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Dermis Jensen
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Tape #1 side A

Margaret: So you worked with the CCC's?

Dermis: I did

Margaret: Back in the old days.

Dermis: I did

Margaret: How did that come to be?

Dermis: Well, when they got the Civil Service Corp. It was a program they had.... you know..... and they had all these boys come..... Oh, they was all over this country... you know.... It was a big thing.... Roosevelt thing..... and the camp that I was in... was 529 in Castle Dale... they also had the camp in Ferron.... But I wasn't in that..... But this one in Castle Dale was mostly kids from back East.... Kentucky and from out there and the while I was out....

They had a lot of projects... the CC's done lots of good in this country... a lot of good and.... understanding made bridges and things. The main thing they did was bridges and ponds..... I spent quite a bit of time on that swinging bridge across San Rafael.....
In fact when they did that..... when they dedicated the bridge the new one..... They had a little doings down there and we was invited..... Well we just went down... and I didn't know it at the timé..... But they'd been searching for somebody that had worked on that bridge... but they never did find anybody.....
Well during the program..... right at the program..... I was showing Montell Seely about this one tower that I had made..... I finished the concrete on it and set the saddle for the cable in it.....
And he says, " you mean you worked on here?"
And I says, " yeah."
And he says, "we've never been able to find anybody that worked on there."
But it was interesting..... they had people talk that day..... And had a regular program..... but they never even mentioned the construction part of it.... So I told a little bit about the construction..... and I will now briefly I'll tell you what is.....
They never had any equipment... like they do nowadays..... they just had little small cat and that..... but them tower's is about 20.... You've seen the bridge....
Well, them tower's about 20 feet high you'll see..... And when we started pouring on them.... they had them forms made up..... and when they started at the bottom we had to keep going until we got done... you know... regardless.... cause the cement would set..... and they just had gas.... A little gas mixer..... couple guys shoveling gravel.... one sand.... one water.... and then they put it in a big old bucket ....
and they had cable stretched clear to the top... with a big pole way.... high tower..... And the pulley and they'd pull this bucket up with the cat and somebody up there to dump it in there. And they done all for those towers that way.

But the anchors.... is just an interesting thing..... the anchors is set in concrete on each side... you know.... The cable goes into this anchor weight..... You can't see all that anchor.... cause there's some of its covered.... But it's those big steel cables two and a half three inch cable..... Well they were hooked on to this.. you see.. of course after they once up on there it was made so they could turn them to adjust them so they can get them both just the same see.....
In order to get it up, get the cable upon top of there... you see.... they put it in the anchors first and then just a lot of loose cables here..... They had a..... like I say they had this big pull up there..... and they put a small like a derrick cable on that cable and hooked on that cat and then just pulled it up and pulled it up until pushed it into.... in fact I pushed the one into the saddle... the saddle is piece of iron with a screw in it that the cable sets in... and they set it in there and then after it was all done.... Then they just use these things to get it perfect..... you know.... the sway..... But this a.... then after that they put these spinner roads up there.....
The job that I had mostly... they had a lot of timber worked there they had a lot of timber worked there.... ahhh, you know the guardrails and lateral braces and all that.....
They had these kids... you know.... I call them kids... they're just young guys... down there.. In the shade of some Cottonwoods had some big ahh.. sawhorses and these kids was sawing.... It was my job to take care these timbers and I just marked... had a pattern... and had about 4 or 5 kids... done all this by hand..... with the saws and made these... and put all these... on these towers.. above the....

The first a.... the first.... when they dedicated it.. the first vehicle to cross it was a model A Ford.... That was the first thing they ever took across it.... the first vehicle..... Now when they got... when they got the new bridge and they dedicated this.... they had the old shut off, see..... But they had some big boulders and they just pushed them out of the way... and Montell Seely took his wagon ...covered wagon... a crossed..... And then they got this model T. Ford.... and it's the same Ford..... same vehicle that crossed it the first

time..... that crossed it the last time.. And when it crossed the last... the last vehicle it crossed there.... she was riding in it then... and she got to ride it a crossed....

Venice: It was somebody from Huntington....

Dermis: Wall, I think her name was..... I don't know.

Venice: That owned the car.

Dermis: The bridge itself was... is.... It was by the BLM.....see I think.... Les Mott, I think was representing the BLM and Mr. Leamer was the engineer..... Of course they had the engineer and a architect all that..... but they wasn't there when the actual construction...see... of course these... it took.... Oh, I imagine close to two years to make it.... And then we camped up... up the side canyon.... what they call Calf Canyon... we camped up in there at nights.... And then well we'd go... weekends go to the Castle Dale..... you know..... But... so it was interesting doing that..... See that was a great help to stop them..... and they.... You go down there in the high water and it's hard to cross... see all.. all the traffic and the sheep and stockmen would have go down there.... you know ...to cross the river... to go... but now that they got the bridge they could start taking every.. Trucks and get back to where.... Cause it was a long ways down through there... you know.... They..... to get there... so that bridge was really a help..... I hope stays there a longtime... it will.

Margaret: Well, where did they cross the river, before the bridge, when they'd trail the cattle?

Dermis: They just forded the river.

Margaret: Just right there in the same place?

Dermis: Right.... just a little bit below... Incidentally.. when

we was there... they was an outfit... drilling.... Oil well rig outfit there... they had this big old truck.... it was high wheeled thing... four-wheel-drive... and it could ford it see.... And they..... In order if there was on this side and somebody come on and got.... They had a cable stretched a crossed.... And that little bridge used to seat you'd set on... you had a rope.... You pull yourself a crossed on this cable... and then you come back and forth.... in case.... Those CC boys had a lot of fun on that when they wasn't working... but then that.... But then the thing of it... they said... I didn't know this.... but they said you go across that bridge with a heavy load.... it would kind of sway.... and rear up like that.... Kind of scary I guess.... I heard Willie Behling telling about going across there with the big truckload of cattle.... And it half of the people with him cross that.... We've haven't only been across there six times... I guess... we was there the other day.... more than I ever been..... But it was a lot of....
Them kids was great kids.. Gee... they wrote to me a lot of them after they left here and went back to... I finally lost track of all of the them.... I did here about one been killed in the service... that would be World War II.... See and this was 1937...
1937 this was finished and I remember local people.... they had some local people for bosses and that like now .. and I remember Dave Tuttle was in charge of the lumber and they had a sawmill up in there... and a he's kinda.... I went with him a time or two up to the sawmill when he was getting the lumber out.... Yeah, it was great.

Margaret: Well, where did they bring the lumber from, Joe's Valley?

Dermis: Joe's Valley and up in there.. I was trying to think... I know the people's names... if they'd just come to mind.... that had the sawmill.... You might even know them....but I don't.... Tuttle, he was just a guy in charge of that..... Les Mott was representing the BLM..... of course the BLM never had nothing to do with the building part of it.. Its just on the BLM land had to the represented...see. Yeah...

Kathy: So when did you start working for the CCC's?

Dermis: Well.... this.... I was over there only a year in half... 1936... 7.... 1937 when it was dedicated. Dedicated and I did didn't get back there for quite awhile after that.....

Margaret: How long did it take to build it?

Dermis: Oh, they was the biggest part of two years.... It took a lot..... a lot... a lot of concrete and all... mixed by hand... it was a slow but it was... it was really well planned.... you can tell that by looking at it now there's... but is just hard to explain that concrete that was in there to hold the anchors.... see.... these anchors..... it was just like a stair step.... made like that.... only it was turned upside down.. see... so's it couldn't give in the ground... and then to put them cables up over there.... that was kind of tricking....
Put them cables.... cause they wouldn't allow them get in the water see..... so we put some planks stuff a crossed to hold them up.... I don't know why a little water wouldn't hurt its going to be rained on the rest of their lives.
But they was great kids..... Gees... I remember one time... this one little kid we'd have to out for breakfast ....you know .....you have to go for breakfast.... and he was always little bit late getting up for it..... And he'd wait there until he'd get all ready to go... and grab his shoes and go.... And so these kids they.... these tents had wooden floors.... So they took his shoes and set them by his bed and when he was someplace... and took some nails and drove a nail down the shoe and into the floor.... He waited until the last minute and jumped up to get his shoes and they was nailed solid.... But they was always pulling something on one another they was....
Some of them kids was real young they got mighty homesick you can tell that.... So I kind of fathered them..... They come here and lived with us after we was.... after I was out... they were... done the country a lot of good.....
All that road up Huntington Canyon was made by CC's.... and all this.... the big dam down Salina Canyon was done by

CC's..... it was... there was two or three other people around the county worked there.... you know... wasn't in the CC's they was department. But that was in... I don't know what time of year I got there..... but I started to haul lumber down to build this house.... my dad had a sawmill.... at that time.... All over 30 years....

Margaret: Where was his sawmill at?

Dermis: It was up.... Well it was moved.. it was up what they call ... you know where the SEUFCO mine is? We call it East Spring Canyon... right where the buildings is.... where the mine is..... We've got this.... what they call Quitchupah Canyon up here and you get right up to where the shop..... them buildings is..... And then there's that road went right up that canyon.... Dad and them built a road... how I remember it.... The first time I was on that road.... I was six years old ....and I was coming.... they had to have it finished and dad had to come to town.... And he got on... got a horses... I can remember the horse... Old Spot..... And I got behind the saddle... and we come down there... and here and there you can see they'd been working..... Incidentally I can remember seeing this plow laying there.... an old hand plow... and there it is right out there..... you'll have to see it.... when you go out.... that plow.... And later they got this plow up to where the mill was..... up through the Canyon..... and Brett and I, that's our son, we went down in there years after this..... we seen this old plow and we carried that out..... He says let's get that out.... We carried it a quarter of a mile...?????..... what they was sawmill's..... they'd done a lot of sawmill before 1903..... when the Forest Service went in.... in 1903..... Cause the Ranger he writes about it.... I wrote(read) his whole thing where he's a been there for 30 years Dave Williams..... and I wrote(read) it..... read his diary clear through..... And a it was in Joe's Valley and they was a lot of lumber going out see.... When that.... And then the Forest Service went in.... course they had to take charge of the timber.... And they had free... what they called free use.. Permits... you need to build a barn or house.... Your going

to have to prove that you was going to use it... but they... it was free use it.. didn't cost anything... for the timber and that went on for years....
You've been in the museum over here and seen where they had a little doings... the Old Pioneer Museum? They represented the Timber and sawmills and they got a little thing to itself.... but in fact our pictures there over on the wagon...

Margaret: I've seen that stuff back there, its really interesting.

Dermis: But, I know George Petty from Ferron... he run a mill up Ferron Canyon... to start with he had a mill... in what they called Cove Fork up here... and incidentally this old church building down here.... that's where the lumber come for that mill... later he sold it to Broderick's and Broderick's they put a road up.... Right up here on top..... this is.... You've been up Link.... I guess not....

Margaret: Yes

Dermis: Well right on top's where it was.... And they... the Forest Service helped build a road.... the people they worked for a dollar and a half a day..... They may have went down there... but in the... Petty he sold it to Broderick's.. And then out in the..... they had another mill... old a.. He's an industrious cuss... old Jacobson.. Rasmussen... Jacobson... this trash pile here down here..... you see.... down here... you see... he's got a grandson that lives there.... and I said he didn't get nothing... any ambition from his grandfather.... His grandfather put in a... a grist mill... up here in the Muddy and you go upon the side up there now... and you go down you can see some cottonwood trees.. dead of course.. they're laying right along the side hill and I never could figure that, why... why they was up there.... and I later discovered.... I talked to old timer here.... And he said well he had the sawmill you know it run by water..... your waterpower and that's what he did... to was particular man in

the same year... he put that grist mill in... and he put a sawmill up in The Pines.... what they call The Pines in the same year... he must've been an industrious old cuss with the .... They had... they had the same mill's in Ferron.... they had one there run by water... I took... I drove over that with the team and wagon when I was 15 years old... to get wheat.... Momma tells.... my mother tells me about... going over there to get wheat..you know... everybody would in the fall.... Yeah....
But these sawmills nowadays there something difference aren't they? You know when I went and got a... we got some lumber over there.... to build some racks.. you know... $500 a 1000.... For my dad had lots of lumber off from that mountain.. He could haul a 1000 feet on a wagon.... And he get $30 for a 1000 foot load....
We got.....We've been honored this farm over here across the road.... We was honored in the Centennial where they honored those people for the farms that had been in the same family for 100 years.... we qualified.... well I say we... she was the..... it was Rasmus Johnson.... She qualified for that so they give us the sign... and we got it put up there.

Kathy: Oh, that's what that sign is out there.... all right....

Dermis: Yeah, for a 100 years.

Venice: My grandfather.... That house on the hill up there.... that was built on the old place..

Dermis: Now he was one of the first settlers.... My father coming here later but.... after the Johnsons.... I don't know just when my dad...grandfather did come.... he lived in Molen awhile..... but anyway her father was the first settlers.... all this ground from here down town up that lane road south clear over the hill was his... see.... and then he sold pieces out there lots out to people that he... he was a.. he was quite a interesting old guy... he's a... he was a commissioner..... Grandpa Johnson was..... And he was on a mission didn't he? On a mission after he was married.....

Venice: Left his family and all the his.. or his boys had to.... I guess they didn't have anything... you know... the farm was all.... And my grandmother I've always heard her say how hard her brothers worked to support them well he was on his mission.

Dermis: And this..... See it was 1903 when the Forest Service went in.... up until then it was free range... I guess it was beat to death... thousands and thousands of sheep and cattle.... you know ...a lot more sheep... till they went to the Forest Service ....it took a few years to kind a improve it... you know... so when they had regulation.... incidentally there's just about the same amount of cattle up there now... permitted then... you know we always had three or four.. But a it's changed quite a bit.. you know... the way it regulated... I was the president of that cattle association for 28 years... and they run cattle now ...right now they run about... well where we run there's about just under 1400 head.... But it ... but it's different people.. you know... now... well it ain't so much now cause were up... Castle Valley's bought all of that ahhh... but they'd run on the desert..... on this East Desert... there's cows in those days never hardly... never did... hardly tasted hay... they go out on the range... on the summer/winter range.. and come here.. come back... I can remember this, I was getting to go on the desert... come up here and corral them... maybe stay overnight and the calves branded.... And take them out on the mountain... just like that.... Those cows would never get a bale of hay in their lives...

Kathy: Where did you run cows in the desert?

Dermis: Where? Down..... mostly down on the Muddy. We did go in to Link Flats, Copper Globe some but mostly right down the Muddy..... You know.... on both sides of the Muddy and Willow Springs and through there..... We did get in to Copper Globe..... my dad did a lot. He was a..... he was a great cowboy..... He had a lot of talent..... I want to show you a picture of him before you leave..... He's a..... he was

a.... could do anything... but my boys couldn't see it.... his hands.. you know... was like a blacksmiths kinda like an old????....
My boys says.. I says, "he played the accordion."..... and he says "well how did he play the accordion?" and I says, "well, I guess he was younger." (??????) The kids wouldn't remember that. But he did... he had a lot of... a lot of friends..... he'd leave his work to go help the other guy... and of course a lot of the pioneers was that way...
But it was a great life....She (Venice) spent a lot of time on that mountain... I tell you... I trapped the(for) government up there for 17 years and then I run cattle you know.....The kids was little.... We'd take them..... that was the greatest time our life... you know that... when you're raising the kids... that's the greatest.... that's what I remember about her. When we got married and we never had nothing.... Nobody did.... The Depression..... You just can't believe how it was.... But nobody got..... I didn't get too hungry.... I say, "I never missed any meals but I postponed quite a few." ... Yep.

Venice: When he went in the C's... what were you're making $40 a month?

Dermis: $36 to start with....

Venice: That was the first job he ever had...

Dermis: Well I

Venice: We lived with my mother for three years...
Dermis: Well, then I got a raise to $45 and I thought what you going to do that money.... so I started to build a house....

Kathy: With all that extra money.....

Dermis: I worked for dollar a day..... and I've worked for almost $100 a day. So that's change....

Venice: In his lifetime.

Dermis: Yeah.....

Venice: Worked coal mine....

Dermis: But you... she was.... Pioneered women, they had.... they had to work hard..... I would say.... Coming across that plains in a dress..... dragging on the ground.....

Kathy: And the shoes....

Dermis: Yeah

Kathy: The kinds of shoes you had to wear.

Dermis: But you..... I have a great family, I had great help. You can't do these things with out your wife's help..... she baled a lot hay in her time and everything else.... pulled calves... and she keeps the house fairly clean..... it gets kind.....

Venice: Fairly clean..... He helps me.....

Dermis: I was going to help once awhile..... but it's been fun living right here... we've had a great life..... Had four kids and they all had at least two years of college..... two of them was married in the temple... the other two didn't..... we got .... Going to have another greatgran.... That will be 24 greatgran..... Be two dozen and we had dozen grandchildren..... two dozen greats..... yep, we had it good..... But we had the association of people..... all people was good to help one another.... they had to, to survive.... yeah.

Venice: You was Bishop for five years.

Dermis: Incidentally she lived upon the house... she lived when she was??? So the other day we went in and got a

piece of furniture that we'd throwed away..... after it had been rained on..... there it is see in that room ...that piece of furniture that's 100 years old... just had it redone....

Margaret: This dresser here?

Dermis: Tops warped but they're going to try and fix it. That's why we got all that weight up there that top's warped..... Dixon Peacock redid it... you know Dixon.... lives in Orangeville... he does a lot of that.

Venice: We got those heavy things on it.... started raising up a little bit see so.... that heavy stuff try to..... it had warped the top has warped ... but its way over a 100 years old..... It was up there in that house on the hill...

Margaret: And it was in there until recently?

Dermis: Yes.... Well... we'd been busy.... Yep.

Kathy: Well... tell us this story about your wedding.

Margaret: Yeah, we've heard that.....

Venice: Yeah! Tell them about your wedding!

Dermis: Well, did we get married?! I can't.... I can't remember of it!

Venice: Well, we didn't have parties... you know... we got married just over here in the house.....in mother's house...Bishop G. L. Olson married us.... and a then that night all the kids...I don't know whether we went to bed or what.... We didn't.... we was up there in that spare room.....and they climbed up that.... on that porch..... and my mother screamed.... and she thought they was going to?????..... and she made us go downstairs and then they took him..... and Alice, Maureen, and all of them took me..... and I don't know what become of him.... but I went out to

Roy Bunderson's....

Dermis: Well that, they're remodeling the house... we own it.. we sold.....

Venice: The next day Roy brought me home.....

Dermis: But that east room is where she was born... she was married in that roóm... had her first child in that room.... she said I don't know.... Yeah..... I daren't .....What did your mother..... Well of course... yeah right... all in that same room! So it's got quite a history that room, yeah.
Cause we lived in that room her and I... just one room for a while.... Ahh that weekend she got home sick...had to open the door and go through.... So we build this ....got two rooms finished.... And we've moved in.... I'd got.... scraped up $15 and bought a little old cook stove and put in there.... We had a canvas cot, for studio couch... and I got some orange crates and we made some cupboards..... And that was the best time I ever had... we was plum happy.... Didn't have no better of sense.... I guess.... but we enjoyed that..... that's the way we started out..... well, later we got it all finished but.....

Venice: We didn't have a bathroom until after our last baby was born..... We all just bathed there in the number three tub upon the.... we was all alike.... everybody was the same here.... there wasn't anybody that was..... And the younger ones of course.... I don't.....

Dermis: Well, we've had a good life here. She's been right with me all the time..... I know a damn few times I've had to get my own breakfast and I brag on her a little..... I bet there's three times she's ever went to bed when there was dirty dishes in the sink ..... well it don't hurt if I brag on you a little.... But what she hasn't done it's hard..... well our boys was good too... Brent, last for nearly.... He a retired from the BLM, he lives in Saint George.... Russ runs up here, lives up here... and we got our property in a family trust.... you

know.... Russ takes care of everything.... I just... him and Mom's my bosses.... I think if you keep your mouth shut.... mind your business.... But it's hard to do.... it ain't easy.

Kathy: That's for sure.....

Dermis: Anything you want to ask me about... I can tell you about.... Some of these....

Kathy: Let's go back to the CCC's, was at the only project you worked at, or are.... you know like... we've got what? The dams out?

Margaret: The dams and the ponds, I guess?

Kathy: The ponds, the catchment basins out on Dry Wash... out from the Moore Road...

Dermis: 0h yeah, I worked in two or three of them... it was... the one was... where you go out of Ferron, down to what they call Cinderella Hills....

Margaret: Okay

Dermis: I worked down there... when I was in there.. they used horses... and me and then one of the CC boys we'd stay....we camped right there.... so we had to harness the horses.. you know.... and feed them... and get them ready... we got a pond there... and we built three or four ponds around.... We built two up Huntington Canyon.... above south of... or north of Huntington... in the hills up in there.... we built two ponds up in there..... and we done some other work to..... They was mostly those ponds..... some roads... yeah we built some roads.... when you go down from Castle Dale.... And you go down... for you get Huntington Creek... there's that dug way... you know what I'm talking about don't you?.... The next time you go down look right under the hill... you'll see the frame of an old car... there was to kids killed there... this a... it was a engineer... Mr. Leamer..... he was

the engineer on the bridge there... but anyway they was coming down.... these two in front and two in the back.... They get off the top and rolled off from there... and killed the two that was in the back..... these???? kids.

Margaret: Were they CCC kids or local kids?

Dermis: Yeah, they was CC kids, yeah.

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Tape #1 side B

Dermis: .....from off the desert and the mountain. I rode a

horse when I was a mighty small boy.... when I first rode with my dad he took a pack saddle.... you know what a pack saddle is..... on a pack outfit.... Had a sheepskin, he put in there, to build me a saddle. That was my first saddle.... That's what I rode..... I was probably six years old or something like that....
Then I wondered if he done..... He was a great cattle.. great cowman.... he's sort a.... Of course just rode horse from then on.... rode hórse a lot more than I.... yeah but these cows they bring them up and they'd... the way they do now... they get them in a big corral.... then they just go in there and somebody ropes.. see.. and drag them to the fire.... they probably have to get.... and these guys that go out there and rope they'd be..... mixed cattle.... specially on the mountain... they'd go up there in the middle of the summer and brand.....
We take our families you know... and these guys would rope they'd have to and when they'd catch that calf ... they'd bring it to the fire.... they'd have to know who's calf that was.... cause there's probably 30 permittees up there... it would take some pretty the Cowboys to do that.....we done that.... And when they'd go up there we take our wives and families it was it was a great time to have cattle in.... and I've seen some cattle from off the desert.... we'd go down there when I was a kid.... they was so poor they couldn't hardly walk.... Gee's that was a slight.... In them days you know.... they didn't have no..... They didn't feed their cattle then.... I guess they just run on the range.... They had.... had to have so many horses to operate..... it took all the hay to feed their horses....

Kathy: Where did they get the horses?

Dermis: Well, they raised them mostly.... Yeah, they raised them... they caught a few on the desert.... I had one I caught on the desert, that was a real good one....
But there was people... the Swasey's they ran lots a cattle..... horses..... old Joe Swasey they'd come up here.... they'd have a bunch of horses in this big corral down here.....

and they'd stay a couple days... you know... and sell and trade with them..... and I remember him coming over..... old man Joe Swasey had a pair of leggings.... You know what I mean leggings..... and they was made out of cowhide and they still had the hair on..... he made his leggings out of cowhide... and then there was this one boy.... I can remember him..... I can remember the kinda saddle he had....a little different was the saddle..... And when they'd want to catch a hórse they were.... Is there a Royal Swasey?

Kathy: Yes

Dermis: He was good with a rope... and there was a Grant..... Royal Swasey... I can see him roping them horses and..... And 0h! Everybody in town would be down there to see this trading and see these wild horses..... And yeah.... I've been to the..... Joe Swasey's cabin down there... you know where it is?

Kathy: Yep

Dermis: You been there. I was there..... I was lost the first time I went there..... Yep.... should I tell you the story about that?

Kathy: Sure, yeah.

Dermis: There was the people in here that had sheep..... Clear out in Mckay Flat's south end....
And there was a guy... I had to go find him.... His mother died..... And I've never been that far out..... so her dad he was well acquainted with all this country... herded sheep a lot of so he drew me a map.... and I had to truck with a double horse and I went up Dry Wash and there was no road out the Interstate then... or even Dry Wash was.... You get out what they call.... where that rode dropped into Justensen Flat there..... that was as far as you go.... To Eagle Canyon....
Now he says you can get on your horse... there's the trail to

north.... Or you can go down in there.... You go up.... Go up Eagle Canyon... you think it would be down going that way... but it's up..... Clear from here.... And he says just keep going and you come.... what they call Rods Valley.... It's a Big Valley... and you go right down that and you'll find three tin granaries.... Crawfords and a..... There was three different sheep outfits.... And I lost stock there was three.... And then he says from there I can't tell..... you'll just have to pick up the mule tracks and follow to the camp..... and when I was going up this canyon... I don't know.. I got... you see it forks up in there... the one comes out right to Joe Swasey's cabin... and I should've been in the one in the South..... But when I hit that... cause he told...her dad told me.... about this cabin... I knew I was wrong.... so I just headed straight south until I hit the next big drainage.... and found the granaries... and I just follow them tracks and found the sheep camp.... But it was a long afternoon and I got there in pretty good time without knowing where I was going.

Kathy: How old were you?

Dermis: Uh

Venice: How old were you?

Dermis: Well, I was married to you... how old was it.

Venice: It was 18.... I guess.

Dermis: I had my first truck... I was.... of tell you it was..... it was in the '40s.....in the '40s and..... cause the.. I went down to... well I hadn't hardly got back..... Till a this guy that owned the sheep... he came up here to get supplies.... He had to go clear around by Green River... but everyone else would go down the shortcut... but he couldn't..... you go clear down by Green River that's where the bridge came in handy.... see.... Then you could cross there and the shortcut.... see you wouldn't have to go to Green River..... But anyway he was up here and he had his ? in his truck

and he was staying to Grant Sorensen's up here... and he a heart attack and died.... so they sent me back to tell the guy.... the guy was a cousin of him..... he was with the sheep... so they sent me back down there.... to get him.... so I went back down there.... and then stayed there until he came through... to go back with.... I stayed down there with the sheep seven days... I have a big-time and.... though I wasn't alone there was another guy with me.

Margaret: So you went down and kind a took his place and he could come home?

Dermis: Yeah..... well this guy came over here tha....t he owned the sheep and lived in Moroni and he came over here.... I don't know why he was dressed like he was... he had a suit like.. you know.. dressed up.. And he wanted me to take him out to this sheep camp.. I and we had heard this was his second ????? here... Sorensen's.... where he'd stayed.... had told him that they was coming out with the sheep and they was coming up what they called..... them days you'd come up that canyon right under the Eagle Canyon Bridge... you'd go right on the west that'd be.... then you pulled out of Justensen Flat and out on top..... that was as far as you could go... Well we got that far..... and they was nobody there.. There was no sheep no nothing..
So we hung around till night... and so... we never had no... what was to say... but we had some sacks of cotton feed.... feed you know and two horse blankets...so we spent the night there..... (????????? Laughter)..... Ans I'll never forget that the next morning we got up and he looked pretty hungry.... I took a can of tomatoes and dumped the tomatoes out.... there in the water and made him a little tea and that toast him some bread on the fire... so we... and no body come.... so we walked off down in there... it was just over some slickrock's..... that's right where you start down off in there to Justensen Flat....
Then we walked around were you could look into that cabin.... There on the ledge and we's sitting there and here we could hear something down there and there come old

Clair Blackum.... he had the sheep camp... and the mules and all that stuff see.... So he came up there... we set up camp.... and had our everything.... then we brought him back home....
Had a lot of experiences. ..... Had a lot of experiences trapping to.... Trapped for the government 17 years.

Margaret: What did you trap for the government?

Dermis: Predatory animals... mostly coyotes I got them I think my record showed I caught 49 lion.... in 17 years will and then... Oh about 6 7 bear and hundreds of coyotes you know I.....

Venice: How many years did you trap?

Dermis: I think it was about 16 years something like that.

Kathy: Did you work mostly on the mountain or did you work out on.....?

Dermis: One the desert.... we trapped.

Kathy: On the desert.

Dermis: But on the mountain it was awful the way the coyotes was.. They was killing in every herd every night..... They'd be dead sheep on the bedding ground.....I started over... well in the Muddy Basin mostly.... You know.... Over on the Heliatrope and the Crawfords was in there then and these other herds... cause a lot a coyotes..... spring I'd catch a lot of pups.. you know... they'd get in a hole and she helped me dig them out.... Dig them out back up in there.... Yeah... I got acquainted with a lot of them sheep outfits in Manti.. you know.. Yeah... I see them once in a while... some of the... this one herd I know four generations... five generations... that owned that herd of sheep... but they was... they was awful the way they was killed...Oh.. I trapped a little on my own..... just after I quit... just on the side to

make some pretty good money..... I'll have to show you a picture of a lion in here... I went out here and got him.... Got in the sheep and I went out... old Paul Olson farm ??????? Says..... I wish you'd called before dark we'd set a trap.... And then I got thinking... called him and said let's go get it.... about 9:00 went there and I just took a couple traps and set them with a flashlight the next morning I had that old Mama..... and then later I took her she had some great big youngings with hér..... I took them alive.... kept them alive awhile..... and sold them to a guy down in Gunlock.... down in Saint George... but I used to.... when you trapping for the government you'd had to.... if the hides was good... bobcats you'd skin them... see.. Save them.... and of course they took them... but they project before that where you could keep them... you know.... And I.... I trap a lot of stuff.... I'm still trapping... coons.

Kathy: When you trapped down in the desert what was the country that you went through? Did you.....

Dermis: Well... mostly where the sheep was the.... I don't know a lot of it....

Venice: What was the names of the country?

Dermis: Out on south of Cedar Mountain and out through there.... Kinard's had two herds and Sorensen's back along the Muddy and back north of out through... you know... and I didn't get out there to much..... just kept down in the valley here... out on these ranches and.

Margaret: When you speak of Cedar Mountain is that the one down South?

Dermis: Uh Huh

Margaret: Okay.... it's not the one up by Castle Dale.

Dermis: It's one down there.... down on the.... Yep yep....

Kathy: Did you ever get down in the Sinbad Country?

Dermis: Well.... I never trapped there.... but I .... Perry Ovesen and I put out baits down there.... That was the worst thing the government ever done.... Was put out that 10-1080 poison I didn't like that..... it killed to much innocent stuff..... you know....
Geez... it was terrible...

Venice: It killed everything.

Dermis: They about cleaned up the coyotes with it... it sure was awful... I was glad when they quit that.. it was quite a job.. I talked to Perry the other day and incidentally in the rest home....
But anyway we would take sheep or.... most of this stuff the they'd give you a money to buy the bait.... like horses old horses were sheep or course was the sheep are donated..... but this 1080 poison... was a... had a chain reaction... it was mean one..... the coyote come and he'd fill up on that.... And it wouldn't kill him right then... he go traveling... and where the chain reaction come... he'd fall when he'd get sick and he'd fall ????? Another coyote would come along and eat it and it would kill him.....
And a we'd go all over that desert.... well from Woodside.... clear through that.... Clear to Sinbad.... And on this mountain we just did north of Joe's Valley... over.... way over there..... clear over almost to Fish Lake on this ...????.... it was a lot of traveling and we do that in the fall see.... And then in the spring... before they'd have to gather all that up..... bury it or something.. it was.... It was a lot of work..... But I've got some.... Coyotes.. you know.. when I was a kid I'd get 8 dollars..... tickled to death... but they never was worth much... but I did... just a few days ago I got small scrap papers and stuff... I've been looking at and I found a little bill there where I'd sold 10 coyotes and got $55 apiece for them.... And I didn't remember coyotes ever being worth that much.... but I had it in writing.... I'm glad I got it.....

Kathy: Yeah, that's for sure. That's a bit of money.

Dermis: Well, do you want to talk a little about coal mines?

Venice: No

Kathy: Tell us a more about when Swasey would bring their horses, in where was that here in Emery?

Dermis: It was right down here east of town..... You know that old..... I can remember old Joe Swasey he was a character... you know.... They had a doings up here in Joe's Valley years ago... and I don't know..... I see this picture in the paper and there stood this guy and some family..... and he had a pair bib overalls on and it says Joe Swasey... says Joe Swasey and his family... and I cut it out..... and you know... I don't know what I did with that..... you know things like that.... I like to have them....
But I remember he said.... I'd like to tell the story about him.... He hurt himself someway... in his chest... you know... so old Doc Easley... he was the first Doctor here... he taped him up... with tape... you know....
when he says to Joe... he says, " well this is something new we're just trying it out... and we'll tape you up good."..... And he taped him up good.... And when he went to take it off..... He pulled that off.. it took hair and all...
and he said to old Doc, " by God Doc." he says, " that stuff sure is a suck sess."
They tell that story.....

Venice: How about Monte? He was a good friend of ours.

Dermis: Well that... he was. Well when we used to have those rodeos here..... he'd clown it.... he was the clown.....

Kathy: So did he?.....

Dermis: Yep..... Him and my brother... Dewey... they was great friends... you wouldn't know Dewey.... Dewey

Jensen... you wouldn't know him.....

Kathy: ....no.....

Dermis: He lived right here in town.... His wife still lives here.... He died in about ten years ago.... he was younger than me.. six years.. But.. they worked out to the Mountain Ranch.... you know... that old Spring Ranch.... And Monte and him they was together a lot out there... so they was.... they was great friends..... But old Joe... I guess Joe's Valley is named after Joe Swasey..... See there's upper and lower Joe's Valley.... But they said that's how it was named after him... I guess.... he homesteaded there.... Well I read a little something about it someplace... I have about.... Maybe it was in that Forest Service diary I don't know but.... where he had went in there and homesteaded or done something..... But he was the quite a character..... He had a lot of old horses.... he had a lot of horses.... I had picture... I don't know what become of that... it was in the paper to.... where they had this..... rounded up these horses and there was a big pond.... And these horses was standing out in the water... a lot of them.. you know.... They must look like about 100 horses.... Oh there must been 100... and I can't remember..... I can remember the old man and Royal.... was that Ted's father, Royal Swasey? There's Two Royal Swasey's.... But anyway... there was another brother.... Joe..... there was a Joe... Young Joe.. He was accidentally killed..... I can't..... I can't remember what was ....it was an accident though. I'd know him quite a while.....

Kathy: Was there a Grand?

Dermis: Yeah.... Grand Swasey.. yeah... yeah I think he was with the old man when they was bringing horses in.... he had some.... they run some good horses.... they had some good stallions put out there and they..... Some of them were pretty good horses.. Yeah.. built that cabin.... You went to that.. of course.. Him and old Peterson was kinda buddies..... What was his name?

Kathy: Seely?

Dermis: Seely's dad.

Kathy: Seely's dad. Pete

Dermis: They was pretty good buddies..... They tell some story about a bobcat they caught.....How they got it on behind a pack saddle and it got loose.... and you could tell it was quite a story up in that cabin..... old Chris told Joe... and Joe says let that son-of a-bitch out..... I guess he was tearing things up.... Yep they ..... Well there was other Swasey's.....but I don't know whether they's down to Molen or not.... if they was related.... he's got to be related.... I'll think of... Dudley Swasey.... I don't know who he's related to.... he's got to be related to Joe..... But I knew them pretty well..... cause another thing I did I spent about 16 years a... with the Department of Agriculture brand inspecting.....she was my Secretary..... she done.... she done all the paper work....

Venice: I did all the writing.

Dermis: We went.... they was a lot of cattle down in Sinbad ?????? And they moved them out of the country.... Well they was 1500 head and they all had to be brand inspected before they left down there so we'd go down there..... early in the morning..... One morning we went down and that was first ever had sandwich with lettuce on for breakfast.... Lettuce sandwiches for breakfast.....
But anyway we went down there and I get the corral..... of course I'd run in there... and she'd make out the reports.... And then there was a lot of reporting to it.... In each year all them brands they'd come here... you know ... the one time they'd have to come and get them brand inspected before they could go to the auction..... and later they had it so they had come and get a pass.... I'd give them a pass and then they'd inspect them over there.... But there was a lot of brands..... I learned a lot of brands..... People would come

here... she could... she was a big help..... well she done all the important work.

Kathy: When you went out to inspect them what trail.. what road did you take out at that time?

Dermis: Well, let's see....

Venice: When we went down there.. that time... that big storm...

Dermis: We went out of Sinbad.... We'd had to went over to Castle Dale... and out I guess... we never did go out this road we built .... Maybe we did... maybe we did.....

Venice: You mean down Wildcat? Or I mean down Link?

Dermis: I believe maybe we went down the Interstate... I can't remember.

Kathy: Did you ever go down Cold (Coal)Wash?

Dermis: No.... no.. I've been around it.... about where it is.. and all.. But never been right through it.... No... but I've been through this Muddy.. a lot of times ..clear through the Muddy.... clear down to the Hondu.... and down that Creek... yep...
and on the wild horse chasing.....

Margaret: So you go down the Muddy to Hondu and then around through Reds Canyon and out that way?

Dermis: We ran cattle in Hondu..... that's about as far ours would go.... We'd go every... every... our cattle would... the other guys wouldn't go.... but Dewey and I.... put ours down and they'd go clear into Hondu and right down the creek... and that's where I used to go.. when I was a kid.... with my dad. And we ran cattle in there... and I remember taking them up Reds Canyon... once and dad said... well this feed

looks like it's pretty well fed off.... We'll just go up to this water... so we was going up Red Canyon and come around the bend and there was about six or eight wild horses standing there on the water.... And boy they left... but we didn't take our cattle up there... we'd get them into the Hondu.... we did every year..... Dewey and I but.... but some of these other guys don't now..... because they don't dare cross the creek.... You know it ain't that bad...
But I went brand inspected mostly..... well I'd go over to Orangeville and around... Bill... was it Bailey.... Willie Behling was the brand inspector over there.... but of course sometimes when we were out I'd have to go help... you know... we done a lot inspecting..... he was....
I got acquainted with a lot of people was kinda interesting.... Yeah.. they'd come here.. you know... have their books out on the porch and they couldn't make out their own slips..... just a lot of cattle..... A lot of cattle going Through now.... they had 3000 one day this week..... this fall in..... over to the Salina auction..... that's the way most of the cattle went..... of course they had them buyers coming here.... used to... you still had to have this investigation.... identification of cattle..... They had to charge them so much....

Kathy: It sounds like you spent quite a bit of time out....

Venice: Oh.. yes

Kathy: Around....

Venice: Oh.. yes.... I went with him a lot..... even when go around to his traps I'd go with him..... he'd walk and I'd sit in the truck you know... and then..... I don't know what I done sitting there in the truck.... But anyway I was along with him about all the time.

Dermis: Well... you'd read.. crochet... and

Venice: When we went to the mountain... we always took our

family... you know... with us... every summer.... I don't think there's a woman in Emery... ever been on that mountain as much as I have..... camped out.. you know... because he was always gone... and I.....

Dermis: Well..... she spent a lot of time on the range in her life... with her dad he herded sheep for years....

Venice: Yeah.... my dad herded sheep.....

Dermis: They lived out there....

Venice: So..... when I was a teeny kid I went mountain camped out.... I do better camping out... then I keeping... cleaning house....

Dermis: Well.... it was after I quit trapping.... It was three years I herd these cattle up here.... Had her in the kids with... Brent and Russ our boys...they was just halfway... you might say... between toys and girls... they liked to get their 22's and go out and hunting..... the sheep go along and we'd gather bummer lambs.... and we'd take Kenna and we had to take a pack horse... you know... and put her in one of the poniards..... she was our youngest... she.... We'll we'd go and ????? the sheep and the bummer lambs.... She's ????? two or three herd the sheep..... ????? she'd sell them get some more.... They'd be about dead the same way with calves.... Ah she could nurse them... got a bunch from California once and they all got sick every one of them... but the sheep I thought they was all going die but she saved everyone..... She wasn't afraid out and do things.... She ain't very big but I tell you.... She's mighty.... She ain't very big.... but neither's a stick of dynamite....

Venice: She's not very big... but she's mighty....

(Laughter)

Venice: Well.. our kids right now they'll say.... well why don't you.... You know... by some new furniture.... or why don't you.... get a new car... why don't you get this and that I don't know what... we're comfortable....

Dermis: Well.... we've given them a little money and helped them a lot....

Kathy: We have some photographs.... Maybe you can help us identify.... Of CCC activities....

Dermis: Yeah..... we've been pretty well.... I celebrated with the Bunderson's for a lot of years... all through...

Venice: I went to school with Victor..... We was the same ward...

Kathy: Oh.. did you...

Dermis: This a.....

Venice: We was about the same size..... you know.... So

Kathy: He was a little one..... huh... a

Venice: We'd go to dance..... we'd dance and they'd knocked down... and we'd get up....

Dermis: This one reservoir on the mountain... what they call the Larson reservoir... a....Henry Larson and Roy Bunderson....you know who Roy Bunderson..... that's your
Kathy: My grandpa....

Dermis: They built that and they gave them to shares of water.... for building it..... Of course it still there.... They just went up there now getting the Beaver logs of the pond.....

(Other conversation about photo's)

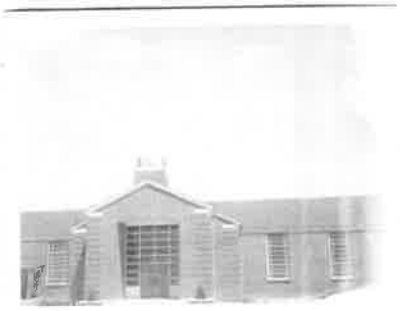
JENSEN FAMILY

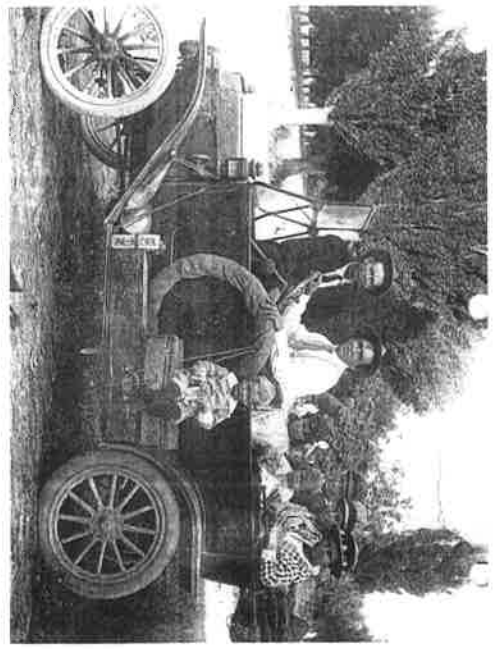
THIS EXCELLENT PHOTO SHOWS THE JENSEN'S STATED IN A MODEL T FORD. THEY APPEAR TO BE ON A TRIP SOMEWHERE AS THEY HAVE SUITCASES AND ARE DRESSED UP FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION. LOCATION IS UNKNOWN. DRIVER OF THE CAR IS HANS B. JENSEN, HIS BROTHER CHRISTIAN IS NEXT TO HIM. LUELLA JENSEN IS WEARING THE PLAID DRESS. IN FRONT OF HER IS LUTELLA JENSEN (AUNT TILLIE) AND DORTHELLA JENSEN (AUNT DOLLA) WITH THE RIBBONS IN HER HAIR. SEATED ON THE SUITCASE IS DENNIS JENSEN (UNCLE DENNIS). THE OTHER TWO WOMEN ARE UNKNOWN. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHO THEY ARE? IT IS ESTIMATED THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN 1914 AT TILLIE

APPEARS TO BE ABOUT 2 YEARS OLD. THE PHOTO WAS PROBABLY TAKEN BY AUNT ELLA JENSEN, CHRIS' WIFE AND LUELLA'S SISTER, AS SHE IS NOT IN THE PHOTO WITH UNCLE CHRIS.

THIS PHOTO WAS PROVIDED BY CLOYD LARSEN.

HANS AND HIS BROTHER CHRIS WERE VERY CLOSE AND HAD MANY THINGS IN COMMON. THEY WERE BOTH FARMERS AND CATTLEMEN. THEY BOTH HAD BLACKSMITH SHOPS AND SAWMILLS. THEY ALSO MARRIED SISTERS AND LIVED NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER.





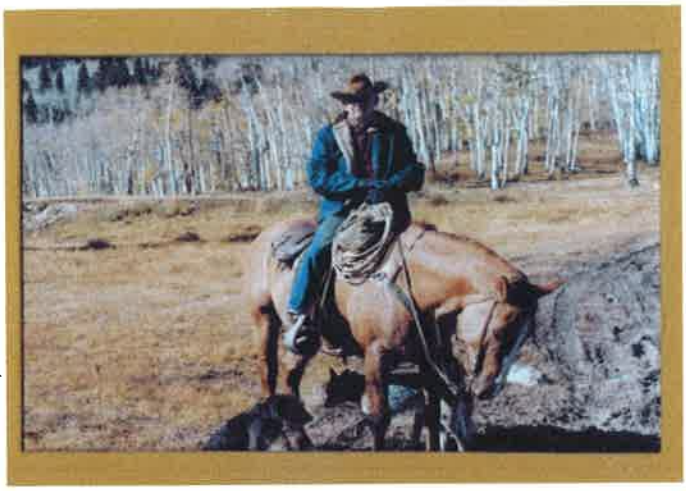
CLAY SPRINGS RANGER STATION
BUILT BY DAVE WILLIAMS FIRST RANGER

VENICE

LAWAYNE JENSEN

Russle & Carsen
in front of old house

Dennis



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Hazel & Emery's home.

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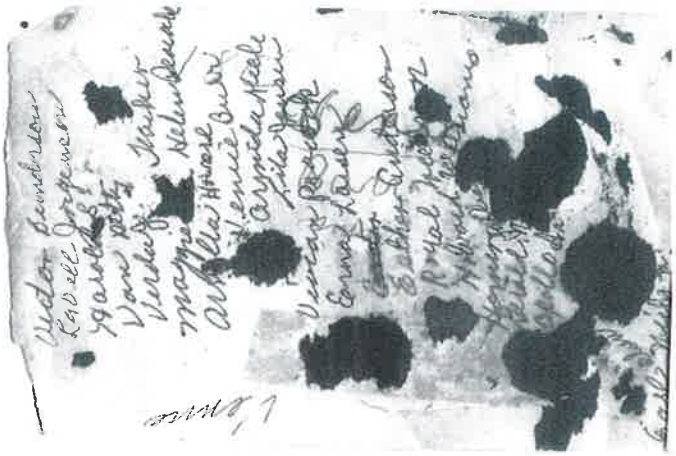

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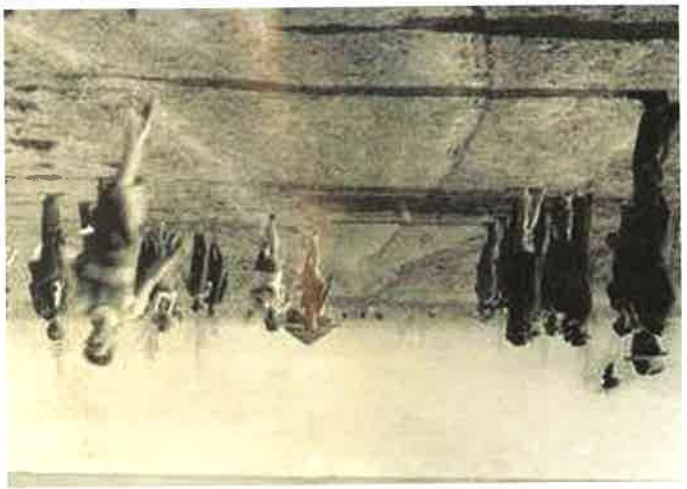

Great Great Grandmother

DILWORTH JOHNSON

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Easter lunch.

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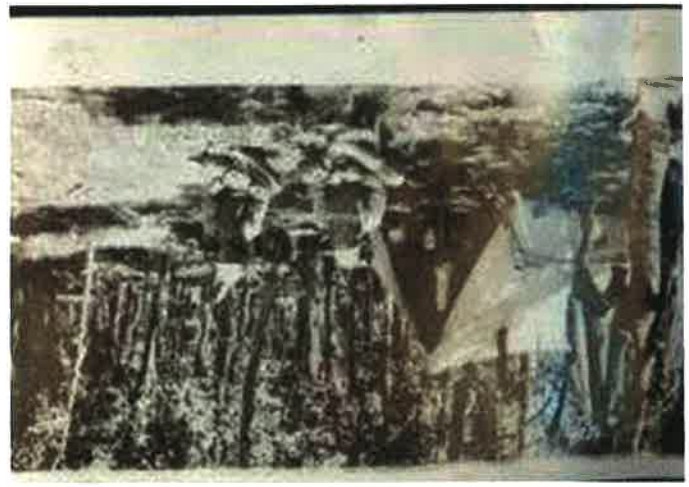

Hondoo down Muddy

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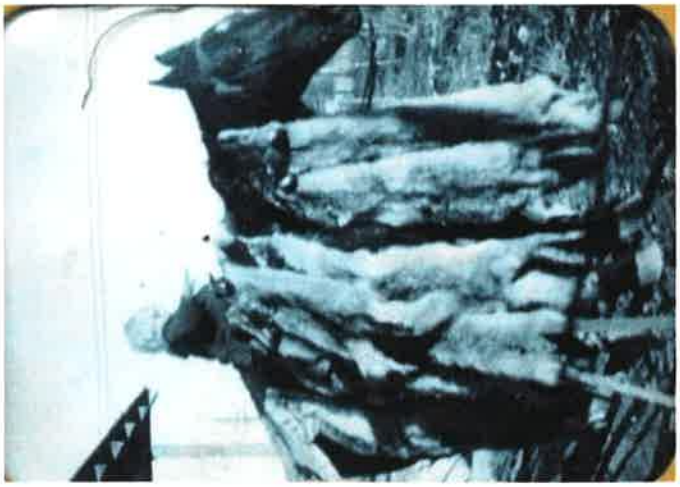

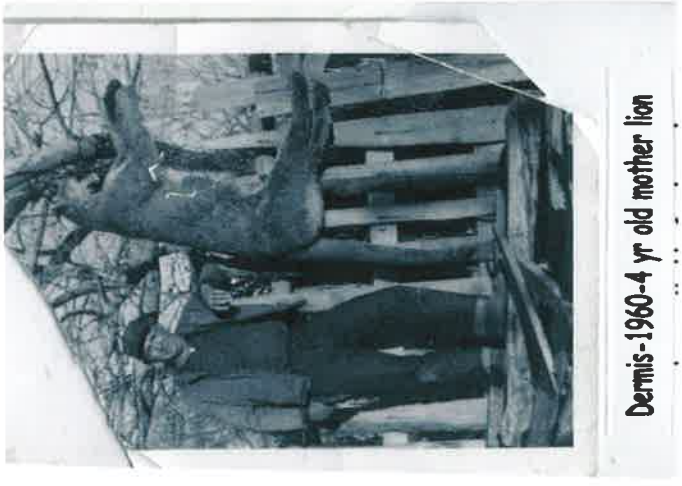

Dennis-1960-4 yr old mother lion

Dennis Sherri & Lions 1961

CHRISTIAN CHRISTIANSEN (SOOX)
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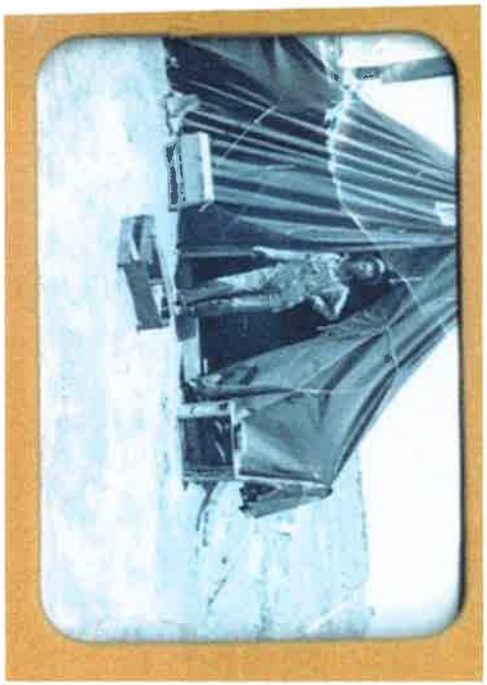
MOM & DAD @ EAST SPRING SAW MILL

RUSSELL READING FOODIES

CHRISTINA JONSON

MOM & DAD



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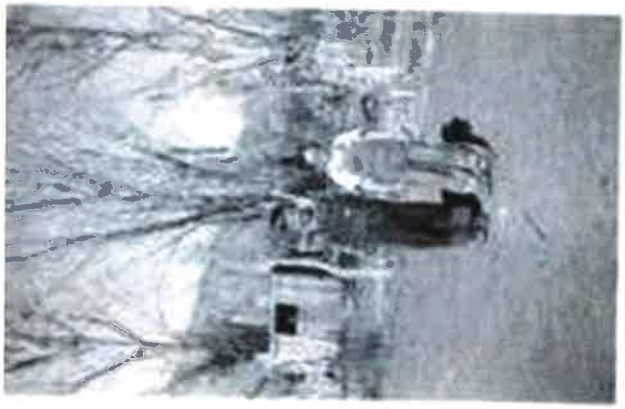

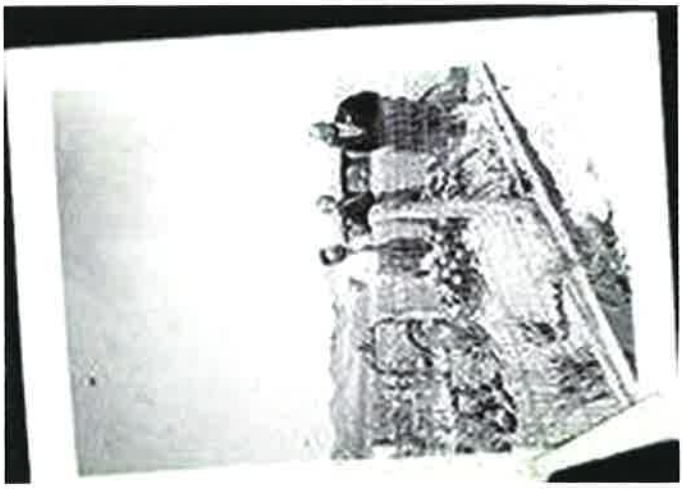

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