before VanMiddlesworth had it. It was after Middlesworth had it that, that Aunt Maggie had it. And there where the road goes up to, past the Gearhart place, the forks of the road, that's where the post office was then when Aunt Maggie had it. There was a house right there, that's where she had it.

And then it went from there up to the Charlie Johnson place, or the Cawlfild place. And then when Cawlfild's sold out and went to Crane, then it went over to the Cleveland place, Agnes had it over there.

DOROTHEA: Well when did Jimmy Capps have it then?

EUNICE: Jimmy didn't have it.

HELEN: It was his folks, Wallace, is his dad's name.

EUNICE: Well Wallace and Cora had it.

HELEN: Had, the mail was left there at their place, and people could come to their place and pick it up. Now that's what he has in that oral history when he was talking to Marcus (Haines).

EUNICE: Jimmy told him they come to their place and picked up the mail? Come to Wallace and Cora's place?

HELEN: He said that in his .... Marcus says, "Didn't they leave and pick up mail at your house?" And he said, "Yes." Now they lived up above where Cleveland's settled. And they was up there, and he tells about he was up there on Wolf Creek where he was born.

EUNICE: Jimmy?

HELEN: Uh huh.

EUNICE: Well he might have been born on Wolf Creek, but he never lived up there. He lived out this other way.

HELEN: Well he says in his oral history, it's above the Cleveland place was where he was born in a log cabin. Now that's in his oral history.

EUNICE: Well he might have been. I wouldn't question that, but they didn't live up above Cleveland's, because Cleveland's place is this way, and the Capps place is off down this way, where Cora and Wallace lived.

HELEN: Huh.

EUNICE: And they might have picked up mail for Landings up above them.

HELEN: I'm, see I finally got the land for --- where is that thing at --- I've got a listing of the deeds, okay. Well let's see, Capps. Okay, Wallace Capps gets his land in 1908 from the U.S. Government. Then he gets his deed, which was a patent, and then it was filed on the 9th of April 1910. And then the rest of it you have to look at the record to see what section and what township and what range it was in.

EUNICE: Well that's back down this way from ---

HELEN: See, so that would have been, because mine ... Jimmy born, did they give us that.

DOROTHEA: This is about northwest of where your place is, and Cleveland sets up on the main road, further east.

HELEN: Jimmy says he was born in 1896, was when he was born. And, okay, I'll just read you this real quick. I was born April 4th, 1896 near Van. It was in a log cabin directly from the Cleveland place up on Wolf Creek. Mother's name was Cora Ann Gearhart. Father's name was Wallace Arthur Capps, and he had a twin brother Walter Daniel. And then he tells the Capps came from Yakima, Washington here.

EUNICE: Uh huh.

HELEN: And he says the Gearharts were one of the very earliest pioneers. Harts came from Missouri.

EUNICE: Who came from Missouri?

DOROTHEA: Gearharts?

HELEN: The Gearharts.

EUNICE: Gearharts came from Texas. But Aunt Maggie came from Missouri.

HELEN: Now was she a Gearhart?

EUNICE: She married a Polk Gearhart. She was Jimmy's grandmother.

HELEN: Oh, okay. See they asked him about his grandparents and he said he doesn't know much. My grandparents died when I was a little, small kid. Then he says, I went to school at Van, then graduated at the Wolf Creek School.

EUNICE: Now the Wolf Creek School was down, above where Bentz ---

HELEN: Okay.

EUNICE: Well just, just past the road, above the road a little ways as you go over towards Lillard's. Well it's, what is her name, Helen Lowe now.

DOROTHEA: Helen Lowe, yeah.

EUNICE: Lowe, yeah. That's where the Wolf Creek Schoolhouse was. I taught there six years.

HELEN: Oh. Well this one article that was in the paper, and I think it was in one of those centennial articles, it would be --- okay, this is '97, 1897 that's in our newspapers every week. And they tell about how they was wanting to move the Wolf Creek School where there were more kids going. Because where it was sitting,

it must have been in an area where they didn't have as many. So they all get together and they're going to move the schoolhouse. And then they got to arguing; well should it be here, should it be there. Well back and forth, and they couldn't agree, so they left it where it was at, and they all went home. (Laughter) I thought that was kind of funny.

EUNICE: Well see they tried to consolidate Wolf Creek and Pine Creek.

DOROTHEA: Oh, okay.

EUNICE: Well it was too far from, for Wolf Creek kids to go to Pine Creek, but it was all right for the Pine Creek kids to come to Wolf Creek. The kids rode horseback, I know, because I was there.

DOROTHEA: Were you, you said you taught at Wolf Creek?

EUNICE: Six years.

DOROTHEA: For six years.

EUNICE: And the Campbell boys rode horseback all that far, and I kept the youngest one part of the time.

DOROTHEA: And were you married at this time, or were you just a young girl?

EUNICE: No. At first I wasn't, but the last time that I taught I was married then.

HELEN: I was reading Lloyd's history, oral history the other day, and I didn't think you was ever going to get married. He was, he was working here, then he worked there, and then he worked some-

place else, and then he told his mother he was going to marry that, I can't remember, rambunctious girl sometime. Then he finally married her. I didn't think he was ever going to get married. He was working so many different places.

EUNICE: We were married 60 years, 6 months, and 9 days, and we went together 2 1/2 years before, because I wanted to get my teaching certificate in my own name.

HELEN: Oh, oh.

EUNICE: Somebody said you made him wait. I said, "Yeah, he waited or he wouldn't get me."

HELEN: ... said something about that rambunctious girl.

DOROTHEA: How about, where did you go to school, or how did you get your teaching certificate?

EUNICE: Went to Monmouth. Went to Forest Grove, at Pacific University, and then I went to Monmouth and got my certificate. I've got a life certificate.

DOROTHEA: Oh, you do? They used to give those, yeah, yeah.

EUNICE: But I wouldn't want to teach now the way they teach.

DOROTHEA: No, no you know I think kids learned more when they were taught like you taught. They're put too much on their own now.

EUNICE: Well the teachers don't want to do anything.

HELEN: That's the truth.

EUNICE: I'm awful glad that my girl is through school. She was an honor student all the way through. And when she, her junior

year and her senior year, and her piano lessons, she got 99 1/2% one year, and I asked the judge why, and he says well we didn't want her to think that she was perfect.

DOROTHEA: Yeah. And now this is Beverly.

EUNICE: How old is she?

DOROTHEA: No, was this Beverly you're talking about, your daughter.

EUNICE: That's my daughter, yeah, only one.

DOROTHEA: So, what is her name? Beverly ---

EUNICE: Dice, Beverly Arlene Dice.

DOROTHEA: Dice. Okay.

EUNICE: And right now they are in Florida.

HELEN: Oh.

DOROTHEA: Oh my goodness.

EUNICE: Can I tell you?

DOROTHEA: Yeah.

EUNICE: Togo, Beverly's husband, Valgene Dice, and they all call him "Togo", his brother, a half-brother in Florida is mixed up in Disney World, and he has got a big hotel. He sent round-trip tickets to Penny and her two boys, and Beverly, and Penny's sister-in-law and a little girl, and another woman and two little girls. They left the 6th, and they fly back to Salt Lake the 11th, all expenses paid.

DOROTHEA: Oh, this is great. Wow, wow, wow. Well he treated them fine, didn't he?

EUNICE: And ---

DOROTHEA: Wow.

HELEN: Great.

EUNICE: And Togo, he couldn't go, of course he's --- today is his last treatment with this doctor in Nampa, and he hasn't done him any good, and he finally admitted that he hadn't done him any good. So he has an appointment at Mayo's the 19th.

DOROTHEA: And what's the matter with him?

EUNICE: They don't know.

DOROTHEA: Oh, he just is ill.

EUNICE: Now for 20 years he has had these spells. Might be just fine, and then he just collapses. And he gets dizzy, and he gets sick, so they got this appointment the 19th at the Mayo Brothers.

DOROTHEA: Now where is this at?

EUNICE: Minnesota.

DOROTHEA: Minnesota. So that's ---

EUNICE: So maybe they'll find out what is wrong with him. God, I hope so.

DOROTHEA: Well after all these years, it's kind of like a migraine headache. You suffer and suffer, and at first the doctors, you say, "I have a migraine." And they say, "Well what is a migraine?"

EUNICE: Tom Howard has them.

DOROTHEA: And then they say, "Well, you know, we don't know what a migraine is, so try this pill." So you try that pill and it



doesn't do a bit of good. So then you go back and you say, "I still got migraines." And they say, "Well I don't understand what a migraine is, describe it." So you tell them this awful story. But finally I guess they're recognizing the migraines now, which is good.

EUNICE: Do you have them?

DOROTHEA: Yes, I have them.

EUNICE: Do you get sick too?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: So does Tom.

DOROTHEA: I used to get really sick, but I've kind of passed over just to where now I just get sick for, oh one day, instead of two or three days.

EUNICE: Well that's too long.

DOROTHEA: One day is too long, right. And most of it is when, because you can't stand the light, you know.

EUNICE: Is this cross light in here, does it bother you?

DOROTHEA: No, I'm not facing it.

EUNICE: I'll pull that window blind down.

DOROTHEA: No, no it's fine, it's fine. But let's go on with Van. Let's kind of describe the area, it became a ranching area. And how ---

EUNICE: That's what it was, it was just ranches.

DOROTHEA: Mostly cattle, or sheep?

EUNICE: Yeah. Well cattle, and Cleveland's had sheep. And Dad

and the boys had sheep for a while, but not very long, just a few years. And, but up there they used to be big bands of sheep came in from Idaho, up through that country up there. And some of them had allotments on the forest right there close to Van.

DOROTHEA: They used to call this the Taylor Grazing Act that they went through when they brought this, or was that the name of it then?

EUNICE: Well there just wasn't any Taylor Grazing to start with.

DOROTHEA: Okay, so they just grazed all over the hills.

EUNICE: Yeah. And then they had special allotments, so much that they could use for their sheep, for their band.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

HELEN: Could you tell me a little bit about the house that Cleveland's lived in?

EUNICE: I can tell you quite a bit about that house.

HELEN: I want it all.

EUNICE: When I can remember there was, the living room and the kitchen. And then they had a little part built on that made the kitchen bigger. And a little, kind of a little closet, and that was the clothes closet. And then there was kind of a pantry thing. And there were two bedrooms upstairs. And in the summertime Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland slept out on the porch. But in the winter they slept in the living room, had their bed in the living room.

And then we got the power in '45, and it wasn't '45, it was,

I don't know just what year it was, but it was after '45 that Floyd Embree came from Ontario and he built the two bedrooms and the bathroom that are on the south end of the house now. And he built a cooler room, a cold room. And you went from a door in the living room out onto a back porch. And then there were steps, a ladder, kind of stair steps down into kind of a basement room, a storage place where Mrs. Cleveland kept her vegetables and her fruit cup-board.

DOROTHEA: Did she have a garden?

EUNICE: Always.

DOROTHEA: Always had a garden.

EUNICE: Always had a garden. Agnes had a big garden, and berry bushes, raspberries. And then they had quite an apple orchard.

HELEN: Probably had loganberries. Everybody had those things, and they were the sourest berry I ever got a hold of.

EUNICE: I don't think they ever had any of them.

HELEN: Any loganberries. Well in the Willamette Valley, I think, everybody had loganberries.

EUNICE: I like loganberry jell.

DOROTHEA: Me too, me too. I like berry jell, especially if it's boysenberry and raspberry with the seeds, that's what I like.

HELEN: Okay, I want to ask you again the name of the person that Thomas Cleveland bought the house from.

EUNICE: George Howe.

HELEN: Yes. And you know that Victor says Howell, has H O W E L L.

EUNICE: No, it was H O W E.

HELEN: Now see Victor was wrong. And I got the land thing, describes, okay, Cleveland buys this from George Howe, 14th of April 1908. And then Victor in his oral history says well we didn't come up there until 1910. So see he is two years, I don't know where he lived.

EUNICE: I was 2 years old, and Victor was 9 when they came up there.

DOROTHEA: So it was 1910, because you were born in 1908.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Well, but now the land was purchased from this, \$5,400 Thomas Cleveland paid this George Howe in 1908, and that's on your land record in the courthouse.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: And then he bought the same time, he gets some land from John D. Daly, D A L Y.

EUNICE: Daly, John Daly.

HELEN: Daly. And he gets that also in 1908.

EUNICE: I don't know where that property is, what it is.

HELEN: And he paid a \$1,200 for it, that he bought from that fellow.

DOROTHEA: Man, wouldn't we love to buy property for that price now?

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: This George Howe is H O W E ? Okay.

EUNICE: Genevieve Bennett.

DOROTHEA: Yes.

EUNICE: Her grandfather, Ed Howe, was a brother to this George.

DOROTHEA: Okay, now so then that was some relation to Lloyd Howe.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Okay. And they, he has passed away now. But Marian lives in California with her niece and nephew or something.

EUNICE: She is in California? I wondered where she went.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, they went down to California just before Lloyd died.

EUNICE: Oh.

DOROTHEA: So, she is awful lonesome.

HELEN: Yeah. That Wallace is it, Capps, he got his land from the U.S. Government, and that was also in 1908, but then it wasn't filed until April of 1910. And I had, I didn't take time to look it up, but it's in book D, page 397, and it says see records. So, I didn't take time, I was trying to get all this, as much names and everything as I could for today.

DOROTHEA: Well what names have you? Are these all Van people that, the names that you have?

HELEN: Well I don't know how much is always Van, and how it's a mixture, because just like the Muller's. Now we thought it was German, but actually he signs it, he was born in Switzerland.

EUNICE: Who?

HELEN: This August Muller.

EUNICE: August Muller.

HELEN: See I've been up to that cemetery too.

EUNICE: That is Freda's grandfather.

DOROTHEA: Freda who?

EUNICE: Sword.

DOROTHEA: Freda Sword.

EUNICE: And Irene Gardner.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: He, no they came from Switzerland, I think.

HELEN: Well that's what it says, when he signed up to vote. Two times I've got Switzerland down.

EUNICE: Mrs. Muller, well sometimes Freda, their voices will kind of ring, Mrs. Muller's especially. She was a nice old lady.

HELEN: Now you said he is a grandfather to ---

EUNICE: To the Sword.

DOROTHEA: Swords.

EUNICE: Wait a minute now until I get straight. That's August Muller. Yeah, Wilhelmina Scheckles was the daughter, and Emma Clark and Martha --- well she was my sister-in-law, Martha. My brother died, I'm sure she didn't marry again.

DOROTHEA: Martha Davis then?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Martha.

EUNICE: Davis.

DOROTHEA: She would have been Martha Muller.

EUNICE: Angus.

DOROTHEA: Angus, Davis.

EUNICE: Davis.

DOROTHEA: Okay. And what was her, Angus, was she married before?

EUNICE: Yes.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

EUNICE: And she had a boy.

DOROTHEA: And what was his name?

EUNICE: Oh, gosh almighty Dorothy, I can't tell you what his name was.

DOROTHEA: But he was an Angus?

EUNICE: Angus, yeah.

DOROTHEA: Okay. Okay, did, now is ---

EUNICE: Then she married my brother Charles.

DOROTHEA: Okay. Charles and Margaret?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: What did you say her name was?

EUNICE: Davis.

DOROTHEA: What was her first name though, Margaret.

EUNICE: Martha Angus Muller.

DOROTHEA: Martha, Martha, Martha right. Not Margaret, Martha.

EUNICE: Martha.

DOROTHEA: And that was Wilhelmina Scheckles mother.

EUNICE: Mother.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

EUNICE: No, Martha was her sister.

DOROTHEA: Was her sister. Oh, okay, okay, was her sister.

EUNICE: See there was the three girls, Wilhelmina, or Emma Clark, and then Wilhelmina Scheckles and then Martha Angus Davis.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

EUNICE: I think there was a boy or two in there too, but I don't know their names.

DOROTHEA: So then Freda's parents really, I mean Freda's mother's parents lived in the Van area.

EUNICE: Well not really, they were down this side of the Wolf Creek deal.

DOROTHEA: Okay, okay.

EUNICE: You see there where the cemetery is ---

HELEN: Yeah, I've been, I've been ---

EUNICE: The Muller place, where the road, you know where the Sword place is?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: The road that goes down? The Muller place was down on that road, and that's where they lived.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

HELEN: Now you got that straight so you can tell me later?  
(Laughter)

DOROTHEA: Well we'll go back to this tape when you can get all this down. So really this little vicinity is still carrying on the homesteader's names, in other words. Because Freda's mother



lived here at one time, and now she lives here. She married a Sword. Where did Joe come from?

EUNICE: Came from Arkansas. He was Mr. Cleveland's nephew, Tom Cleveland's nephew.

DOROTHEA: Okay. So --- so the Swords are related to the Cleveland's.

HELEN: Yeah.

EUNICE: Tom Cleveland. He was Mr. Cleveland's nephew.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

HELEN: Okay, his mother and Tom ---

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Victor Cleveland or Tom Cleveland?

EUNICE: Huh? Tom Cleveland.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

HELEN: Okay.

EUNICE: Victor and Joe were cousins.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

HELEN: See Joe's mother was a sister to Tom Cleveland.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: But I've been up to the Muller's Cemetery.

DOROTHEA: Now is that in the Van Cemetery?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Oh the Muller's? Oh, it's a different one?

HELEN: No, no, this is on Johnny's place, what he's got.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

EUNICE: You know I never have been over to that Muller Cemetery.

DOROTHEA: Haven't you? I haven't been out to the Van Cemetery, so ---

EUNICE: At Van? Well there is 9 graves up at Van.

DOROTHEA: There is? I have a list here, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

EUNICE: Margaret Ann and Polk Gearhart.

HELEN: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Eight is all that is listed.

DOROTHEA: Now you're saying Polk, did he have a --- was that his name?

EUNICE: And Polk, yeah, P O L K.

DOROTHEA: Is it down here, Helen?

HELEN: Nope.

DOROTHEA: So he is on, in that cemetery too, but he is not listed.

HELEN: Well evidently --- whoops, they didn't, well I've got a deal here someplace. You guys keep talking, I'll find it and we'll go back to this.

DOROTHEA: Because in this cemetery we have the list of Helen Beatrice Gearhart.

EUNICE: That's that little girl.

DOROTHEA: Okay. Now James P. Gearhart, is that Polk?

EUNICE: That's Polk.

DOROTHEA: Okay, okay. So this James P. is Polk, and he was called Polk rather than James?

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Okay. And that's P O L K. Then there is a Margaret Ann.

EUNICE: That's his wife.

DOROTHEA: Gearhart, and that's his wife.

HELEN: Okay, you've got one more. I've only got three, and there is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Gearharts listed, and only 3 on this list.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, well see I've got a, probably a ---

EUNICE: There is 9 graves up there. There is Margaret Ann Gearhart, then Polk, and then little Helen Beatrice Gearhart. That's three Gearharts. And that's all the Gearharts. No, there is two more.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, there is two more. One of them is a child of three or four years old.

EUNICE: She was only 2 years old.

DOROTHEA: Okay, 2.

HELEN: Why don't you write that down on that?

EUNICE: She was 2 years old.

HELEN: We'll get what we don't have. Because there is evidently no stone on that first ---

EUNICE: And then there is my sister, and her son is supposed to bring her stone from Medford Memorial Day.

DOROTHEA: Okay, and that Margaret Ann is your sister?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Margaret Ann is your sister?

EUNICE: No, Margaret Ann was a Gearhart, she was my aunt.

DOROTHEA: Okay, Bertha is your sister.

EUNICE: Bertha was Dad's first wife. My sister is Etta Iola Caviness.

DOROTHEA: Etta.

EUNICE: And she doesn't have a stone yet.

DOROTHEA: Okay, so that makes the 9th grave.

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: That makes number 9 grave.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

EUNICE: And then ---

DOROTHEA: How do you spell Iola?

EUNICE: I O L A.

DOROTHEA: And she was born when?

EUNICE: November the 12th, 1910.

DOROTHEA: And she died when?

EUNICE: '91.

DOROTHEA: 1991?

EUNICE: Let's see, I think January, I'm not sure.

HELEN: Now that's the one ---

EUNICE: It was in '91 anyway.

DOROTHEA: 1991 or 1891. 1991.

HELEN: This is the one they're going to bring the stone for?

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Oh, good. Gives us an excuse to go back.

DOROTHEA: Well it says here there is another baby. There is a child 3 or 4 years old, and then there is a ---

EUNICE: Is that little Helen Beatrice?

DOROTHEA: No, it doesn't give her name. She was just one year.

EUNICE: Oh, there is two, there is two, there is a little boy and a little girl.

DOROTHEA: Baby boy.

EUNICE: Oh, let's see, they're Billy Gearhart's little youngsters. Now what, Rebecca, is it Rebecca? And Lawrence Gearhart, I think. Now I'm not --- and I can't look, because Mama's got my book, my, that history of Harney, Malheur, and Grant. She claims she hasn't got it, but she's got it. She's had it a long time, so ---

DOROTHEA: Well that's what people do when they, yeah.

EUNICE: But I think it is Rebecca and Lawrence. And they were Billy Gearhart's and Agnes Durkey's little youngsters.

HELEN: Now see the only stones for Gearharts was just Helen, James, and Margaret.

EUNICE: Yeah, there is no ---

HELEN: And that is all that was up there.

EUNICE: There is no tombstones for these two little ones.

DOROTHEA: Well here is ---

HELEN: She's got more than what I've got.

DOROTHEA: Yeah here, Helen, I've got ---

HELEN: Okay.

DOROTHEA: --- the Margaret. No, she was ---

HELEN: See Margaret A.

DOROTHEA: I'm trying to look at the little kids'. I've got Helen Beatrice.

HELEN: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: I've got Jesse Polk, James Polk. And his name is James P. or P O L K, which they called him. And Margaret, is that Ann?

EUNICE: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Margaret Ann Gearhart. And a child Gearhart, 3 or 4 years old, and Eunice says it was only 2. And that was what, the girl or the boy? The little 2 year old that died?

EUNICE: She was a little girl.

DOROTHEA: Girl, okay.

EUNICE: Helen Beatrice.

DOROTHEA: No, no, the Gearhart baby that was 2 years old.

EUNICE: That must have been that Rebecca.

DOROTHEA: Billy's. Okay. And then a baby that was just a year old.

EUNICE: That must have been that Billy Gearhart. There is two, we used to just decorate one grave, and then Ida Howard told me, said, "There is two babies there, two little ones there." And in this book of Dad's it gave their names. And I think the little boy was Lawrence, and the little girl was Rebecca.

DOROTHEA: Okay. We'll put a question mark.

EUNICE: There is no tombstones there.

DOROTHEA: Oh there isn't, okay.

HELEN: We have down two graves, looks to be children, because they were small.

EUNICE: That ---

HELEN: There is nothing marking it.

EUNICE: There is no markers. When they had those little middle markers down here, we fixed some of them and put on those graves. And they are in this south end of the cemetery up there.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

HELEN: I can't find my newest ...

EUNICE: And I don't know what happened to Billy Gearhart and Agnes Durkey, because he finally married another one of Dad's sisters, Martha --- uh oh, I'm unhooked (microphone).

DOROTHEA: Let's see --- you're okay. It will still pick up, it's just not hooked to your ---

EUNICE: Oh, I got it here?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: When she and her husband and two little boys came from Missouri to visit Grandma and the rest of them, and when they went back to Missouri he and George and the two little boys died with cholera. And then she came back west and married Billy Gearhart.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

EUNICE: I'm coming undone.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, I've got to hook you up a little better. Okay.

EUNICE: So there was two sisters married Gearharts, Gearhart brothers.

DOROTHEA: Now who died, Billy Gearhart?

EUNICE: He died.

DOROTHEA: He died, and he had two boys?

EUNICE: No. No, he didn't have any that I know of. Only those little ones that was buried up there.

DOROTHEA: Okay, okay. But Agnes remarried?

EUNICE: ... I don't know whether she did or not. She went to Portland, and I don't know.

DOROTHEA: Okay, and then Billy remarried then?

EUNICE: He married.

DOROTHEA: But he didn't have any kids?

EUNICE: No.

DOROTHEA: And who did he marry?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Who did he marry?

EUNICE: Eliza Metcalf, Davis Metcalf.

DOROTHEA: L I S A? How do you spell Lisa?

EUNICE: E L I Z A.

DOROTHEA: Davis. Now they're the ones that --- I don't know how to spell Metcalf. M E T ---

EUNICE: C A L F.

DOROTHEA: C A L F, okay. And her husband had passed away with the two little boys.

EUNICE: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Okay, okay. And what was his name?



EUNICE: George Metcalf.

DOROTHEA: George Metcalf.

EUNICE: And two little boys, and I don't know their names.

DOROTHEA: Okay. But where are they buried?

EUNICE: In Missouri.

DOROTHEA: Oh, in Missouri, okay, okay. Okay ---

EUNICE: I don't know where.

HELEN: I think maybe you've hit this name, but I didn't catch it. William G. Poer, P O E R, is buried at the Muller Cemetery. And it says father, he was born in 1857, and he died in 1918.

EUNICE: P O E R ?

HELEN: Huh?

EUNICE: P O E R.

HELEN: P O E R.

EUNICE: Mr. Poer.

HELEN: Okay. Then I pick up the name again in the Drewsey Cemetery.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: And it's J. Brian Poer, Ellen T. Poer, Oliver Allan Poer.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: And he was in the service.

EUNICE: Oliver was.

HELEN: Yeah. You see the first time, why; I don't understand why he was buried up there at the Muller Cemetery.

EUNICE: Well they lived up, they lived up there.

HELEN: Well then he died in 1918. Yes, these others --- no, now wait a minute. The one that is at Drewsey is 1887. He was born, okay, he died in 1961. These are all later, and they are all buried in Drewsey.

EUNICE: In Drewsey.

HELEN: Same family.

EUNICE: Yeah. That Brian that you've got down there.

HELEN: Yeah.

EUNICE: He was married to Clarinda Cronin, now who did she belong to? Joe?

HELEN: I think the Cronin's have been ---

EUNICE: Yeah, Joe and Emma Cronin. He was married to her, and he shot himself. They had Marie and Mary, and what was the little one, and a boy, twins. And Mr. and Mrs. Cronin took the, they split the twins up. Mr. and Mrs. Cronin took Mary and the little boy. And Mrs. Poer and Oliver took Marie and the little girl.

DOROTHEA: The twins were boy and girl?

EUNICE: Yeah. ... tell you what, Marie is married to, oh god he works over there in the Ford garage.

DOROTHEA: In Burns?

EUNICE: In Burns. And I see her sometimes when I go to Burns. Oh isn't something, I cannot think it ---

HELEN: Is that your pen, blue pen there?

EUNICE: --- think of his name.

HELEN: No wonder ... so I had to write in red. Okay, I just put

down ---

EUNICE: You want another pencil? Do you need another one?

HELEN: No, I got some more around here someplace. But I couldn't find what I had had, and I couldn't figure what the heck.

DOROTHEA: I borrowed it.

HELEN: Now this I don't understand. This Oliver Alvin Poer was born the 15th of October 1887. Then he died in 9 December 1961. Then it says New Mexico. Then it has Private, 306 Infantry, World War I. This is for Oliver Poer.

EUNICE: Yeah. Well he was in the service, in the First World War.

HELEN: Yeah, that's what they got here. Well what was the deal that they had New Mexico on it? It just says New Mexico on the stone.

EUNICE: I don't know.

HELEN: And then it has Private, 306 Infantry, World War I. But why did they have New Mexico wrote on it.

DOROTHEA: Maybe that's where they, maybe that's where he died?

HELEN: Might have, I don't know. It doesn't say. Well I'm glad I got that deal of Middlesworth, H. E., is the same as Van, same person.

EUNICE: Got him straightened out.

HELEN: See I had two people, and I was going dingy.

EUNICE: Oh.

HELEN: But I wasn't finding the name Van around like with voting,

or with --- because voting is H. E., voting at Pine Creek. And yet what happened to Van.

EUNICE: Yeah, that's him.

HELEN: Well shoot, it's the same guy. So now that's, see we got that straight. But they, in that geographical name book for Oregon, they had wrote up here in 1926, and the person who was the postmistress at that time had wrote back and said Van was named for VanMiddlesworth. She probably didn't know the H. E.

EUNICE: Well maybe she didn't know it was the same person.

HELEN: Well it would have had to be Cleveland that they contacted. It would have had to been a, either Tom's wife, or Victor's wife.

EUNICE: Huh?

HELEN: Well see in 1908 George Howe, rancher, and he was 43, and he was born in Nebraska, and he --- They used for their addresses Section 13, Township 18, Range 33 1/2, that was his address.

EUNICE: Oh.

HELEN: And then some of them list Van as their address. But most of them are all done this --- first that I ran into this was down there at the South End when I was doing the Riddles. And in the beginning they only had that for an address, they didn't have even --- they had the name of your voting place. But they didn't have anything stating exactly where you lived. Because he was up on the mountain most of the time. If he wasn't there, he was at the Cummings' over there at Diamond. This would be Ben, the one that

took his life too, also. But boy, I mean chasing these people around with Section 19, Township --- now just where did you really live.

EUNICE: ...

HELEN: And they did state Van for several of them. That was more in that first one. And there was quite a few that signed Van. Wallace Capps did, and ---

DOROTHEA: This is ---

HELEN: Okay, we got a J. W. Ward. Would that be some of, oh the Ward that narrated Marde11 ---

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Jim.

HELEN: Would that be the same family?

EUNICE: That's his grandfather, J. W.

HELEN: Okay. Then we got a Charles Kraft. And he listed his address as Van.

EUNICE: Charles Kraft, I don't know him.

HELEN: This is 1900. Then we've got L. C. Bradfield, he was 39 years old when he registered to vote, and he lists Van. And then we have a W. A. Capps ---

EUNICE: That's Wallace.

HELEN: --- 36, Van. And you were talking to Keeney earlier, K E E N E Y.

EUNICE: Keeney.

HELEN: Keeney.

EUNICE: Yeah, they used to live up there at Van.

HELEN: And he lists Van as an address. And then here is a name. I don't know just what it is, but it is Louis C. D E L E O U D R E S S.

EUNICE: Deleoudress?

HELEN: Don't ask me. But his first name is Louis.

EUNICE: Yeah it must be.

HELEN: And he calls himself Van, Oregon. And he was 63 years old in 1900 when he registered to vote. Then I've got a William A. Kraft.

EUNICE: Don't know.

HELEN: He was 67 years old, and he was born in Virginia, and he lists his address as Van. And then there is M. C. Dixon, and his job was a teamster, and he was 49 at this time.

DOROTHEA: How do you spell the Dixon?

HELEN: D I X I O N.

DOROTHEA: Huh.

HELEN: And then we got Charles Hopper, H O P P E R, laborer, and he lists his address as Van.

EUNICE: Must have been some of the Hoppers from Silvies.

DOROTHEA: Probably.

HELEN: Well anyway they all voted at Pine Creek, is where they voted.

EUNICE: What they called Pine Creek then was at the Wolf Creek Schoolhouse.

HELEN: Could have been.

EUNICE: I remember they'd go down there, and the women would always take a lot of food, and spend the day. And us kids would play, and fought, and everything else around the ---

HELEN: That was a great day for the kids.

EUNICE: Yeah. All day.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, my mom when she worked on the election board, or whatever, the voting, they did the same thing when she worked there for them. But ours was Poison Creek, so that's where we went to vote. Well I'm going to turn this tape over.

SIDE B

HELEN: Okay, we got Muller straight. Okay, how is Darlene and Frances and Johnny related to Laddie Clark?

EUNICE: Laddie's mother was Emma Clark, Emma Muller Clark. And she is an aunt; they're cousins, Laddie and the girls and Johnny.

HELEN: Laddie is a cousin to Swords?

EUNICE: Freda.

DOROTHEA: Freda.

EUNICE: Freda is a cousin; she is a cousin to Freda and Irene.

HELEN: Oh, okay.

EUNICE: ... was there at Emma's and Harry's for almost a month. Every morning Laddie came in to see me. And before he went to school he came in to see me. And when he came from school he came in to see me. I thought the world of Laddie.

DOROTHEA: He is gone now, isn't he?

EUNICE: Yeah, he is gone.

DOROTHEA: Now was that Ann Clark's husband?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Father-in-law? Who is Ann Clark?

EUNICE: Ann Clark? Oh, she was Dick Arnold's daughter.

HELEN: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Okay. She is married to ---

EUNICE: Norm.

DOROTHEA: Norman.

EUNICE: Laddie's boy.

DOROTHEA: Okay.

HELEN: Now was Laddie married before he married ---

EUNICE: No, no, no.

HELEN: --- before Gladys or whatever her name is? What is it?

EUNICE: Alice.

HELEN: Alice. Okay, she was married before, because she was ---

EUNICE: Mosier.

HELEN: --- married to the family that had sawmills down in the valley. And I used to haul one of the girls to the bean yard with us. And she and Charlotte Clark, but she was Mosier, their name was Mosier.

EUNICE: Mosier.

HELEN: And I see her out there at Crane, and I'd look at that girl and her name was Mosier, and the people in the valley was



Mosier, and I thought gee they look alike. How can it be? Well they're up here and that's down there, and so finally one day I asked somebody, one of them, either one of the girls or something. I said, "You know Charlotte looks an awful lot like a Mosier girl I used to take to the bean yard ... when we picked beans." I was bound and determined the boys were going to learn how to work, so we picked beans, and we picked strawberries. Glen says, "Well if you stay home and quit spending my gas on dragging them up there we'd be money ahead." But anyway, it did ---

EUNICE: Charlotte was Laddie's boy. She went with him, and she helped Laddie just --- he done a lot with Charlotte.

HELEN: She is nice. Well that was our tie-up then with the Mosier family.

DOROTHEA: Well now is Charlotte a ... now?

HELEN: Uh huh. Darrell. Well now Thomas Cleveland when he first ---

EUNICE: Who?

HELEN: --- Tom Cleveland, the first time he voted that we know of is 1900, and he was 25 years old. And they ask you what you, you know, like Switzerland, what have you, he just put down American. And then where he was asked where he lived he just put Pine Creek District instead of up at --- well now somebody was saying, who was it, the day they thought that Tom Cleveland worked for the PLS Company.

EUNICE: He did, he did.

HELEN: Okay.

EUNICE: I've got a letter someplace where, from Joel's sister before she passed away in California, and she gave me quite a bit of history of the Cleveland's, and she tells about him. About he was kind of a wanderer.

DOROTHEA: Tom was a wanderer?

EUNICE: Kind of.

DOROTHEA: Kind of.

HELEN: Well boy what was Lloyd, he wandered a long time before you guys got married.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: He worked here, and he worked there, and he did this, and he did that.

EUNICE: He was a railroader.

HELEN: And I didn't think he was ever going to marry you. Even after he made the big statement to his mother, I'm going to marry that feisty girl someday.

EUNICE: Yeah. That little smart aleck.

HELEN: Yeah.

EUNICE: Some day I'm going to marry that little smart aleck.

HELEN: I got the biggest kick out of that.

EUNICE: I think he wished a lot of times he hadn't.

DOROTHEA: (Laughter) Oh, I don't know, he didn't sound too unhappy when we were here last time.

EUNICE: He what?

DOROTHEA: He didn't sound too unhappy when we were here.

HELEN: I was telling Dorothea as we was coming down that Lloyd's mother had married, was married to a Jordan, he died, and then she married Andy Marker. And I said my first husband was Thad Marker, and Andy Marker was his uncle.

EUNICE: That's how they were related.

HELEN: And ---

EUNICE: I liked ---

HELEN: There was one time at Drewsey, not Drewsey, we were at Juntura at the dance and Steve and the Miller boys and, oh gee Dunten. Anyway, they were playing and Lloyd said, "Is your son related to any Markers around?" I said, "Yes, all of them in Boise." Because at that time there was only the one family of Markers in Boise when Thad and I was married. And then since then why other Markers have moved in, but they aren't related.

EUNICE: They are not related.

HELEN: Huh uh. But that was a large family.

EUNICE: I never, I met one brother of Andy's, and his mother. His mother was nice. But I didn't like Andy.

HELEN: No.

EUNICE: But I liked to dance with him.

HELEN: Good dancer, huh?

EUNICE: He was a good dancer.

DOROTHEA: But you didn't like him, but you liked to dance.

EUNICE: Well he and my mom kind of had an affair.

DOROTHEA: Oh.

EUNICE: Well Mom and Dad they were kind of splitting up then, and I lived ---

HELEN: Is this before he married Lloyd's mother?

EUNICE: Yeah, several years before.

HELEN: Oh.

EUNICE: But he was always nice to me.

DOROTHEA: You're bringing some skeletons out of the closet there.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: (Laughter) But she ---

EUNICE: I tell you, you almost have to be a saint to live with Lloyd's mother though. God, she sure caused me some grief.

HELEN: Now she was a Miller, wasn't she?

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Miller or Muller?

EUNICE: She was a sister to Jack Miller.

DOROTHEA: Jack, oh, Miller, okay. M I L L --- The others are M U L L.

EUNICE: She used to come, she'd come to Jack's and Zeta's place, and she'd come to ours, every blessed time she'd have to take Jack and Lloyd off someplace and talk to them. Damn her!

DOROTHEA: What was she talking about? ?

EUNICE: I suppose about Zeta and me, without a doubt.

DOROTHEA: Oh.

EUNICE: Oh, she could cause more trouble. I didn't fit into her

schemes of what she thought, I guess.

DOROTHEA: Well you know that's the way a lot of women feel about their daughter-in-laws. I'm not that way; I'm not that way of course.

HELEN: Well we found that there are more people up at that Van Cemetery, so that's good.

EUNICE: Got them all-straight up there?

HELEN: Well we had a time when Dave and I was up there with our Muller and Miller. And this one grave has the kids, let's see, it says August, son of E. --- A. and E. Muller, and that would have been Emma and August Muller.

EUNICE: That's the Muller Cemetery.

HELEN: Uh huh.

EUNICE: Yeah. Well there is some Dietrich's in that cemetery too.

HELEN: Wait a minute.

EUNICE: But I can't tell you --- I should know more about that, but I don't.

HELEN: Okay.

DOROTHEA: I don't know any of them.

HELEN: It says the only thing we had was infant daughters of P. D. and M. Dietrich, three graves, 1914.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Did they all die at the same time?

EUNICE: I think they had ---

HELEN: Diphtheria or ---

EUNICE: Diphtheria, I believe. And here down at Drewsey there is the two Anderson girls. Now did they have diphtheria or typhoid?

HELEN: Well if it was along about that date, '14 to '18, was when you had that epidemic, kind of diphtheria or whatever. Influenza or something, they called it. Now the one August Muller, now this isn't the father. The father and the mother are off over there together. The mothers, Emma Muller ---

EUNICE: Yeah, her name was ---

HELEN: --- her stone is a green with a fleck in it, only one in the cemetery that way. And August, his isn't fenced, and it says, "His life well spent, his work well done, then he passed on his way," and he was 77 years old when he died.

EUNICE: You know I can't remember Mr. Muller, but I can remember her.

HELEN: Well she didn't die until 1942. See how old, that's after the war is going, 1942.

EUNICE: Yeah, yeah.

HELEN: Because '41 when we were bombed in Hawaii, and she didn't die until then. So she must have --- she was born in 1863, and it doesn't give exactly, but he died in 1935. But see she lived till '42, so you would have had a chance to really know her. And then there was another grave that we found, this is August Muller and, now just a minute. This must be the son, because he is born in 1887, and he died in 1908. And on the front, oh on the beginning

of the stone it has like a church scene, buildings and that, and this church is standing, is there. And then on the front it says, "God in his wisdom has recalled the bloom, his love has given, and though the body slumbers here, the soul is safe in heaven."

And Dave and I were standing there talking, and he looks down at that stone because it is quite ornate. And it seems to me like, I have been trying to come up, what would you call this thing, they have it like a blanket or something, you know, how it rolls and hangs down the side of the stone. Well I've started calling it a throw, because that is what it would be like. You know, it would be something that you would cover yourself with. Well anyway ---

DOROTHEA: Now who is this Dave you're talking about?

HELEN: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Who, who Dave?

HELEN: I'm talking about, oh, Dave Vickstrom (With the BLM).

DOROTHEA: Oh, Vickstrom, okay.

HELEN: Then he says, "Well look down at the bottom of that thing." We're looking at the back of the stone. He said, "There is something down there." So we go over, and it --- "A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled." Now was that son ever married? August Muller?

EUNICE: I don't think so.

HELEN: And he died in 1908. He was born in 1887.

EUNICE: There was one of those, a brother of Wilhelmina's and Emma's that wasn't right, and that must be him.

HELEN: Maybe this is him.

DOROTHEA: Maybe that might be him, yeah.

EUNICE: Must be. I don't know what his name was.

HELEN: Then we had a Rudolph, and he is using --- Frances said that the family got into a squabble some way or other, and that's the reason you got Miller and Muller. And yet they are all Muller. There is Randolph, and he has got Miller on his gravestone. And then we've got August, son of A. and E., which would be August and Emma Miller. And ---

EUNICE: ... (Phone rings) Oh, well I guess I had better wait a minute. (Unhook microphone) I didn't even know he had a wife.

HELEN: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Samuel's wife was Emma?

HELEN: Uh huh. Okay. First of all he gets some land from Charles, funny last name. And then ---

DOROTHEA: How do you spell it?

HELEN: A L T S C H I E L.

DOROTHEA: Altschiel.

EUNICE: I don't know.

HELEN: Okay, and Samuel gets this in 1900. And it's in Burns. Then she turns around, the wife, and she pays her husband for the land, and that's what's in Burns. And then she gets land from a John M. B U N N, in 1900. And she pays a \$125 for that, and then



it doesn't give any township and all that kind of stuff. But you have to look in book J, and page 13.

DOROTHEA: Well Marcus was telling us that sometimes that they bought land, each person, and that way it gave them more land. And actually it was all the same family.

HELEN: Well now see like when she bought from him, she would have the land then, he didn't have possession of it. Then she buys it from him, then he can go out and apply again.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: Oh.

HELEN: Or something. And she would have it. Let's see, you said he was what to Samuel? Samuel and Tom were brothers?

EUNICE: Brothers.

HELEN: Now Frances, and when I asked her about Samuel she says, "Well I didn't know anything about him."

EUNICE: Frances said?

HELEN: Frances, Richard's wife.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Davis.

HELEN: Sword Davis.

EUNICE: I've got a picture holding the first baby over there in that chair.

DOROTHEA: Oh, of Frances?

EUNICE: Frances, uh huh. Penny, she used to go with me on the mail, and she'd stop and play with Frances. They had quite a

time.

HELEN: Okay, let's go on the Cawlfiełd's. Now they are listed on this map that Dave has, and it says Cawlfiełd's. And Jimmy said that the Van School was up there on the place that Cawlfiełd's had, and that would have been, I think, before Cawlfiełd's had the place.

EUNICE: The schoolhouse wasn't on Caulfiełd's land; it was on Ed Ward's land.

HELEN: Edwards?

DOROTHEA: Ed Ward.

EUNICE: Ed.

HELEN: Oh.

EUNICE: The schoolhouse was on this side of the road, and it was up above the Gearhart house. And then Ed Ward's house was on up above it just a little ways. And the, I don't know how, whether Gearharts bought Ed Ward's property, or whether Cleveland did, I don't know. But the Cawlfiełd place was the old Charlie Johnson place.

HELEN: Charlie Johnson?

EUNICE: Charlie Johnson place. And Mrs. Johnson was a, she was a sister to Mrs. Cawlfiełd, and her name was Simmons. I'm sure it was Simmons.

DOROTHEA: Now are they the same Cawlfiełd's that live in Burns?

EUNICE: They're related. See George Cawlfiełd's ancestry there in Burns, and Doris she is the nursing home, that was Jeff

Cawlfiełd, Jeff and Izora Cawlfiełd. Now I don't know who Mrs. Cawlfiełd was.

HELEN: Okay, who was Stonewall Cawlfiełd?

EUNICE: Who?

HELEN: Stonewall. There is a Stonewall Jackson. There is Stonewall Cawlfiełd.

EUNICE: I don't know who he was.

HELEN: And he got his land in 1891 from the U.S.A. And, let's see, he had a patent deed. It was Section 28, Township 23, Range 32, and he had a 160 acres. And that was Stonewall Cawlfiełd. And you never heard of him?

EUNICE: No, never heard of him.

DOROTHEA: Is that C A W L ?

HELEN: C A W L F I E L D. And that was the first name of Cawlfiełd that I came across. And I thought, Stonewall.

EUNICE: I wonder what relation he was to the others. Maybe that was a father.

HELEN: Now the next one I have listed, I ran these guys down. Okay, Stonewall was the first one, 1891 when he got his. Then I have a J. O. Cawlfiełd, and he got his land from Leon Brown. D. A. Cawlfiełd, he got his in the State of Oregon, 1889. George W. Cawlfiełd, U.S.A., 1906. And James Cawlfiełd got his from the U.S.A., 1891. And then there was Albert Cawlfiełd.

EUNICE: Now Jeff, George Cawlfiełd, that was Edna's father.

HELEN: Now is he the one that's --- okay, when you are going up

to Van, there is a road past the cemetery that goes on up to the Cawlfieid place.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Now which Cawlfieid had that one?

EUNICE: Jeff.

HELEN: Jeff.

EUNICE: And then on up above there, Frank, Frank Cawlfieid was here for a while, but I can't remember too long. He had two girls, one of them was Irene, I can't remember the other one's name, Lenore. But they, they moved to Washington, so they weren't here too long.

HELEN: Well now on this map that Dave has out there at the office, it lists the Cawlfieid place, and then you got the Cleveland place. Okay, that Howe that Cleveland got that place from, now did he build that house, the original?

EUNICE: I don't know.

HELEN: I haven't looked up that name to see when he got his first land. I haven't got into any H's.

EUNICE: Back down --- when you went by the ---

HELEN: I got Gearhart and the F would have come before them. I don't have any of the ... the first was just something I had picked up and started out, because I was so darned disgusted looking up all these names, and what have you. And I thought well gee, every time I turn around I got to run up there and go through that one book, and they weigh a ton to lift them out and look at

them. So I haven't used any of those first names that I put down. I thought slowly I was going to list all of these.

EUNICE: Got a lot ahead of you yet.

HELEN: So then I went back to just going through the ones I was after, like the Cawlfiełd's and the Gearharts.

EUNICE: But Jeff Cawlfiełd, they had those four boys and Doris. Doris in the nursing home, she married Walter Hart. She's in a nursing home over there.

DOROTHEA: In Burns?

EUNICE: Uh huh. She and I are the same age. I'm from the 10th of October to the 18th of November older than she is. Let's see, there was Harold, and Lester, and Vernon, and then Doris, and then Dale. Doris was 12 years older than Dale.

DOROTHEA: And these are whose kids now, Jeff's, Jeff Cawlfiełd's?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Kids? Jeff Cawlfiełd's?

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: His kids, okay.

EUNICE: And his wife's name was Isora, but I don't know what her maiden name was.

HELEN: That's an odd first name.

DOROTHEA: Isora. I suppose that is I S, or I Z ?

EUNICE: I S.

DOROTHEA: I S O R A ?

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Charlotte ... went with me out to the Crane Cemetery, and ran across this name of Tryphena. She says, "Gee, that's a funny name." I says, "Well that was my grandmother's middle name was Tryphena."

EUNICE: Tryphena.

DOROTHEA: How do you spell it?

HELEN: Don't ask me, I've got to look it up.

EUNICE: I think down here at Drewsey, I think that's the name that's on that tombstone.

HELEN: Might be.

EUNICE: It's between my uncle's grave and my brother's grave. And she is related to Presley.

DOROTHEA: Oh, the Presley's in town?

EUNICE: Yeah, I don't know what relation. But I know --- And when my grandmother was still alive, and Mom, they always decorated that grave, so we always decorate it. Tryphena, what's the other name? It's not Presley --- Parker, I believe its Parker. But she is related to the Presley's.

DOROTHEA: Huh. Somehow there is a relation there somewhere.

EUNICE: Yeah, but I don't know the connection. They say Mabel Altnow has it, Alzheimer's.

DOROTHEA: Oh yeah, she does.

EUNICE: Does she.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh. Yeah, they had quite a time keeping track of her for a while after Joe died. Is she in the Aspens out there

now?

EUNICE: Yeah. Delmer Dunten told me that she was there. And Lucille Moffet, Compton's widow.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: And who else? Wes Shepard.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, and Ida.

EUNICE: Ida Nitcher (sp.?).

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: Ida's mother was Lloyd's cousin.

DOROTHEA: Ann, what was Ann's maiden name?

EUNICE: Jordan.

DOROTHEA: Ann Jordan.

EUNICE: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Then she married ---

EUNICE: Oh god, Jones. She married a Jones.

DOROTHEA: Was it Jones or ---

EUNICE: And then she married Berge (sp.?).

DOROTHEA: Berge, right, Len Berge, right. That's the one I was trying to think about. And then she went to what --- well what was Ida's last name?

EUNICE: Nitcher.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, but before she ---

EUNICE: Jones.

DOROTHEA: She was Jones?

EUNICE: Yeah, she was ---

DOROTHEA: Oh, okay. Okay, so she ---

EUNICE: God, what Jones was that? Jumper.

DOROTHEA: I don't know, they all had ---

EUNICE: Jumper Jones, Jumper Jones.

DOROTHEA: Okay. And that's how they are related to Steve Miller then?

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Because Miller, Steve was --- his mother was a Jones, right?

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Okay, so that's how they are related. I couldn't get that connection.

EUNICE: Old Steve Miller was Lloyd's grandfather, and this young Steve is a half --- his mother was a Jones. But his father was Lloyd's grandfather.

DOROTHEA: Okay. My sister-in-law was married to Frank Jones, which is some relation there too, I don't know how.

EUNICE: Well wasn't that Jumper Jones, Frank?

DOROTHEA: No. Frank?

EUNICE: Was it?

DOROTHEA: No, I don't think so.

EUNICE: A different one?

DOROTHEA: Yeah.

EUNICE: Well you can sure get mixed up.

DOROTHEA: Yeah. I don't think that was, I don't think that's her



dad. I don't think he is old enough. I don't think he was old enough to be Ida's dad.

EUNICE: She's a --- she's got Alzheimer's.

DOROTHEA: Well that's what I understand, yeah. She also has, oh, epilepsy.

EUNICE: She does, oh for heavens sakes.

DOROTHEA: That's what she was having --- that's why she had gone to the hospital that time, and was over in Bend.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: She was having those grand ... seizures. Well who is living on their place, do you know?

EUNICE: I don't know.

DOROTHEA: I think Tylers bought it, but ---

EUNICE: Oh did they?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh. But I don't know who is living there with her. The daughter, that Margaret Ann is living there.

EUNICE: That, oh what the heck is her name? When I think of her, I think how worthless she is.

DOROTHEA: Gloria.

EUNICE: Gloria.

DOROTHEA: Now is she --- she lives in Idaho. Where does Margaret Ann live? Gary lives in ...

EUNICE: I don't know where she is.

DOROTHEA: I think she is the one that's living in Burns.

EUNICE: Is she?

DOROTHEA: At Wes and Ida's.

EUNICE: Oh. I wondered who was there at their place.

DOROTHEA: I think that's who it is. I'm not sure, but there is a boy and a girl, oh they're probably in their 40's, maybe. Middle to late 40's, maybe in their 50's. I can't judge people anymore, but ---

EUNICE: I can't either.

DOROTHEA: They, they are staying there for a while. Now whether they're just here for a while until they get all the papers taken care of, or what, I don't know.

EUNICE: Well what is wrong with Wes?

DOROTHEA: Just, he is getting older. He's lost some nerves in his mouth, so he slobbers a lot.

EUNICE: Oh.

DOROTHEA: But I don't know whether that was from the --- see he has had bouts of malaria for years.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: And I don't know whether that was from that, or if he has had a stroke, or what's going on, I don't know.

EUNICE: The last time I saw Wes was down here at Floyd Duntten's funeral, and I didn't really realize who he was, as bad as he was then.

DOROTHEA: Yeah. Yeah, he is --- well what is he now? He was born in 1918, I think. That would make him about 70, 80.

EUNICE: 80.

DOROTHEA: Would be about 79, wouldn't he?

EUNICE: Yeah, getting right close to 80.

DOROTHEA: Pretty close to it. Got to be having a birthday in about a month.

EUNICE: He is.

DOROTHEA: June the 5th. I think it was 1918 or 1919, something like that. He and Wallace Shepard were twins. And Alice Shepard is Wallace's wife.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: He's passed away, but ---

EUNICE: Now Wes is the last of that family, isn't he?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh, yeah.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Well there is still --- yeah, he's --- let's see there was Lee, he died, and Esther died, Wallace died, and Wes. So he is the last boy of that family. But there is still one girl of Esther's.

EUNICE: Oh, yeah, Pat.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh, she is still alive.

EUNICE: Pat, yeah. Georgia is gone.

DOROTHEA: Georgia is gone, and Jimmy is gone, Fawcett's.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: And Georgia was Armstrong Lillard.

EUNICE: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: She never remarried after Joe.

EUNICE: Well she was over there with Pat, helping to take care of Pat's husband, wasn't she?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh, Harry.

EUNICE: You know, one day I went with the mail, and she met me at the mailbox, and I'll swear she was on dope. And she was headed for town, and she was just loaded down with jewelry. And she didn't act like Georgia. I just wondered if she was using dope.

DOROTHEA: I think she was using alcohol a little bit.

EUNICE: Alcohol. I liked Georgia. And I thought an awful lot of Joe Boy.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: Ever since --- well he come over to the school and he'd turn his pony loose so he could stay. And then Joe, or Kathryn would come after him. But I was supposed to shape him up, but I wouldn't spank him.

DOROTHEA: (Laughter) Yeah, that was the Lillard's.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: This Middlesworth --- who --- isn't it, like if you are from the Netherlands, that you will have a Van or something, like I just came across Vanderveers in here. And that was what that name was, and they just got rid of the Van part as time went on. But it was part; I think you were saying, really, of the last name. What was the first name, that --- oh ---

DOROTHEA: Harve.

EUNICE: Harve.

HELEN: No. Harve, wasn't it --- Harvey.

EUNICE: Harve.

DOROTHEA: Harve.

HELEN: I was thinking Harvey, but ---

EUNICE: Harve Middlesworth.

HELEN: And Van would have been part of the last name.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Because just like Vanderveer, and he would ---

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: --- and they would get rid of maybe --- There was a lot, and there was a lady that I was in the, always roomed with, sometimes down at Corvallis when we would go down on those, those things when we had them at the college. And it was like you took classes and all that type of thing. And I got acquainted with this lady and she lived over at Nyssa. And they had a Van in front of their last name, and they were from the Netherlands.

EUNICE: Uh huh.

HELEN: And I'll bet you that that's what this Middlesworth --- that Van, and he just finally got rid of it. When they said, how did you get the name, well it was from VanMiddlesworth. And his first name was this other, see, and they had dropped the Van, that somebody that knew, and it had to have been either Tom's wife or --- no 1926, it would have been Victor's wife would have been running the post office at that time. And she would have known him with that Van in front of, part of the last name. And that's

why she utilized it that way, and it should have been like something so, but I thought it was a first name, but it wasn't. So I bet they was --- I haven't come up with, let's see, there was one deal ---

EUNICE: Did we straighten you out, or mix you up?

HELEN: No, but I think it answers the deal of --- I can't remember now if it's the voting or in the land, where I come up with that name. I've got too much stuff. Well on page so and so (Laughter). I've got this ... to something else. But I know when --- I also did the Drewsey voting, and I was so --- Oh, here it is, that H. E. was in 1908. And I'll bet they had --- because it's 1926, and that guy that is putting that geographical names all together, and it's Oregon wide, all the counties and everything. And I'll bet that, that's what the deal was that when he contacted the post office and wanted to know why the name Van, and she said VanMiddlesworth was where they got the name for the post office. But she should have said this Harvey E., or Harve, whatever his name was, should have been H. E. VanMiddlesworth.

EUNICE: Well, that's what it should have been.

HELEN: See, that's the way it should have been. And he got rid of the Van part. Maybe he's like my grand, great-grandfather, he was Irish, and he spelled Dunagan three different ways, all on legal papers.

EUNICE: Oh.

HELEN: He didn't want people to know he was Irish.

EUNICE: Oh.

HELEN: And you can't rid of Dunagan, I don't care how you spell it. He had two N's, and he had an I where we utilize an A. And then he had the A where it's supposed to be, and --- (Laughter) And I've seen all of this ... down ---

EUNICE: He didn't want them to know he was Irish.

HELEN: Down at Eugene in the archives, his daughter-in-law took all of his papers and everything and put it in archives down there. And so this friend took me down one day, and oh my land there was a lot of stuff. And of course he did --- when he married my great-grandmother, he could not read or write, and yet he had come out to the gold fields and had made a fortune. Now he knew numbers, he had to know numbers to make sure nobody cheated him.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: And that's like Rich when he went to Germany, the first thing he learned was numbers, so he knew the prices of things. And they would, being, you could tell he was an American, and he would go in to buy something and he'd ask them a price. He'd already looked at it, so he knew it, in German. And he said, "Well here it says so and so, you know." "Well oh yes, you know." And they'd sell it to him then for the German price, which is a lot less than if he was an American having to buy it.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: And I had to laugh. I asked Skip Williams, this is Jackie

Witzel's oldest boy, I says, "Skip what did you learn when you were over?" He said, "I learned to say one more beer." (Laughter) I laughed at him. But he probably learned a lot of the numbers and things, same as Rich did. Rich said that's the first thing I studied was their numbers, because if I went to buy something, I didn't want to pay American.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Like they was going to tell ... He said, "I can always say, well its here, you got it, and it's such and such." So then he'd pay see, in the German money. He had the upper hand on them. He said I learned that before I learned anything else. They weren't going to cheat me.

EUNICE: He was going to be prepared for that.

HELEN: Right. And I'll bet you that's what happened here, that the name should have been VanMiddlesworth, H. E. --- VanMiddlesworth.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: And he got rid of the Van, and nobody would know he was from the Netherlands. But this lady ---

EUNICE: Do you want to play that tape back?

DOROTHEA: Do we want to play it back?

EUNICE: I say, do you want to play it back?

DOROTHEA: No.

EUNICE: I've got ---

DOROTHEA: Do you want a copy of it?



EUNICE: I've got a thing --- all I have to do is put some batteries in it.

DOROTHEA: No, this one would play it back.

HELEN: She was wanting to hear what we were doing. But when I looked at this Vanderveer, I thought I'll bet you that ... because I thought it was that lady from Nyssa. And I think they had dropped the Van on her husband's last name.

EUNICE: There used to be, oh there was Mr. Kerns, and Mr. ... and Mr. Luckey, and then Adair's, and where, oh I have a time remembering that young couple up there now. I've only met them a couple times.

And the old house, it's gone, and Mama Jones had to have a new house, so it's a new house there. She left and wouldn't come back until Jones decided to build a new house. And they're both gone now.

HELEN: Well I'm not coming up with that word, name, of Tryphena.

EUNICE: Of what? Oh, Tryphena?

HELEN: I'm not sure --- maybe she missed it someway or other. No, I just now got it, and it was the first name.

EUNICE: Tryphena?

HELEN: Tryphena, T R Y P H E N A.

EUNICE: I think that's the name down here on that tombstone.

HELEN: Yeah. And the last name was Parker.

EUNICE: Parker.

HELEN: She writes strange name. And then there is one in the

Crane Cemetery, and then ---

EUNICE: Are they the same?

HELEN: ... to this girl that was with me, she said that is the funniest name. I said, "Well that is my grandmother's middle name."

EUNICE: That is Parker?

HELEN: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Trephine Parker, that's what she said.

EUNICE: I know she is, she was some relation to the Presley's.

DOROTHEA: Oh.

EUNICE: But I don't know what.

HELEN: Well I see Cyc (Presley), I'll ask him when I see him again.

DOROTHEA: Are you getting hungry, Eunice?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: Are you getting hungry?

EUNICE: A little bit. Are you?

DOROTHEA: No I'm not, but I thought maybe if Helen was about done ---

EUNICE: When you girls get through with this, why we'll eat.

HELEN: Well how much more do we need today? I think we need to go home and listen to that, write it all down, and then dissolve it, and then we'll have more questions.

EUNICE: You've got a job ahead of you.

DOROTHEA: Well I've been interested in learning how everybody is

related. I've really enjoyed this.

EUNICE: Well it used to be related to about everybody around here. See Dad's sister is Aunt Maggie, married Polk Gearhart. And then one, Harry Clark's mother was a sister, Hannah Jane Clark; she was a postmistress for years and years and years. And then this Eliza that, she was married to Metcalf, and then they died, and then he married Billie Gearhart. And where is the other one?

DOROTHEA: And somehow or other all this goes to the Cleveland's, which goes to the Muller's, which goes to the Swords, which goes to the Gardner's. It's a big triangle here.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: What goes around, comes around, I guess.

EUNICE: Holebos', there was another sister.

DOROTHEA: Who?

EUNICE: Holebos. But they're all gone now.

DOROTHEA: Now how do you spell that name?

EUNICE: H O L E B O S.

DOROTHEA: Holebos.

EUNICE: And I always think of him, he was a roper and he had, his fingers were --- this finger was still all right, and then these were just cut off.

DOROTHEA: Oh, from the rope.

EUNICE: From the roping.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, yeah. I've tried roping for a while, and the

first time I got my finger in the rope, I said no more!

EUNICE: You know that the oldest boy of Penny's, he was 11, and Togo, they won a saddle a year ago this, in June. I'll show you a picture. And the little one, the little dare devil, he roped a steer in the heads, the little stinker.

DOROTHEA: How old is he?

EUNICE: He is 11 now.

DOROTHEA: Oh, he is 11.

EUNICE: Last year he and his mother won \$361 at one rodeo.

DOROTHEA: Oh, wow.

EUNICE: Little devil --- he comes up here and rides my 4-wheeler. And the oldest one will holler slow down Scott, slow down. (Laughter) He is out there in front, and around and around he goes.

DOROTHEA: What are your grandson's names?

EUNICE: Huh?

DOROTHEA: What are the boy's names?

EUNICE: Scott and Mark.

DOROTHEA: Mark.

EUNICE: Black.

DOROTHEA: Okay. And that's Beverly's grandchildren.

EUNICE: Yeah. My great-grandsons.

DOROTHEA: Penny's children.

EUNICE: Penny is my only grandchild, and then she has got these two boys.

HELEN: When, do you remember when you used to write those articles of the news and that ...

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Do you remember when you first started it?

EUNICE: Oh my.

HELEN: Because I wanted to look up on some of that, and I didn't want to have to pull out umpteen ---

EUNICE: Gosh, Helen, I don't know when I started.

HELEN: I know you had some of it after we were here, because we came in '59, and I can remember seeing it. And I didn't know who you were, but you always wrote the news for out in this part of the country.

EUNICE: Well I was on the stage line, and that's where I got a lot of gossip.

HELEN: Well, so ---

EUNICE: See we had the stage line for 43 years. And then in the summertime, and after school was out, then I drove.

DOROTHEA: Now did they bring the mail to Drewsey, and then you delivered it from there? Or did you have to go clear to Burns?

EUNICE: Norm Sitz had the contract from Ontario.

DOROTHEA: Oh, Ontario.

EUNICE: And he brought the mail into Drewsey, and then he took it on to Burns until, oh when we had that big tearup down here. And a guy came in from Boise, and Nel Bosch and Bob Smith were down here, and we had that meeting. Well then is when they changed it,

they stopped them from going into Burns. See our mail would go to Burns, and then they'd bring it right back, before. But they messed us up. Yeah, 43 years on that stage line, and it wasn't all good road then either.

DOROTHEA: No, no.

EUNICE: I come down Juniper Ridge with a Jeep in low range, and had to get out and dig the adobe out of the front wheels.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, yeah, it was kind of that clay, old goopy stuff.

EUNICE: And Chet Craddock, and who was with him, Herb Fawcett.

DOROTHEA: Herb Fawcett, I think, was the road master at that time.

EUNICE: Yeah. They got over here in the Miller Lane and got stuck, and they had to walk back down and get Turen Dunten to take a team and pull them out. That's when Chet got busy and helped our roads. See Chet Craddock was a cousin to my two oldest brothers, my half-brothers.

HELEN: I thought we ought to put those in the --- I'm in this one, so it's not all that exciting, but it does go with ---

DOROTHEA: Now this is out at Crane.

HELEN: No, this is the Smyth.

DOROTHEA: Yeah.

HELEN: At Happy Valley.

DOROTHEA: Happy Valley, I mean.

HELEN: And I thought in that one deal where we've got stuck in Happy Valley that ---

DOROTHEA: That's Johnny Smyth, you remember down at Happy Valley they got --- this is where they're buried.

EUNICE: Yeah. Cactus Smyth, his house burned last summer, didn't it?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

HELEN: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: And he just had a wreck, and he's in, I think he's in New Mexico.

EUNICE: He had a wreck?

DOROTHEA: Another one, yeah. Totaled his pickup. His pickup burned up one day going out to Andrews, and then the fire department went out and put it out. So he lost his pickup. And then he went to town and bought another one. And he drove down to New Mexico where his kids are, where his son is, and ---

EUNICE: That's right, he was married.

DOROTHEA: --- about a month ago he had another wreck ---

EUNICE: Oh.

DOROTHEA: --- and totaled his pickup again. So now he is afoot again. But they're thinking that maybe they should put him in one of these foster homes in Burns or down there, or somewhere.

EUNICE: He's getting so that he doesn't ---

DOROTHEA: Well he's so crippled up, it broke his back.

EUNICE: Oh.

DOROTHEA: Or the one, I guess, where he --- the fire. One of these wrecks broke his back, and he went for a long time and

didn't know it. So then this --- he's in the hospital now, I guess.

EUNICE: So he's crippled.

DOROTHEA: Yeah.

EUNICE: Well now his wife, she was the one that had that beautiful voice, wasn't she?

DOROTHEA: I didn't ever know her.

EUNICE: She was a nice looking girl, if I remember right.

DOROTHEA: I think she was a schoolteacher.

HELEN: Yes, and then she married a state policeman and they lived in Nevada, and he killed her. Della Fay was her name.

EUNICE: What did you say?

HELEN: Della Fay.

EUNICE: Yeah.

HELEN: Okay, there is a Davis, here is a Davis up there, and here is a Davis, this is all at Van.

DOROTHEA: Oh, this is all Van.

EUNICE: Up at Van.

HELEN: That's all Van.

EUNICE: You know those two stone, those tombstones, those tall ones, there was a ball thing that went on top of one of them, and it was in the house down there. And why the boys didn't take that out when they sold to Williams, I don't know. So I guess it burned up, the house burned.

DOROTHEA: This is a nice headstone, isn't it?



EUNICE: This one was ---

HELEN: That's up here at Van. That's Van, that's Van. Well now we've got an excuse to come back to Van again, if we're going to have some new headstones. I think this one ---

EUNICE: Did you ever get mad and want to hit somebody, or do something, and had to hold yourself?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

EUNICE: I was down here a year ago Memorial Day, I don't know who this woman was, but I think she was from Juntura. I don't know who she was. But it was right there by Lloyd's tombstone. And she said, "Boy she really overdid herself, didn't she?" And I thought, well I didn't know who she was, but I felt like saying something, but I turned and walked away.

HELEN: And I don't remember where this one is. Let's see, maybe he wrote on the back. Bertha E. Davis, Van Cemetery. That's Van Cemetery.

DOROTHEA: Now this one is Van too.

HELEN: And that's Van.

DOROTHEA: This is Gearhart. This is Smith, and this is Smith.

HELEN: I thought that was a neat and --- and I thought because, you know the old Smith, the very first Smith, his middle name was Comegys.

DOROTHEA: Comegys.

HELEN: So that would have had to been his mother's maiden name to have had it for his ---

EUNICE: This is Bill and ... mother's tombstone, I think that is.

HELEN: And I thought that was neat with that dove on it. And I was just wondering about putting it just down there in the bottom of that case of the Smiths.

DOROTHEA: Okay, now who is this? Who is this?

EUNICE: That was ---

DOROTHEA: Gravestone of Bertha E. Davis, closer up.

EUNICE: Bertha, let's see, Bertha Ethel Wintermeier was her maiden name.

DOROTHEA: Oh, she came from over in the Silvies Valley.

EUNICE: Yeah, she was a sister to Mamie Craddock, Chet Craddock's mother.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh. And she was the mother of who?

EUNICE: Of William and Charles Davis, and Ethel Williams. John Hall Davis, that was Dad's brother. Yeah, there was a round part of that tombstone, and I don't know why they didn't take it out when they sold the place. But I guess ---

HELEN: Well John Hall Davis, this is his.

EUNICE: Boy you got a lot of work ahead of you.

DOROTHEA: What are you ---

HELEN: Well, what are we doing?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

HELEN: I'm trying to get a story on Van and the people that lived there for ... to have in a newsletter.

DOROTHEA: Okay, okay, that's what I thought we were doing. Are

we about done, I better close this off before it quits on me again. Let's call it an afternoon, and we'll --- we've enjoyed our visit. And we're in Drewsey, Oregon; I don't know whether I mentioned that before. And we'd like to thank you, Eunice, and if you'd like a copy of this, I can make a copy and send it back.

EUNICE: That would be fine.

DOROTHEA: Okay, great.

EUNICE: And now we're going to eat.

DOROTHEA: Okay. Let me unhook you there. And we thank you again.

EUNICE: Yeah.

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