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THIS IS SOME OF MY RECOLLECTIONS, ABOUT MY FAMILY.
I REMEMBER GRANDPA D'OLPH AS A BIG GRUFF VOICED PERSON.
HE HAD AN ABUNDANCE OF HAIR .
MY FAVORITE MEMORY IS GETTING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
SO THAT WE COULD BE IN SALT LAKE AT DAY BREAK SO THAT GRANDPA COULD SEE
DARLENE, HE WAS ALMOST BLIND AND THE BEST TIME HE COULD SEE WAS JUST AS IT WAS
GETTING LIGHT. MOTHER AND CLIFF HAD MADE A BED IN THE BACK OF THE PICKUP
FOR VELMA AND ME. SEEMED LIKE IT WAS A LONG LONG TRIP TO SALT LAKE
AFTER GRANDPA GOT TO SEE OUR NEW BABY , MOTHER TOLD ME I HAD TO GET MY HAIR COMBED
AND I DIDI'T WANT TO. SO GRANDPA HAD A BIG OVERSTUFFED CHAIR WITH A FOOT STOOL.
HE PUT ME ON THE FOOT STOOL AND BRUSHED , AND BRUSHED MY LONG HAIR, TO GET THE
TANGLES OUT SO THAT MOTHER COULD BRAID IT.
IT ALWAYS SEEMED TO ME THAT GRANDPA WAS SO BIG AND GRANDMA WAS SO LITTLE.
I DO'T KNOW WHO OR WHERE THE SAYING CAME FROM, BUT TO US KIDS, GRANDMA WAS
ALWAYS TINY(TEENY) GRANDMA.
AFTER GRANDPA PASSED AWAY AND GRANDMA WAS STAYING WITH US ON THE FARM.
I REMEMBER OF BEING BIG ENOUGH THAT I COULD STAND AND BRUSH HER LONG
GRAY HAIR, THEN SHE WOULD BRAID IT AND COIL IT AROUND THE BACK OF HER HEAD
TO MAKE A BIG BUN. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT GRANDMA WAS SICK MOST OF THE TIME.
IT WAS ALWAYS A SPECIAL TIME WHEN SHE'D WALK AROUND WITH ME WHILE I DID
CHOREs. AND I FELT LIKE A BIG SHOT WHEN I COULD MAKE A PIECE OF TOAST AND A
CUP OF TEA. (GEEN TEA, AND TOAST)(DRY). NO WONDER SHE WAS ALWAYS SO TINY.
GRANDMA HAD THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CRYSTAL CLEAR BLUE EYES, (JUST GERGEOUS)
I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF THE COAL MINE BUT I DO REMEMBER THE EARLY TIMES
ON THE FARM. I ONLY HAVE ONE MEMORY OF MY DAD BRING THERE AND IT WASN'T A GOOD
MEMORY.
BUT MOTHER WAS ALWAYS THERE, FOR US . I DON'T REMEMBER DAD BEING AROUND ONLY ONCEIN AW-
E,
AS I WAS GROWING UP.. AND FOR ALONG TIME I WASN'T SURE WHO HE WAS.
I DO REMEMBER HIM BEING THERE THE FIRST YEAR THAT KEN WAS IN KOREA. (1948 , I BELIEVE).
I REMEMBER THAT WINTER VERY WELL, TRUDGING THRU SNOW DRIFTS UP TO MY WAIST TO GET TO S.
OL.
AND MOTHER SENDING EXTRA DRY CLOTHES WITH ME TO CHANGE . MY TEACHER LIVED IN THE SCHOO.
HOUSE, SHE WOULD HANG MY WET CLOTHES UP TO DRY. THEY WERE FROM KANSAS, AND THE SCHOOL BO.
PARTITIONED OFF, ONE OF THE CLASS ROOMS AS LIVING QUARTERS FOR THEM. THEY ALSO BOUGHT M
CREAM AND
EGGS AND BUTTER FROM MOM. IT PAID FOR MY SCHOOL LUNCHES, WITH SOME LEFT OVER FOR MOM.
WE WORKED HARD ON THE FARM. MOTHER WAS ALWAYS ON THE GO.
I OFTEN WONDER HOW SHE MANAGED TO TAKE CARE OF US, WE RAISED OUR OWN FOOD, AND SHE MADE
R CLOTHES.
EVEN OUR UNDERWEAR. SHE DID BUY US LONG STOCKINGS, FOR WINTER.
SHE MADE OR REMODELED CLOTHES FOR US ALL THE TIME.
I REMEMBER THE HUGE GARDENS THAT WE RAISED AND ALL THE CANNING THAT WE DID.
WE MADE LYE SOAP. WE USED IT FOR EVERYTHING EVEN US.

WE HAD MONTGOMERY WARD CATALOGS FOR TISSUE. IN THE OLD OUT HOUSE.
WE RAISED HUNDREDS OF BABY CHICKS, FOR MEAT, EGGS.
MOM WOULD PACK THEM, IN DRY ICE TUBS, TO BE HAULED TO PRICE AND SOLD.
I DON;T REALLY REMEMBER ALOT ABOUT THE OLDER KIDS BEING HOME MUCH.
I DO REMEMBER WHEN LOYD AND LEORA WAS MARRIED. VELMA AND I FILLED THEIR SHEETS WITH PEANUT SHELLS. IT WAS AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME.
I REMEMBER THAT BOTH KEN AND SHELDON WERE AROUND.
I REMEMBER THAT THEY BOTH WENT IN THE SERVICE AT THE SAME TIME.
AND I STILL HAVE COUPLE OF LETTERS THAT THEY WROTE TO ME WHILE THEY WERE GONE.
I REMEMBER WHEN KEN AND DEL RAY WRE HOME ON LEAVE AND I GOT TO PRESS THIER UNIFORMS.
SO THAT THEY COULD GO OUT ON THE TOWN. THEY BOTH GAVE ME .50. TO DO THE JOB. BOY A WHOLE DOLLAR!!!
BOY DID I THINK I HAD THEWORLD BY THE TAIL.!

VELMA AND I GREW UP TOGETHER, AND WE WOULD FIGHT LIKE CATS AND DOGS, BUT WE WERE STILL GO. D FRIENDS
AND WE HELD ON TO THAT TYE TO THIS DAY. BEING FRIENDS AND SISTERS TO.
DARLENE WAS OUR BABY & I REMEMBER HOW PROTECTIVE WE WERE WITH HER.
DARLENE LEARNED TO WALK ON VELMA'S BED WHEN SHE HAD RUMAITIC FEVER. SHE COULDN'T GET OUT OF BED
SO WE TAUGHT DARLENE TO WALK ON VELMA'S BED.

I REMEMBER THE FIRST MEAL I COOKED. MOTHER HAD FOUND SOME ONE TO TAKE HER AND VELMA TO T. E SR.
AND I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF DARLENE. MOTHER TOLD ME TO FIND SOMETHING FOR LUNCH. SO I BOIL. D SOME POTATOES
& MADE GRAVY. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE MASHED POTATES, BUT YOU COULDN'T SPOON HE
GRAVY IT WAS SO THICK. BUT WHEN MOM GOT HOME SHE ADDED ALOT OF MILK, AND WE COULD EAT TH. GRAVY.
WE ALL LEARN BY TRIAL AND ERROR. AND I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT I DID LEARN TO COOK.
I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT LEORA AND SHIRLEY BEING HOME. AS YOUNG WOMEN . JUST LATER WHE. THEY
WERE YOUNG MOTHERS. I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS REALLY NEAT, THAT THERE WERE LITTLE ONES AROUND TO MOTHER AND TEND.
WE AKK HAD CHORES TO DO AND WHAT FREE TIME WE DID HAVE WAS SPENT, READING LEARNING TO SE. , CROCHET
AND EMBROIDER. VELMA & I USED TO PLAY "FARM". MOTHER WOULD GIVE STRING AND WOODEN SPOOLS,
AND WE COULD PLAY FOR HOURS IF WE HAD A CHANCE. WE ALSO PLAYED STORE. BUT YOU WOULD THINK THAT
BEING GIRLS WE WOULD PLAY HOUSE WITH OUR DOLLS. BUT WE SELDOM DID.
I ALSO REMEMBER PLAYING BARBER. AND CUTTING MY HAIR SO SHORT THAT MOTHER ALMOST HAD TO S. AVE MY HEAD,
TO EVEN UP MY BARBERING JOB. AD I TREASURED MY LONG HAIR AFTER THAT.
I HAVE MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF MY FAMILY, AND I LOVE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THEY ALL HAV. UNIQUE
PERSONALITIES, MANY TALENTS, AND ARE VERY HARD WORKING , & RESOURCEFUL. WE WERE ALL BROUGHT UP
WITH THE IDEA THAT IF OYU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO SOMETHING, YOU JUST LEARNED HOW TO DO IT
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WITH THE MATERIALS YOU HAD YOU IMPROVISE AND USE WHAT YOU HAVE
I THINK THAT LIFE IS A LEARNING PROCESS FROM THE TIME YOU WALK ON THRU THE YEARS.
I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE ALL LEARNED ALOT FROM OUR ANCESTORS AND ARE PROUD OF OUR HERITAGE.

ANN CHILDS FOREMAN

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ANN & VELMA LOOKIN THIER BEST!!