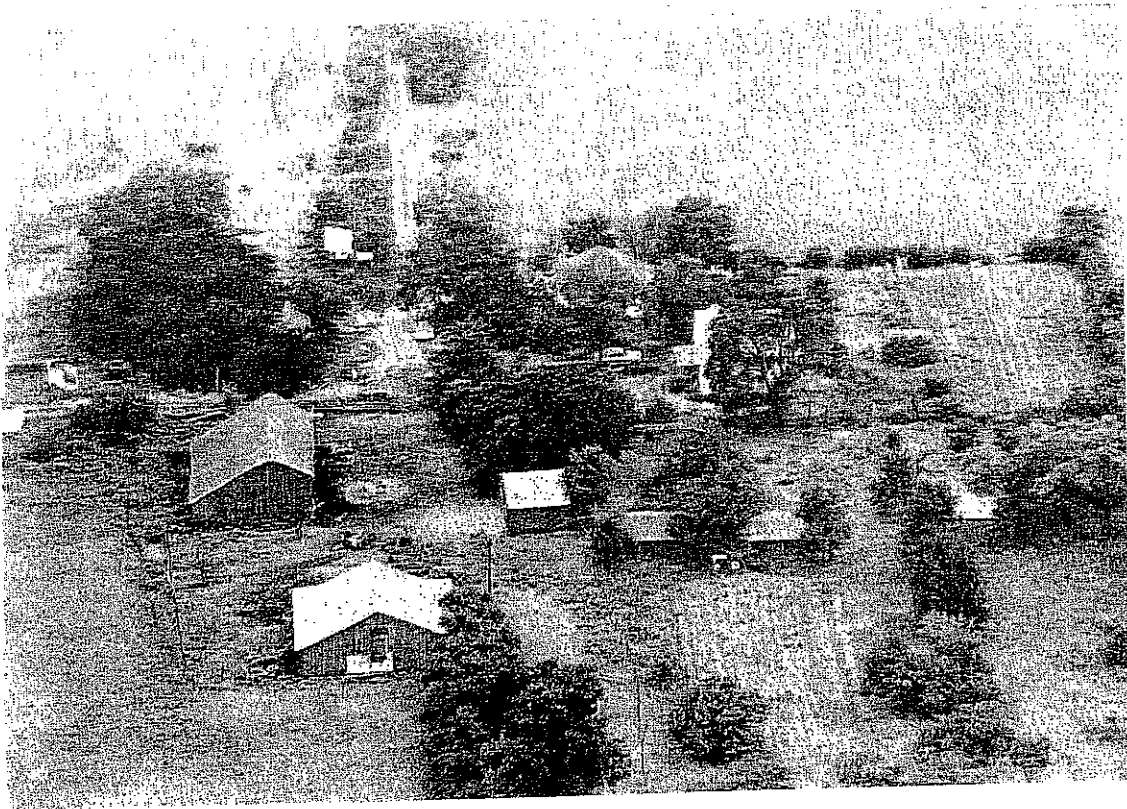
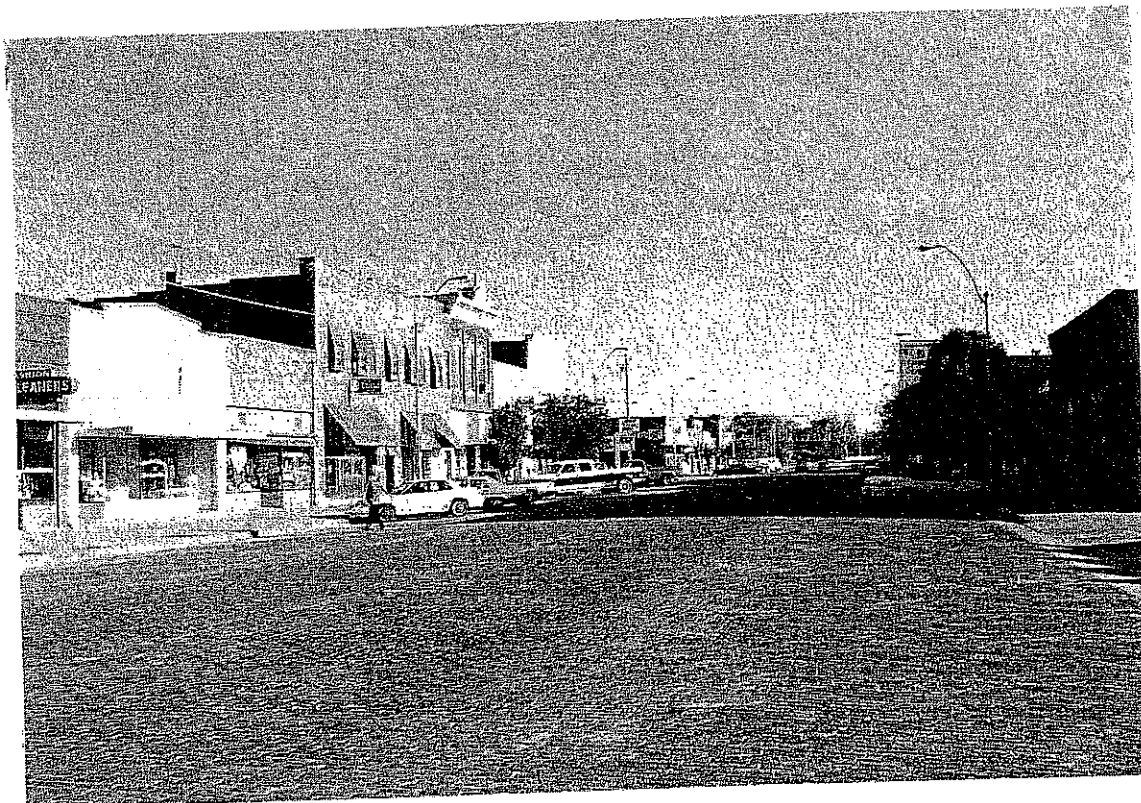




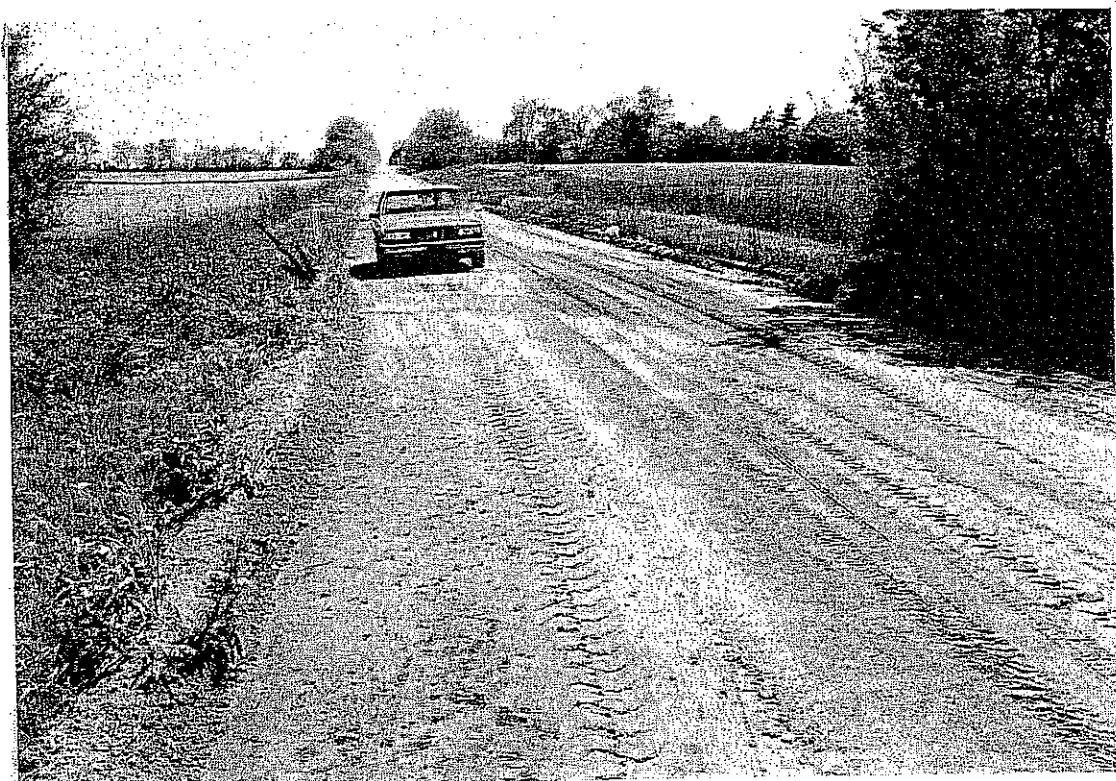
Above Aerial view of the Bockhaus home place near Halstead Kansas (none of the buildings are standing anymore)

Below - Main street of Halstead, Kansas in 1995. Very little changed from years ago





Above & Below - Cement bridge built by Wm. H. Bockhaus in 1911 - still in use in 1995 along the county road that leads to the old home place near Halstead, Ks.



Public Auction

Offering for sale at auction the personal property listed located from Farmers Corner on Highway 50, Halstead, Kansas 2 miles West, 1/2 mile South, 1/2 mile East or from the water tower in Halstead, 1 mile West, 1 mile North, 1/2 mile West.

Saturday, December 5, 1981 at 11:00 a.m.

Machinery

1972 AC 180 diesel tractor, 860 hours, 3 pt., excellent
AC C row crop gas tractor, running condition
Krause 8 ft. disc, hyd.
Porta Harrow, 19 ft., hyd.
Krause 10 ft. chisel, hyd.
IHC 16-8 grain drill, steel press
John Deere Model H spreader
AC 4-14 mounted plow, 3 pt.
AC 4-14 mounted plow, Allis hitch
AC 2-16 plow, Allis hitch
Shop built 2-14 plow, 3 pt.
John Deere 2-14 plow, wheel trip
P. & O. 3-14 plow, hyd.
John Deere 2 disc plow
Dempster 2 row planter
Co-op 8 ft. disc
12 ft. field cultivator

8' and 12' drag springtooth
2 and 3 section drag harrow with eveners
MM 4 bar side rake
3 flat trailers
10' dump rake
2 wheel trailer
5 ft. Tumble Bug
Moline 7 ft. mower
Adams steel wheel road grader
Skuline hammermill
McCormick single road corn binder, carrier, complete
1 and 2 row horse drawn cultivators
2 row surface planter
Allis hitch tool bar and shanks, sweeps
Old style corn sheller
30 ft. bale elevator on carriage
AC C tractor for parts

Truck

1970 IHC 1110 1/2 ton pickup, 3 speed

Miscellaneous

2-300 gallon fuel tanks and stands
12'6" grain auger
Steel gates; Cattle wire panels
Rubber tired wheelbarrow
Stock tanks; Cement mixer
12" Remington chain saw, like new
Hedge posts; Rototiller
Manure scoop; Shop grinder
4 1/2" bench vise; Drill press
Air compressor
Snapper 8 HP 30" riding mower
Parts of windmill; Handtools
Numerous other items

Household & Collectibles

Kitchen cupboard with barrel drawers
Daybed; Upholstered swivel rocker
Recliner; Fuel heating stove
42" square oak table and leaves
4 pressed back cane oak chairs
Old high chairs
Oak fern stand; Oak book case
Old school books; School desk
Old school maps; Lantern
Sad irons, trivets; Flat back trunk
Picture frames; Cast iron seat
Cast iron kettle; Sausage stuffer
Crocks; McCormick cream separator
Wood wagon tongues
Buggy shaves; Conventional washer

Terms: Cash day of auction

Grace Mennonite Church will serve lunch
Statements made day of auction take precedence

Walter Bockhaus Estate, Sellers

Gehring Auction Clerks & Cashiers



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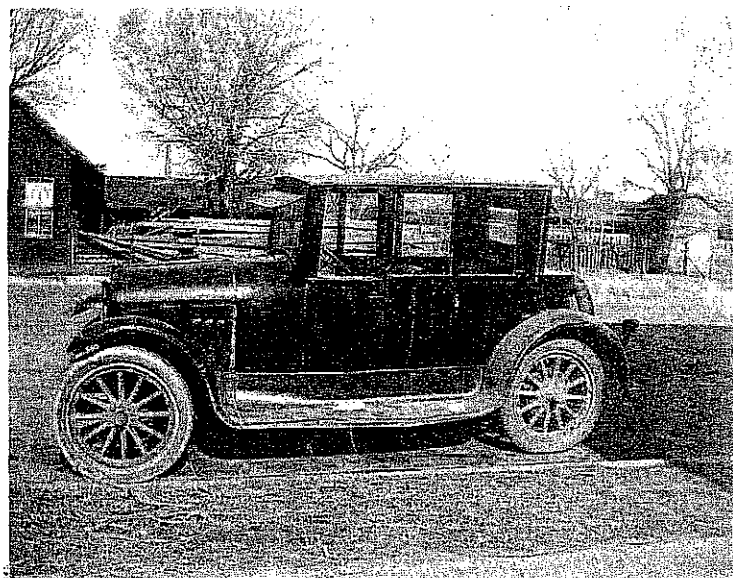
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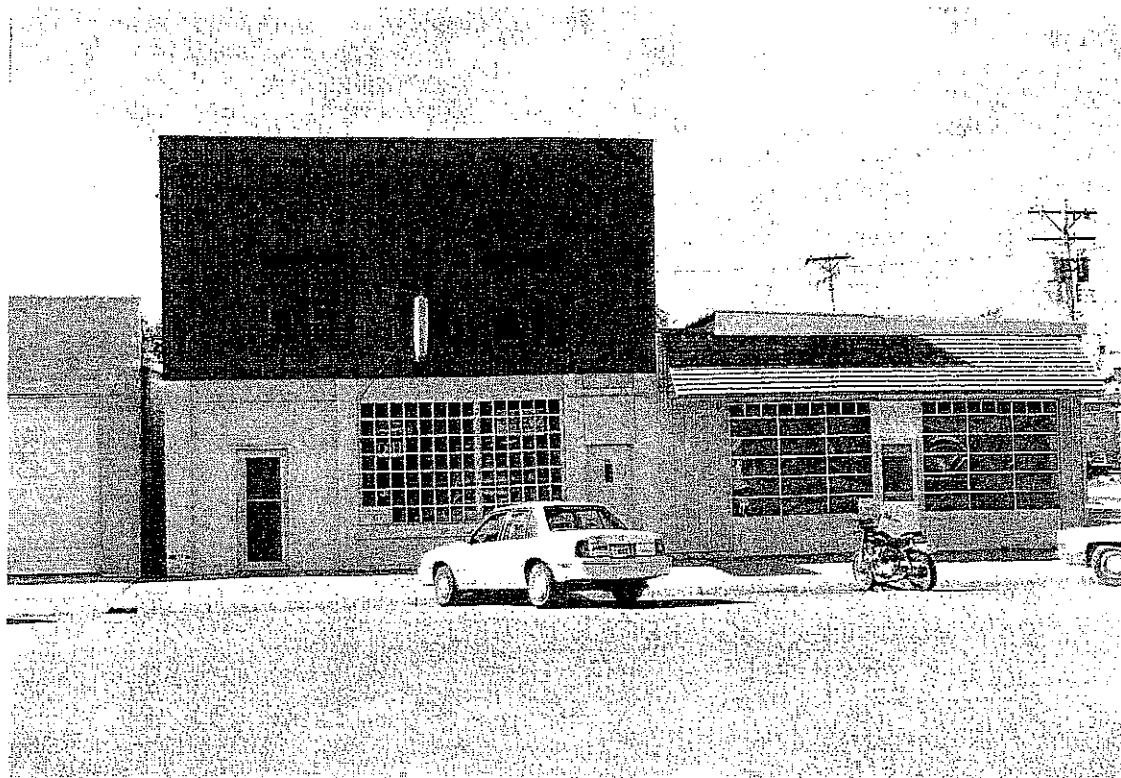
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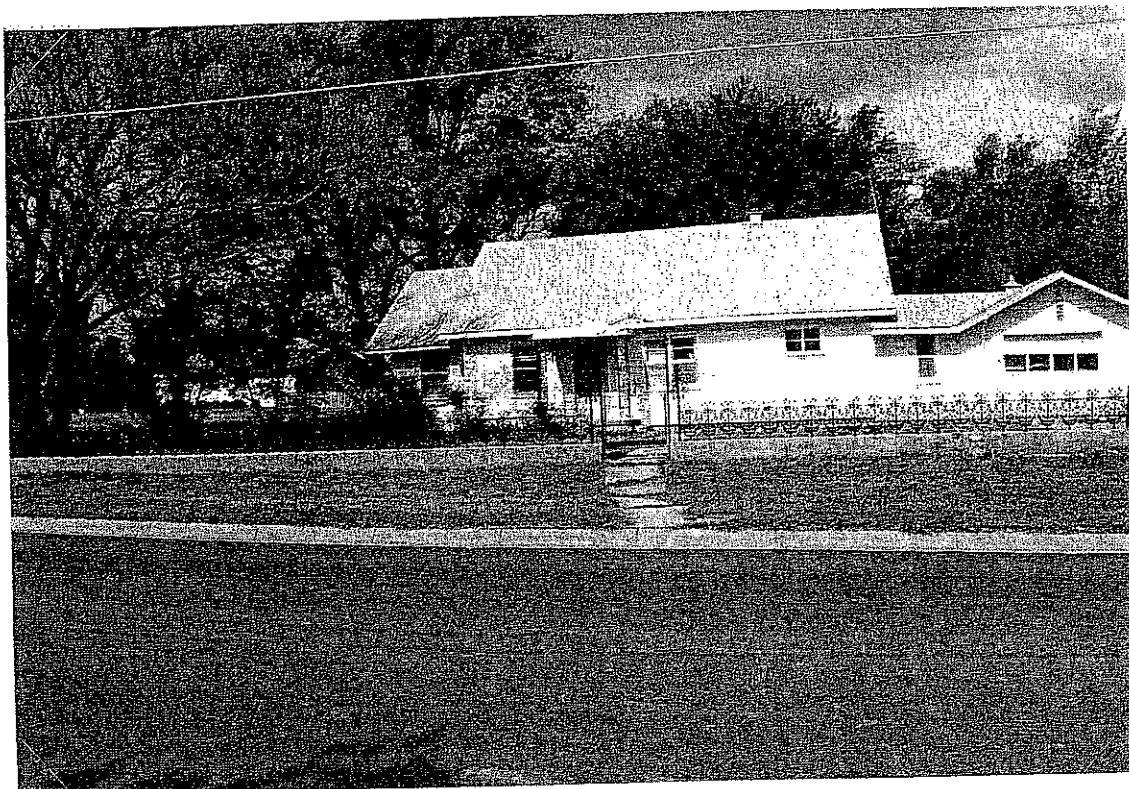
Above - A Case car with a home made body built by Albert Bochaus. Note the building in the background is his original shop. The car is sitting in front of his new shop, which is shown below as it looks in 1995. Has not changed looks much after all these years.

The location of the old shop is now a vacant lot, possibly a parking lot





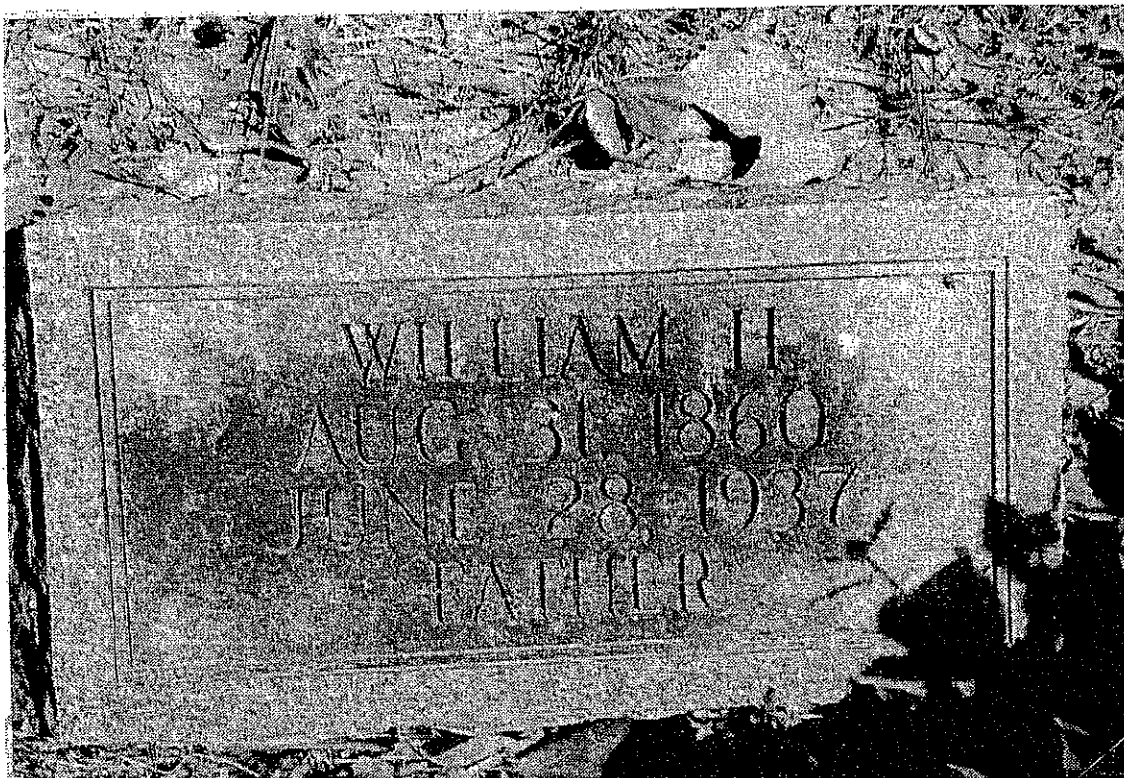
House once owned by Albert & Bonnie Bochaus located on W. Broadway in Newton
 Below - Last house owned by Albert & Bonnie. Bonnie received this house when they divorced in late years. The house finally went to the state to help pay her nursing home costs. Note the iron work in the fence out front. Not hard to tell that Albert had been there.





Above - William H. Bockhaus family graves, Halstead, Ks.

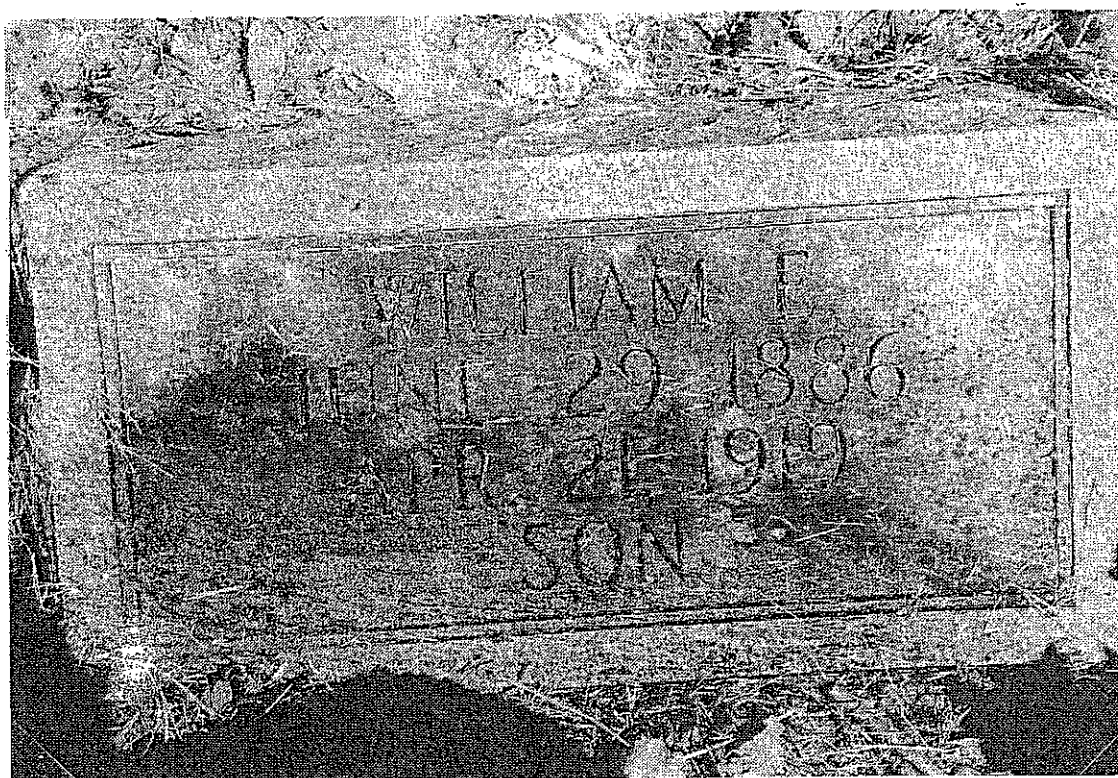
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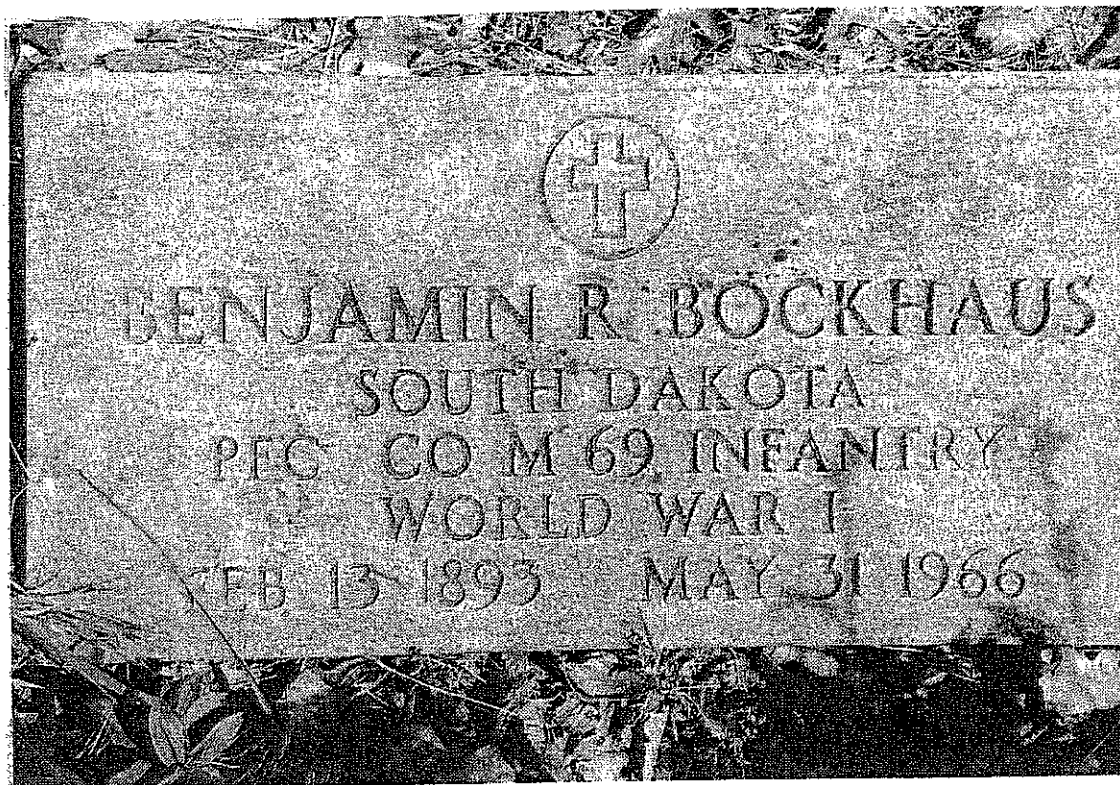




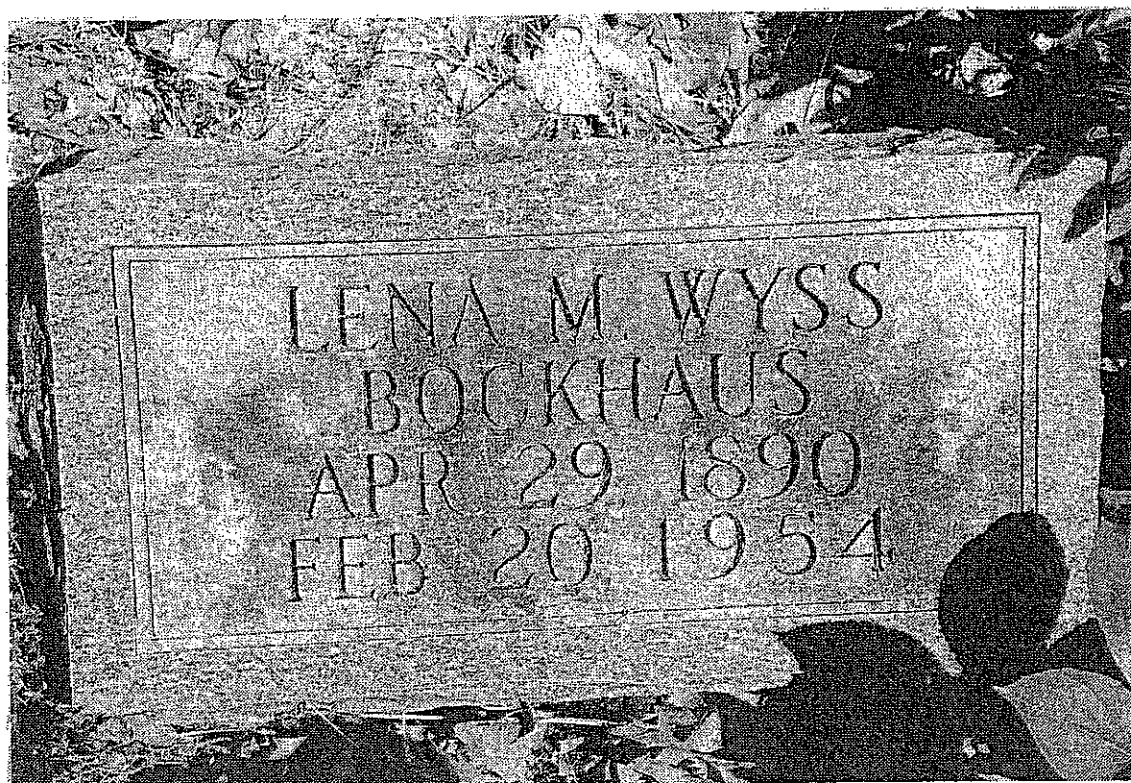
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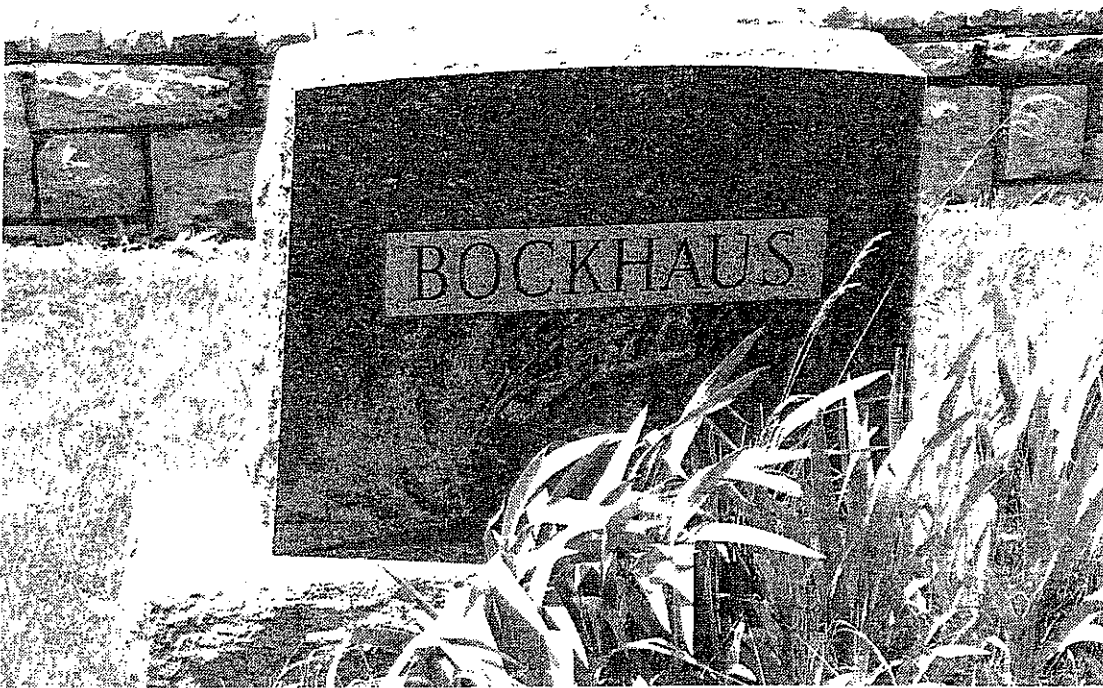
Below - Grave of oldest son of W.h. & Emilie Bockhaus
(Louis Bockhaus' older brother)





Graves of Ben and Lena Bockhaus





Above - Walter Bockhaus family graves, Halstead, Ks.

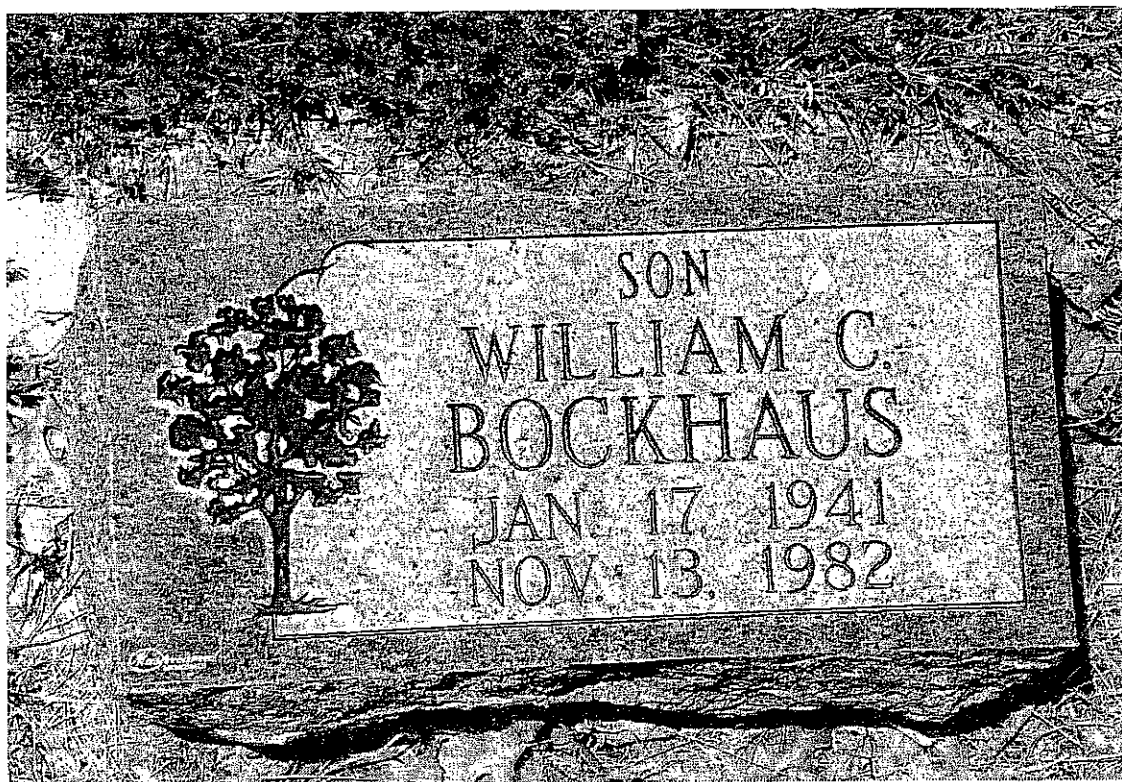
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Above - Grave of Marie Bockhaus, wife of Walter Bockhaus

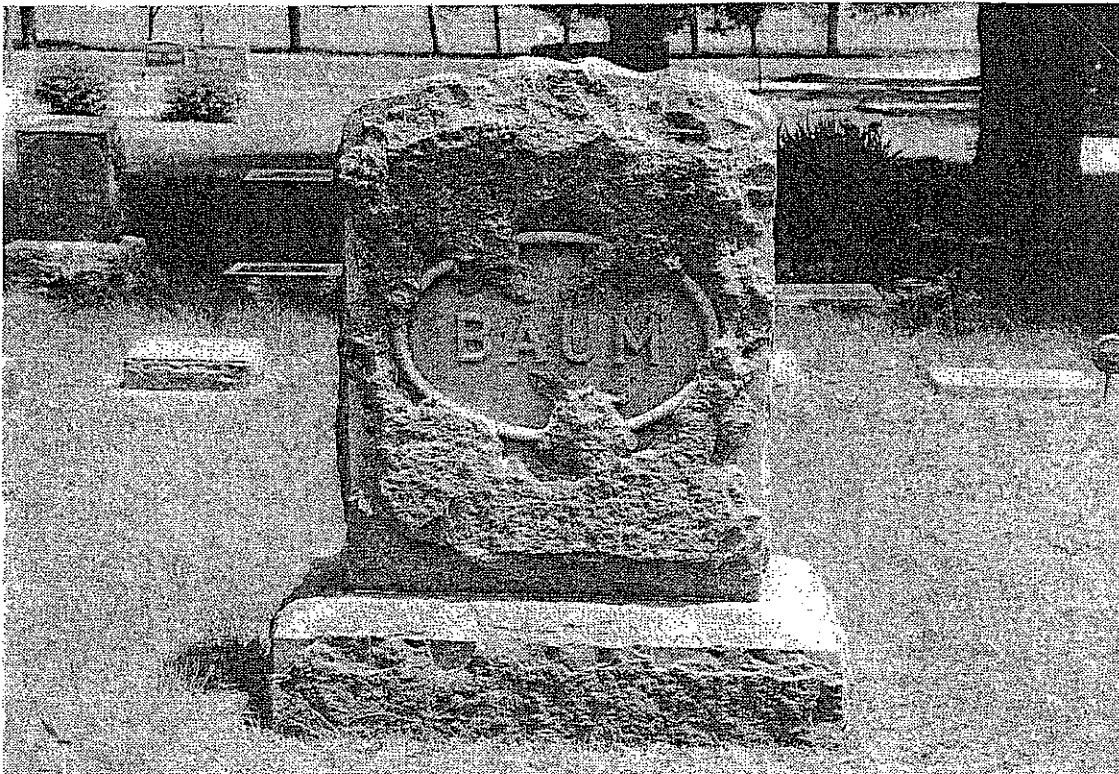
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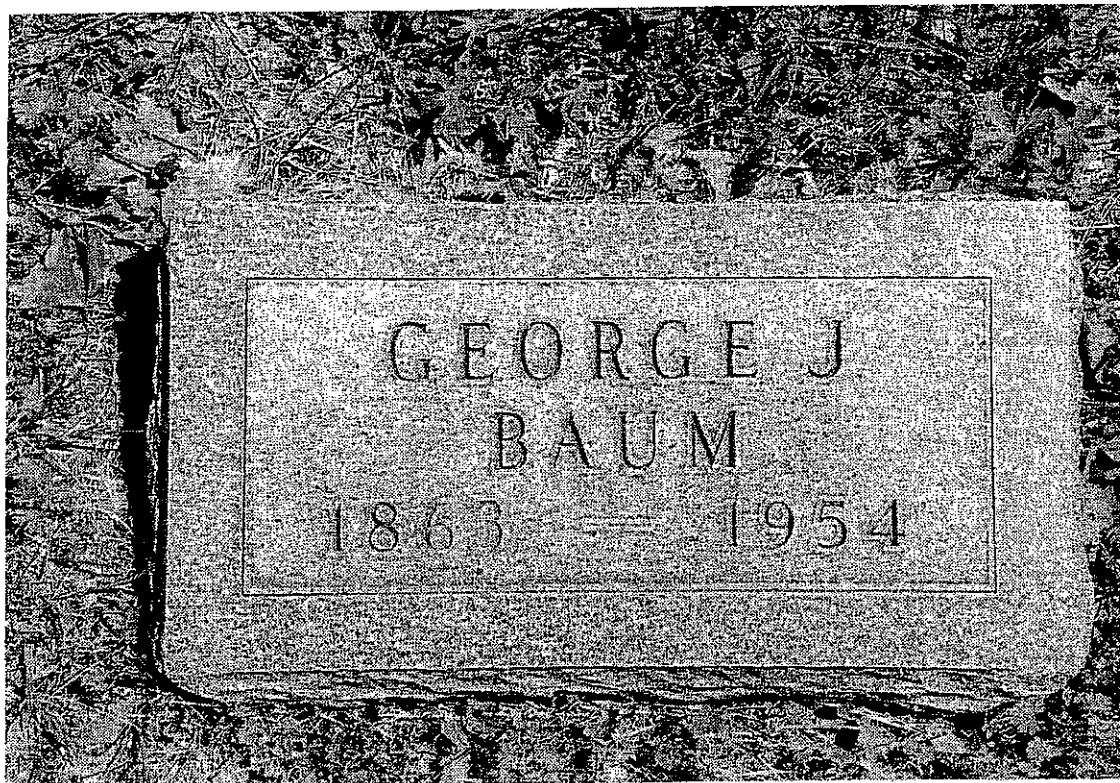




Above - Grave of Frances & Henry Penner, sister of
Louis Bockhaus

Below - George & Bertha Baum family graves, Halstead, Ks.





Graves of George and Bertha Baum - she was a sister
of Emilie Bockhaus (Grandmother)





Graves of Frank and Alvin Baum - both sons of
George and Bertha Baum





Above - Lester - son of George and Bertha Baum

Below - Nettie - daughter of George and Bertha Baum



PART THREE - Louis & Emma Bockhaus - 1903 - 1911

In this part I will write what little information I have about Mother & Dad up to the time they moved to Colorado. Some of it will be things I remember them telling, some things I have gotten talking to people in Kansas, and some from information that I have.

I do not have any information about Dad from 1903 - 1907, but in 1907 he did various things to make a living. As far as I can tell they were all related to farming. I remember him always talking about doing threshing with steam engines and the threshers that were around in those days. (there are still quite a few still sitting on farms in that area) In 1907 he threshed a total of 45 days from July 5, thru Sept 26, for a total of \$100.40. He raised sweet potatoes and sold a total of \$90.70 worth, Irish potatoes for \$55.24, he did misc. work such as corn husking, hauling straw, road work for various people for a total of \$26.00. From Apr. 1st thru Nov. 7, 1907 he had a total income of \$287.74 with an expense of \$4.75, for a total income of \$282.99. Average income per month was \$39.03. In 1909 he had a total income of \$567.54, with an expense of \$140.41, for a total of \$427.23, for an average per month of \$35.60. The average income for the year ending March 31, 1910 was \$36.12 per month. I do not have a total for 1911, but have only some details about what he did. It is pretty much the same as previous years. It consisted of Threshing, road work, corn husking etc.

In 1910 Dad was a census taker in Harvey County, Kansas. He talked about that some as I remember it. In his income for 1910 he listed in his income, census, \$49.19. I will have to assume at this point that Dad did his farming on the home place. I see in some of his notes that he lists his share, so I assume that he was on a share basis with his Dad.

During those years he was in the band in Halstead. I will have to assume that it was some sort of a city band, although I do not ever remember him saying for sure who sponsored it. I do know that he always looked back on that time with a great deal of pride. During our recent trip to Kansas, we were looking thru some old photos, and found some of dad with Art Stein, and Bill Stein, possibly at some sort of church function. That got me to thinking, I do not remember Dad or Mother ever saying how they met, but I will have to believe that it was thru the Methodist Church as their families were both very active in the church.

As I have stated, I do not know for sure just how they met, but I am sure of one thing. Dad may have made some bad mistakes, but marrying a lady by the name of Emma Stein was not one of them, in fact that probably made up for a lot of other things that he looked back on as big mistakes.

CERTIFICATES.

Any false statement made by an applicant will be considered sufficient cause for cancelling the test.

BY THE APPLICANT.

I hereby certify that this schedule has been filled out, in my own handwriting, in the place provided for the test at Newton, Kansas on February 5, 1910, in accordance with the printed instructions handed to me by the examiner, and I further certify that I have not been assisted by any person or persons, nor have I assisted any other applicant. I further certify that I began work on this test schedule at ~~2:45~~ 3:45 o'clock and finished at 5:45 o'clock.

Signature Mr. Louis B. Bockhaus

N. B.—Make signature identical with that used in application. If the P. O. address here given differs from that in the application, indicate such fact by note on the margin of this sheet.

Home address

(Give name of street and house number, if any.)

City or town

Waldstead

County

Harvey

State

Kansas

BY THE EXAMINER.

I hereby certify that this schedule has been filled out this 5th day of February, 1910, in the handwriting of the applicant who signed the above certificate. I further certify that I have given no assistance to said applicant, and to the best of my knowledge and belief said applicant has not been assisted by any other person or persons.

Signature

John C. Culack

Official title

Supervisor

Examiner.

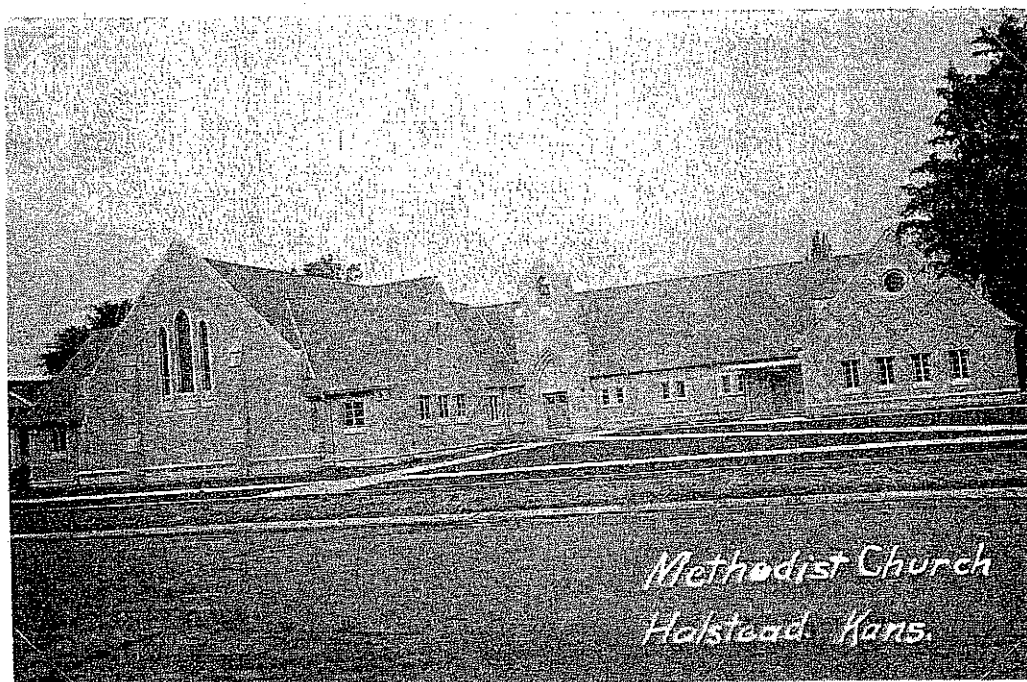
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Copy of test Certificate for Census taker. Taken by
Louis Bockhaus in 1910



Above - Louis Bockhaus with the band in Halstead, 1910
He is in the back row second from the left as you look at the picture.

Below - The Methodist Church in Halstead as it appeared in later years, probably in the 1950's or 1960's



PART THREE - continued

At this time I will go into a little of the history of Emma Stein and some of her family history. I do not by any means have a complete history, but will tell what I do know. I am including a Genealogy of the Stein family from 1808 to 1985, that was put together by Mother's brother Bill and his daughter Audrey. As with most such articles, it does not tell anything about their personal life. That is the primary reason for this history that I am putting together.

Emma Stein was born Sept. 23, 1884 to William H. and Kathryn Hessel Stein. There were 8 children born to this couple. Mother was next to the oldest. She had a younger sister Mary who only lived approx. 8 days. Her mother Kathryn, passed away in 1904. I do not know where she is buried, but would think that she might be buried at Great Bend, Ks. where Mother was born. I do not know when the family moved to Halstead. William Stein later married again to Elizabeth, but for some reason I am not coming up with any information about her, not even a date of their marriage.

William Stein was a Methodist minister, possibly German Methodist, I am not sure. I remember him quite well even though I was not very old. I believe it is because he visited several times when I was small. I still have a post card some where that he sent me. Mother's older brother, Edward, passed away before I was born, but do remember his wife Marie quite well. I also remember the 2 younger children of their's, Wesley and Barbara. When ~~we~~ were in Kansas, we always visited with Marie and her family. As I remember, Wesley went to work for Dillon Food stores, which later became the parent Co. of King Soopers and later City Market. Of course he has long since retired I am sure. I do not know anything about Barbara.

Mother's sister Luella, of course is well remembered by most of the family. She was married to Bill Lohmeyer. Lohmeyers are an old family in Halstead. When I remember visiting them, they lived on a farm near Burton, Ks. One of the things that makes me remember so well is that they had electricity long before others did. As I remember it was only 32 volt, but I was still impressed. They also had big cement stock tank that always had the biggest goldfish I had ever seen. I remember bringing some of them home at least once. I also remember that they had an Airflow Chrysler, and to this day I think of that when I see one in a car show anywhere. Another thing I remember very well was their son Clarence asking me if I wanted to go fishing with him. I said sure, and off we went. The first thing that happened was, we had to go thru a fence that was posted, No Trespassing, and that worried me the whole time we were fishing. Guess it didn't dawn on me that we were on the Lohmeyer's own property. Lohmeyers had 3 sons, Carl, Marvin, and Clarence. Marvin was killed over Germany in WW2. Do not know for sure where he is buried.

PART THREE - continued

Around the time of Marvin's death Luella was diagnosed as having TB. She spent some time in Colo Springs and as far as I know was completely cured. It was a very bad time in her life. Sometime after the war (cannot put a date to it) Lohmeyers bought a summer home in Green Mtn. Falls near Colo Springs. They spent quite a bit of time during the summers there, as I remember. They had by this time moved into town, but do not know what became of the farm. I assume that they kept it. Bill Lohmeyer passed away unexpectedly in 1952. Luella lived another 20 yrs.

William Stein lived in Halstead, and for all of the years that I remember him, ran a furniture store in town. He stopped to visit mother once at the nursing home, and I asked him if he was still running his store. He said that he was, but he had to give up putting in floors, as it was too hard on his knees. At that time he was in his 80's. When asked where he had been, he said that he had been out in Calif. visiting with Audrey, and while he was there he had put in a new kitchen floor for her. Bill was married to Millie Oltmanns. They both died in 1987, and at the time of their death, they had been married for 70 years. They had 3 daughters, Mildred, Audrey, and Eloise. I remember all of them, but guess I remember Eloise more than the other 2. Eloise lived in Boulder, Co. for years, and as far as I know that is where all of her family was raised. She died while out in a boat on one of the great lakes, but I do not know of any of the details. It seems to me that I remember that there were some unanswered questions about her death at the time.

Mother's brother Art, I knew very little about until later years after he had retired. As for his earlier years, I remember that he had at one time lived in El Paso, but when I first knew anything about him he was living in Cheyenne, Wyo. I believe that at one time he had a contract with the city of Cheyenne to haul off their garbage, which he used to raise hogs. As I remember he made quite a bit of money at it, or at least that is the story as I remember it. He later moved to Ft Collins, where I believe he went into the cattle business, and I believe that he did quite well at that too. He was married to Mabel Wright, and they had 2 daughters, Patricia, and Connie. I believe that they were both adopted. About the time Art retired Mabel passed away, and he married Lena Nornhauser, who I believe was Mabel's sister. They were a real pair. It was after that time that I really got to know Art. They lived various places, and we visited them when they lived in Laguna Hills, Calif. Art said one morning that he would like to take us down to the beach, so we went out to his car. I expected a station wagon or something like that, but instead, here was a new Impala Sport Coupe. When I said something about it, he said that he just thought he ought to have one more sport coupe before he died.

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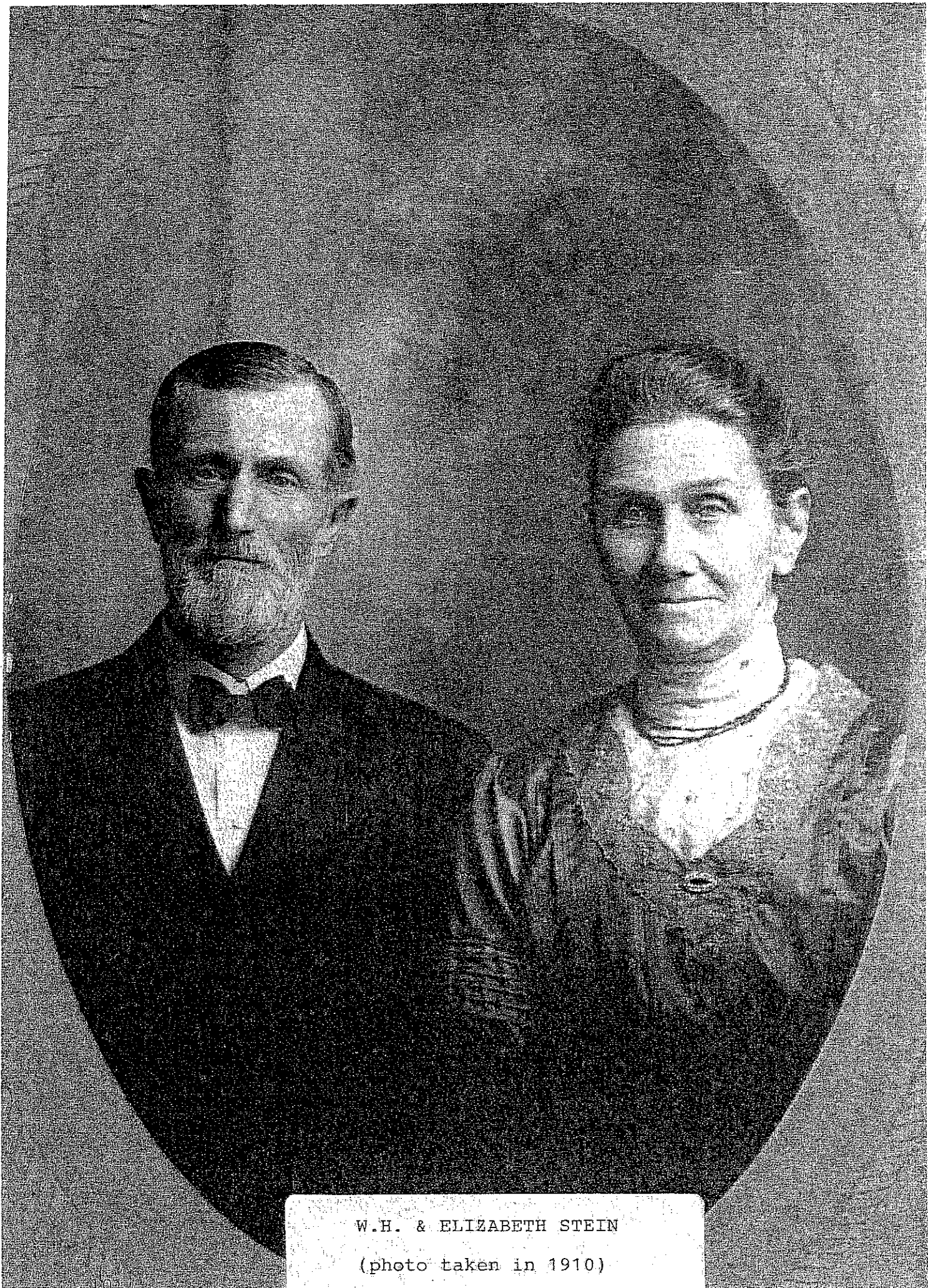
Later that day he took us to see their motor home that was stored in a lot on the property. While we were sitting in it visiting, he said that he would come down there some days, and just sit in it and pretend that he was still single. Of course Lena just ignored him. Later they moved to Mesa, Ariz. and when I was working near Casa Grande we would visit them quite often. As Lena was from Texas, one of Art's favorite things to say when he introduced her, was to tell that he had been years teaching her to wear shoes. Like I say, they were a grand couple, and I am really glad that we had a chance to really get to know them, even if it was in later years. Art died in 1982 and is buried in Ft. Collins, Colo. Lena went back to Texas, but after a few years lost track of her.

Mother had a younger brother Wesley, who only lived a few months, approx. 5, I believe

Milton Stein, I remember very well, but do not know much about him. I remember him at one of the sawmills while I was growing up, and believe that he worked there at one time. He did not marry until in later years, and he married a lady by the name of Gladys, but do not know her last name. He must have been in his mid 40's when they got married. She had a grown family as I remember. She turned out to be a problem for him, and in later years both of them were in the state hospital in Pueblo. I remember stopping there about in 1959 or so for mother to visit him. Milt died in 1960, and is buried along with his wife at Ft Logan near Denver. Mavis and I found his grave 5 or 6 years ago.

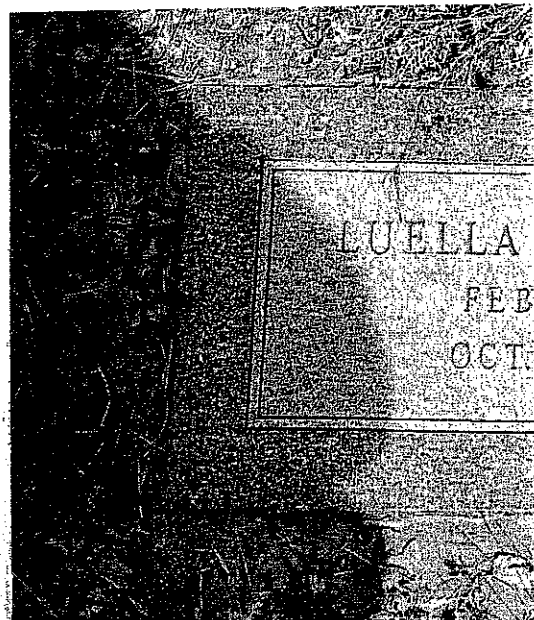
As for Mother, I do not know much about her early years. I must back up a little at this time, as I stated earlier that I thought that her mother might be buried at Great Bend, I must add that this may not be right, as the family lived for some time at Junction City, in fact as I think back, Mother used to talk about living in Junction City, but I do not remember her ever saying much about Great Bend. As for when they moved to Halstead, I do not know for sure, but do know that they were living there in 1907. I have found some connection with Enterprise, Ks. but do not know if there was a school there or what. It seems that Mother and her sister Luella were there once in awhile, but what the reason was, I do not know. As I stated earlier, I do not know how or when her and Dad met, but would guess it was thru the Methodist Church. In the next part I will go into this subject, and try and trace their move to Colo. and their life there.

(Note) - There was and still is a college at Enterprise, KS, but do not know if mother attended it or not. I have not looked into this, but would have to think that she did attend school there, but would not know for how long.

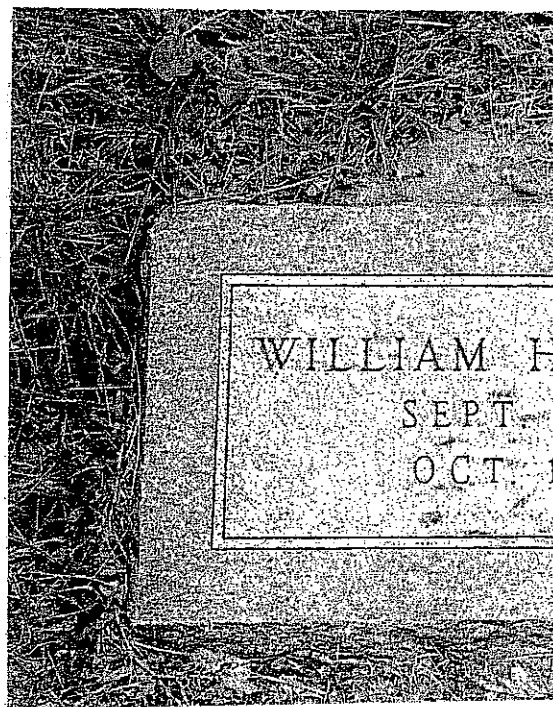


W.H. & ELIZABETH STEIN

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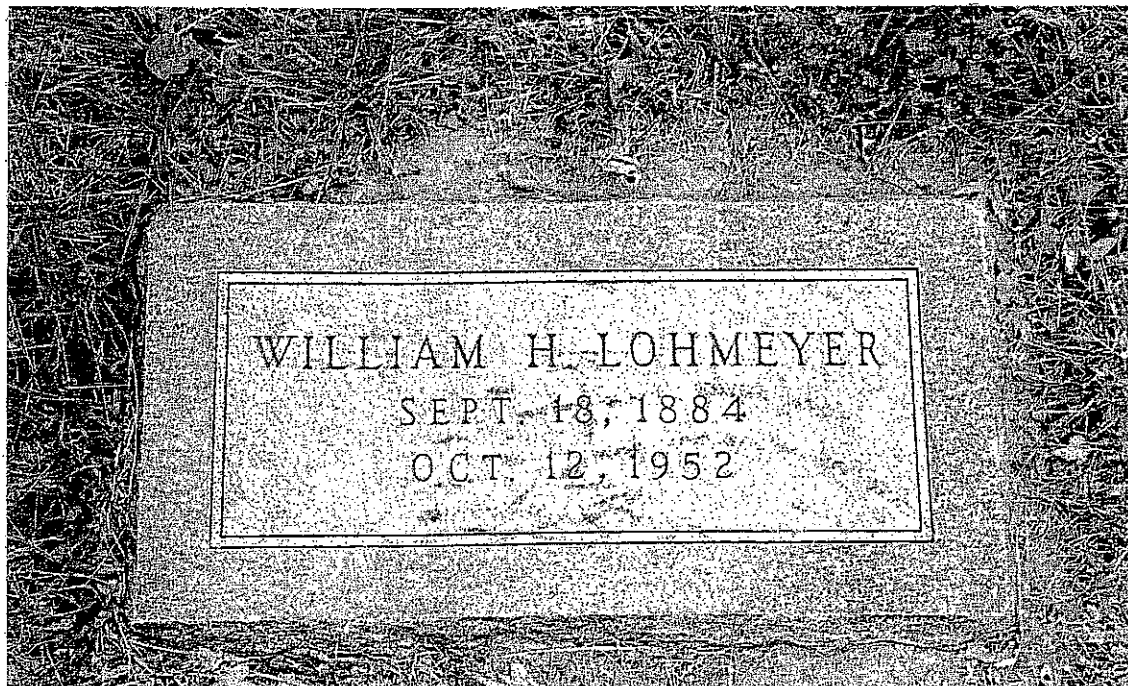


Graves of Luella and Bill
(Emma Bockhaus's younger
Halstead, Kansas May 199





Graves of Luella and Bill Lohmeyer
(Emma Bockhaus's younger sister)
Halstead, Kansas May 1995





Graves of Bill and Millie Stein
(Emma Bockhaus's younger brother)
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HISTORY

OF

THE GENEALOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS OF MEMBERS OF THE STEIN FAMILY:



Where does the name STEIN come from? What does the word STEIN mean? How many STEINS are there in the United States? How many are there left in our immediate STEIN family? These are some of the questions which I have been asked, since I started to gather information from family members and to write some historic information.

There are over 16,000 STEINS listed in the "Family Heritage Book" by Beatrice Bayley. She lists 1,900 STEINS living in California and 140 in Kansas. Bayley indicates that the STEIN name came from England. However, the STEINS who are listed in this genealogy came from Germany. The word "stein" means stone in German. There are many family names which have STEIN as a prefix or a suffix, such as: Steinway, Steiner, Steininger, Einstein, and Wiederstein. These are of German origin.

My grandfather was born in 1808 and brought his family to America in 1853. My father was born in 1851 at Wettesingen, Germany. He was two years old when he came to America with his parents and two older brothers. These brothers lost their lives while fighting in the Civil War. Some STEIN families still live in the village of Wettesingen.

There were some interesting facts in an article published in the Cameron, Missouri newspaper in 1970. The article was sent to me by my cousin Mary Korneman Baker. The information was researched by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kresse, Sr., and was headed, "German Influence--Strong in County". The first four families mentioned are: Selle, Lohman, Kresse, and Beechner. These families arrived in this country in 1851. Fred Selle had been in America for two years and he learned to speak English so that he could serve as spokesman for these four families. This group from Bremerhaven, Germany arrived at New Orleans, made their way up the Mississippi River, and landed at Weston, Missouri. The names of other families who came to Missouri, about the same time, or soon after, are: Korneman, Leutzing, Berbaum, Hartel, Gall, Leffler, and Schemp. Most of these names appear in this genealogy.

In 1858, these thrifty German settlers built a log Church which served the area. It was known as the German Methodist Church. It was replaced in 1879 with a new building which was considered an example of "rural architecture". This building was later dismantled. The bell from the Church was given to the Cameron Methodist Church and still rings out the call to worship on Sunday mornings.

Another interesting article was written by my daughter, Audrey Marie in 1938, when she was sixteen years of age. This information was published in the Halstead Independent, soon after her grandfather's death. She related facts about William Henry STEIN coming to America on a sailing boat from Germany, landing in New Orleans, Louisiana, and making their way up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, Missouri.



History (con.)

From St. Louis, they traveled westward to Cameron, Missouri where they settled on a farm. The State of Missouri was not in the Civil War zone. However, some of the confederate guerillas, called bushwhackers, made life hard for the uprooted settlers during the war years. Audrey related another event when, "One moonlight night, several of these bushwhackers, who had learned that my great grandfather had sold his corn came to their home demanding the money or their house would be burned. Counting the value of his home and the safety of his family greater than the \$500.00 corn money, great grandfather surrendered and the bandits left with the money." The men and boys often spent nights in the timber to protect their homes while the women would stay in a group at one of their homes. They were safer in a group, than being alone in their homes. The bushwhackers were more interested in loot than in molesting defenseless women. Audrey also tells about her grandfather becoming a horse-and-buggy circuit rider, in 1878, preaching in several counties in Kansas and enduring the many hardships of the early pioneers. The people he served still spoke the German language.

Many other stories could be told about our ancestors, going back to my grandfather. Much of the history of events of our STEIN family in America have happened in my lifetime, of nearly a century. Unfortunately, most of us did not consider our day-to-day life, significant enough to keep a written record of it. Perhaps, this record will inspire another generation to add information to this line of descent from their forefathers. My wife Millie and I are ninety-five years and six months old and are celebrating our 68th wedding anniversary in 1985. We have been the oldest husband and wife belonging to the Methodist Church in Halstead for many years. My sister, Emma Bockhaus, was an example of longevity and held seniority until her demise in 1984. She lived to the age of 100 years and 8 months. This leaves me to be the only STEIN in the third generation still living. 5-22-85

My oldest brother, Edward Frederick, had one son, Wesley who represents the fourth generation. His two sons, Greggory and/or Alan, could carry on the STEIN name in the fifth generation.

There are children in the sixth and seventh generation, whose ancestry is common to this STEIN family. These are the blood-line relatives or sequence of direct ancestors from my grandfather.

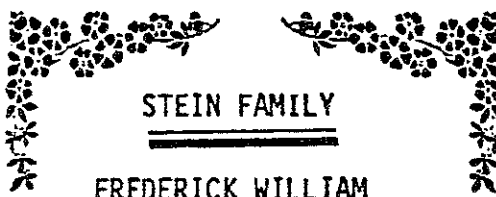
The purpose of this research is to make a record of men and women who are born of the same ancestors of our particular STEIN family, as well as those who may carry the STEIN name down through history.

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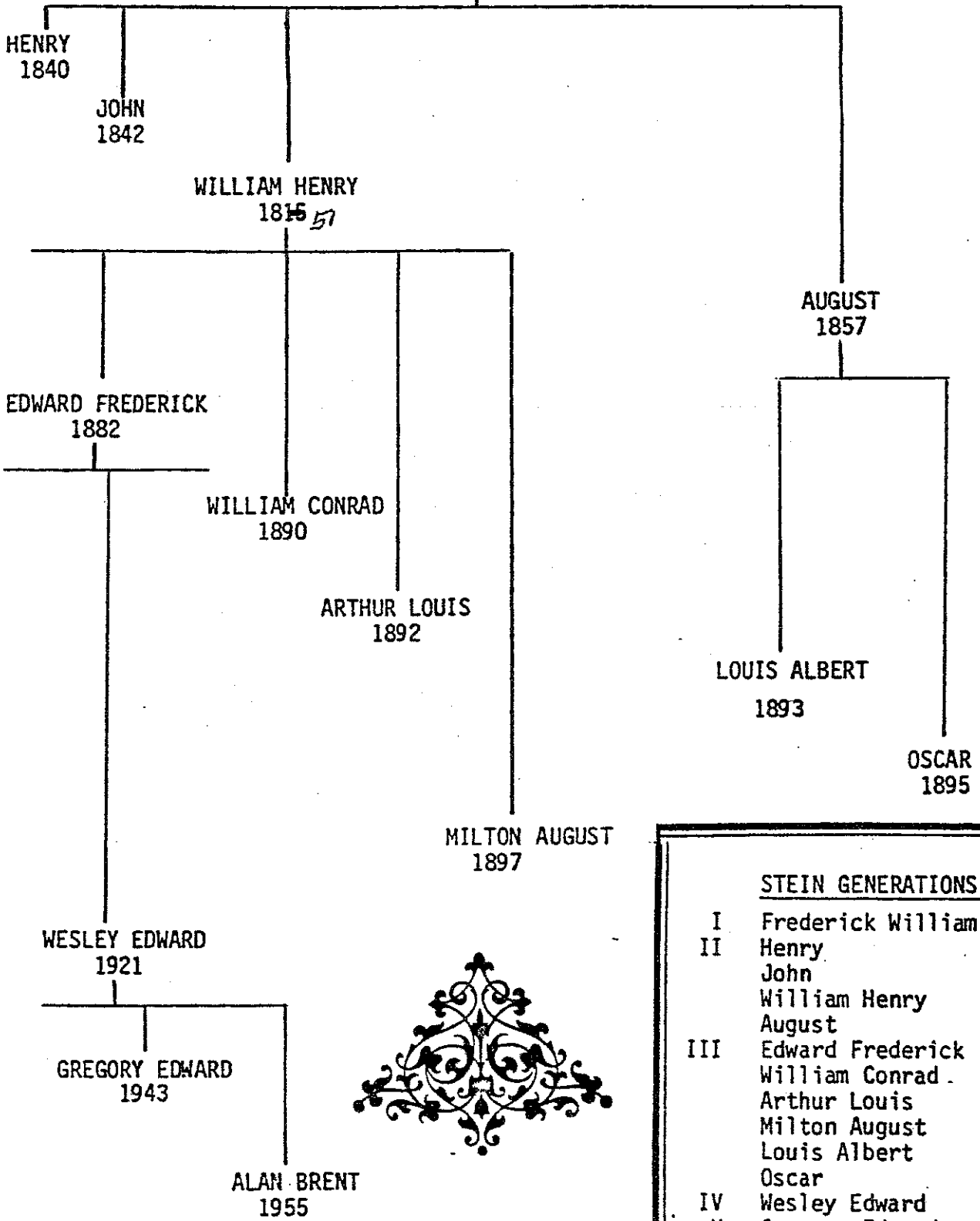


WILLIAM CONRAD STEIN



STEIN FAMILY

FREDERICK WILLIAM
1808



STEIN GENERATIONS

- I Frederick William
- II Henry
John
William Henry
August
- III Edward Frederick
William Conrad
Arthur Louis
Milton August
Louis Albert
Oscar
- IV Wesley Edward
- V Gregory Edward
Alan Brent

THE STEIN FAMILY TREE 1808 to 1985

FREDERICK WILLIAM STEIN 1808 to 1879
 Anna Marie (Mary) Baake 1823 to 1908
 WED
 OFF
 HENRY STEIN 1840 to 1862
 JOHN STEIN 1842 to 1862
 WILLIAM HENRY STEIN 1851 to 07-30-1938
 Elizabeth 1855 to 1935
 AUGUST STEIN 1857 to 1927
 Justena 1859 to 1924

WILLIAM HENRY STEIN 09-26-1851 to 08-02-1938
 Kathryn Hessel 07-07-1857 to 03-15-1904
 WED 04-29-1880
 OFF
 EDWARD FREDERICK STEIN 03-07-1882 to 12-16-1928
 Emma Barbara 09-23-1884 to 05-22-85
 Mary 09-22-1886 to 09-30-1886
 Luella Christine 02-11-1888 to 10-23-1972
 WILLIAM CONRAD STEIN 03-06-1890
 ARTHUR LOUIS STEIN 04-26-1892 to 02-19-82
 WESLEY J. 12-05-1893 to 04-28-1894
 MILTON AUGUST STEIN 08-22-1897 to 06-18-1960

EDWARD FREDERICK STEIN Marie F. Oltmanns 10-22-1882 to 11-15-1976
 WED 03-18-1915
 OFF
 Margaret Katherine 03-16-1916 to 09-03-1923
 Virginia Ruth 08-19-1917 to 09-27-1930
 WESLEY EDWARD STEIN 06-26-1921
 Barbara Jean 01-28-1926

WESLEY EDWARD STEIN Mildred Loreen Mathews 02-03-1920
 WED 03-11-1940 to 1953
 OFF
 Carol Loreen 10-11-1941
 GREGORY EDWARD STEIN 04-22-1943

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WESLEY EDWARD STEIN Marietta Trimble 10-18-1932
 WED 08-03-1954
 OFF
 ALAN BRENT STEIN 07-06-1955
 Julie Lynn 05-30-1957

Carol Loreen Stein
 Clinton Smith

WED
 OFF
 Bill Clinton 10-24-1967

Julie Lynn Stein
 Stephen Tate

WED 10-17-1981

Barbara Jean Stein
Edward William Rose
07-30-1915
WED 04-15-1948
OFF
Janet Sue
03-02-1951
Patricia Jean
05-23-1953
Scott Edward
10-06-1959
Keith William
12-18-1962

Patricia Jean Rose
Randy Myers
09-07-1951
WED 06-08-1974
OFF
Nicholas Patrick
08-03-1983

Scott Edward Rose
Diane Maxwell
05-26-1959
WED 08-15-1982

Emma Barbara Stein
Louis B. Bockhaus
10-23-1887 to 10-27-1961
WED 04-19-1911
OFF
Ralph Lawrence
12-09-1912
Francis L.
08-11-1917
Virgil W.
04-26-1929

Ralph Lawrence Bockhaus
Mary J. Behil Lois — Ross
09-23-1912 to 10-03-82
WED 09-11-1935 to
OFF
Phyllis Ann
03-18-1937
Shirley Jeanne
08-09-1942
Richard Lee
04-04-1946
Larry Allen
03-08-1954

Phyllis Ann Bockhaus
Robert Butts
10-19-1925 to 03-02-1965
WED 12-18-1960
OFF
Barbara Ann
03-22-1962
E. Robert
07-05-1963
John L.
11-08-1964

Barbara Ann Butts
Bradley Allen Kemper
03-13-1956
WED 10-05-1981
OFF
Andrea Lisa
04-20-84

E. Robert Butts
Valerie Burford
WED 06-29-1985

Shirley Jeanne Bockhaus
Donald Tomberlin
01-27-1939
WED 03-31-1961
OFF
Shelly Dawn
11-20-1962
David Scott
06-03-1967
Michael James
02-28-1968

Richard Lee Bockhaus
Wilma Midori Miyamoto Bowersox

07-11-1948
WED 12-04-1982

OFF

*Brandi Paunani Bowersox ADOP
06-20-1975

Francis L. Bockhaus
Lucy P. Rash

08-11-1917
WED 12-07-1947

Virgil W. Bockhaus
Marvis P. Chart

02-06-1937
WED 07- -1955

OFF

April Dawn
07-14-1956

Alan William
03-23-1958

April Dawn Bockhaus
John Casale

03-26-1956
WED 06-16-1979

Lueila Christine Stein
William Lohmeyer

09-18-1884 to 10-12-1952
WED 03-08-1911

OFF

Carl William
11-07-1915

Marvin Edward
03-14-1917 to 06-21-1944

Clarence Eugene
10-17-1922

Carl William Lohmeyer
Nerine Kinser

WED 03- -1937 to
OFF

*William James
08-24-1939

Marvin Arthur
11-12-1944

+

Carl William Lohmeyer
Ora Irene Harris Mahan

09-10-1916
WED 1964

William James Lohmeyer
Patricia Thomas

12- -1939
WED 06- -1955

OFF

Terri Lynn
12-05-1956

Michael David
12-31-1957

Susan Denise
12-25-1959

James Winston
01-10-1965

Marvin Edward Lohmeyer
Wilma Tonn

10-27-1926
WED

Clarence Eugene Lohmeyer
Barbara Rees

02-15-1932
WED 06-26-1955

WILLIAM CONRAD STEIN 
Emilie (Millie) Sophia Oltmanns

02-10-1890

WED 07-11-1917

OFF

Mildred Cleo

03-12-1920

Audrey Marie

05-23-1922

Eloise Anita

01-07-1925

Mildred Cleo Stein

Eugene Holmes Bonham

11-09-1915

WED 09-17-1946

OFF

Anitia Marie

06-27-1949

David Ray

12-16-1951

Marilyn Jean

01-31-1957

Anita Marie Bonham

George Meyers

09-05-1948

WED 08-30-1969 to 1975

David Ray Bonham

Rhaelyn Johnston

WED 12-30-

OFF

Wesley Aaron

09-18-1979

Serena Nicole

11-24-1982

Marilyn Jean Bonham

Bruce A. Perry

WED 05-25-1980 to 01 1985

Audrey Marie Stein
John Wallace Thacker

07-18-1922

WED 06-06-1944 to 1968

+

Audrey Marie Stein

Joseph Leonard Feisthammel

05-10-1922

WED 04-16-1971

Eloise Anita Stein

Donald F. Smith

08-11-1922

WED 06-15-1947 to

OFF

Victoria Lee

05-02-1948

Daniel Kirk

09-19-1949

Judith Kay

11-16-1951

Rhonda Lynn

11-15-1953

Dona Joanne

02-02-1956

Kevin James

06-23-1957 to -1-28-1984

Brian Douglas

12-05-1958

Tamara Lorraine

03-25-1960

+

Eloise Anita Stein

Adam Ristad

WED 1966

Victoria Lee Smith

John Peterson

WED 08-19-1971

OFF

Nathan

12-04-1973

Anna

10-03-1975

Erica

12-07-1979

Daniel Kirk Smith
Patsy Nelson

WED
OFF
* Felis 07-26-1969 ADOP
* Sean 08-13-1973 ADOP

Jeremiah
09-06-1981

Judith Kay Smith
Edward Huston

WED
OFF
Jeffry 07-27-1978
Ashley Nicole 08-29-1981

Dona Joanne Smith
William Givevicz

WED
OFF
Joseph 10-26-1975
Megan 01-12-1978
Jonathan 08-18-1980
Emily Rose 10-18-1982

ARTHUR LOUIS STEIN 
Mabel Wright

04-26-1893 to 05- -1960
WED 08-22-1917
OFF

* Patricia Joanne 05-05-1931 ADOP
* Constance Luella 06-10-1935 ADOP

+
ARTHUR LOUIS STEIN
Lena Nornhauser

05-28-1897
WED 03- -1961

* Patricia Joanne Stein
Joe B. Meyer

ADOP

01-22-1931
WED 12-16-1950 to
OFF

* Pamela Sue 05-06-1952
* Cynthia Lynn 09-29-1954

+
* Patricia Joanne Stein
Edwin C. Bowling

ADOP

01-13-1932
WED 05-05-1962
* Pamela Sue Meyer 1962 ADOP
* Cynthia Lynn Meyer " ADOP

OFF
* Edwin F. 09-16-1962
* Lori Ann 01-20-1965
* Ken Thiesen

* Michelle

* Constance Luella Stein
William Dean Roller

ADOP

04-04-1930
WED 06-20-1954
OFF

* Bradford Dean 08-02-1956

MILTON AUGUST STEIN 
Gladys

WED

Elizabeth Stein
William Christian Schemp
1845 to 02-11-1888

WED
OFF

Lydia Rozena
09-05-1880 to 04-05-1975

Anna

06-19-1982 to

C. William

07-21-1886 to 04-14-1981

Lydia Rozena Schemp

Carl Clark Davis

06-19-1882 to 06-16-

WED 08-24-1900

+

Lydia Rozena Schemp
McDonald

WED
OFF

Christine Elizabeth

12-23-1906 to 02-21-1922

Erma Ann

12-09-1908 to

Harry Carl

02-15-1911 to

Erma Ann McDonald

Mort D. Conway

08-03-1898 to 04-09-1971

WED 04-21-1940

OFF

William Carl

04-05-1952

William Carl Conway

Caroline Deloris Page

WED 08-03-1973

OFF

Colby Alexander

12-29-1974

Kristen Nicole

08-11-1978

Laura Megan

05-11-1979

Harry Carl McDonald
Martha Keltner

02-22-1908

WED 08-13-1933

Anna Schemp

Morris

WED

OFF

Sylvester

04-21-1902

Bertha E.

12-25-1903

Roland

09-04-1905

Marie

03-07-1907

Rozena

03-18-1911

Sylvester William Pete Morris
Osce Redick

WED

+

Sylvester William Pete Morris
Effie Lemon

WED 1920

OFF

Eugene

Anna Faye

Bertha E. Morris

William L. Wells

WED 10-04-1920

OFF

Coy C.

07-27-1924

William L. Jr.

08-29-1921 (Stillborn)

Wanda Lea

01-08-1927 to 11-30-1930

Lou Ann

01-24-1933 to 10-15-1934

Coy C. Wells
Lois M

07-27-1924

WED

OFF

Rodney Kent

02-10-1944

* Terri Louise

12-08-1959

ADOP

C. William Schemp
Emily Frances Fieth

09-27-1889 to 05-23-1975

WED 06-16-1915

OFF

Charmien Marjorie

04-17-1916

Robert William

05-23-1920

Roland Morris

Iola (Teddy) Adaline

WED

OFF

Marilyn H.

01-10-1939

Teodore Lynn

01-31-1939

Marie Morris
Boss

WED

OFF

Erma Leona Beatrice

Erma Leona Beatrice Boss
Robert A. Moore

WED

Rozena Morris
Albert Kuehl

WED

OFF

Martha Ann

Albert, Jr.

George

AUGUST STEIN
Pauline Leffler

1869 to

1895

WED

1890

OFF

LOUIS ALBERT STEIN

1893 to

1972

OSCAR STEIN

1895 to

1895

+

AUGUST STEIN
Carrie Meyer

WED

LOUIS ALBERT STEIN

Janet Amy Mack

08-04-1897

WED

OFF

Pauline Elizabeth

08-16-1920

Mary Ann

10-30-1930

Mollie Ann

10-30-1930

+

Janet Mack Stei
Glen Cunningham

WED 07-198

Pauline Elizabeth Stein
Cletus Worth

WED

OFF

Gary Allen

02-22-1944

Mary Ann Stein
Merle Anderson

WED

OFF

Eric Curtis

08-04-1957

Kurt Clinton

09-20-1958

Carl Dana

07-28-1961

Eric Curtis Anderson
Misuk

WED
OFF
Christopher

Molly Ann Stein
Robert Tilley

WED
OFF
Patricia Ann
03-07-1950
Katherine Irene
08-22-1952
Mary Ann
09-25-1955
David
07-28-1961

Patricia Ann Tilley
White

WED

Katherine Irene Tilley
Thomas

WED
OFF
Richie
01-09-1978

Mary Ann Tilley
Jue

WED
OFF
Kurt Ricco
01-20-1977

Justena Stein
Henry Clay Korneman

1858 to 1942

WED
OFF
Minnie

01-08-1883 to 1944

John
12-02-1884 to 1885

Lizzie
12-02-1886 to 06-07-1967

Emma
03-05-1889

Susie
12-29-1890

Charlie
11-29-1892

Herman
09-04-1894 to 10-19-1972

Mary
02-28-1898

Johnnie
11-21-1899 to 07-11-1972

* Henry Clay Korneman

* Anna Hackler
07-14-1962 to 05-22-1975

WED

Minnie Korneman
Gust Leutzinger

WED
OFF
Irwin

Truman

Amy

Lizzie Korneman
Newt Hanger

WED

+

Lizzie Korneman
Ralph Nicholson

WED

OFF

Henry

01-21-1907

Gladys

04-17-1909

Charles

02-06-1911

Harry

10-13-1913

Paul

04-08-1921

Helen

01-28-1921

Emma Korneman
George Ball

03-09-1989 to 1974

WED

OFF

Susie

Susie Korneman
Will Berbaum

WED

OFF

Irene

09-11-1918

Charlie Korneman
Lizzie Gall

Charlie Korneman
Lizzie Sloan

WED

OFF

Willie

12-21-1920 to 06-05-1979

Larry Charles

11-24-1946

Herman Korneman
Ethel Barnard

WED

07-28-1917

OFF

Walton

03-03-1919

Mary Korneman
Clarence Baker

WED

03-02-1921

OFF

Gloria

12-04-1933

Eldon

11-30-1943 to 08-10-1976

Gloria Baker
Gerald Slagel

10-02-1928

WED

07-16-1958

OFF

* Genelle

07-26-1966

ADOP

Johnnie Korneman
Leona Paul

WED

11-25-1923

OFF

Doris

10-31-1924 to 12-11-1977

Ruth

06-21-1926

John

07-25-1929



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PART FOUR - The start of a new life in Colorado.(for better or worse)

In this part I will try and piece together the early years in Colo. I thought that this part would be pretty easy, but found that there were several things that I was not aware of until just recently. It was always my understanding that as soon as Dad and Mother were married they would move to Colo., which they did. What I didn't know until I started digging into things, was that Dad was already living in Monte Vista, and in fact owned some property there.

As near as I can tell, Dad made a trip to Monte Vista in either late Oct. or early Nov. 1910, at which time he purchased some land north of Monte Vista. I believe that he purchased the land thru the Monte Vista Realty that was owned by R.L. Dowdell, and Chas. C Baum. Dad borrowed \$500.00 on Nov. 4 1910 from R.L. Dowdell to be due Mar. 1 1911, with no interest. He also borrowed \$825.62 from William Jones dated the same date, with no interest until Mar. 1 1911, after which it would be 8%. I do not believe that he stayed in Colo. very long this trip, as I find where he borrowed another \$300.00 from a Lucas Hrekbiel in Halstead on Nov. 8 1910, so he was evidently back in Halstead on this date.

Dad returned to Monte Vista in the early part of 1911. He and his brother Bill must have went out together, as all old letters, etc., indicate that they were in Monte Vista together, and that Bill stayed for some time after that. Dad worked on a farm when he came to Colo., but do not know if it was the one he bought, or if it was somewhere else. At this time I am going to assume that it was on the place he bought, possibly with the one he bought it from.

I do not believe that there was a house on the place he bought, as he rented(I assume) a house on Jefferson Street in Monte Vista. I am going to guess that he did this before returning to Halstead to marry Mother.

In the earlier part of this book, I told of Dad belonging to the band in Halstead. It looks as though Monte Vista also had a band and as soon as Dad got there he joined that band. I do not have any idea how long he belonged to that band, but would have to guess that it probably wasn't very long, as I believe that they moved to the farm sometime later.

Dad returned to Halstead in April of 1911, and was married to Emma Stein on April 19 1911. I have been wondering whether they were married by her father, but do not have that information. At this point I would believe that they were. At any rate it was a marriage that was destined to last for 50 years. As I stated before Dad made a good choice for a partner thru life.

PART FOUR - Continued

At this point I will look into why Dad came to Colorado, and why the San Luis Valley? I do not have all the answers to this but will offer my guess as to why.

First of all, Dad was a farmer, and that is what he intended to be thru life. Now the question arises, if he was a farmer, why did he spend most of his career in the lumber business. As this article goes on I will go into that in more detail. For the present I will stay with him being a farmer.

As he was young and intending to start a family, he naturally wanted land of his own. The San Luis Valley was in the process of being developed, and was no doubt being advertised as the area to be if you were a farmer. The land was priced low and there was plenty of water. Also Dad had a love affair with the mountains. I don't know if this had anything to do with his move or not. Another thing that was going on, was a sugar factory under construction at Monte Vista. Along with this a railroad was being built north of Monte for the sugar factory. The railroad is still there, but the sugar factory didn't last very long.

Another thing that is a question in my mind is, how did he finance his move to Colo. as he did not make much money, and his family did not have a lot. When I was in Kansas last spring, this subject came up, and Art Bockhaus offered a version that I had not heard of before. I mentioned that I remembered Ben having some land in western Kansas. Art said that that land actually belonged to the family, and when Dad decided to move to Colo., Granddad said he would buy his share. I think that this was a situation where he helped him as he could, as Granddad did not much ready cash either. I believe that this land was around Greensburg Kansas, which is east and a little south of Dodge City. This location of the property may or may not be correct. I do not have any idea what happened to the property. I remember some talk about the land in later years, but do not know what happened to it

As you can see by the pictures, Dad did grow sugar beets for the factory at Monte. The sugar factory opened for business on Nov. 15, 1911. It had been promoted by Ward Darley, who was a relative of Marshall Darly. Marshall will be mentioned thru this article, from time to time, as he played an important part of Dad's life. Granddad was very much opposed to having anything to do with the sugar Co's, and never let Dad forget it. As it turned out he was probably right, as the factory did not last very long.

Along with sugar beets, he also grew various other crops, such as grain, and various things such as onions, beets, etc.

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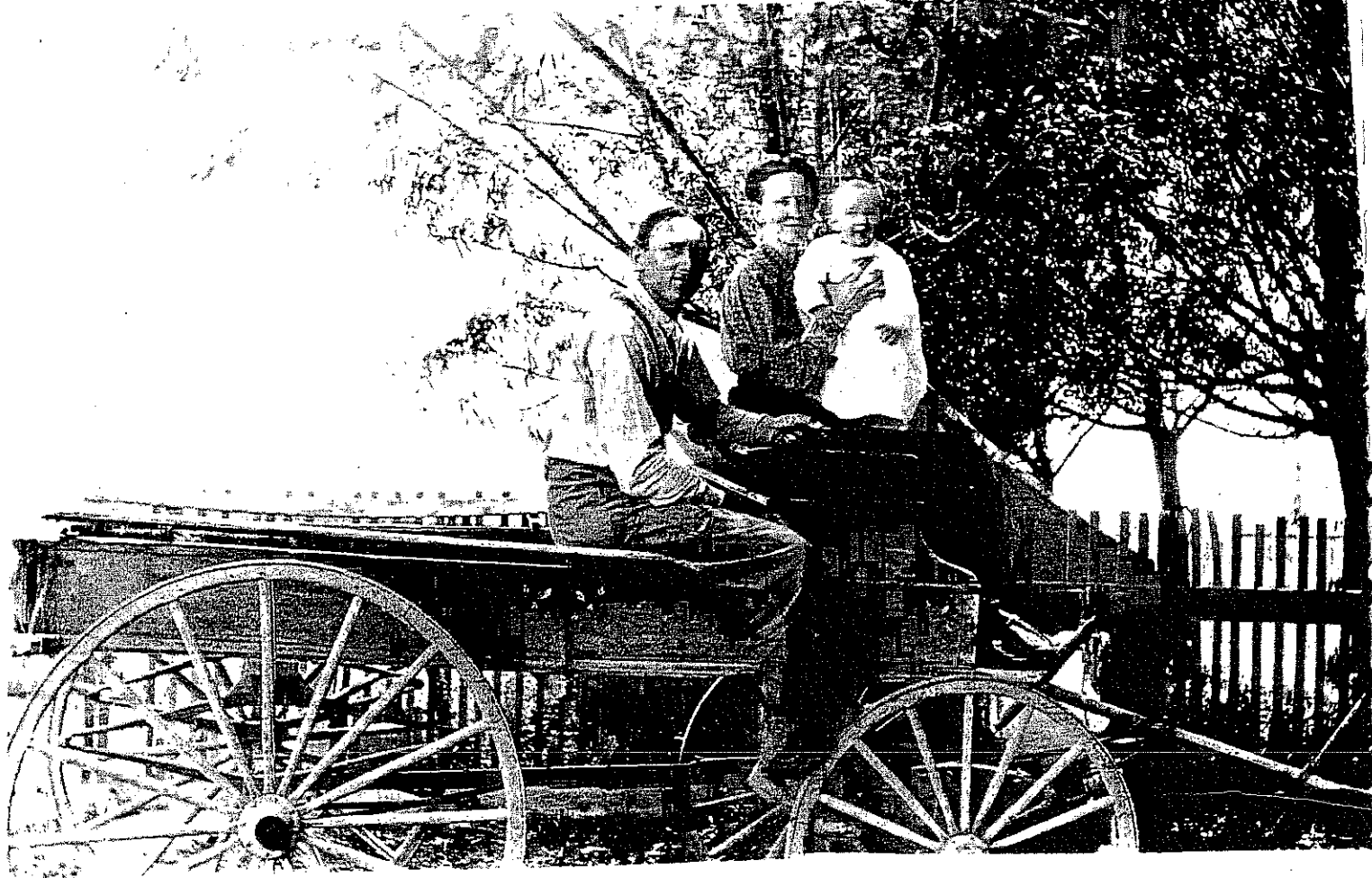
In July of 1911, Grandad wrote that Dad should start getting some 2X4s etc., and he would come out the last of August and help him with a place to live, meanwhile he thought it would be a good idea to but up his tent and add a small room to it until he could get a building put up. With this in mind, I will assume that they did live on the 48 acres by the end of 1911.

In the same letter, Grandad mentions that he has heard from a man by the name of Corse in Greensburg, and he is interested in buying the NE 1/4 of some land there. I also find the same name in one of Dad's note books, so believe this bears out the facts of what Art told me. I can not find any information as to any sale of property there, so do not know if any was sold or not.

Dad evidently grew a wide variety of produce on his 48 acres, as I find notes from the years living there of what he sold. It included, Turnips, Onions, Peas, Potatoes, Beets, Radishes, Lettuce, Beans, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Cucumbers, and of all things Celery. I thought this rather strange, but I find a note that tells how to grow it by starting it in a hot bed. As you can see from the pictures, he did have a large hotbed on that place.

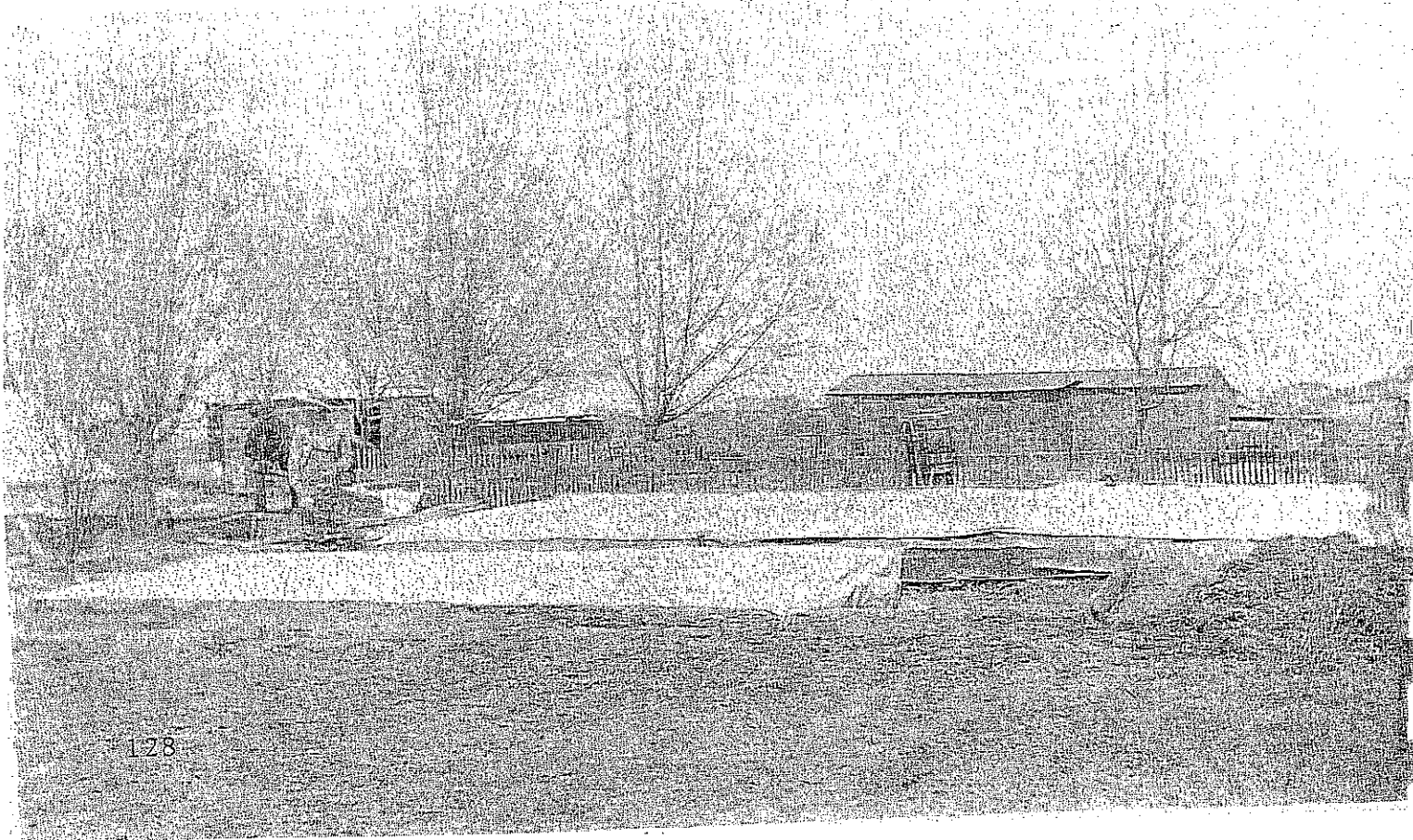
The photo below shows Dad with a load of sugar beets. Oct. 1911





ABOVE - Dad, Mother, and Ralph (Ralph was born Dec. 9, 1912)

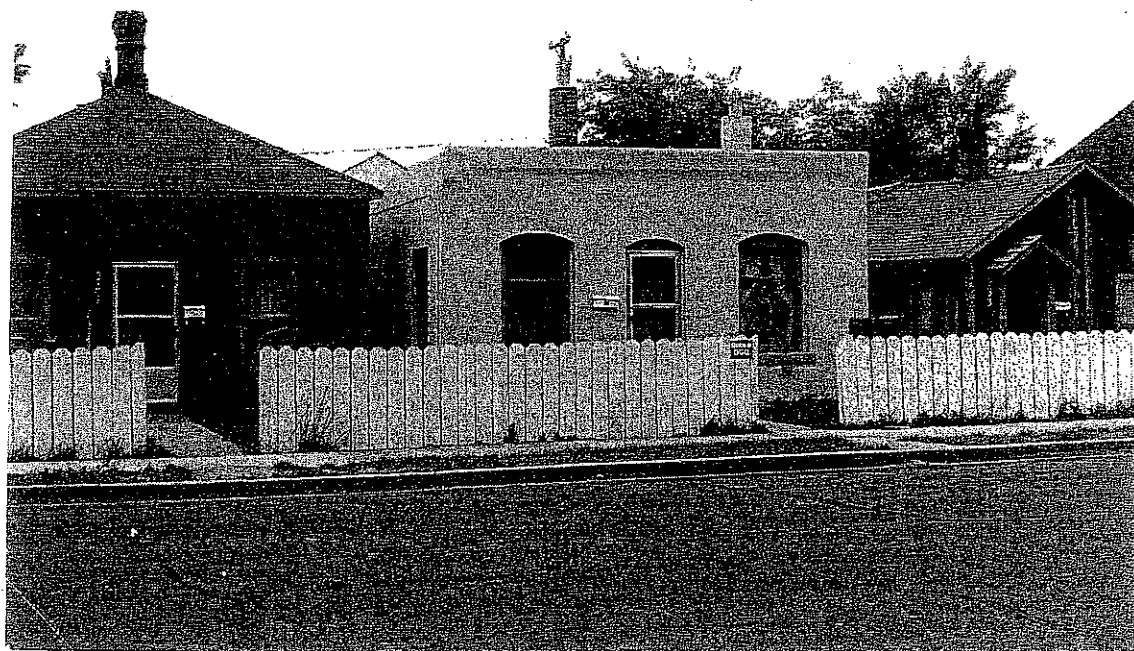
BELOW - Hotbeds Dad used for starting plants. Both of these photos were taken on the place north of Monte.





Dad and Mother's first home on Jefferson Street as it appeared in 1911.

Below - The same house as it was in 1995





CARD

Miss Emma Bockhaus
Halestead
Kansas

11:00 evening
It is a little past ten o'clock I
just returned from band practice
I cleaned wheat this forenoon and
this afternoon I sorted potatoes
am going out to finish sorting
potatoes in the morning and
then I am going to sow wheat.
The band had our pictures
taken this evening by flash
light.
The wind is blowing a little
tough but not very bad.
Louise

Left - A post card sent
to Mother by Dad from
Monte Vista, shortly
before his return to
Kansas to be married.

Below - Dad and Mother
with Aunt Minnie, south
of Monte Vista, July 1911
(Aunt Minnie was Emilie
Bockhaus's sister.



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Valuation of Personal Property, - \$-----

" Real Estate, - - - \$ 250

" Improvements, - - \$ 50

Total Valuation, \$ 600

Albert G. Booley
County Treasurer.

By _____ 131 Deputy Treasurer.

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**RIO GRANDE COUNTY
TREASURER & PUBLIC TRUSTEE**

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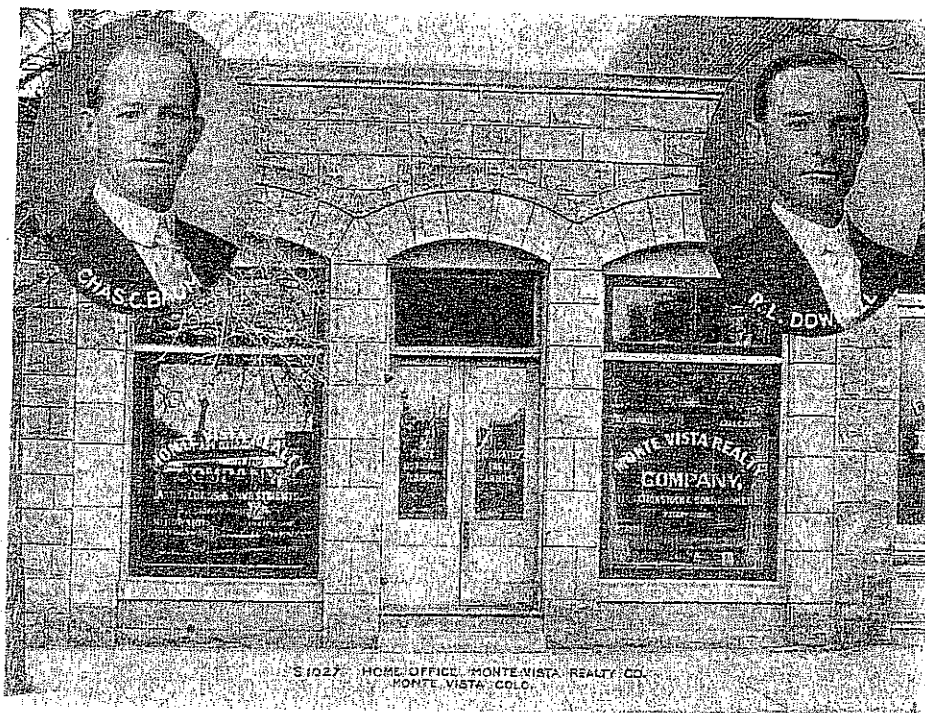
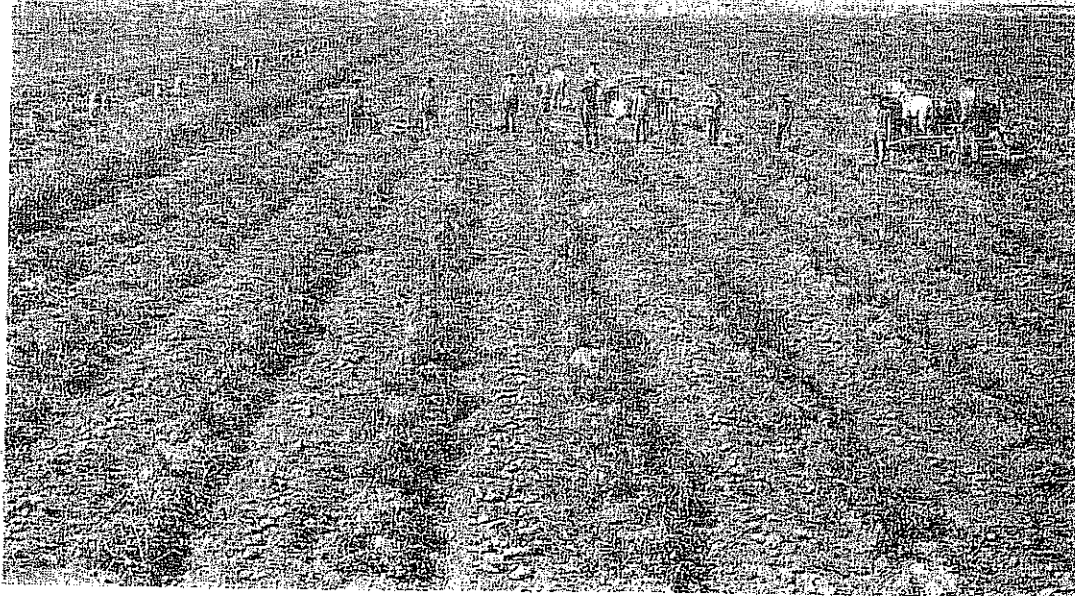
March 27, 1996

Dear Mr. Bockhaus:

Our records show that Louis Bockhaus owned approximately 48 acres described as a fraction of the S2 of the NW4 in section 4-39-8. He was on our tax roll in 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914. All during this time he owned the 48 acres. The property is located 6 miles north of Monte Vista and then 2 miles east. The property is located in the Sargent area where a lot of the potato farming is done. I hope this information is helpful to you in your search and if there is anything else that I can help you with please let me know.

Cherilyn Peterson

*P.S. We enjoyed looking at the old
tax notice.*



The purpose of this folder is to show the people that the sunny San Luis Valley is the best place in the world for the farmer seeking a home, where he can make money and be happy. All we ask is a comparison of the San Luis Valley with other places, consideration of the price of land, the ease with which it is tilled and the net profit derived from the same.

For further particulars, address or call on

Monte Vista Realty Company

Monte Vista, Colorado.

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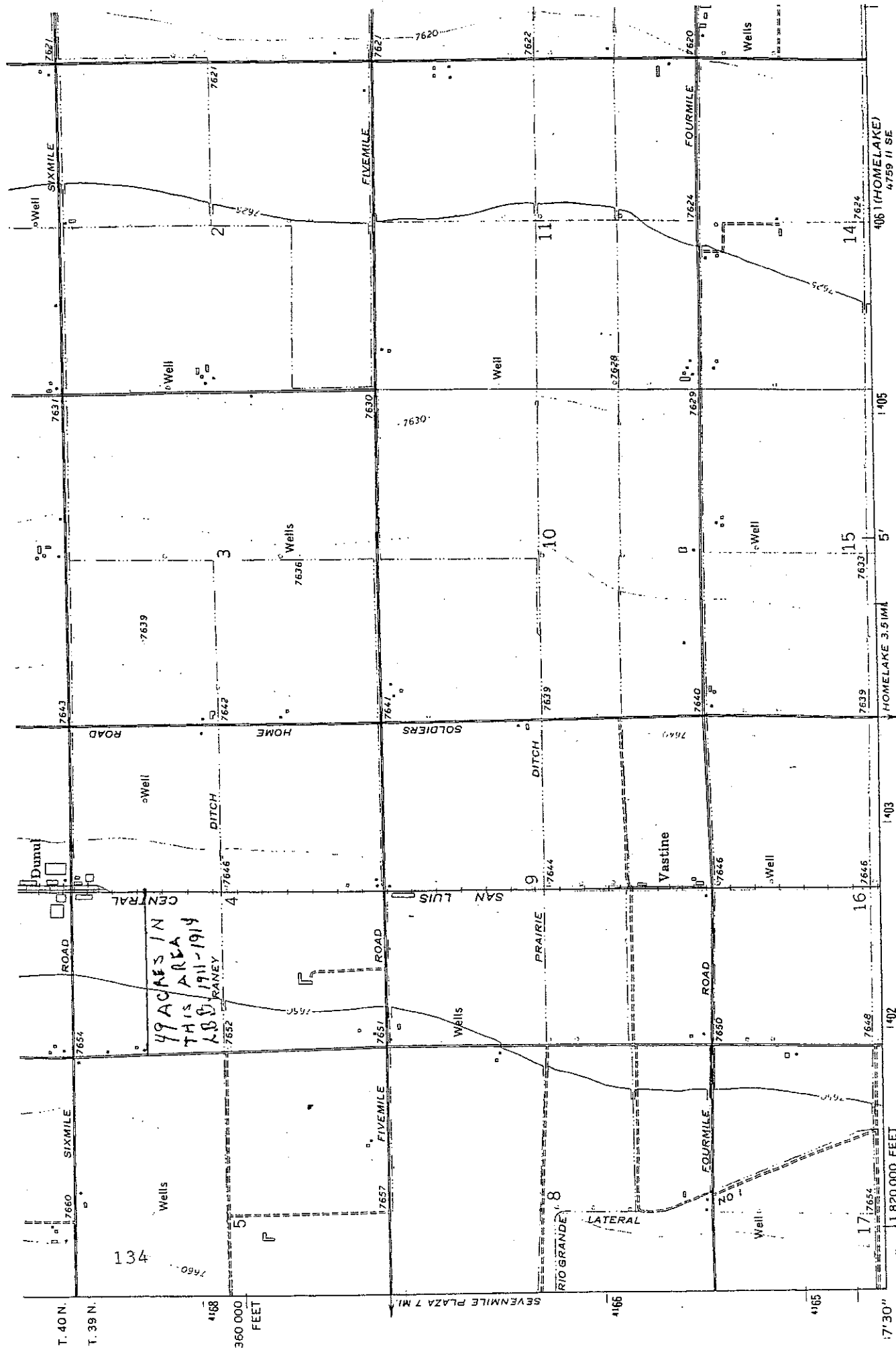
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Bank of Monte Vista, First National Bank,

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Any business man in Monte Vista.

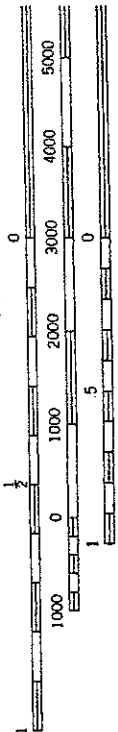
Three pages from a 1911 folder advertising the San Luis Valley
(the entire folder has 20 pages)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Control by USGS and USC&GS
 Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photos taken 1966. Topography by planimetric surveys 1968

Location of Dad's land north of Monte Vista (I find it listed as 48 acres and also 49 acres)

SCALE 1:24000



COURT REPORT

LITIGATION THREATENS RUIN OF SUGAR BUSINESS IN VALLEY

As we understand it, the status of the sugar business in this valley is about as follows:

Ward Darley has sued the sugar company for \$25,000 commission on sales of stock. This case is pending in the district court in Rio Grande county.

The railroad company, a subsidiary of the sugar company, has sued forty-one of the leading people of this valley for about \$30,000, alleged to be due as damages on a contract for the building of the Center railroad.

On top of this the sugar company has commenced foreclosure proceedings in Denver county to foreclose a mortgage amounting to about \$130,000, and for which \$300,000 of the bonds are pledged to secure.

The bondholders and mortgage men, being about the same, are the majority owners of the stock in the sugar company and refuse to defend the foreclosure proceedings, and the stockholders in Monte Vista and Denver, representing about \$100,000 of the stock, have been allowed by Judge Butler to intervene and set up any defense that they might have.

We are of the opinion that the longer this litigation continues the worse it will be for all people concerned. In view of the fact that we have a million dollar sugar plant located here, with the latest modern machinery, about three million acres of splendid product-

ive soil, tributary and located close to the railroad lines running through the valley and with an enormous amount of water stored ready for use on this land, we have every facility that there is in any part of the world, taken in consideration with our long days of sunshine, to produce the highest quality of beets that can be grown anywhere.

Now, we ask, why don't these people get together on some fair basis and arrange to run this factory. It will add thousands of dollars to the value of their plant and it will add many thousands of dollars to the income of the business men and farmers of this valley. We need beets in the rotation of crops, and we can better rely on the sugar beet crop than most any other crop for rotation.

We understand, too, that the sugar company has had an expert down in this valley, and he claims that in this climate and altitude is about the only place on the western continent that will produce sugar beet seed in a successful way. If this be true, a fortune may be lying in front of our doors unawares.

We believe the acreage can be raised to justify operation of the factory, and we should like to see this matter treated in a broad, business-like way—cut out the quibbles—to the end that the manufacture of sugar may be a permanent industry of the valley.

An editorial from the Monte Vista Journal about the sugar factory and some of the problems that caused it to close.

According to Emma Riggensbach, in her book "A BRIDGE TO YESTERDAY" the main reason was the fact that the sugar content was high, but the short growing season kept the tons per acre to low to make a profit.

I believe that this editorial was written in Jan. 1915.

PART FOUR - Continued

From all of the information that I can put my hands on, it looks as though things went pretty much the same thru the years 1911, 12, and 13. In 1914 things started to change. It looks as though Dad started to expand his farming. In March of 1914 he bought at least three more horses, some more equipment, such as seeders, mowers etc. His brother Bill was still with him, and they not only farmed the 48 acres, but it looks as though they farmed the place just across the tracks to the east, which according to Rio Grande Co., belonged to J. Frank Goad. How much of his place they farmed, I do not know. Also I do not know if this was the only year they did this, or if they had farmed some there before. I do not have any idea how many acres they planted there because the only thing I find is a note dated April 20, 1914. It states that Will starting sowing peas east of the Goad house, and another note April 27, that says, Will finished sowing peas east of the house.

The pictures of the hotbeds, and the information that I could find, had me doing some searching, and had me really confused, because I thought the the folks had moved to Conejos county by that time. I did a lot of searching in the area, and nothing matched up. Doing any reseach during that period of time in Conejos Co. is next to impossible, as they do not have records from that time as they were burnt when the court house was destroyed by fire some years ago. I assumed that J. Frank Goad lived in Conejos county and that all of the notes from 1914 that I found were from there. It wasn't until I came across an old tax receipt, and contacted Rio Grande Co. that things started coming together and began to make sense. I also have been doing some research thru the BLM in Alamosa, and their state land record office in Denver. I beleive that I can now put things together somewhat as they happened.

There is an area south of Monte Vista, in Conejos County known as the Terrace District. It was Government land and was open for homesteading or purchase under the homestead act of May 20, 1862. (The sale of lands came under ^{the act} of April 24, 1820) Under the homestead act you had to be at least 21, the head of a family, and live on the land for at least 5 years. You also had to make improvments that would normally be done, such as build a house, fences etc. The only fee was a filing fee of \$17.00. You could purchase the land for \$1.25 per acre. This area was to receive water for irrigation from the Terrace Irrigation Co. from a reservoir on the Alamosa River. The land is very rocky and really not very good. At the time it probably sounded pretty good, and there was land available cheap. It lured a great number of people to the area.

I will try and piece together the folks move to the area as best I can. I believe that I now have enough information to put it together. It has been rather hard, by not being able to get information from Conejos County, but here goes.

PART FOUR - Continued

To begin with, there has always been a discussion about whether Dad homesteaded the land or bought it. I contacted the BLM in Alamosa, and got Govt. Patent numbers for not only the 160 Acres that the folks had, but also for the area around them. They had the NW 1/4 of Sec. 25 in Township Thirty Six, Range 7E. I got the numbers for sections 23, 24, 25, and for 36. I already had information for a quarter in sec. 22, which will enter into this writeup a little later on. I have included a map of the area with all of the patents and who they were issued to, and what date they issued, and if they were a homestead, or a purchase. You will note that the one issued to Dad was the last one issued in that group, and that it was a homestead.

One thing did not add up. As I stated before, the information that I found at the library stated that you had to live on the property for five years, before a Patent could be issued. As the information shows, Dad applied in 1916 and was issued a Patent in 1920. That did not add up to five years. I received a copy of the original application from the National Archives, and it shows that he took an option of three yers. Now it began to add up.

In looking thru some of Dad's notes from 1914, I kept coming up with a name that I could not account for. He lists in his misc. expenses rent to a man named Pletcher. He also lists Lawyer fees etc. with Pletcher's name on them. As Dad was still in Monte Vista in at least part of 1914, I contacted the County in Del Norte, and they could find no such name in the Rio Grande County records. I believe that Dad rented the house just west of where they later settled from Pletcher. The land there belonged to a Juanita Delany. Dad did some farming for her, and I believe that he had rented this house etc. thru Pletcher. His notes show that the rent stopped about the time he filed a homestead application in 1916. I found one check made out to Pletcher, and it was cashed in St Louis, so that would indicate that he was no longer in the area. Note; this land is #5 on the map, somehow I did not get it included in the index to the map. It was a 320 acre purchase by Juanita Delany.

As to when they completely moved to the Terrace, I am not sure, but it looks like late in 1914, or early 1915. I believe that they moved there in 1915, but that's my guess and could be open to discussion.

All of the research in this area would be made much easier if there were records in Conejoes County, but every time I have contacted them, they have drawn a blank due to the court house fire some years back.

PART FOUR - continued

The following are patents issued in the area around Bockhaus.(see map)

No.1 Patent #299616 Alcorio Pacheco Nov. 9, 1912 Homestead 160 acres

No.2 Patent #439503 Chas. Foster Oct. 30, 1914 Purchase 320 acres

No.4 Patent #444499 James Popejoy Dec. 16, 1914 Purchase 320 acres

No.6 Patent #478417 Sam Moore June 14, 1915 Purchase 160 acres

No.7 Patent #480522 John Field June 29, 1915 Purchase 320 acres

No.8 Patent #483817 Elmer Ambler July 20, 1915 160 acres (note, do not have any information as to being a homestead or purchase)

No.9 Patent #528514 Harry Howard May 11, 1916 Purchase 320 acres

No.10 Patent # 680905 Henry Specker June 2, 1919 Homestead 160 acres

No.11 Patent #741214 Louis Bockhaus March 22, 1920 Homestead 160 acres

No.12 This section is State owned land and has been since 6/6/1881

No.13 This is the location of a school house that will be talked about later.

No.14 This will be mentioned later

No.15 This will be talked about later

Following are a few notes about some of the people listed above

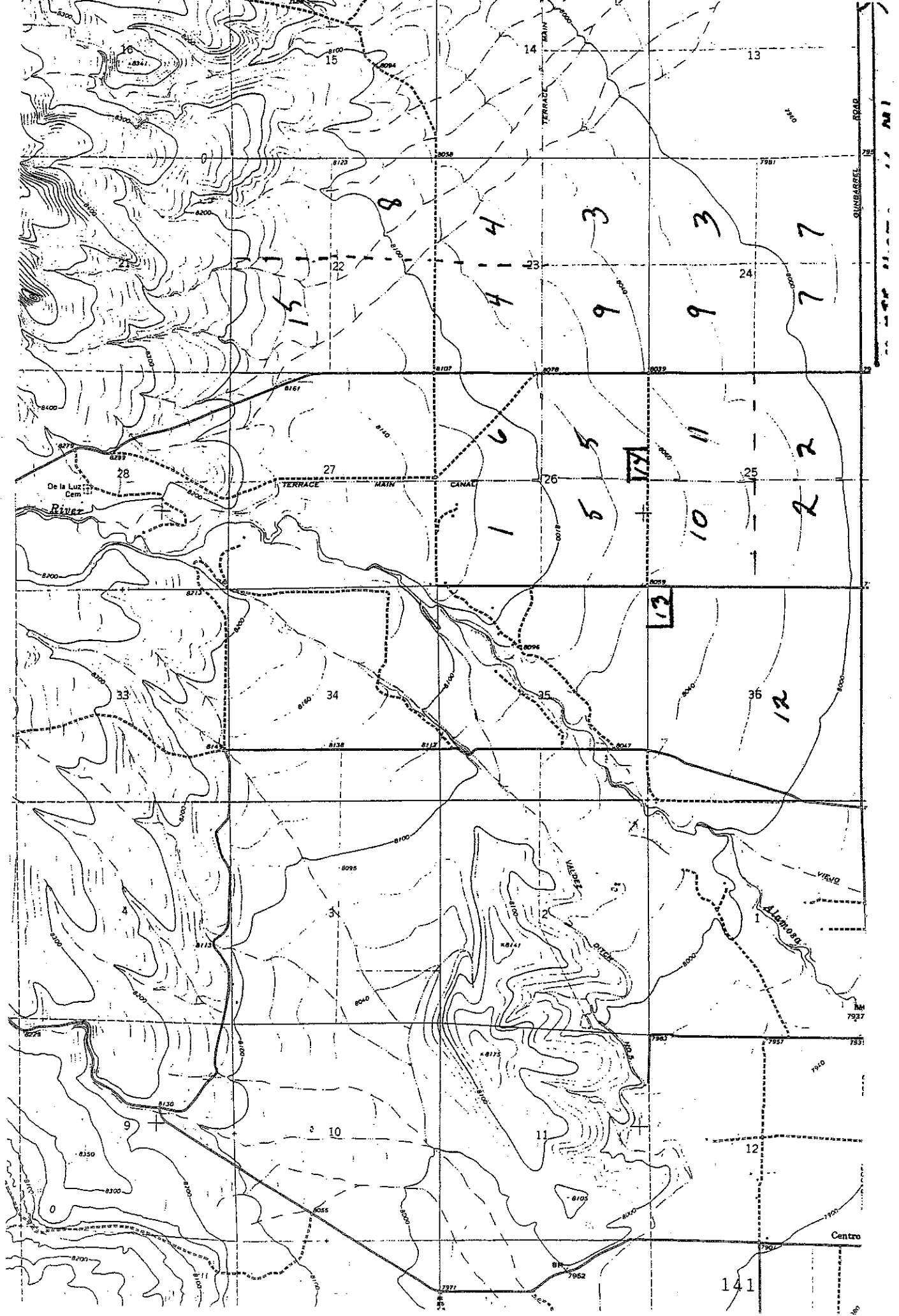
Charles Foster was Secretary of the Terrace Irrigation District in 1911, and for some time after that.

John Field was an Engineer when they were building the Terrace Reservoir, in fact I believe that he was the Engineer when the Dam was being built.

Harry Howard was later Secretary of the Terrace Irrigation District and in later years was city attorney for the city of Monte Vista.

Henry Specker was the folks neighbor, and I remember Dad talking about him quite a bit. The folks place and the Specker place were close to the canal that ran thru the middle of the section, so they were not very far apart.

Note-I did not mention it before, but you will notice all homesteads are for 160 acres. I understand that that is all you could get under a homestead, but you could purchase more than 160 acres.



NOTE - On this page and the following few pages are some high lites of the paper work concerning Dad's homestead. There are some more, but they are mostly witness statements etc. and are all pretty much all alike. You will notice that one of the witnesses was John Harris. He later bought a lot from Dad on the home place west of Lariat. He is buried at the Monte Vista Cemetery next to the folks. I believe that Dad at one time owned the lots where he and his wife are buried.

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Form approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 12, 1907.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Del Norte, Colorado SERIAL NO. 03512

APPLICATION. RECEIPT NO. 1121006

I, Louis B. Bockhaus (male), a resident of Monte Vista, Rio Grande County, Colorado, do hereby apply to enter, under Section 2289, Revised Statutes of the United States, the NW 1/4

Section 25, Township 36. N., Range 7. E., N. M. P. Meridian, containing 160 acres, within the Del Norte, Colorado land district;

and I do solemnly swear that I am not the proprietor of more than 160 acres of land in any State or Territory; that I am a native born citizen of the United States, and

am married, the head of a family and over 21 years of age.

that my post-office address is Monte Vista, Colorado, that this application is honestly and in good faith made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation, and not for the benefit of any other person, persons, or corporation; that I will faithfully and honestly endeavor to comply with all the requirements of law as to settlement, residence, and cultivation necessary to acquire title to the land applied for; that I am not acting as agent of any person, corporation, or syndicate in making this entry, nor in collusion with any person, corporation, or syndicate to give them the benefit of the land entered, or any part thereof, or the timber thereon; that I do not apply to enter the same for the purpose of speculation, but in good faith to obtain a home for myself, and that I have not directly or indirectly made, and will not make, any agreement or contract, in any way or manner, with any person or persons, corporation or syndicate whatsoever, by which the title which I may acquire from the Government of the United States will inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself. I further swear that since August 30, 1890, I have not entered and acquired title to, nor am I now claiming, under an entry made under any of the nonmineral public-land laws, an amount of land which, together with the land now applied for, will exceed in the aggregate 320 acres, and that I have not heretofore made any entry under the homestead laws

(except None)

that I am well acquainted with the character of the land herein applied for and with each and every legal subdivision thereof, having personally examined same; that there is not to my knowledge within the limit thereof any vein or lode or quartz or other rock in place bearing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, or copper, nor any deposit of coal, placer, cement, gravel, salt spring, or deposit of salt, nor other valuable mineral deposit; that no portion of said land is claimed for mining purposes under the local customs or rules of miners, or otherwise; that no portion of said land is worked for mineral during any part of the year by any person or persons; that said land is essentially nonmineral land, and that my application therefor is not made for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining title to mineral land; that the land is not occupied and improved by any Indian.

Louis B. Bockhaus

NOTE - Every person swearing falsely to the above affidavit will be punished as provided by law for such offense. (See 125, U. S. Criminal Code, over.)

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For use in
HOMESTEAD and
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Entries.

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U. S. LAND OFFICE
DEL NORTE,

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE PROOF.

Date NOV -4

Hour 10 A

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Del Norte Colorado

September 23 1919, 191

I, Louis B. Bockhaus, of
Capulin Colorado, who, on January 13 1916, 191, made
Homestead application, No. 03512, for
SW 1, Section 25,
Township 36 N., Range 7 E. N. M. B. Meridian,
hereby give notice of my intention to make Three year final
Proof, to establish my claim to the land above described, before
Clerk of District Court, at
Conejos Colorado, on the 25 day of
November 1919, 191, by two of the following witnesses:

Henry Speaker, of
Lazario Arellano, of
Luis Arellano, of
John Harris, All of Capulin, Colorado.

(Signed) Louis B. Bockhaus.
(Signature of claimant.)

Del Norte Colorado, September 23 1919, 191

Notice of the above intention to make proof will be published in the
La Jara Gazette, a weekly paper published at La Jara Colorado
for a period of Five consecutive issues, which I hereby designate
as the newspaper published nearest the land above described.

NO INFORMATION NOW IN
THIS OFFICE WARRANTING
FIELD INVESTIGATION.

NOV 4 1919

(DATE)

Chief Field Div.

Register.

Prepared by
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DESERT LAND, and
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
(PUBLISHER.)

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U. S. LAND OFFICE
DEL NORTE, CO
Date NOV 25 1919

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Hour _____

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Del Norte Colorado

October 17 1919, 191

NOTICE is hereby given that Louis B. Bookhaus,
Capulin Colorado, who, on January 13 1916, 191, made
Homestead application, No. 03512, of
NW 1 (Kind of application or entry.)
Section 25

Township 36 N., Range 7 E.N.M.P. Meridia

has filed notice of intention to make Three year final
(If homestead, insert "five year," "three year," or "commutation," as case may be.)

Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before

Del Norte Register at U.S. Land Office,
Del Norte Colorado, on the 25 day of
November 1919, 191

Claimant names as witnesses:

Henry Specker, of _____

Lasario Arellano, of _____

Luis Arellano, of _____

John Harris, All, of Capulin Colorado.

John Harris

Hubbard H. Abbott

Register

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION.

Register at the end of the period of publication, with the "Affidavit of Publication" properly executed.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Del Norte, Colorado
October 17, 1919
Notice is hereby given that Louis B. Bookhaus, of Capulin, Colorado, who, on January 13, 1916, made Homestead application No. 03512, for NW 1, Section 25, Township 36 N., Range 7 E. N. M. P., Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year final proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Register at U. S. Land Office at Del Norte, Colorado, on the 25th day of November, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Henry Specker,
Lasario Arellano,
Luis Arellano,
John Harris, all of Capulin, Colorado.
Hubbard H. Abbott, Register.

I, Eva Loker,
Publisher, of _____,
La Jara Gazette,
published weekly at La Jara Colorado,
(Daily or weekly.) (Place.)
do solemnly swear that a copy of the above notice, as per clipping attached, was published weekly in the regular
(Daily or weekly.)
entire issue of said newspaper, and not in any supplement thereof for five consecutive weeks, commencing with issue dated October 24, 1919, and ending with issue dated November 21, 1919.

Eva Loker
(Signature.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of November, 1919.

J. H. O'Casey
Notary Public
(Official designation.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

U. S. LAND OFFICE Del Norte Colorado, No. 03512

FINAL PROOF.

Receipt No. 2047588

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

QUESTION 1. What is your full name, age, and post-office address?

ANSWER Louis B. Backhaus, P.O. Capulin, Colorado. Age 32.

QUESTION 2. Are you a native-born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born? (If foreign born, or if native born and later naturalized in a foreign country, see Note 1.)

ANSWER. Native born citizen. Born in Parkston, Douglas County, S. Dakota.

QUESTION 3. Are you the same person who made Homestead Entry No.

03512, at the Del Norte Colorado Land Office on the

13 day of January 1916, 19 , for the

NW 1/4

 , Section 25,

Township 36 N., Range 7 E. N.M.P. Meridian?

If not, give relationship to entryman.

ANSWER. I am the same person.

QUESTION 4. Are you married or single? ANSWER. Married.

QUESTION 5. If married, of whom does your family consist?

ANSWER. Wife and two children.

QUESTION 6. If a married woman, state whether your husband now has an unperfected homestead entry, and during what time he has resided on this land with you. Also state his citizenship qualifications. (See Note 1 at bottom of third page.)

ANSWER.

QUESTION 7. When did you first establish actual residence upon this land?

ANSWER. On early in July 1916.

QUESTION 8. When was your house built on this land?

ANSWER. Just before moving on the land.

QUESTION 9. Have either you or your family ever been absent from the homestead since establishing residence?

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 10. If there has been such absence, give the dates covered by each absence; and as to each absence state whether you, your family, or both, were thus absent and the reason for each such absence.

ANSWER. For about 30 days during August and September 1917 myself

and family was away from the claim on account of sickness of

my wife.

Note -- this absence was when Francis was born.

QUESTION 11. Describe the land embraced in above entry by legal subdivisions, showing fully the character of same, and kind and amount of timber, if any.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Acres cultivable.	Acres timbered.	Foot timber.
The entire claim is a sandy loam in	160	none.	
character of soil, some having quite a			
little stone on surface.			

QUESTION 12. State the number of acres cultivated, kind of crop planted, and amount harvested, each year.

ANSWER. 1917. Plowed 10 acres and planted to crop, 4 acres potatoes and 1 acre beans, 5 acres barley raised good crop.
 1918, Plowed 8 acres more land and planted 18 acres to potatoes barley and peas. Harvested 80 sacks potatoes, pastured peas
 1919, Plowed and planted 12 acres alfalfa, 10 acres peas, 4 1/2 acres to potatoes. Harvested 110 sacks potatoes, ten ton pea hay.
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QUESTION 13. Describe fully and in detail the amount and kind of improvements and number of acres under cultivation on each subdivision. State total value of improvements on the claim.

ANSWER.

Subdivision.	Character of improvements.
SW 1/4 NW 1/4	frame house 16 X 32 feet, frame barn 14 X 28 feet, chicken house, 8 X 12 feet hay and stock corralls, potato cellar 10 X 12 feet. Supply irrigating ditch 80 rods long 3 feet wide and 16 inches deep. Two head ditches 40 rods each long, about same size as other ditch. Two and a half miles post and barb wire fence, posts one rod apart, two to 6 strands of wire. Water right for 40 acres from Terrace Irrigation District contract price of about \$800.00, paid on contract \$180.00 Total value of improvements \$1200.00.

QUESTION 14. Is your present claim within the limits of an incorporated town or selected site of a city or town, or used in any way for trade or business?

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 15. Are there any indications of coal, salines, or minerals of any kind on the land? If so, describe what they are.

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 16. Have you sold, conveyed, or agreed to sell or convey any portion of the land? If so, to whom and for what purpose?

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 17. Have you optioned, mortgaged, or agreed to option or mortgage, or convey this land, or any part thereof? If so, when, to whom, and for what purpose and in what amount?

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 18. Have you any personal property of any kind elsewhere than on this claim? If so, describe the same, and state where the same is kept.

ANSWER. NO.

QUESTION 19. Have you ever made any other homestead entry? If so, describe the same.

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 20. Have you, since August 30, 1890, made any entry or filing (not mineral) other than homestead? If so, describe the same by legal subdivisions, or by number, kind of entry, and office where made.

ANSWER. No.

Louis B. Bockhaus
(Sign plainly, with full Christian name.)

NOTE 1.—If applicant is alien born, he should state the fact and file evidence of citizenship in due form, either a certificate of his own naturalization in a court of competent jurisdiction, or, if claiming to be a citizen by virtue of his father's naturalization and his own minority and residence in the United States at the date thereof, or, if a married woman claiming citizenship by virtue of her husband's nativity or naturalization, then record evidence of the naturalization of the father, or husband, or an affidavit as to the nativity of the latter. Applicants who were at one time citizens of the United States, but who later became citizens of a foreign country, must file record evidence of their naturalization. Any female citizen of the United States invoking the benefits of the act of October 17, 1914 (38 Stat., 740), shall make oath showing the nationality of her husband, and that he is entitled to become a citizen of the United States.

NOTE 2.—The officer before whom the proof is made will see that all answers are complete and responsive to the questions.

NOTE 3.—The officer before whom the deposition is taken should call the attention of the witness to section 125 of the U. S. Criminal Code (over), and state to him that it is the purpose of the Government, if it be ascertained that he testifies falsely, to prosecute him to the full extent of the law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the deponent was examined separately and apart from the other witnesses in the case; that the foregoing deposition was read to or by deponent in my presence before deponent affixed signature thereto; that I verily believe deponent to be the identical person hereinbefore described, and that said deposition was duly subscribed

and sworn to before me at my office, in Del Norte, Colorado

(Town, county, and State.)

within the Del Norte, Colorado land district,

this 25 day of November 1919, 19.

Hubert H. Abbott

Register.

(Official designation of officer.)

Department of the Interior

United States Land Office Del Norte Colorado.

Serial No. 03512

Receipt No. 1121993-2047588.

Final Certificate.

Fees \$10.00

Comm. \$6.00 and \$6.00 earned "M" S. N. N. Homestead.

Per. Men. \$

Test. Fees \$2.50

November 25 1919, 19
(Date)

It is hereby certified that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States,
Louis B. Bockhaus

has made payment in full for Northwest Quarter of

Section 25

Township 36 N., Range 7 E. N. M. P., Meridian,
containing 160 acres.

Now, therefore, be it known that, on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said Louis B. Bockhaus,
shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the land above described if all then be found regular

Hubbard H. Abbott, Register.

NOTE.—A duplicate of this Certificate is issued to the claimant as notice of the acceptance of the proof and payment, and of the allowance of the entry by the Register and Receiver.

The original is forwarded to the General Land Office, with the entry papers, for approval by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and issuance of patent. The duplicate copy forwarded to the claimant should be held until notice of issuance of patent is received.

In all correspondence concerning the entry in connection with which this Certificate issued, refer to the NAME OF THE LAND OFFICE and the SERIAL NUMBER noted hereon.

Posted 1/28/20 in Vol. 124, P. 81, by ESB, Div. "O."

FEB 17 1920

APPROVED

By

J. W. L. Division

The United States of America

On all in which their presents shall come. Granting.

WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at: Del Norte, Colorado, has been deposited in the General Land Office, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress of May 20, 1862, "To Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Louis B. Bockhaus has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the northwest quarter of Section twenty-five in Township thirty-six north of Range seven east of the New Mexico Meridian, Colorado, containing one hundred sixty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor-General:

NOW KNOW YE, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said claimant the tract of Land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said claimant and to the heirs and assigns of the said claimant forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts; and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,

Woodrow Wilson,

President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, in the District of Columbia, the TWENTY-SECOND

day of MARCH

in the year of our Lord one thousand

nine hundred and

TWENTY

and of the Independence of the

United States the one hundred and

FORTY-FOURTH.

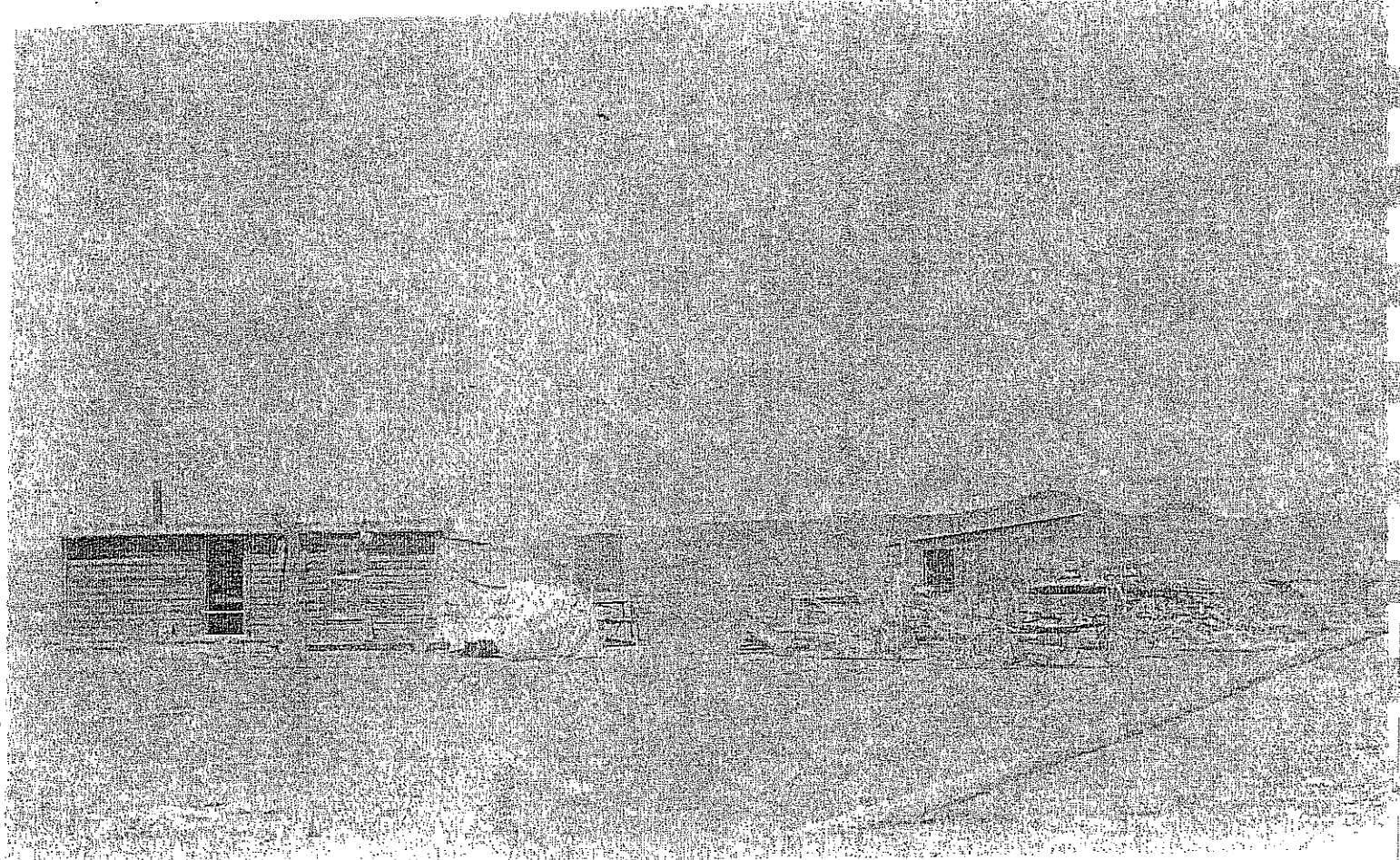
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By

Woodrow Wilson
W. P. L. Roy
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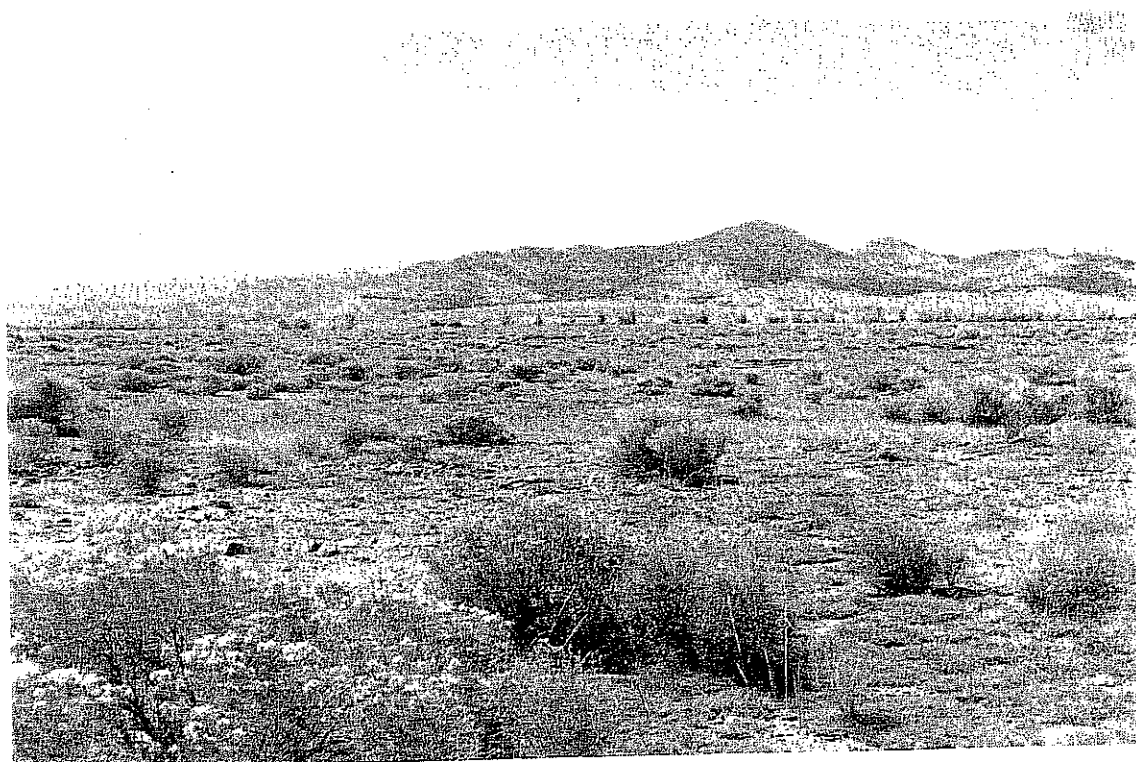
Secretary

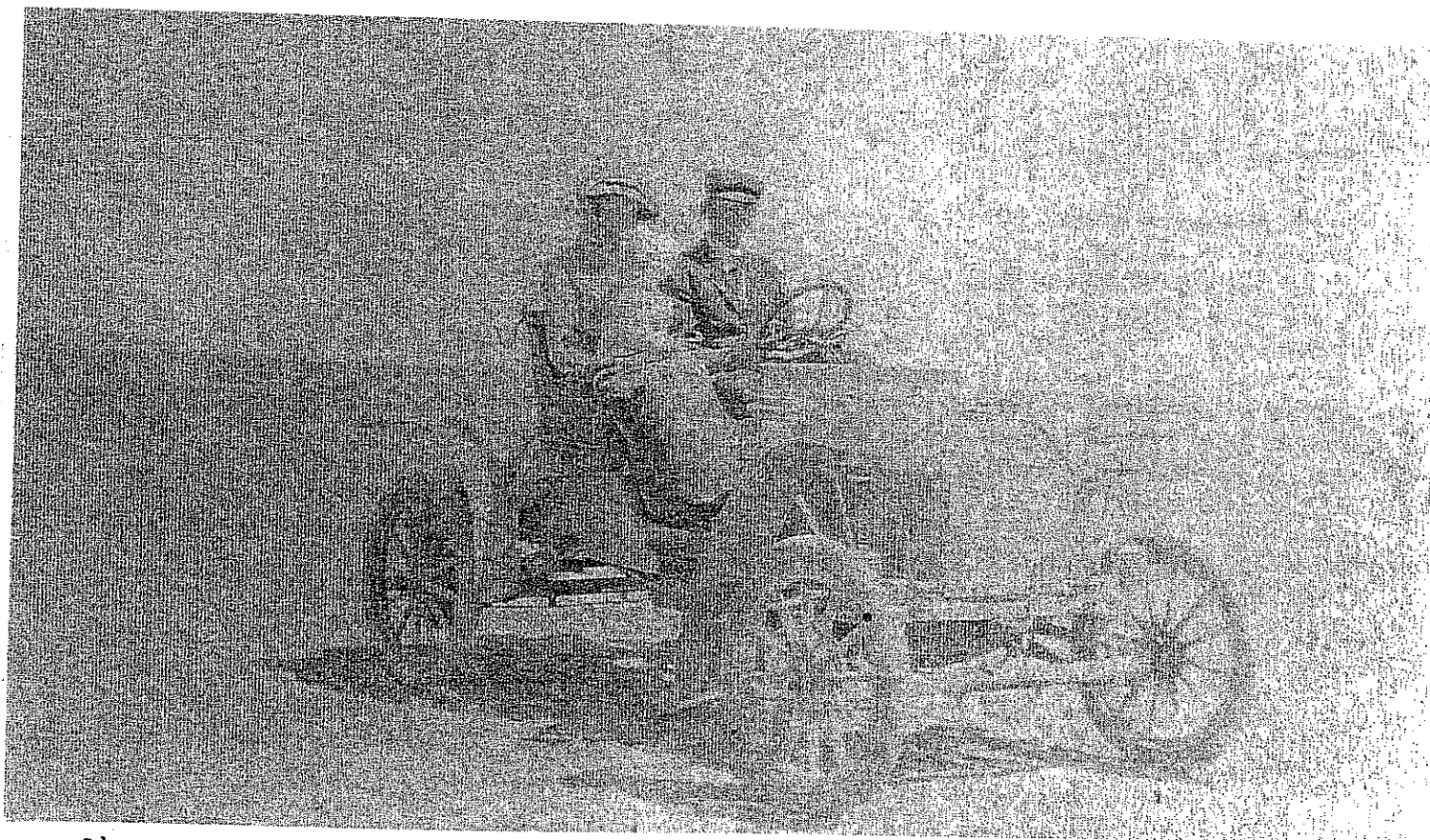
Recorder of the General Land Office



ABOVE - another view of the same place. The fence in the foreground is the west fence of the folks place. Notice to the right side of the house, there is a tarp covering some kind of a wheeled vehicle. I believe that it is covering the little Brush car shown in the next picture.

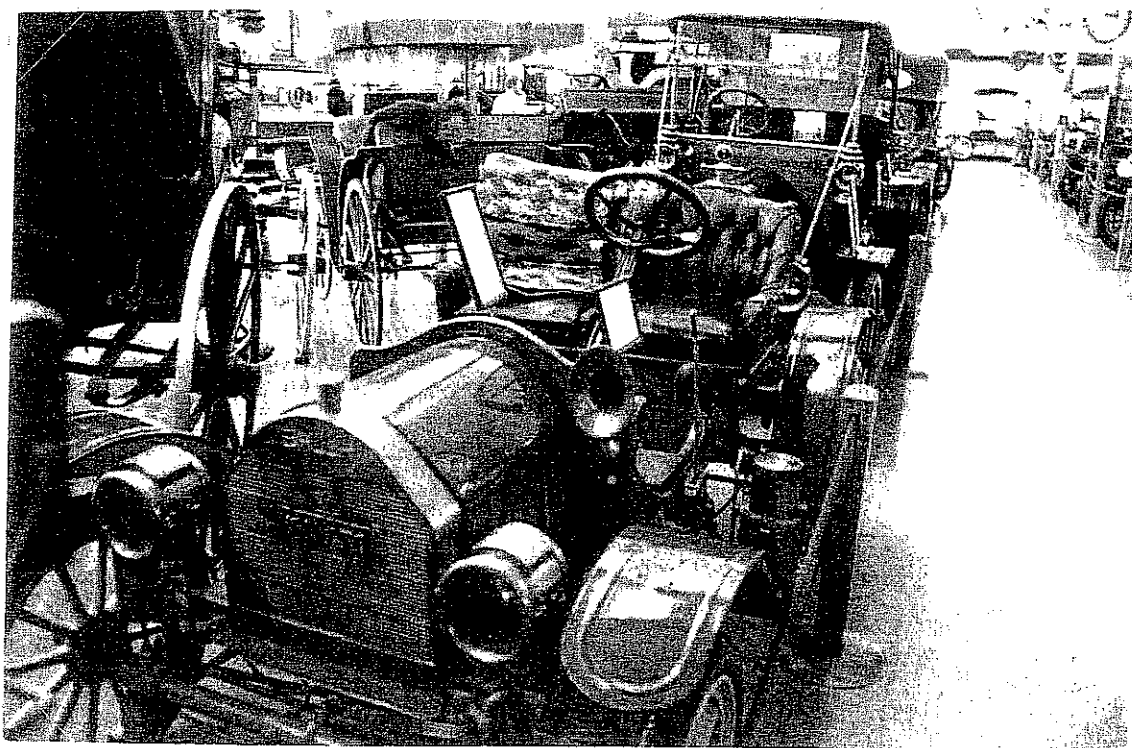
BELOW - Again a view from the same place taken in 1995. The fence can still be found, as the posts were cut off and the stumps are still there.





Above - Dad, Mother, and Ralph in what I believe to be Dad's first car, a Brush. They were a one cylinder, 6 HP, with a chain drive. They were made by A.P. Brush until 1912 when they were discontinued. New they sold for \$500.00. I believe Dad paid \$50.00 for this one in April of 1915. Note - The fence in the background is the west fence of their place in the Terrace District.

Below - A Brush on display at Pioneer Village in Minden Nebr. (1995)



PART FOUR - Continued

According to what records I can find, Dad was still selling produce from the place north of Monte Vista in Feb. and March of 1915. I will have to assume from this, that he still had the place there in early 1915, at which time he completely made the move to the terrace. I do not find any produce sales from April of 1915 on. Most of his income from that time on consisted of sales of such things as eggs, butter, poultry, potatoes, fence posts, and sales of hogs and other livestock. Most of his expenses were for such things as Groceries, a little meat, feed, insurance, repairs, labor, etc. I notice that he listed as income, labor, so have to assume that he did work for other people, in fact some months it looks as though his main source of income was from labor. The months that his income exceeded his expenses, it was usually due to his labor. A lot of months his expenses were much larger than his income.

In 1916 Dad leased Section 36 from the state. (No. 12 on the map) I have included a few papers concerning this in this article. I do not believe that he ever used this section for anything except for pasture.

By 1917 it looks as though his income versus his expense was pretty much out of balance most months. Some month it improved, mostly from his labor, selling posts, some livestock, or from pasture. Dad always made the statement, "if it wouldn't have been for Fassett and his letting out credit, we wouldn't have survived." As I go thru old records, I believe that he should have included the First National Bank in LaJara in that statement. I find that he did a lot of borrowing. I have included a few items in this article.

Dad worked for a lot of the people in the area, as well as road work for the county, as well as for other people. He also did a lot of work thru the years for the Terrace Irrigation District, in fact as the years went by he became more and more involved with them, as I will explain later in this writeup.

One of the names that shows up with no date with it, is J.W. Beam, who would become a very familiar name thru the later years. This name will appear again later on. Another name that was very familiar as I was growing up, and after I grew up was Ellis Lujan. I believe that he lived in a little settlement along the Alamosa River above where dad lived. The little settlement had a school, church etc., but is all vacant now.

One thing that you will notice, is that the old pictures from the area have now stopped. I got to wondering about that, and I believe that all of the pictures that are included this far were taken by Dad's brother Bill. About the time Dad moved to the Terrace, I believe that Bill had left the area. I believe that his health had gotten worse by that time, and he had returned to Kansas.

No. 19009

STATE OF COLORADO

STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

Denyer, Colorado, 6-3- 1916
 Received of Louis F. Brockhaus,
Capulin, Colo.

Kind of Remittance

Ch. 1st Natl. La Jara - \$3.50

C. of P. No. _____ Book _____

Principal _____ \$ _____

Interest _____ \$ _____

Delinquent Interest _____ \$ _____

Lease No. _____ Book _____

Rental _____ \$ _____

Delinquent Interest _____ \$ _____

Royalty _____ \$ _____

Fund _____

Initial Payment Sale* _____ \$ _____
Lease _____

Fees:

Bond _____ \$ _____

Lease _____ \$ _____

Certificate of Purchase _____ \$ _____

Patent _____ \$ _____

Assignment _____ \$ _____

Filing and Advertising (Lease) 6010 \$ 3.50

Filing and Appraisement (Sale) _____ \$ _____

Advertising (Sale) _____ \$ _____

Lucy E. Peabody,
 Deputy Register.

*Initial payment is received subject to the approval of the sale by the State Board of Land Commissioners.

LA JARA, COLO. May 19 1916 No.

RECEIVED
 PAY TO THE ORDER OF
 STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
 82-182

\$ 5.50
 DOLLARS
Louis B. Brockhaus

To the left is a receipt from the State for the fee for advertising the lease on Section 36.

Above is the check that Dad wrote to the State.

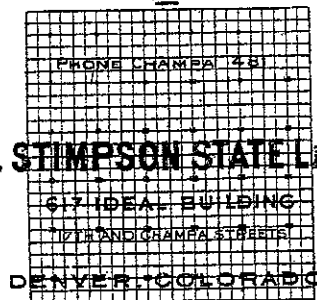
On the following page is letter from a land agency wanting to handle the deal. I found this rather interesting. Looks like people had their hand out in the days too.

COLORADO 3,000,000 ACRES

ATTENDING TO ALL DETAILS
CONNECTED WITH THE SALE
AND LEASING OF STATE
LANDS AND CAREY ACT.
SAVING TIME AND EXPENSE
COMING TO DENVER

NEW MEXICO OFFICE
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

WILLIAM E. STIMPSON STATE LAND AGENCY



NEW MEXICO
13,000,000 ACRES

REFERENCES:
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
DENVER, COLO.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
SANTA FE, N. M.
AND MANY OTHERS
THROUGHOUT THE STATES

(FORMERLY STATE LAND APPRAISER)
NOTARY PUBLIC

Den. Colo. July 14th/1916.

Mr. Louis B. Rockhaus,

App. A-6000.

Capulin, Colo.,

Dear Sir:-

Knowing that you have filed an Application with the State Land Office and the same is now waiting to be acted upon:

Wish to state that by making this business a specialty, with my eleven years' experience and familiarity with every detail in this line of work, together with always being on the ground and in close touch with the State Land Office spending some three or four hours there daily that I am in a position to handle your case seeing that it is given prompt attention and secure the desired results.

Owing to the State Board of Land Commissioners making so many new rules and laws governing State Land, as well as following the Statutes religiously it is to everyone's advantage to place their business in someone's hands who is familiar and experienced with every detail.

My fees are very reasonable, in the matter of a lease application the same is \$10.00 which covers the entire cost of my services and in all cases I can represent you in every way saving you any loss of time or expense in coming to Denver, as well as give you the benefit of my knowledge and experience in this line of work in taking every advantage which will be to your interest, which has been the means in many instances of saving my clients many times the amount of the fee which I charge.

Enclosed herewith you will please find a few of the many letters of recommendation that I have received.

Thanking you in advance for your business, hoping when in Denver you will not fail to call as I will be more than pleased to explain many matters which may be to your interest, with my kindest regards, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Encs.

Below are some checks that I found rather interesting. The first one is to Dad's brother, the second is to his Dad. (my Grandfather) The third is to the one that I believe Dad may have rented the house where they lived until they moved on their homestead just across the fence.

MONTE VISTA, COLO. Apr. 17 1914 No. _____

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF MONTE VISTA

PAY TO Wm E Bockhaus OR ORDER \$ 5.00

Five DOLLARS

Louis B. Bockhaus

INB La Jara, Colo. Oct 14 1916 No 90

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
82-182

PAY TO Wm E Bockhaus OR ORDER \$ 10.00

Ten DOLLARS

Louis B. Bockhaus

C. F. HOECKEL CO. LITHO DENVER.

MONTE VISTA, COLO. Aug 6 1914 No. _____

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF MONTE VISTA, COLO.

PAY TO A. B. Platzher OR ORDER \$ 12.00

Twelve DOLLARS

L. B. Bockhaus 156

THE C. F. HOECKEL & CO. LITHO, DENVER.

The San Luis Hotel

ONE BLOCK FROM STATION

MODERN IN EVERY DETAIL

Alamosa, Colo.,

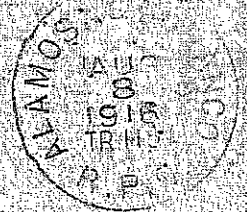
7/8, 1916

Louis Backhaus,

Enclosed find chks.
will send balance soon
as possible. hope the
alfalfa comes up. but
affair its to late to do
any good. when one is
juggling they have to
sacrifice to get things
in at the right time
or else you are throwing
your money and time
away. and I'm sure
I haven't any of either to
throw away. its too hard
to get - will try and be
out soon as think alfalfa
is up. Resp. J.B. Delany

LEFT - A letter
from Juanita Delany
that owned the land
to the west of the
folks place.

BELOW - Notice the
post mark on the
envelope. It was
mailed on the RR
between Alamosa &
Durango. How times
have changed.



Backhaus
Luis
Colo.

PART FOUR - Continued

As I have stated before, the folks money problems were pretty bad, but they managed to continue on with life. The year 1917 brought some changes to their lives. First of all, World War 1 was in full swing. Dad stated one time that being of German background during that war was not easy, and he could relate to how the Japanese must have felt during World War II.

Probably the biggest event of 1917 was when their second son, Francis was born. He was born in LaJara, August 11, 1917.

As I have stated before, Dad was doing quite a bit of outside work for other people to keep his income up. An example of some of his work still is around today high in the mountains west of the town of Platora. He built a dam at the Lilly Pond lake for J.E. Crooks. I asked Ralph one time if he knew when Dad built that dam, and he thought it was in 1918. In going thru old papers, I was shocked to find the draft copy of the letter he sent when he bid on building it. A copy is included in this, and as you can see it is dated in the fall of 1917. I don't know if Dad went ahead with the dam that fall and finished it in the spring, or if it was finished in the fall of 1917. As I look at the pictures of the finished dam, I think that he did build it in the fall. Notice the snow, and also, there is no water stored behind the dam. This would lead me to believe that it was the fall of the year.

I am not sure who helped Dad, but believe that it was his old friend Ellis Lujan. I remember Dad talking about building it, but do not remember for sure who he said helped him. I do remember that he told about running short of groceries, but having lots of fish from the lake. The old hotel building was still at the old town of Stunner, not too far away, and an old bachelor was living there. Dad thought that they could trade some fish for something else, but when they went down and talked to him, he was not interested in doing any trading, or for that matter, he wasn't interested in any sort of cooperation. Dad used to talk about him once in awhile but I cannot remember his name. There was another one about like him living at Jasper, and I guess the two of them didn't get along at all. Just two of a kind, I guess.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

To whom it may concern, Greetings:

THESE PRESENTS ATTEST:

That in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, and in compliance with law,

Larry Benjamin (Name) *Booth* (City or P. O.)

Precinct *14* County of *Garcon* State of *Idaho*

has submitted himself to registration and here by has been duly registered this *5* day of *June*, 1917.

Jose Felix Lujan Marquez Registrar

LEFT - Dad's Registration from 1917

Mr. J. E. Crooke

Capulin Colo

Monte Vista

Sept 12 1917

Colo

Dear Sir

We examined your reservoir proposition and figured it as close as we felt we could and can give you the following bid.

We will complete the dam as stated in the specifications except that we will build the outlet pipe and deliver same all through winter) for \$75,000

Two Hundred Seventy five dollars

We will start at it as soon as arrangement can be made.

We will complete it by fall if conditions will permit.

But if we are delayed by circumstances of bad weather or other unavoidable causes we expect to be able to complete the dam.

The other work we will build ^{the dam} according to specification except your design.

The outlet ^{take} pipe and you give us more time to complete the dam if unavoidable delays come about then the specifications state.

If we could have built the dam several months ago we could have lowered the bed from 75 ft to 65 ft but now we are taking chances of having much back water and half is higher than ever before and hard to get.

Yours truly

Lucas B. Rockbourn
Capulin
Colo

Original draft of the letter proposing the building of the Dam at Lilly Pond Lake



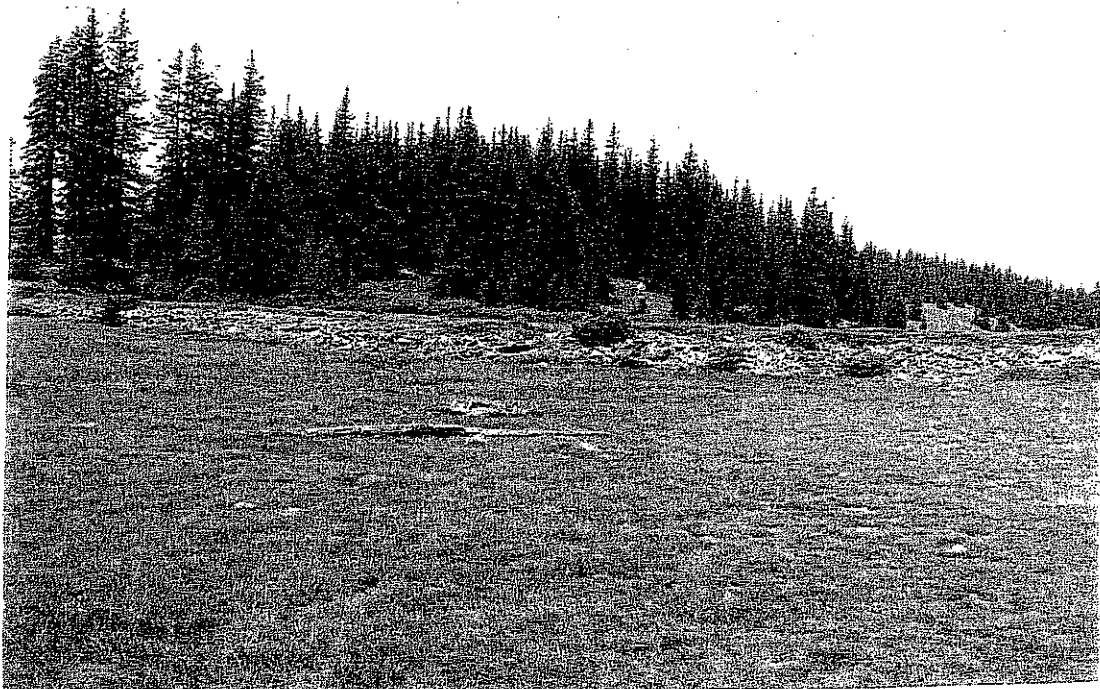
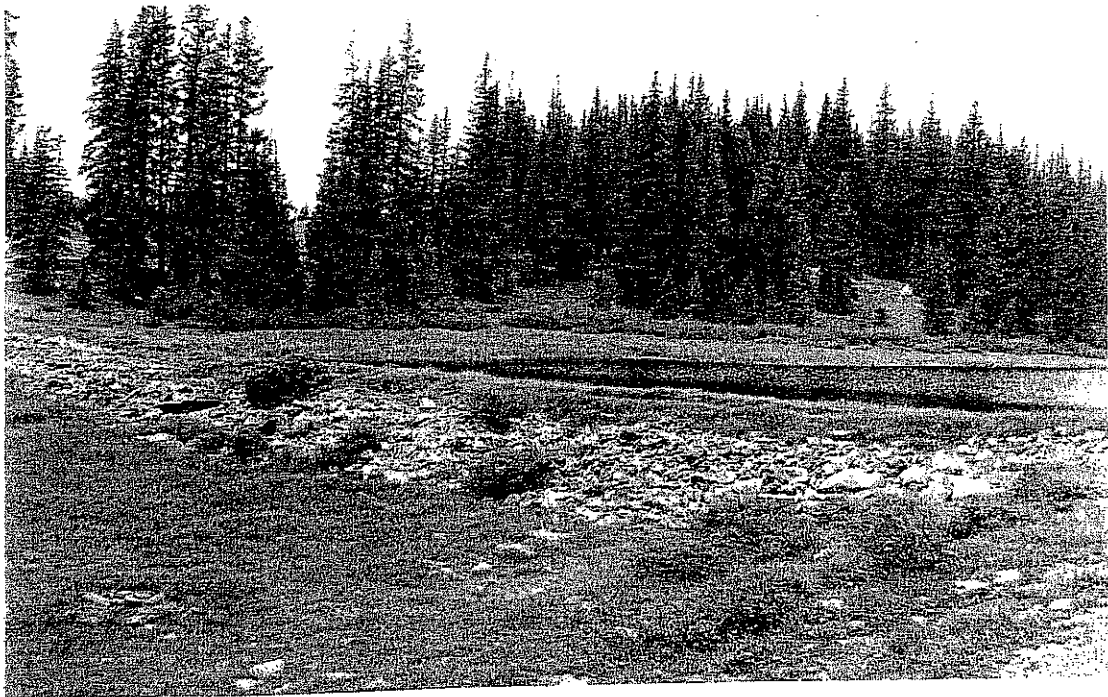
ABOVE - A view of the Lilly Pond Dam shortly after completion. Note, This picture was no doubt taken by J.E. Crooks, as he had a photography studio in Monte Vista.

BELOW - Taken from approx. the same spot in 1995. Notice how the background has changed, as Mother Nature heals it-self after a forest fire that went thru the area in the late 1800's.





LEFT & BELOW - photos
after completion and
again in 1995



PART FOUR - Continued

Following is a letter written to Dad in 1917 from his brother Bill when he was in California.

I found it rather interesting to see the prices he was paying for meals, and also he mentioned the fact that there were Brush cars out there. Remember earlier the picture of the Brush car the folks had. Also it seems that Bill did not think much of the looks of the area in the Terrace District.

I have to assume that Bill had gone to Calif. to see if he could improve his health.

San Bernardino Cal
3/8 '17

Dear Brother:-

No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me way out here unless the folks have written to you and told you where I was. You see I have been so long in one place so had to move again. It seems I have to do that about once every two or three years. I will have been here in this town a week tomorrow. I don't know just how long I am going to stay but don't want to stay any longer than one month. If I can help it. Then I intend to go down to San Diego and to San Francisco before I go home. I have a ticket to those places so might just as well

make use of it. I was on the road
coming here 2½ days and two nights. It
was very interesting in a way and yet
very tiresome. Most of the way there is
not much change of scenes. If a person
sees the eastern part of N. Mex. you have
seen about all the country until you are
about half way through Ariz. And if you
want some more land that looks very
much like your Texas dist. land
then go to the vicinity of Yuma, N. Mex.
At least that is the way it appears
from the train. There are homesteads all
the way on the level country, but I
don't see what they do for a living. A
person cannot see a thing they raise.
This is a very nice town there and
is surrounded by mountains at a distance
except on the west. It is clean well laid
out and seems to be very busy, pulling
money out of eastern people. I don't
see what else should get a town of

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this size here. of course it seems to be in a good orange district because here is where the National orange show is held every year. I just came to late to see that. The days are very sunny and mild and so are most of the nights. During the day the temperature goes up to 75° and then at night it starts to go down slowly till in the morning at 6 o'clock it has been down to 35° . It seems to be the lowest at six o'clock in the morning. There is a self registering thermometer not far from here and I have been watching that. They say it freezes some here every winter but it can't be bad because there are orange and lemon trees here in town with the fruit just about ripe. There must be a special god watching this country so that the temperature goes so near to freezing point and yet hardly ever goes below that point. As near

as I can tell the ⁴⁻cost of living is no higher here than in the east. I have been trying quite a few restaurants and have found a 15 cent one here that feeds me all I want and I get a breakfast of oatmeal & bread for 10 cents. Now I don't need as much as some people but I find many working men patronizing these places. Now this noon I had a plate of beef stew with potatoes, bread & butter and coffee. I had all I wanted. I for my part cannot figure out how they make anything when potatoes alone are ⁴4.75 per 100. Of course I wouldn't write home and tell the folks what costs of my meals cost me because they would say I am starving myself. But I am not even thinking of doing that as long as I have money in my pocket and there is plenty to drink too if you don't like water there is enough others here that looks much darker.

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You see Kansas passed a bonded law,
So I left.

There are automobiles here enough
to drive a man crazy, at least to
put wheels in your head. Even the little
Brush silently glides along the streets. So
don't be ashamed of yours. I believe
it is a fine thing to have an automobile
here because there are such good roads
all over the state so that a person could
go almost any where.

There are some mighty fine
bull dogs here in town, I would like
to send one to Jack but by the looks
of their eyes they would not stand his
tom foolery. Well I must close. If
you write before the end of this month
I will get your letter because I have
a post box rented for that length of
time.

From your brother
Wm

Box 691 San Bernardino,
Cal.

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PART FOUR - Continued

The year 1919 shows a lot of activity as far as money etc. is concerned. I find that Dad borrowed a large amount of money that year.(at least a large amount for that period of time) I do not understand just why that amount at that time. I believe that he was farming another place in a partnership with a David Burnett, just to the west of the folks place. Burnett left the area and it looks as though Dad took over his place for a time. This property is located in the SW 1/4 of Sec 22.(No. 15 on the map) As for other reasons for the borrowing at that time, I not know, unless they were doing some things to get the place ready for the pending issueing of a Patent.(do not know that this is true) Also they may have just gotten so far behind that they had to catch up with things.

Mavis & I stayed all night on the folks old place in our camper this past spring(1996), and anyone that needs to get away from things and get some peace and quiet, needs to go there. No one lives there any more, at least not close by, and other than some sheep once in awhile, there will be no one to bother you.

During this period of time, Dad was doing more and more work for the Terrace Irrigation District. This was a trend that would continue for some time to come. I have included a few warrents issued to Dad during that period of time. Unfortunately, all of their records from that period of time were destroyed when the care takers cabin at the reservoir burned some years ago.

During this period of time, Dad was Sec. for the school district in that area.(Dist. #18) The school was located about 2 miles to the north of the folks place, along the gunbarrel road. They decided that another school was needed, and was built. I tried to get an exact date from the county, but did not have any luck. The new school was located just 1/2 mile south of the folks place. It was located in the NW corner of Sec. 36, the state owned section. (No.13 on the map) The only thing left of either school is the foundations.(picture of both is included)

Dad had used threshing machines all of his adult life, and he had gotten an idea for some kind of a grain saver, or something like that, and in 1920 he inquired about getting a patent for it. In 1921, after some looking into, he received the letter that I have included. I believe, as far as I know that was as far as the invention went.

On one of the mortgages included you will notice a 1915 Maxwell. Maxwell was first built in 1904, so Dad had one of the later ones. The Maxwell became the Chrysler 58 in 1926, and in 1929 it became the Plymouth. You might also remember the Maxwell as being the car Jack Benny had.

Contract
 Date Sept 23 1919
 This agreement made between
 Louis B. Bockhaus and Juan
 F. Gallegos
 Louis B. Bockhaus here by
 sells to Juan F. Gallegos all
 the pasture on section 36
 Township 36 N.R. 7 E. Coconino
 County Arizona containing 640
 acres from Sept 23 1919
 to July 23 1920 for 175.00
 One hundred seventy five
 dollars on the following
 terms - Juan F. Gallegos
 to pay 125.00 One hundred
 twenty five dollars at
 the signing of this contract
 receipt of which is hereby
 acknowledged and 50.00
 fifty dollars on or before
 July 23 1920
 Louis B. Bockhaus Juan F. Gallegos

STATE OF COLORADO
 STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
 CAPITOL BUILDING

RAYMOND MILLER
 PRESIDENT
 JOHN F. VIVIAN
 REGISTER
 JOHN E. FIELD
 ENGINEER

LUCY E. PEABODY
 DEPUTY REGISTER
 D. J. DONOVAN
 CHIEF CLERK

DENVER

April 9, 1920

Mr. Louis B. Bockhaus
 Capulin, Colorado

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that an extension to 9-11-1920,
 has been granted you in which to make the payment due on
 your Lease
~~EXPIRY~~ 7878 Book 8.

In making remittance, include 6 % delinquent interest
 from date payment was due to date payment is made.

Yours truly,

TOP - An agreement renting the
 pasture on Sec. 36
 LOWER - an extension for payment
 of the lease of Sec. 36

Register. 170

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1919

THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADOTO Louie B. Bockhaus DR.

		For labor on Main phone.			
Oct	17	Work at phone	7 hrs		3.50
"	20	" " "	6 "		3.00
"	21	" " "	8 "		4.00
"	22	" " "	4 "		2.00
		10.00 Debt from J.W. Beam.			10.00
		Voucher and Credit to			
		G. B. Bockhaus. Oct.			
23		Work on Main		Total	22.50
		Chas Armstrong			46.50

OK
This bill is duplicate of # 2097. N.M. Howard Sec.

ABOVE - A statement of work done for the Terrace District. Notice the name J.W. Beam appears. He evidently owed Dad some money, which they took out of Beam's check and paid Dad. Beam was also doing work for the Terrace at the time.

BELOW - The warrant issued to pay the statement above.

TO THE TREASURER OF
THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monte Vista, Colo.

1919 MAINTENANCE FUND
No. 2097
Jan. 6, 1920

Pay to the order of L. B. Bockhaus \$26.50

Twenty-six ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars

On account of Labor on Phone
Out of any money in your hands belonging to the general fund of THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
And this, when properly endorsed, shall be your voucher for same.
The above amount authorized by the Board of Directors on the 6th day of Jan. 19 20

N.M. Howard SECRETARY
J. F. Hoff PRESIDENT

TO THE TREASURER OF
THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Monte Vista, Colo.

12-1-1919 MAINTENANCE FUND No. 2027

Sept 10, 1919

Pay to the order of Louis B. Bockhaus \$170.00

One hundred seventy Dollars

On account of Construction Bridge

Out of any money in your hands belonging to the general fund of THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 And this when properly endorsed, shall be your voucher for same.

The above amount authorized by the Board of Directors on the 10th day of Sept 1919

A. M. Howard SECRETARY J. F. Goff PRESIDENT

ABOVE & BELOW - three of the warrants issued for work for the Terrace District. I cannot find any records beyond 1921, other than a few scattered notes of Dad's.

TO THE TREASURER OF
THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Monte Vista, Colo.

132 8-29-21 No. 2332

May 21, 1921

Pay to the order of Louis B. Bockhaus \$100.00

One hundred Dollars

On account of Labor Terrace Res.

Out of any money in your hands belonging to the general fund of THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 And this when properly endorsed, shall be your voucher for same.

The above amount authorized by the Board of Directors on the day of 19

A. M. Howard SECRETARY J. F. Goff PRESIDENT

TO THE TREASURER OF
THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Monte Vista, Colo.

Said by Rio Grande 132 8-29-21 No. 2365

July 9, 1921

Pay to the order of Louis B. Bockhaus \$95.00

Ninety five Dollars

On account of Labor Terrace Res. June 1921.

Out of any money in your hands belonging to the general fund of THE TERRACE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 And this when properly endorsed, shall be your voucher for same.

The above amount authorized by the Board of Directors on the 9th day of July 1921

A. M. Howard SECRETARY J. F. Goff PRESIDENT



LA JARA, COLO.

May 31 1919

8.00

One hundred eighty days after date I promise to pay to the order of

\$ 1080.00

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

WHEN DUE

Ten hundred eighty DOLLARS

for value received, waiving benefit of stay and exemption laws and appraisement before sale on execution, with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date until paid, and if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, to pay an attorney's fee, whether suit be brought or not, and costs of collection.

Payable at THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, La Jara, Colorado.

We the signers and endorsers jointly and severally waive protest and notice of non-payment, and all exemption laws and rights thereunder and consent that time of payment may be extended without notice thereof.

Postoffice

Capulin

Louis B. Bockhaus

No. 800

BANKERS' SUPPLY CO. LITHO. DENVER

LA JARA, COLO.

January 15 1919

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Seven months & Eight days after date I promise to pay to the order of

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The La Jara Flour Mill

Fifty-Six 98/100

DOLLARS

Eight

September 1-

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Postoffice

Capulin Colo.

Louis B. Bockhaus

Emma B. Bockhaus

No. 2

The notes above that were signed by Dad and Mother are two of some 13 I found that were all taken out in 1919. The total amount came to over \$3800.00. Rather a large amount for those days. The notes were written to various places. Some to the flour mill, some to the bank, and one to the store in Capulin.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Louis B. Bockhaus
whose address is Capulin

of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, part Y of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
Ten Hundred Eighty..... DOLLARS,
to him in hand paid by The First National Bank of La Jara

of the County of Conejos and State aforesaid, part Y of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do ES hereby grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part, its heirs and assigns, the following goods and chattels, viz:

- 40 head native breeding ewes 1 to 6 years old
- 35 head spring lambs.
- 1 black face buck coming 3 years old.

The above sheep ear marked thus: 

- 1 brood sow ##### weight 200 lbs.
- 1 light red cow 7 years old no brand
- 2 red heifers coming 3 years old no brand
- 1 red yearling heifer no brand
- 2 steer calves.
- 1 iron grey horse 8 years old weight 1150 lbs
- 1 sorrell male 4 years old branded on left shoulder
- 1 three section drag harrow.
- 1 disc harrow
- 1 3 1/2 in. farm wagon with hay rack
- 1 fresno
- 1 potatoe cultivator
- 1 " digger P&O
- 1 open buggy
- 1 Emmerson mower

Together with all increase and accretions to said live stock.
All the above property located about 6 miles northwest of the town of Capulin, Colorado, on first parties home place.

His undivided interest in the following crops now growing on the following described land. ~~SW 1/4~~ 10 acres peas, 5 acres potatoes, 5 acres barley all on NW 1/4 Sec. 25, Twp. 36, Range 7, E.N.M.M.

Also an undivided interest in 7 acres alfalfa and an undivided 1/2 interest if stacked and an undivided 1/3 interest if sold on the ground in 73 acres of peas now growing on the Burnett place more fully described as follows: SW 1/4 of Section 25, Twp. 36, Range 7, E.N.M.M.

Mortgage from 1919 - pretty well tell what was on the farm (note the crops grown on the Burnett place)

now located at _____ in the County of Conejos, and State of Colorado.
To Have and to Hold The same unto the said party of the second part, its heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever.
And the said part Y of the first part, for him self heirs, executors and administrators, covenant S with the said part Y of the second part, and its heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that he is lawfully possessed of the said goods and chattels as his own property; that the same are free from any incumbrance; that he will not remove, sell, transfer, encumber or in any manner dispose of the same during the existence of the lien created hereby, without the written consent of the

Duplicate

Know all Men by these Presents, That

LOUIS B. BOCKHAUS

of the

County of CONEJOS

in the State of Colorado, part ^y of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of

TWO HUNDRED AND TEN

Dollars

to him in hand paid by

H. J. BEEVER

of the County of Rio Grande, in the State of Colorado, part ^y of the second part,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby grant, bargain and sell unto the said part

of the second part, him heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, the following goods and chat-

tels, viz.: One 1915 Model Maxwell Touring Car No. 26016 with tools

and four good tires; 26 sacks of bearded barley seed raised on

J. B. Valdez Farm in Conejos County, Colorado; One Poland China

Breed Sow (from the Wilcox Stock) weight about 200 pounds called

Nancy; One Duroc Jersey Gilt called Jane, weight about 80 pounds;

One Duroc Jersey Gilt called Mary, weight about 80 pounds,

together with the get and increase thereof to be born during the

term of this mortgage, all kept and to be kept and cared for on the

first party's farm in Conejos County, Colorado.

administrators or assign

or persons; and further

equitable holder of the

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because of the car listed
This car will be brought up
again a little later

same as any other person

sen to include any legal or

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part of the first part hath hereunto set his hand

and seal this

3rd

day of

December

A. D. 1919

Louis B. Bockhaus



Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

STATE OF COLORADO,



BENWELL, PHILLIPS, ESTE & CO.

INVESTMENT BONDS
COLORADO NATIONAL BANK BLDG.

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SYDNEY V. N. ESTE

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DENVER

February 7, 1921.

Mr. Louis B. Bockhaus,
Capulin, Colorado.

RE: CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO, SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 18

Dear Sir:

We have a postal from your County Superintendent of Schools, advising us that your district desires to issue \$1200. more bonds to build another school building. We shall be glad to handle these bonds on the same basis as we handled your issue last summer if you desire, and shall send you the necessary papers if you will advise us that this is satisfactory.

We are enclosing a return envelope, and reply blank, for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

BENWELL, PHILLIPS, ESTE & COMPANY,

By *JW Balliet*

FEB RM

RICHARD B. OWEN
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR IN
PATENT AND TRADE-MARK CAUSES

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO WASHINGTON OFFICE
March 22, 1921.

Mr. Louis B. Bockhaus,
Capulin, Colorado.

IN RE: THRESHING MACHINE.

Dear Sir:-

Referring further to yours of January 26th, instructing me to make a search of the Patent Office Records on the above invention, I have now to advise that the investigation has been completed and the results thereof given careful study and consideration.

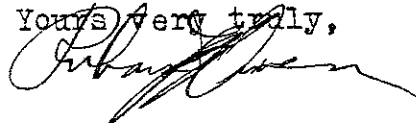
The closest prior patents I was able to find are numbers 777,047, 892,512 and 1,181,351, copies of which I am enclosing herewith. In view of these references the patentability of your proposition seems to me to be rather doubtful, and I hesitate to advise you definitely one way or the other, until you have considered this data. Go over the situation carefully and then write me more fully, setting forth any advantages your device may possess over the patented ones and pointing out the differences you find. Your idea, I think, has merit, and if a way can be found that will be reasonably sure of resulting in protecting I believe you will find it advantageous to proceed. Write me your views, therefore, and I will then study the situation further and reach a final decision.

Now that you have before you data showing what others have done in this field it is probable that you can improve upon your device, eliminating some of the conflicting features and developing others that will avoid prior patents. Thus you can strengthen not only the patentability but also the practicability of your idea. You can now proceed with a knowledge of what you are "up against" instead of working more or less blindly.

The enclosed copies should be returned with your reply, for without this data before me I shall be unable to give your matter further attention.

Thanking you for courtesies extended, I remain,

Yours very truly,



RBO*S*MN.

THE DENVER CIVIC AND COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

TELEPHONE - MAIN 612
SIXTH FLOOR - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING

DENVER, COLORADO

August 17, 1921.

Mr. Louis D. Brockhaus,
Capulin,
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of August 15;
we are very glad to give you the following names of firms
who may be in the market for some of your opinion nuts:

Morey Merc. Co., 1532 18th St.,
P. S. Hessler Merc. Co., 13th & Wazee St.,
C. R. Hurd Brokerage Co., 1700 16th St.,

Kindly let us know if we can be of any further
service.

Very truly yours,

g/b

THE DENVER CIVIC AND COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY
G. G.

This letter and the one on the next page shows that Dad
was trying every angle to make it with his farm in the
Terrace District.

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Pueblo, Colorado, August 17, 1921.

Mr. Louis B. Bockhaus,
Copulin, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your letter August 15th.

We suggest you communicate with the following
named firms in regard to finding market for your pinion
nuts:

Henkel-Duke Mercantile Company,
Ridenour-Baker Mercantile Company,
J. S. Brown Grocery Company,
Colorado Supply Company,

Yours truly,

PAG/J

Secretary

PART FOUR - Continued

One thing that I had not mentioned before, in 1919, Dad's brother Bill passed away. As I stated before, I believe that it was a very big loss to Dad.

In 1920 Bill Lohmeyer got interested in some land near the folks place that had not had the taxes kept up to date. Conejos Co. assigned the property to him on Jan. 5, 1920. Of course this did not give him title until things ran their course. The land was the NE 1/4 of Sec 22. (No. 8 on the map)

Dad did quite a lot of work on the property for Lohmeyer, but am not able to put a date to it. Like all of the property in the area, it was pretty rocky. I see in Dad's notes where he did work on the property, he hauled some 365 loads of stone from the place. When I visited the property last fall, you could see where the property lines were from the piles of rock along the fence rows. Pretty much the same for most of the area. I see also that he had built fence, plowed, ran ditches etc. I also see that they had done some threshing and other harvesting of crops, so it must have been productive. The property did have Terrace water thru it the same as all of the property in the area.

On March 1, 1923, this piece of property was deeded to Mother by use of a Quit Claim Deed. I do not know what kind of money went along with the deal, but I find notes of Dad's where he lists quite a bit of interest due Lohmeyer.

According to what I can gather, Dad switched most of his farming to this place by 1923. One of the things that might have caused it was that there was some underground water there. If this ever proved out or not, I do not know. Water was pretty much of a problem in that area, for just about everyone farming there.

One thing that I never mentioned before was that on the home place Dad only had water for 40 acres. Of course the way the land lays I doubt that the water would have made it across the entire 160 acres anyway.

In Jan. of 1923 Dad made a deal with J.c. Medina to farm 80 acres for him. (this would be on the home place) Dad was to furnish the horses and equipment, and the feed for the horses until the crops started growing, and then they would feed from the crops. They would also plant some potatoes, etc. All of this would bear out that he had moved to another area. 1923, I believe would pretty much prove out to be end of life in the Terrace District, although Dad tried to hang on to the property for several years later. I find where he made various deals to bring the taxes up to date and let others farm there as late as 1925, and possibly later than that. But in the end every thing that they had worked so hard for was lost.

Below is a letter Dad received from Ralph Carr concerning the land that would later become the Lohmeyer property.

Ralph Carr would later become the Governor of Colorado

RALPH L. CARR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ANTONITO, COLORADO

November
Third,
1921.

Louis B. Bockhaus, Esq.,
Capulin,
Colorado.

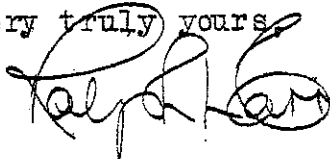
Dear Sir: In Re: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, Tp.36 R 7 E.N.M.M.

In answer to your request for advice as to the condition of the title of the above described property, I have not been furnished with an abstract for the land, but have received certain oral information from Mr. Menke, from which it appears that title to the above land rests in fee simple in Franklin E. and Louiza B. Conrad, subject to a mortgage deed for \$500, dated May 3, 1915, and due May 3, 1920, at 6%; to taxes for 1913, 1915, 1916, 1917; and to a right of way for the Terrace Irrigation Company's ditch.

I also find another situation that might necessitate some action to clear. A judgment was taken against E. L. Ambler, March 20, 1914, when he owned the land, a transcript filed March 30, 1914, but without ever satisfying the judgment, he sold the land May 3, 1915, and took back the mortgage which still stands against the land. On Feb. 9, 1920, a levy was made against the property in enforcement of the above judgment, but no sale appears to have been had or any further action taken in furtherance of the judgment. Under the circumstances, it might be unwise to take title until action is taken to quash the execution or satisfy the judgment, which is for \$194.00.

Trying to make an examination of title under these circumstances is not very satisfactory nor accurate, and I am not willing to warrant the same, but I have given you the best I could learn under the conditions.

Very truly yours,



RLC-s

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

9840

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE
SYSTEM

LA JARA, COLORADO

December 8th., 1922.

Mr. Louis B. Bockhaus,
MONTE VISTA, Colorado.

Notice that the mailing
address was Monte Vista
on this letter

Dear Mr. Bockhaus:--

As per the deal consummated recently in Monte Vista, we herewith inclose your note for \$2200.00 and \$146.66, duly cancelled.

The warranty deed from The First National Bank to you, together with the trust deed back to us have been duly recorded. For convenience in having the papers all together, we are holding these recorded instruments in our files, together with the original patent to you from the Government.-- which we trust you will duly approve.

The taxes with the County Treasurer have been duly paid to date, as per agreement, and we are holding, also these tax receipts.

We found upon checking up the proposition in the office of the County Treasurer, that this land is not in the regular Terrace Irrigation District, but that the water for the forty is secured under a contract from the Terrace Irrigation Company, instead of by right under the bonds of the district. It will be necessary, therefore, for us to check up this contract with some of the officials of the District, and to have the original or copy on file with the other papers. As we have not been able to do this, as yet, we are holding the \$200.00 cashier check for this purpose in abeyance until this detail can be straightened out - an item which we will get to just as quickly as as possible for us with the mass of detail work we are handling at this time.

Trusting this to be satisfactory, and with kindly best wishes to your goodself, we are

Very truly yours,

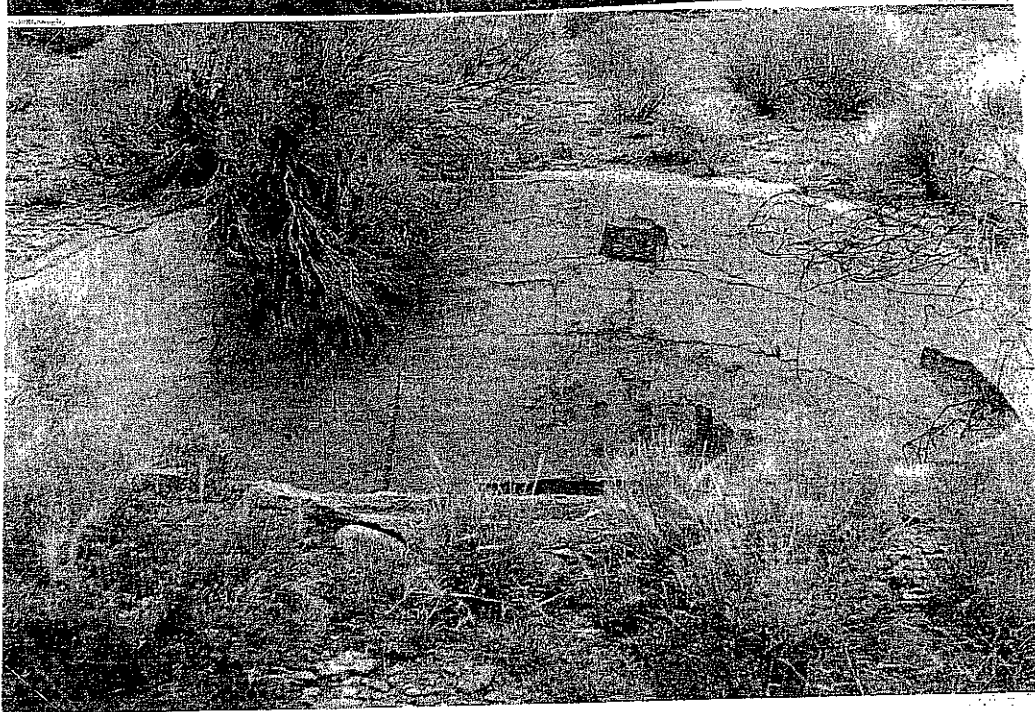
Over A. Harris
C a s h i e r.

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Top - All that remains
of the house on the
Folks place

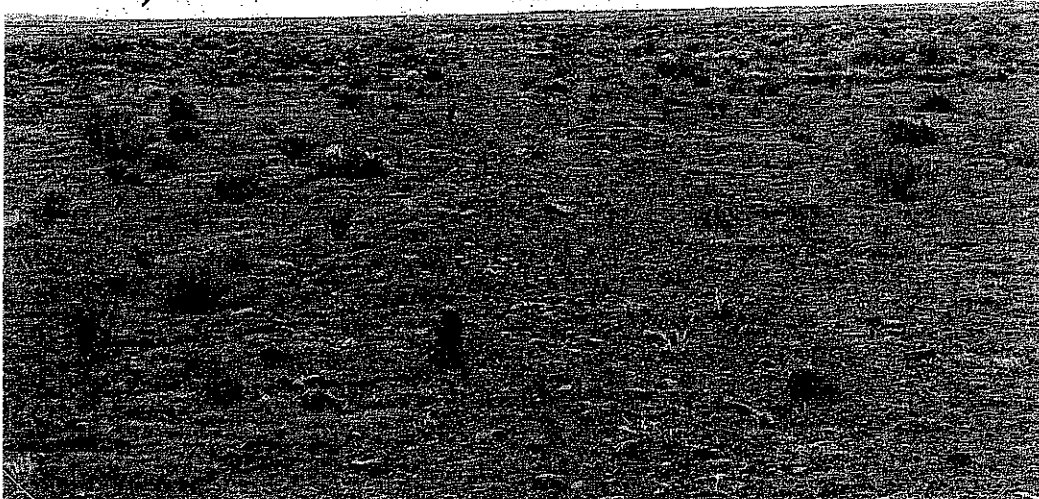
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Center - All that is
left of the well. It
looks as though it
might have had a wood
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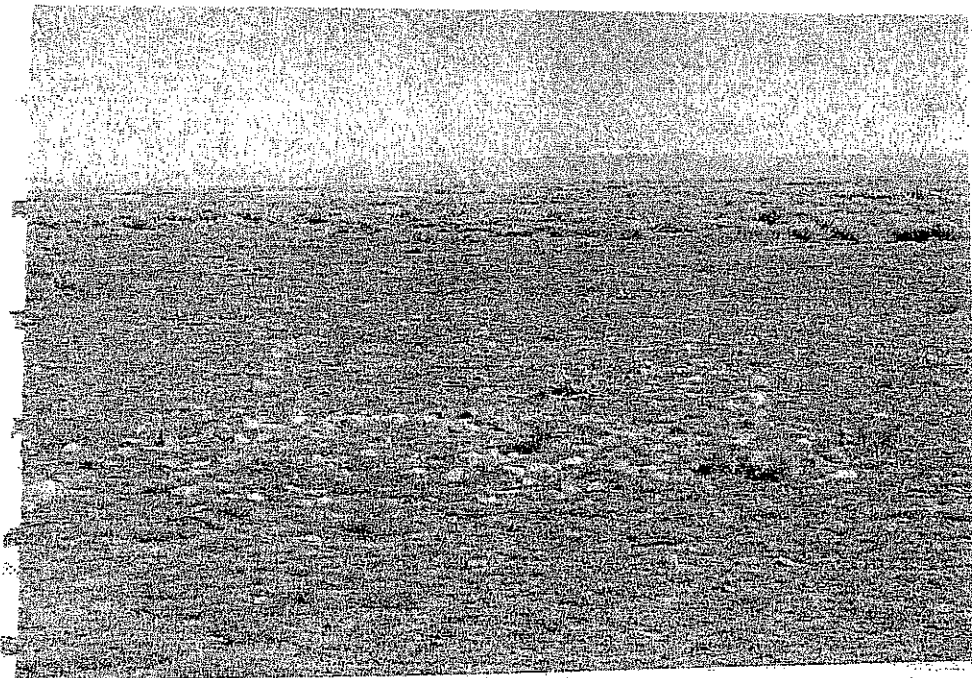
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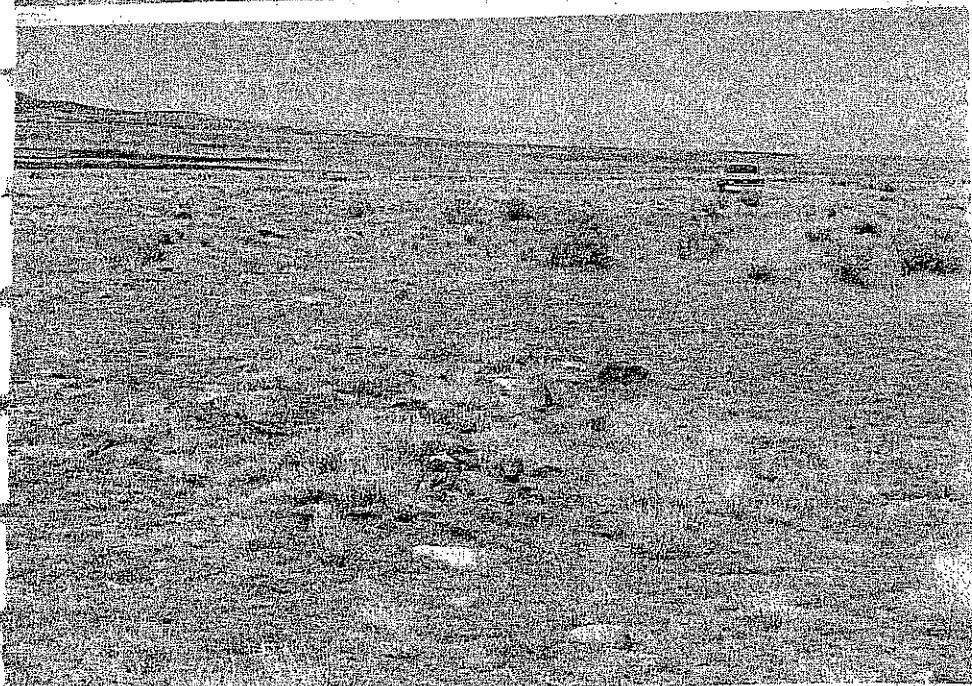


Bottom - Looking north
along the west fence
line. Notice the cut
off posts, and all that
remains of the road
across the west side
of the property.

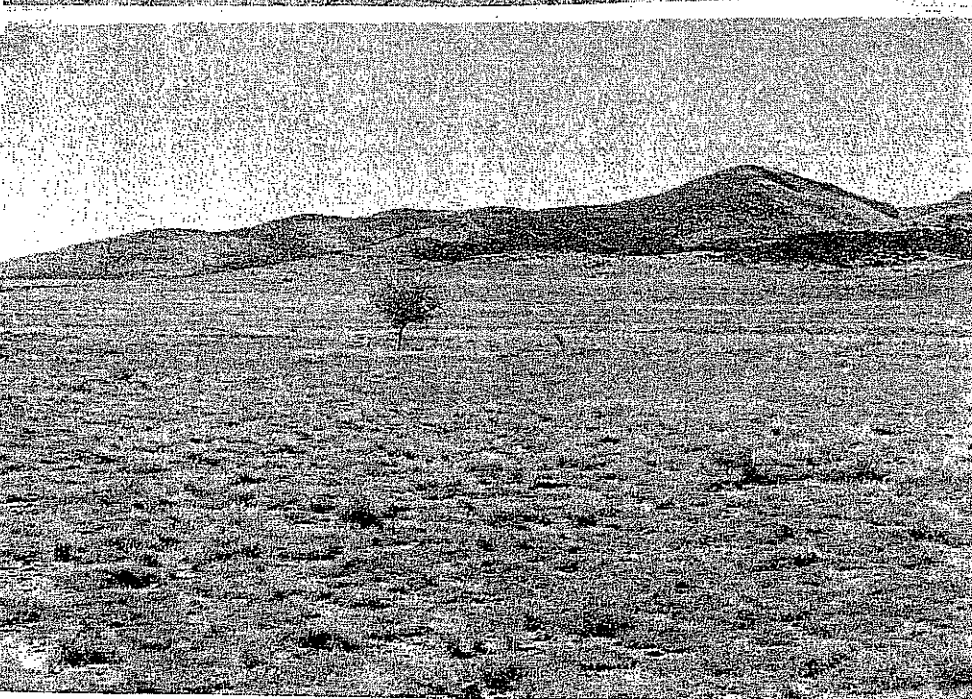
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Left - Evidently the location of corrals on the home place. Note the cut off posts to the left of center of picture.



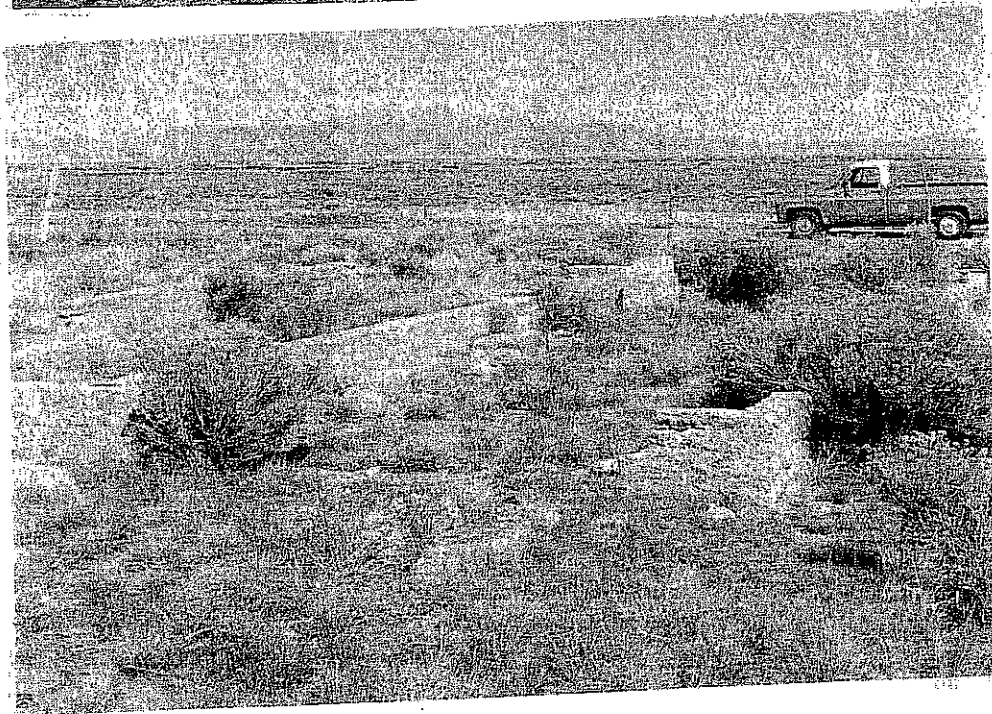
Center picture - looking north along the east side of the Lohmeyer property. The rocks in the foreground are in the fence row.



Bottom - looking west-south west across the Lohmeyer property. The tree in the background is where the canal used to go across the property.



Top Picture - The last remaining evidence of better times in the Terrace, the O.W. Sylvester home. There is no farming being done, but still some-one living there. Home has been maintained thru the years.



Center picture - The foundation of the school house 1/2 mile south of the house in the picture above. (2 miles north of the folks)



Bottom picture - The foundation of the school house 1/2 mile south of the folks place. (No. 13 On the map)

PART FIVE - The end of farming & into the lumber business

The year 1923 saw many changes in the lives of Mother and Dad. They had pretty well been forced out of farming, and Dad had been drifting into other things as a means of making a living. Records indicate that they had been slowly shifting back to living in Monte Vista. Letters etc. from the bank were showing up with a Monte Vista address as early as 1922, but believe that they didn't actually move until 1923. Francis says he remembers that when they moved to town, the Methodist Church was under construction. The corner stone there is dated 1923, but the church was under construction for some 2 years. He also said that he remembers starting school at the school that was 1/2 mile south of the place in the Terrace. He doesn't think that he went there very long before they moved to town. I believe that they did move to town in the fall of 1923, and continued to go to the hills when school was not in session, a practice that continued all thru the years, as I was growing up. I came across a letter from W. H. Stein written at Christmas 1923, in which he asks if they are still living in the mountains, but the letter was addressed to Monte Vista.

Dad was caretaker at the Terrace Reservoir for a short time, and I have had a hard time putting an exact date on it, but it looks as though it was in 1923. I have found notes where he had done various things for the Terrace District. Some of them were items done as a contract, and for several months he has listed a salary. When I tracked down his income and expenses for 1923, he lists in his income "salary" and the amounts check exactly the same as the items he lists under work done for the Terrace. Also during 1923, and continuing thru about 1925, Dad lists expenses for labor etc. for the farm during the summer months. In his income for those years he also lists income from the sale of grain and other things from the farm. He was still farming, although he was hiring it done, while he did other things to make a living.

Dad used to talk about the valves at the Terrace, and what a man killing job it was to adjust them. They were adjusted at noon and again at midnight. He thought about that and decided that he could put a gasoline engine on them and make the job much easier. He let a Maxwell down the shaft to the valves and hooked it up. He said that it made the job a joy after what they used to have to go thru. In his income for Sept. 1923, he has listed the sale of an engine for \$75.00. I believe that was the engine, but do not know if it was installed then or if it was installed earlier, and that was when he collected for it. I believe that the engine came from the 1915 Maxwell listed on a mortgage that I have inserted earlier in this article. That engine stayed down at the valves until I think 1963, when they did a major repair job, including new valves. They had changed to electric power some years before, but the engine remained. I was up there when they brought the engine out, and I asked what that engine was. Ray Walker was caretaker, and he told me that was the engine that Dad had put on the valves. It was in pretty sad shape, looked as though it had been buried in the mud for several years.

PART FIVE - continued

For some time Dad has listed the sale of wood & posts in his income, so assume that he was going to the hills and getting both, and selling them. Starting in 1922, he has listed logging at times in his income. I would assume that he was doing that at the Terrace Reservoir, as there was a sawmill there. I believe that it was owned by a man by the name Bogart. In 1923 Dad lists in his income from the Terrace, contract logging for them. At that time they were either building or rebuilding the spillway, and would assume that is where the lumber went. I found an acct. to the District for lumber beginning June 18, 1923. In his income for May of 1923, Dad lists lumber, \$36.95. I would guess that this would be the beginning of Dad and the lumber business. Late in the fall of 1923, the income from the Terrace seems to end. Dad used to tell that he received a call from one of the directors of the Terrace one morning, and when asked Dad what was going on, Dad answered without thinking, I'm sawmilling. That was the end of his job as caretaker.

Dad took over the mill that was at the Terrace from Bogart, but I cannot find out what kind of a deal they made. I find one entry where they divided up some lumber, but that is about all. From May 1923 on there is always listed in his income the sale of lumber, although some months not much.

During this time, he also continued to do other work for other people, including work at the La Jara Reservoir.

Late in 1924, it looks as though lumber sales were not always as good as he would have liked, and Dad went to Jasper to work some at the mine there. I believe that he mostly cut wood for the boilers, and I do not know if this was a contract or whether it was not. I believe that it might have been a contract. As far as I know his old friend Ellis Lujan was there with him. During the winter months, probably in early 1925, Dad and Ellis were getting wood above the mine to the south, when they got caught in a snow slide. As luck would have it they both broke out on top and did not suffer any injuries. Later the same day they were sent to another area in the same general vicinity, and got caught in another slide. Again they both survived. They were told that they could probably go just off to the side of where they were and do OK. Dad said that he had had enough and thought he could pick a better area to work in. It took getting caught in 2 slides, but he learned about snow slides. Mother used to talk about living at Jasper, and would assume that she was there during the summer months. She may have boarded some men at times while she was there. All thru the years she boarded men at various times. Dad also, while he was at Jasper, sold wood to various people living there, and also did work at some lakes in the area. It looks as though his work at Jasper ended in Nov. 1925 and he went back to his lumber business full time.

PART FIVE - continued

Dad returned to the sawmill full time by 1926, and in what few notes I can find he also still had some interest in his farm, as I find notes where he received income from grain and some wool. I totaled what figures I could find, and it looks as though he sold about \$3200.00 worth of lumber in 1926.

In 1927, he continued to list income from the farm, for sale of sheep, and rent from pasture. This seems to have ended by the middle of 1927, which would indicate that he had either lost the property, or had just plain given up, or both. I find a note where he totaled up his income and expenses for 1927, and he had a total income of \$7254.60, and expenses of \$6195.49, for a net income of only \$ 1059.11. That was not much, but it was better than most of the years before that.

One thing that I found in his notes for 1927 was income of \$102.10 for the sale of Christmas trees. This may have been the first year that he sold trees in any large numbers. If it was, it was a tradition that would continue for many, many years to come. I believe that the last year that he cut trees was probably 1956, as he had his heart attack the following year.

Dad's first mill stayed at the same location for quite a few years. It was steam powered, and steam was furnished by two boilers. Sometime in the late 1920s or possibly as late as 1930, the mill caught fire. When Dad rebuilt he switched to gasoline engine for power. This was a practice that would continue for a number of years. I believe that the first engine was from some kind of a tractor, but am not sure. Later he would use car engines, and I will dwell on that a little later on.

When Alan and I were up at the first mill site, I noticed a pretty good log road still there. I asked Francis if Dad had used a Tractor at that location, and he laughed, and said, yes he had an old Fordson, but the whole back end fell out of it, and that was the end of tractors for a few years, when he went to Caterpillar Tractors.

I have not looked into where Dad and Mother lived in Monte Vista during these years. I do know that they lived several places, and one in particular, is the house north of the Marsh School. I remember the folks talking about that house at various times. I saw a letter once that had been addressed to Franklin St. but do not know where on Franklin St. I do know that they had moved to what is now Lariat Road, sometime in 1928 or at least by 1929, They moved into the brick house east of what would later become the home place. I was born in that house on April 26, 1929.

PART FIVE - continued

At this point I will comment some on Dad's vehicles. As I said previous, I beleive that the Brush car was probably the first one Dad owned. He never did indicate to me that he was ever very proud of it. Probably was pretty well worn out when he bought it, and I doubt if it was very much when it was new.

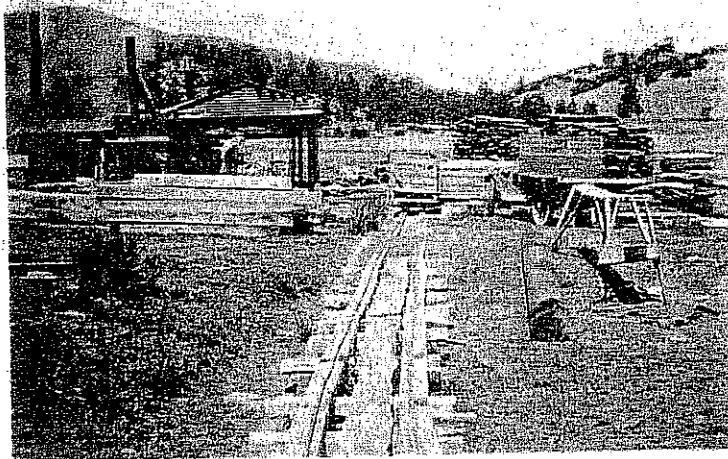
Dad at various times had owned Model T's, and you could never count him as a model T lover. He had a lot of trouble with them, but again they were wore out when he got them. He told about a truck (Model T) that he started to town with a load of lumber from the mill at the Terrace Res. While he was going across the dam it locked up, and when he got out, he felt really sick. This was in the winter, and it turned out he had been gassed by the old truck. He walked back to the mill, and the next day he sent some of the men over with a team of horses to get the truck, and they could not find any thing wrong with the truck. Maybe someone was looking after him, don't know.

Dad often told about going to town with a load of lumber, and he would have to pull the pan and tighten the rods before he could go back to the mill.

Dad told me several times that he would never own a Ford because of the Model T. He often said that anyone that made a vehicle as bad as the Model T would never get any of his business. He never owned a Ford after he got away from the Model T. In 1929 Dad bought his first new truck for the sawmill, and you guessed it, it wasn't a Ford, it was a Chev. He stayed with Chev. for many years. (1929 was the first year Chev had a 6 cyl engine)

As I stated earlier, after the mill burnt he went to gas power. When I was growing up, I remember riding in several big cars. Dad started buying big cars, and used the engine for power at the mill. One that sticks in my mind was a Cadillac. I think it was a 1927, but could be wrong. I believe it had belonged to a Dr. In Monte Vista. Dad drove it for awhile, and as I remember it was a really nice car. But as with all of the big cars, it was parked and the engine was used on a sawmill. That engine was around for quite a few years. I remember old cars being used for road fill along creeks etc. A million dollars worth of cars if we had them today. Some of the names I remember are names such as Cadillac, Lincoln, Hudson, and Lasalle. There were others, but I can't recall them.

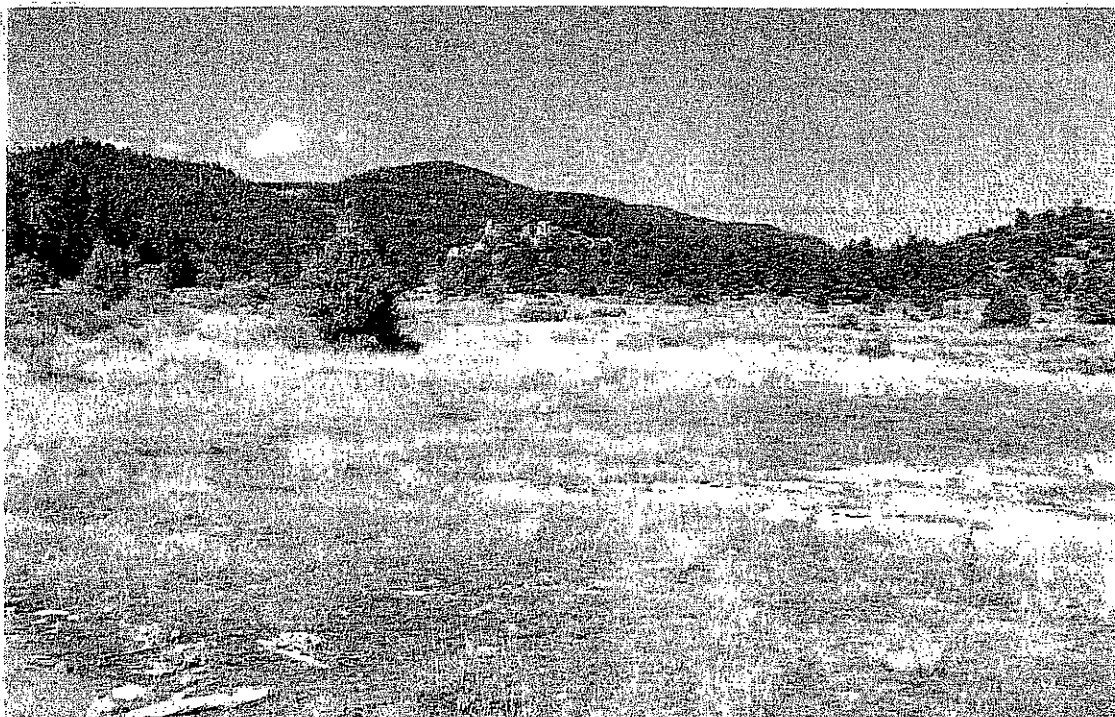
In later years the mills would again return to steam power, but the old gasoline engine would show up from time to time. I will go into that later.

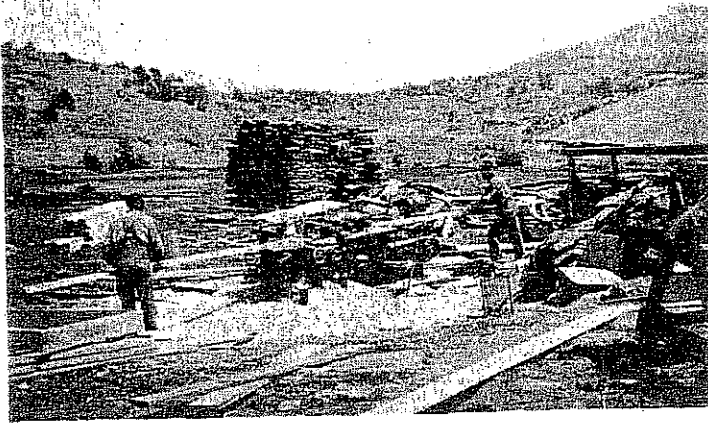


In the photo at left is Dad's first mill - Note the 2 smoke-stacks indicating 2 boilers.

Photo in center is of the same place taken in 1995.

In the bottom photo note the remains of one of the smoke-stacks that is still there after nearly 70 years



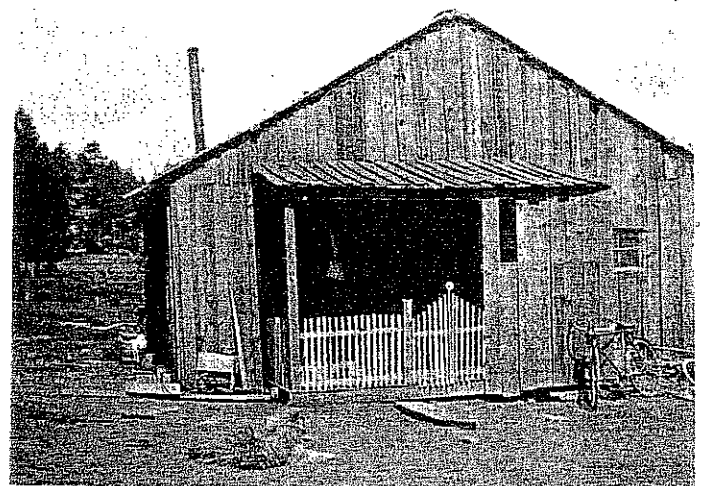
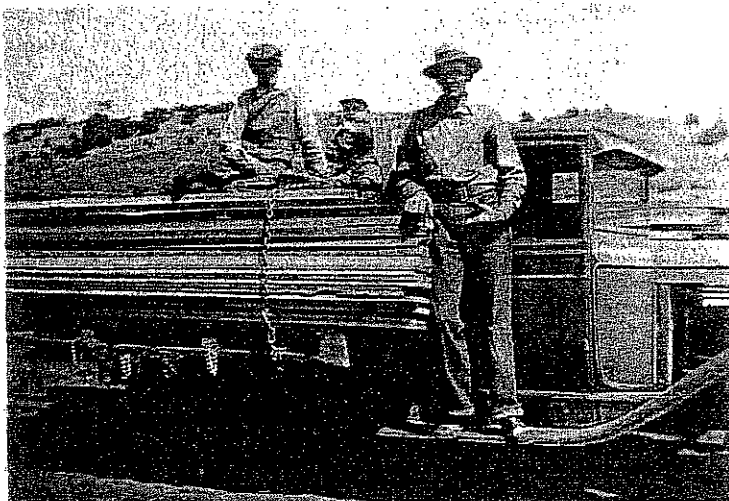


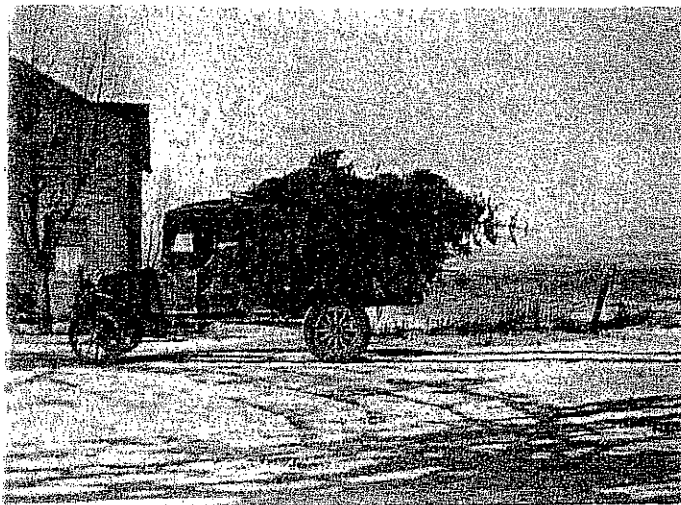
Left - planing lumber at the first mill site - this was probably late in the operation at this site.

Center left - view inside the mill

Right - Ralph, Francis, Dad holding me

Lower left - Francis, Virgil, and Ralph - the truck is the 1929 Chev. That Dad bought new
Lower right - the house the folk lived in at the first mill
The little fence on the front porch was probably to pen me in





Lic. No. 23571 State of Colorado Fee \$ 10.00
 Eng. No. 6305240 Pio Janda County
 Make Ford You are responsible for this
 Year 1922 license and plates until next
 rendered to Secretary of
 State or County Clerk.
 Serial No. 1 Owner's Name Louis B. Bockhaus
 Tons Address Monte Vista
 Title No. 4781 Issued this 1 day
 of Mar, 1927. Issued by Direction of
 The Secretary of State
 Form A-1 Agent

Lic. No. 112201 State of Colorado Fee \$ 5.00
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 Serial 10665 You are responsible for this
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 rendered to Secretary of
 State or County Clerk.
 Style Towing Owner's Name Louis B. Bockhaus
 Model Address
 Issued this 7 day of Apr, 1925, Carl E. Milliken
 Secretary of State
 Form A

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 Eng. No. 233953 H. G. Trapp County
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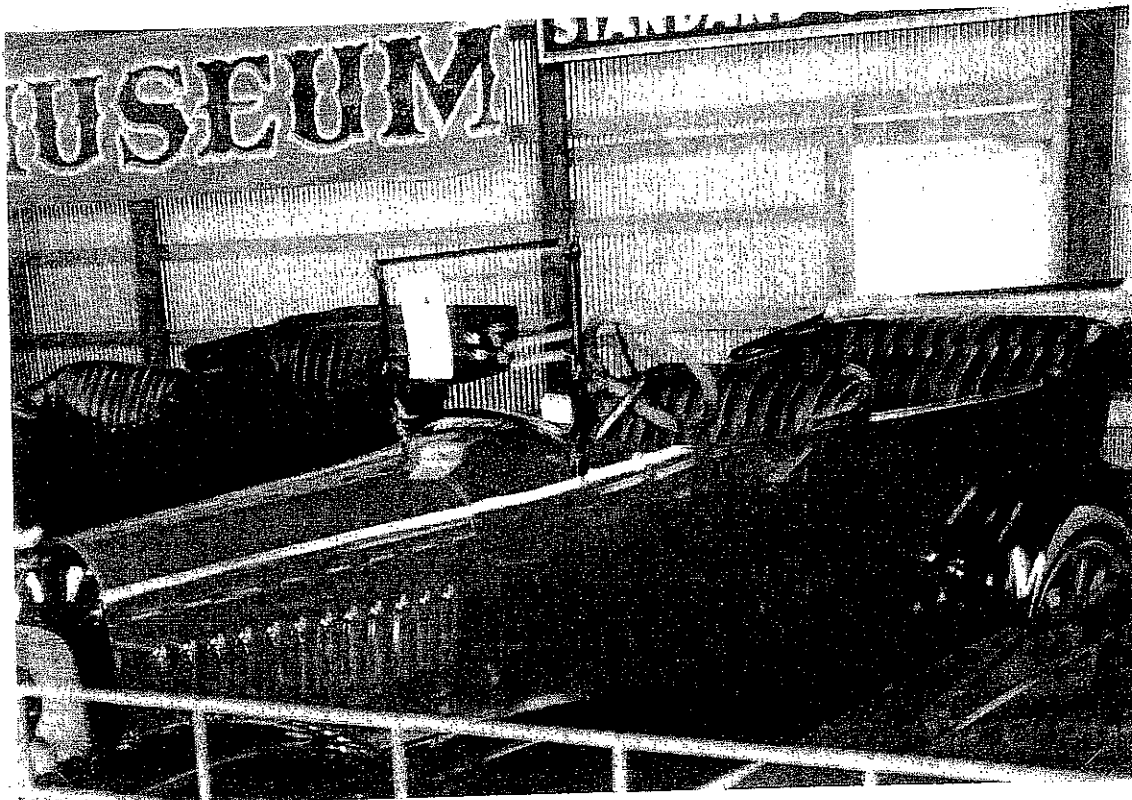
Above at the left is the much hated Model T truck with a load of Christmas trees. It looks as though this picture was taken at the brick house on Lariat Road, so would assume it was taken in either 1927 or 28. I would guess it was 1928

To the right is a license card that I believe belongs to this truck, although I can't be sure.

The lower cards are for a couple of cars that Dad had thru the years. I have not been able to find much out about the Grant car. I have not been able to find any pictures or any thing else about the Grant car.



Above and below-- Photos of a 1917 Grant. Taken in 1998 at a museum in Murdo, South Dakota. Don't know much about the Grant except that it was named after President Grant and they were built in Ohio.



The picture below was taken just above the mill. Looks as though they had just recently logged the area. Note the front wheel of what looks like a Model T in the right side of the picture.

Below is a timber sale in 1928 The signature at the bottom was W.M. Darley. He was ranger on the Alamosa for close to forty years, and a very good friend of Dad's



The following conditions, requirements, and instructions constitute a part of the permit on the obverse hereof:

Forest Rio Grande Working Circle Alamosa River Comp. Terrace Mt Sub. Comp. Jacob's Hill
 Permittee Hochhaus, L.P. Address Monte Vista, Co. N.M.
 Permit issued 6/21/28 Permit expires 11/30/29 First payment, \$ 95.00 Later payments, \$ each.
 Location of sale area Sec 27, T 36N, R 6E, Between Terrace Mt and Jacob's Hill
 Instructions for scaling, measuring, or counting Logs to be checked for scaling with lengths marked on small end. No special request to be made for scaling unless at least 300 logs are desired.
 Brush disposal Debarked and scattered
 Maximum stump height 12" Minimum top diameter 6" Sold by amount or area Amount Other conditions two logs handled snags in servicable condition must be kept on hand for fire suppression purposes.

Quantity and description of timber and the stumpage rates:

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Species	Dead or Green	Class of material	Unit	Rate	Quantity		Total value		Converted to M feet B. M.	
					Sold	Cut	Sold	Cut	Sold	Cut
<u>Douglas Fir</u>		<u>Sawlogs</u>	<u>MBF</u>	<u>2.50</u>	<u>20000</u>		<u>50.00</u>		<u>20.</u>	
<u>Western Y.P.</u>	<u>Green</u>									
<u>White Fir</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Sawlogs</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>20000</u>		<u>20.00</u>		<u>20.</u>	
<u>All Species</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Sawlogs</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>10000</u>		<u>10.00</u>		<u>10.</u>	
<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Pole Wood</u>	<u>Cord</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>80</u>		<u>15.00</u>		<u>30.</u>	
					<u>20000</u>		<u>50.00</u>		<u>20</u>	
TOTALS					<u>20000</u>		<u>50.00</u>		<u>20</u>	

Number of permits:

W.M. Darley
 (Signature of Forest Officer)

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Forest Ranger
 (Title)

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In January of 1928, the folks bought approx. 20 acres just west of the brick house where they had been living. This property would become the home place, and also the home of the lumber business. They paid \$1440.00 for the property, under the following terms, They put \$100.00 down, with another \$400.00 due when they received an abstract of title. The remainder was to be paid over a period five years. In 1934, they still owed \$700.00, which they agreed to pay over the next two years. By the time the two years had passed, the lady they had bought the place from, Mary Reilly, was declared a mental incompetent. This delayed the release of the title until April 21, 1936. Dad had made up his mind that once they had a piece of property paid for, it would never have a mortgage on it. He lived up to that for the rest of his life. As we will see later, he did owe on business property, but never his home place.

I have not put an exact date as to when they moved on to the new property, but believe that it was probably in the early 1930s. They started out by building a garage, and living in it until they could build a house, but the new house never happened, and the garage remained the house. It was added on to several times, but was never replaced. In 1936 they drilled an artesian well, and also wired the house for electricity. In those days the wiring was pretty simple, as about all anyone had was a few lights. Not many years later they got a refrigerator, and later a new washing machine. Up to that time mother had used a wash tub and a wash board. As I think back, I believe that the washing machine came first. The old back porch had a tank from a Case Threshing Machine engine, which had cool water from the well flowing thru it to keep food cool. The flowing well brought another set of problems, and that was what to do with all that water. Dad built wooden culverts and ran them to the lower end of the property to drain the water. This made ponds, which made for great ice skating in the winter. The water also helped water the pasture. In front of the house he built a pond where the water went first. He lined the pond with surfaced lumber, and then he put some trout in the pond. I used to get in the pond and catch the fish, but soon found out that the surfaced lumber with a little moss on it caused some pretty bad spills. I finally gave up trying to catch the fish, except with a fishing pole.

Thru the years the lumber business kept growing and the lumber yard kept getting bigger. All of this presented some other problems. The place had surface water that during the summer would get pretty high. This was no end of problems for the trucks going in and out of the place. They kept hauling gravel, and it kept disappearing, and they kept hauling in more. Thru the years the problem pretty much went away.

Another problem they had on the place was getting a telephone. Dad finally made a deal with the phone Co. to run his own line from the edge of town, and all he had to do was pay a switch board fee, and of course maintain the line. This continued until the 1960s when the phone Co. finally put in service, but of course, the bill was adjusted.

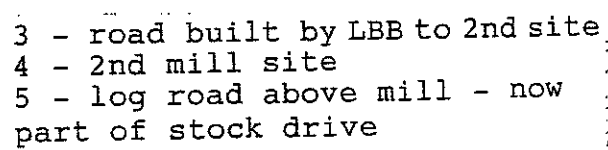
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The folks sold a piece of the home property to John Harris. They sold him the NE corner, where he built a house. The house later went to his daughter & son in law, Fred Hawkins. Some years later Francis owned the property for a short time. At present it is, as far as I know owned by Ernst Kessler. To the southwest of this property, Dad constructed a large garage for trucks, etc. The building was constructed of Adobe bricks, which were made on the home place. This building would later become Ralph's shop and later his Mfg. business.

As I stated before, Dad bought his first new truck in 1929. He made a mistake when he bought it, because he bought one with a short wheelbase, and they kept breaking the frame. In 1931 he bought his second new truck, another Chevrolet, only this time he bought one with a long wheelbase.

In the early 1930s the sawmill was moved to another location. I have not put an exact date on the move, but would guess it must have been around 1932, or at the latest 1933. The new site was probably less than two miles west of the first location, but did require building a road. This was no doubt done with hand labor, with the help of horses. Dad at one time had a small horse drawn grader, but don't know if he had it when this road was built. The mill that was used at the new location was evidently a different mill, because it was a left hand mill. Most mills were right hand mills. Left hand indicates that the saw is to the left of the sawyer. The new location required a left hand mill due to the way it was set along the edge of a cliff. In 1928, Dad had shipped a sawmill from Halstead, but don't know if that is where this mill came from, or if it was made from various parts of mills. Most of the machine and welding work that was required at the mill was done by Trower Foundry and Machine in Monte Vista. His shop building is one of the oldest business buildings in Monte Vista, and is located east of the Safeway Store. The last I knew about the building, it was owned by Dan Clutter, but don't know if it still is.

During the time the mill was at the second location, the great depression was going on. Under the New Deal there were many things put in place to get people back to work, such as the W.P.A. One of them was the C.W.A. which I believe stood for the Civil Works Administration. Dad's mill came under this, and there was a very large crew working at the mill. I assume that the Govt. helped pay the wages to get people back to work, they may have paid all the wages, I don't know. I do remember the big crew working. During this time there was a Jug Band at the mill. They played saws, tubs, and anything else they could get a sound out of. In the picture I have of the band, it looks as though there was also a banjo.





The top picture is the Jug Band that was at the camp during the CWA era.

Lower picture is of the crew at the mill during the same time period. Have not tried to identify anyone in the picture



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The second mill location brings many memories for me. I guess that is when I really began remembering things, and to me that location was one of the best places Dad ever had a mill. I recall Mother's brother Milt working there, and I remember her Dad being there. My first memory of a radio was there. In my mind I think Ralph had brought one out from town. This may or may not be right. It was one with head phones, something like an Atwater Kent, or something similar. Anyway, I remember the family sitting around the table taking turns listening, and I got my turn just about my bedtime. I remember I raised a fuss, but got put to bed anyway. The next morning when I got up, I went to the table and put on the headphones, and mother wanted to know what I was doing. I told her that I was going to finish listening to the program that I was listening to the night before. I soon found out that the radio didn't work that way.

In the winter there would be enough snow to cause road problems and Dad built what he called a Vee to plow the roads with. It was built out of planks and pulled with a team of horses. He let me go with him at least once that I remember, and it has stuck in my memory, all of these years. I have tried to describe the plow at various times, but it is hard to do. In 1995 Alan and I were at this location, and we walked up one of the log roads, and there was a Vee. It has been there so long that trees have grown up thru it. This one was probably used for grading roads and not for plowing snow, but it is still built the same way. This old road is now part of the stock drive that has gone thru this area for many years.

As the timber got farther back from the mill, it wasn't practical to simply skid the logs to the mill, so they used the rear end of solid tire trucks, and made carts to bring the logs in to the mill. The carts consisted of the solid tire axle with a tongue, and a bunk across it. One end of the logs were loaded on the cart and the other end was allowed to drag on the ground. These carts could be pulled either by horses or a tractor. In the winter a sled was used instead of the carts. These carts and sleds were around for many years, and saw a lot of use.

It was during this time that Dad went back to using a tractor to log with. At first he had a Caterpillar Two Ton, used of course. Around 1936 he bought a new Caterpillar Twenty Two, which would prove to be one of his better buys. That tractor was used and used hard until the early 1950s. I remember when he got the new tractor. It was delivered to Hatler's garage, and Dad and I went to look at it. I can still picture it sitting in the garage. I still have the operator's book from it, and it bears a 1936 date.

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One thing that I need to mention here is another Govt. organization that was alive for a short time during the depression years. I believe it was the N.R.A., which I believe stood for the National Rehabilitation Act. Under this act Dad was taken to task for not charging enough for his product, and causing unfair competition. As far as I know this was pushed by the lumber dealers assn. I am not very up on what all took place, but I do know that Dad was put under considerable pressure. I remember that Mother & I went to Kansas on the train, and I found out later that Dad did not want us at home until things were settled. As far as I know, the N.R.A. was later proved unconstitutional. In later years other things happened and Dad always thought that they were a result of this period. I cannot say whether it was, or if he was just gun shy, so to speak.

During the time the mill was at this location, I remember Mother boarded a lot of the men. This must have been hard because there of course was no running water, electricity, or any other modern things. Life was not easy for Mother, but she took it in stride, as she did all thru her life. I always have said that Mother was living proof that hard work never hurt anyone, as she lived a very long life.

During this time, Dad saw the need to dry his lumber, as they were running a lot of it thru the planer, and it needed to be a lot drier. He built a building out of flat rock, which was available near by. He built it so he could build a fire in one end and circulate air around the lumber. There was only one problem with it. The air didn't circulate like it was supposed to, and the lumber kept catching on fire. Just another idea that didn't work. I think that all of us have had a few of those.

During the early 1930s, Ralph had been hauling lumber from the mill, but he decided to go back to Kansas, and work for Uncle Albert in his machine shop. During this time one of Dad's large customers was Summitville Mines. They were in the process of building pretty much a complete town. Dad made a deal with them to put a mill on their property, and needed someone to operate it, so he had Ralph come back from Kansas to run the mill at the mine. Ralph came from the terrible heat of Kansas, to the cold of Summitville. The mill was located at over 11,000 ft. elevation. I understand that the mill did not operate very long there, just a few months. It was closed on Nov. 16, 1934. The crew that was there boarded at the mine, as they had a boarding house there. Francis tells of the time when he came in to eat about the time everyone else was finished, and sat down at the end of the table and when asked what he wanted passed, he said, just tip the table this way, and to his surprise, thats just what they did. He said after that he was a little more careful in what he asked for.

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In going over what old labor records I could find, it looks as though the general wage during the early 30s was around a dollar per day. Some made \$1.50, and in the case of the sawyer, it looks as if he may have made as high as \$2.00 per day. The ones that were under the N.R.A. are only listed with their total hours and board at \$5.00 per week. This would bear out that the Govt. was paying them. The sawyer at that time was Alva McKenzie. There were several of the McKenzies there during this period of time. Merle McKenzie worked for Dad, and later for Ralph for a lot of years. Claude McKenzie would later return and operate one of the last mills that Dad had. Alva McKenzie was in very poor health. As I remember he had ulcers really bad, and died at a pretty young age. Francis says that he believes that he died on the place in Monte.

In Nov. and Dec 1936, and Jan. of 37, Dad had a total of 24 on the employee list. Some of these had quit during that time, and some such as some of the McKenzie group were contract log cutters. Included in the group were both Ralph and Francis.

In 1934 the production at the mill was 578,000 board ft. Of this amount 369,000 was Douglas Fir, and the other 209,000 ft. was other species. Of the total amount sawed, only 8,000 ft. was left unsold at the end of the year.

Ralph continued to operate the little mill that had been at Summitville at various places. I believe that he had it in the woods above the main mill. The main logging road is still in very good shape, and where it turns into just a skid road it looks as though a mill may have been there. Later Dad had some kind of deal with Rio Grande Co. and Ralph operated his mill above Del Norte for the County. As we will see later another mill would also be in the area for the County.

During the time that Dad had been in the Terrace and was involved with the Terrace Dist., the name J.W. Beam appears at various times. My first memory of Beam was while the mill was on the cliff site. Beam had a mill down along the Alamosa River. I believe that the property where his mill was located belonged to Fassett in Monte. As I remember his mill was pretty much a poor boy operation. It was steam powered, as I remember. I don't ever remember Beam having any money, and always had pretty poor equipment. This just about went with any sawmill, but his was worse than most. I remember walking from our mill down to his at least once. Beam passed away in Monte. He may have died at the folks place, but do not remember. I remember when Dad went and brought him to the house, but don't remember much else, except for the funeral. For some reason I do remember that. I also remember Dad helping Mrs. Beam get the state old age pension. I also remember that she was a very difficult woman. As I remember they had one daughter who lived in Calif.

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When the Terrace Dam was built, it caused the road to be re-located around the lake on a road that they called the switch back road. For awhile when the lake was low, and before the area became covered with silt from the water, I understand that they could still use the lower road. Francis tells of the time Beam came down the river on the lower road at night. His old Model T didn't have any lights, so he had a kerosene lantern with him and he would hang out the side with his lantern so he could find the road. Anyone that has ever used a kerosene lantern will know that he was pretty much in the dark.

One of the most important things that Dad had around the mill was his horses. A good logging horse was worth its weight in gold, as the expression goes. Dad had probably the best logging horse that was ever at any sawmill. His name was Dan. Dad had bought him when he was still on the farm in the Terrace. He was Dad's pride and joy as far as horses were concerned. Dan did everything just right. I remember in later years watching him skid logs with no one with him. They would take him to the timber and hook him to a log and start him towards the mill. If his log got hooked on a stump or anything, Dan would simply turn crosswise to the trail and pull his log loose. When he got to the mill he would stop and some one would unhook him and he would head back to the woods. No one really had to be with him, as he knew just what was expected of him. In later years Dad kind of put old Dan on semiretirement. When they got a new horse that didn't know how to skid logs, they put the new horse with Old Dan, and he got him lined out. Towards the end of his years, Dan got pretty bull headed. At the Stunner site, which will come up later, they would use Dan when they were in a bind. I guess he thought that it was time for him to retire, because when he would get to the mill with his logs, he sometimes didn't stop and instead took his logs to the barn. Dad got Dan when he was just a young horse, and if I remember right, he had him for around 27 years. He had him at the stunner mill site just letting him run loose, as there was plenty of good pasture at that site. Dan developed some pretty bad health problems, and he died in the fall. I have trouble putting dates on things, but am pretty sure that it was the fall of 1945. Dad said that Dan died just like he did everything else, just right. He died in the fall, so Dad didn't have to buy feed for him during the winter. I am sure that if Dan would have made it thru the winter Dad would have been glad to feed him. They were really old friends.

As I think back thru the years, Dad had a lot of really good logging horses. If they weren't good, they didn't last very long in the woods. Dad liked his old logging horses, and as I think back, I don't remember any of them being mistreated. That just wasn't Dad's way with his horses.

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Along with the horses came some pretty serious problems with mice because of the grain they fed the horses. One of Dad's solutions to this was to keep some cats around. That was fine, but the cats became pretty wild, some of them were wild to begin with. I can still see Dad trying to gather up his cats when it came time to move to another site. He would get a burlap sack and start catching his cats, and putting them in the sack. Sometimes he took quite a beating, but as far as I can remember, he always got the cats. That was a real sack full of trouble, when he got all of the wild cats in the one sack.

Around 1930, Dad got a pup, which they named Laddie. He became almost an institution, so will stop here and tell a few things about him.

To start with, when they cut logs, they brought them to the mill and decked them up. When they had enough of them, they would call for a Forest Ranger to come and scale them. In this case of course the Ranger was Darley. When Laddie was just a pup, Darley came out to scale logs. Laddie was standing barking at Darley, and he threw his marking axe at the pup. From that day on Laddie never liked Darley. In later years, you could hit the end of a log with a hammer, and Laddie would get real upset, because he thought Darley was there. Darley tried to make up to Laddie, but as I will tell later, he never had much success. Laddie would fight just about anything, and in later years, his ears were pretty much chewed off from fighting, a lot of his ears were probably lost fighting coyotes. He would always fight them, but doubt if he ever won. I remember one time he was out in the woods with the loggers, when he got tangled up with a coyote. The men tried to stop him, but it was of no use. He took on the coyote, and nearly got killed. He laid in the bunk house for a long time before he came out of it. I can still remember how bad he looked.

Laddie liked to ride with the trucks. He usually rode on the load of lumber, but once in awhile he would ride inside the cab. Sometimes he would either decide he didn't want to go, or would get stubborn streak and refuse to get on, and get left behind. A lot of times he would walk down the road toward town, but would get tired. He would go to the Tipton Ranch on Cat Creek, and either wait for a truck to come by, or stay all night and go on to town the next day. Laddie was always friendly to most people, but if he was with one of the trucks, and it broke down and he was left with it, you better not try and get near it, because that became his mission in life, to protect that truck. Once I remember hearing about Laddie being left with a truck, and he didn't have any food. They didn't get back to the truck for a couple of days, and he started to head for the mill. Just as he was heading down the road, he saw someone coming and he ran back to the truck. Just because he was hungry didn't mean anyone was going to mess with the truck. It turned out it was the men after the truck.

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Laddie had a great dislike for pack rats. He would make short work out of them. Dad went to one of the mills that was near Jasper. He had Laddie with him, and they were staying in one of the cabins at the mill. During the night a pack rat began to run around the cabin. Laddie kept trying to get it but he wasn't having any luck. Dad got up and lit the lantern, and thought that between the two of them they could get the rat. Laddie would run him across the cabin, and he would run up the door frame and across the top, and Laddie would miss him. This went on several times, when Dad got the idea of putting a small mirror straight out above the door. They got the rat going and sure enough, he ran up the door. This time though he met another rat going the other way, himself of course, and he turned loose and fell to the floor, and Laddie had him. Some years later, after Laddie was gone, we were in a cabin with my dog, when a pack rat started running around, and my dog got on the bed with me instead of chasing the rat. Dad sure reminded me of what a coward my dog was.

Laddie was real fond of candy, and he ate all he could get. I remember at the mill on the cliff, he would sit on the hill in front of the bunk house every Sunday afternoon, waiting for the men to come back from town. He knew that they always brought him a sack of candy. South of Monte along the gunbarrel, in Lariat, was a little store owned by Jake Dehil. He said once that he was going to break Laddie from eating candy. Charley Johnson was driving one of the trucks, and he stopped at the store, and they decided that they would give Laddie enough candy to make him sick, and that would stop him wanting candy. They fed him more than enough to make him sick, and when they gave up Laddie was sitting there wagging his tail wanting more. They say now that dogs shouldn't have table scraps, or candy or any number of things, because it will kill them. Well they didn't know Laddie. Table scraps was all dogs got in those days, and Laddie ate enormous amounts of candy, and he lived to be either 14 or 15.

As Laddie began to get a little older, his trips to town got harder, and one of his trips, he was at the Tipton ranch when Darley came along with the Govt. Pickup. He said that if Laddie could have talked, he couldn't have made it any plainer that he wanted a ride to town. At last Darley was going to make up with that dog. He opened the door on the right side and told Laddie to get in, but nothing doing. He got in the back instead. When Darley got to town, he stopped along the gunbarrel road where we turned to go to our place, and Laddie got out and went on home. He accepted a ride with Darley, but he still was not his friend. Darley used to tell about that years later. The dog was just not going to be his buddie, but he would accept a ride.

PART FIVE - continued

One of the things that I have never liked about stories and movies about dogs, is that they always seem to have a sad ending, and Laddie's story is no different.

During the war years, Dad operated a sawmill as best he could with the shortage of help. He was operating one near Pagosa Springs, and Mother and I were there with him. I believe that the year was 1944, but as I say I have a hard time putting a date on things. We would always bring a load of lumber back to Monte on the weekends, and Laddie would of course be with us. Mother would usually fix a lunch and we would stop along the way and eat. Laddie by this time of his life was getting pretty stubborn, and would not always get on the load of lumber like he was supposed to. When he would get one of his stubborn streaks, you could drive down the road a half mile or so, and Laddie was ready to ride then. One of these trips, we had stopped on the east side of Wolf Creek Pass to eat, and of course Laddie got off the truck to eat with us. When we got ready to go, he got one of his stubborn spells, and when Dad tried to put him on the truck, he tried to bite Dad. We got in and drove down the road a short ways, assuming Laddie would follow and be ready to get on like he always did. We stopped and waited, but no Laddie. We tried to find him but found no trace. We stopped on the way back, but never saw Laddie again. I am sure it bothered Dad a lot, and I never go by that spot, without thinking about Laddie, and wondering what happened to him. Kind of a bad ending to such a good friend.

On a happier note, After the war, probably in 1947, I was hauling bridge timbers to the water users assn. in Del Norte, and Francis had a dog that liked to ride with the trucks. He went with me once, and I stopped a ways below where Laddie was lost, and without me noticing, the dog got off the load. When I got to Del Norte was the first time I noticed him missing. On the way back I stopped to look for him but did not find him. I hated to tell Francis that I had lost his dog, but thought for sure we would never see the dog again. I hauled another load the next day, and the same thing. I stopped and looked , but no dog. On the way back that afternoon, when I got close to the spot, what do I see climbing out of the bushes, but the dog. He heard the truck, and was waiting for me. I don't know who was the most excited, the dog or me.

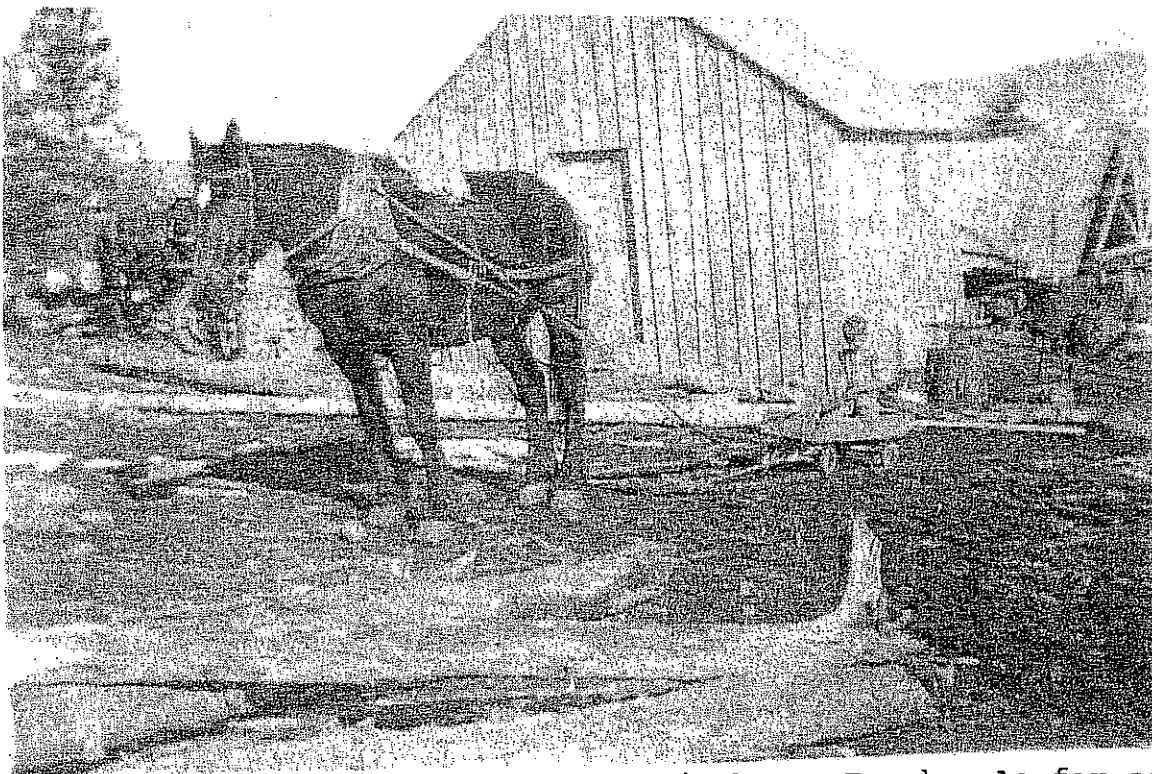
Francis hauled a lot of dry lumber thru Pagosa one fall, and his dog would ride the loads of lumber. Some of the loads were stacked pretty high. There was a steel bridge with the structure above it. The dog must have been pretty close to it, because he went with me one time, and I had him in the cab, and when he saw the bridge coming he ducked down on the seat. Might have had a close call sometime.

PART FIVE - continued

As I stated before, I believe that Ralph had a small mill just above the site on the cliff. I believe that it was a short time after that, that he moved his mill above Del Norte, and sawed for the County. The main mill must have been moved off of that site possibly in 1936. As I stated before, it was a left hand mill, so can track it because of that. That mill was at several locations, for short periods of time. One of the locations was an area below the Terrace Res. known as Hot Creek. It sat right along the road, but I have not had any luck in finding any evidence of the site. It looks as though the road has been changed slightly, so that may have covered the site. I do not believe that the mill was there for very long. That same mill was also on the home place in Monte for a short time. I remember that clearly, because of a couple of reasons. It was located at the lower end of the pasture, and the road getting there was pretty wet and soft. They dumped old car bodies along it and covered them up later. I thought that was the greatest place in the world to play. I also remember that the mill had two engines for power. (it had the same power on the cliff) There was also a car parked at the mill. I believe that it was an Auburn, but can't be sure. I don't remember if it had an engine in it or not. I don't believe that the mill was in town very long.

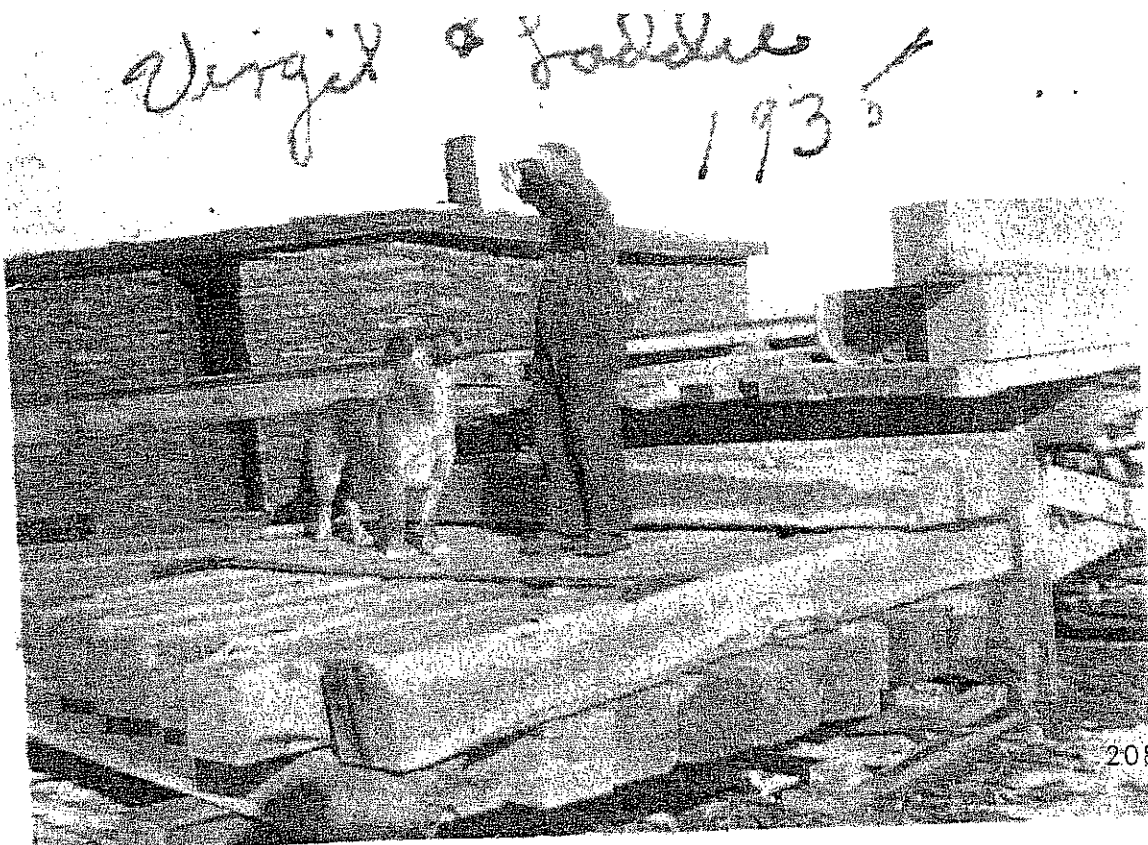
While the mill was in town, they of course had to haul the logs to it. On one of the trips, while coming along Cat Creek, they crossed a wash, and got stuck. There were two men with the truck, and they decided to get in the cab until the rain let up. One of them looked up the wash and said, Get out of the truck. The other one said, no its raining out there. He got pushed out just before an 8' wall of water hit the truck. They were pulling a trailer, and that is the only thing that stopped the truck from being washed away. It turned the truck crossways to the road, and filled the cab and everything else full of sand. One of the men I believe was Charley Johnson, but cannot remember who the other one was. I am not sure where they were hauling logs from, but believe some of them came from the Worl ranch above what is now the Alamosa Campground. Ralph later had his mill on this property. Haven't put an exact date on it but it must have been 1937. Ralph had gotten married in 1936, and Phyllis was born in March 1937. Francis says he remembers being at the mill, and Phyllis was just a baby

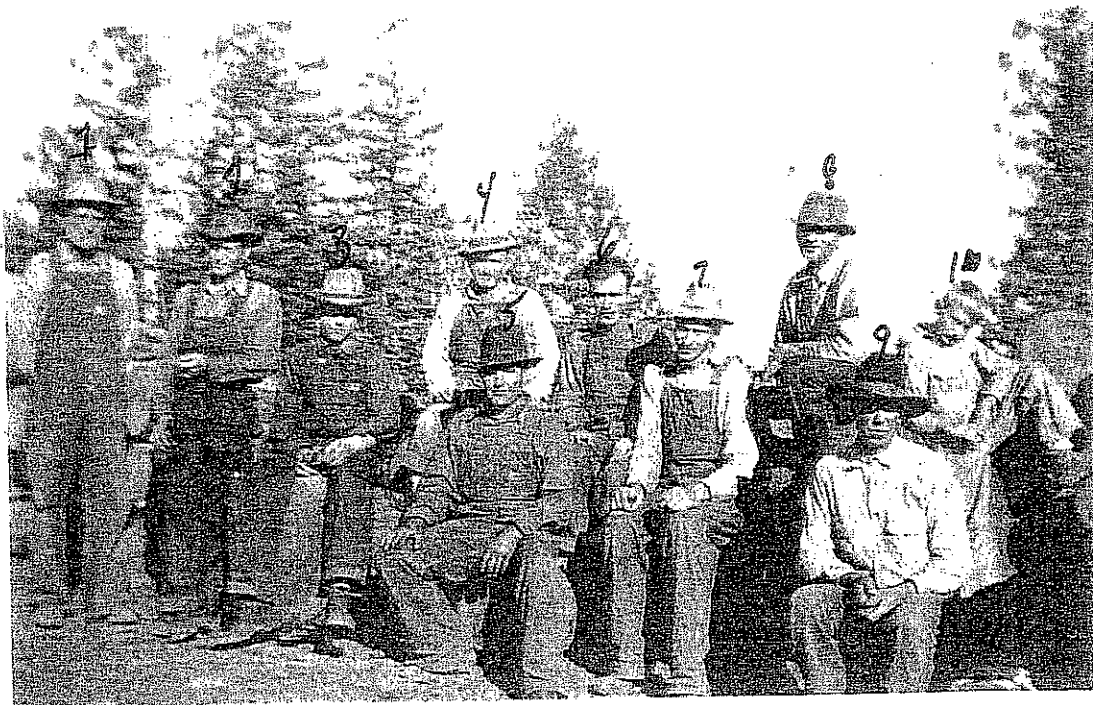
The property the timber was coming from was owned by a man by the name of Tarrent. Dad had a signed contract with him, but there was a dispute, and they wound up in court. Don't have any idea what the problem was. Dad always said that he had always done business with a hand shake, and the first time he had a written contract, he had a problem.



The top picture is me behind Francis's horse Frank. As far as I know, Frank only had one eye. The first building was the bunk house and behind that was the mill. To the left is one of the log carts. The horse in the left of the picture, I believe is old Dan.

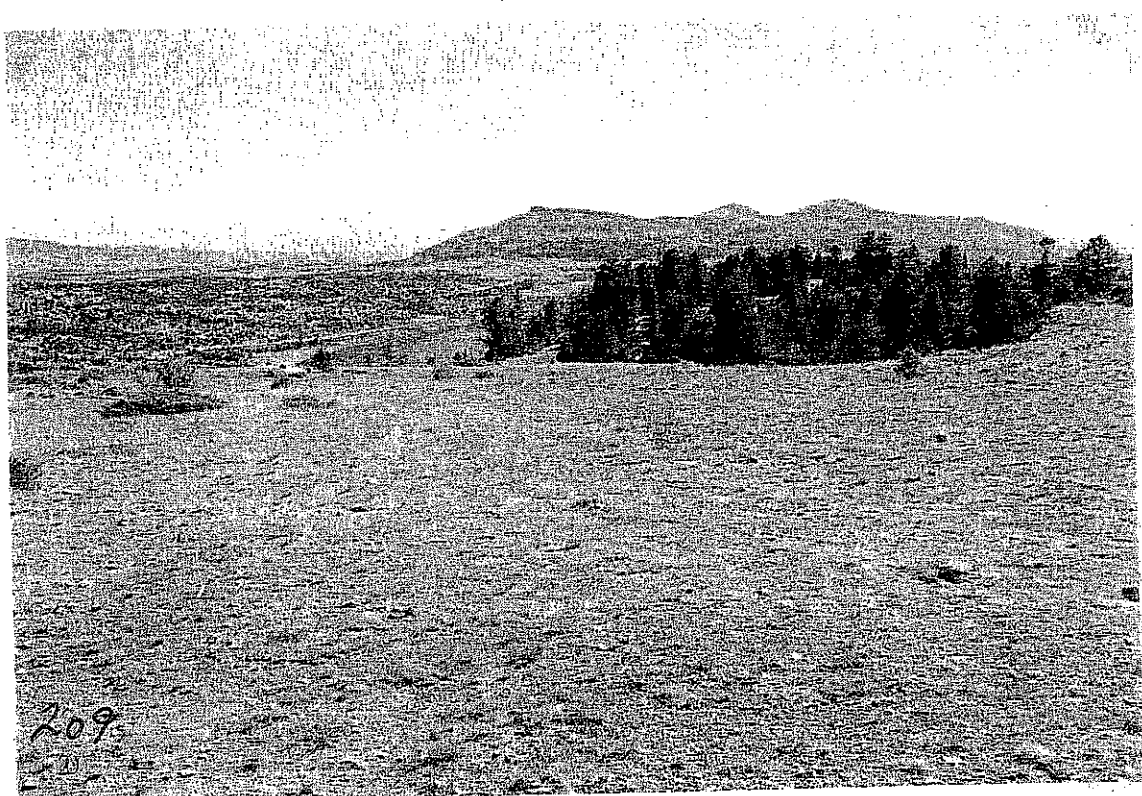
The lower picture is the only one that I have found of Laddie. I remember this picture, because I was told to get a biscuit and hold up. I let Laddie have the first one, and was told I was to hold it up until after the picture was taken. The stone building in the background was Dad's attempt at a dry kiln for lumber. It never proved out to be very succesful.





The top picture is of the mill crew at the cliff site about the time mill was close to finishing up. 1-George Auton 2-Alvie McKenzie 3-I am not sure, but could be Archie McKenzie 4-Shorty Mead 5-Loyd Whitley 6-Bill Goodge(Shorty Mead's son in law) 7-Francis 8-Dad 9-Ramon Salazar 10-I always had to be in the picture.

Lower is a view looking at the mill site from above in 1995. The stones in the left side of the picture are about at the location of the dry kiln.

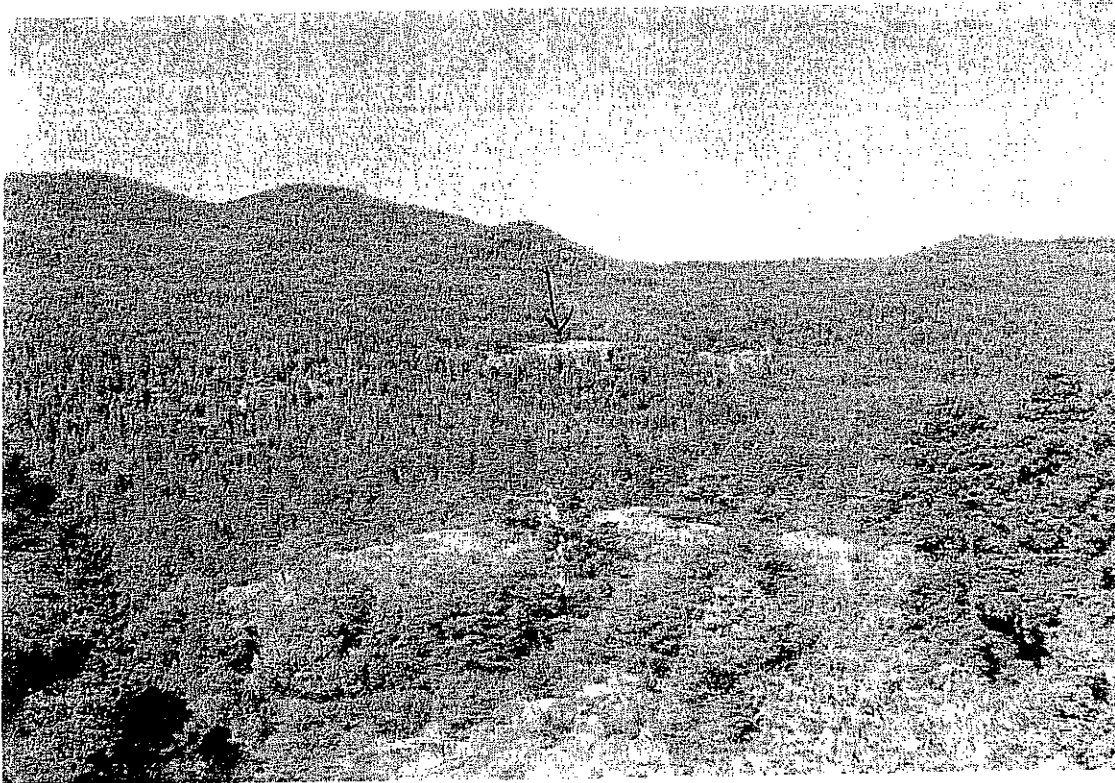




The top picture shows a section of the main log road above the mill on the cliff. This picture was taken in 1995 and is just below where I believe that Ralph had a small mill.

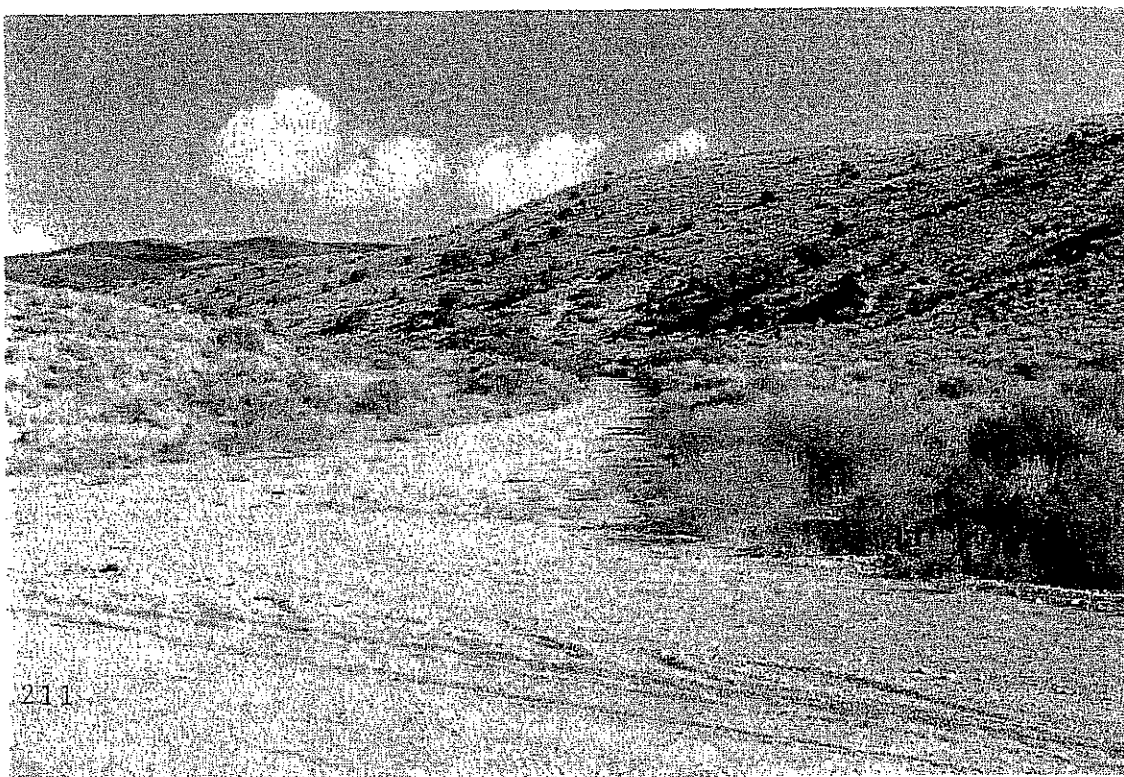
The lower picture is taken just above where the top one was taken and is where Ralph probably had his mill. Behind the rock among the trees is the remains of a Vee plow. This one was probably used to grade the road and not for removing snow.





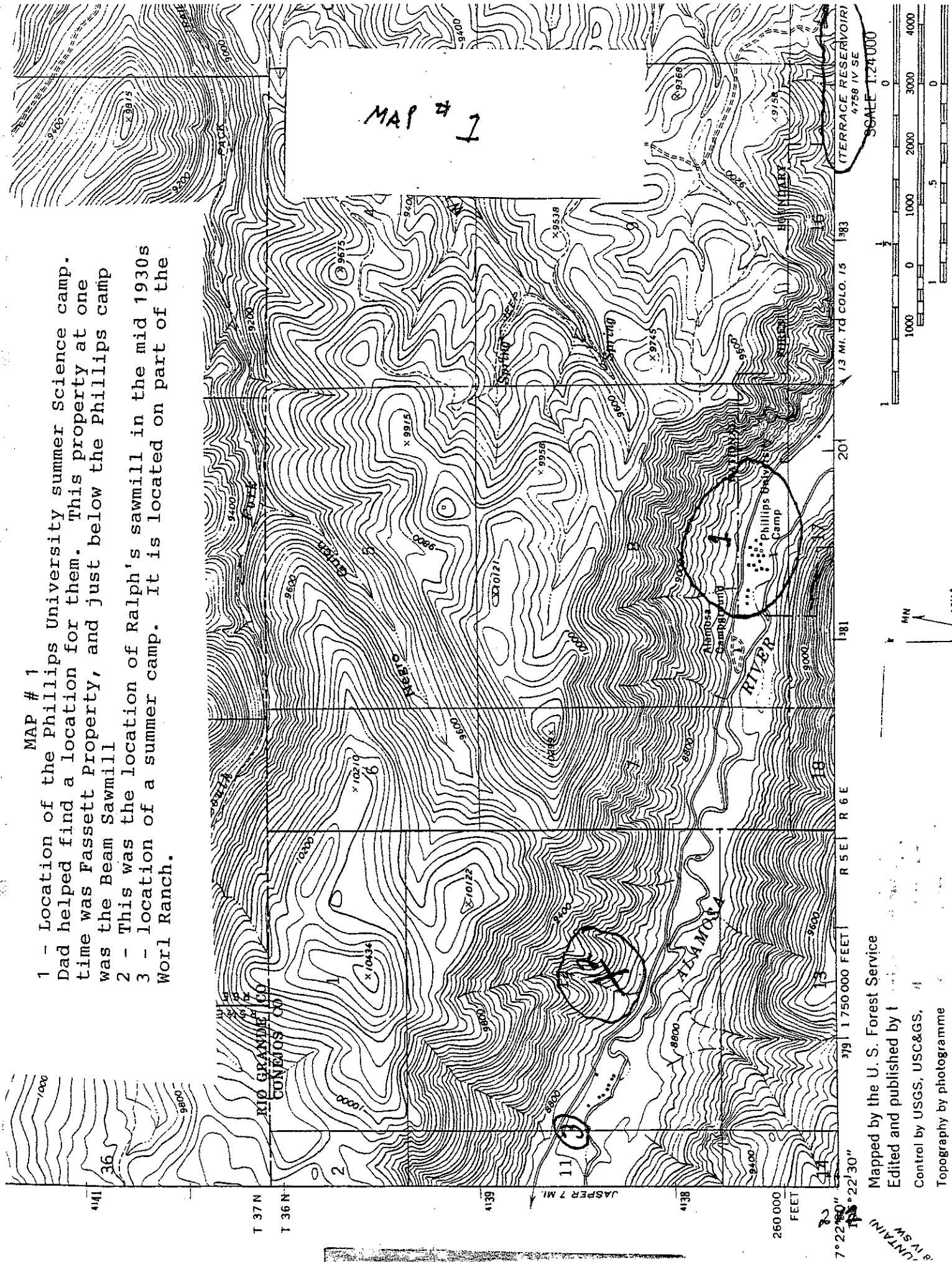
The picture at the top is a view of the site of the cliff saw-mill. Taken in 1995 from the main road up the Alamosa River, along the north side of the Reservoir.

The lower picture is of the location where the truck loaded with logs was flooded. The picture looks up the dry creek bed where the wall of water came down.

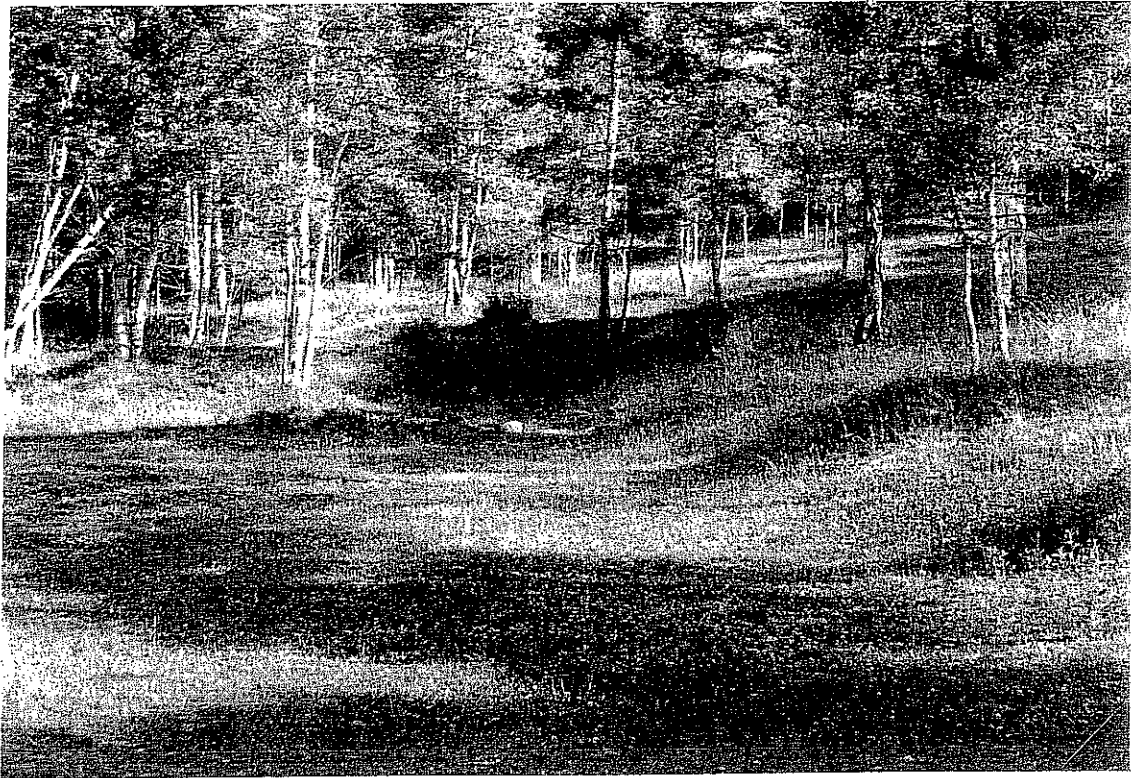


- MAP # 1
- 1 - Location of the Phillips University summer Science camp. Dad helped find a location for them. This property at one time was Fassett Property, and just below the Phillips camp was the Beam Sawmill
 - 2 - This was the location of Ralph's sawmill in the mid 1930s
 - 3 - location of a summer camp. It is located on part of the Worl Ranch.

MAP # 1



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Picture above was taken in 1995, and shows the location of Ralph's mill in the mid 1930s. Nature has taken care of the area. The only remains that could be seen were a small amount of sawdust and a few scattered oil cans, and they were about to disappear. The road that went into the location is barely visible if you know where to look.

(See map # 1)

PART FIVE - cOntinued

After Ralph was married in 1936, I remember them staying with the folks, but do not believe that they stayed there very much. As I stated before Ralph was running a small mill at various locations, and as far as I know Mary was with him.

In June Of 1938, Ralph bought a half interest in Dad's lumber yard. Ralph had built a house just on the east side of the folk's place, but do not remember just when it was built. It set just east of where the yard fence of the folk's place is. They lived there until they built a new house on the west side of Harris's place. The new house was built by Sewell Const. It must have been built pretty well, as it is still there after nearly 60 years. The first house was used by Charley Johnson, and later by Nellie Ford. She was bookkeeper at the yard for some time. She was somewhat crippled, and had to wear braces on her legs. She was a fine person. Don't remember if anyone else lived in the house or not. The house was later moved to the Sunnyside area, where it was used for a church. The house may still be there, although I am sure that the looks have been changed by now.

I remember while Johnsons were living in the house, someone had talked them and the folks into trying a refrigerator. Charley Johnson was quite a charactor, and I remember asking him how he liked the refg., and he said he really liked it. He said that he could put his shoes in it at night and the next morning they were just right to put on. I can't remember if either them or the folks kept the refg. or not.

As the mills were going pretty well, they still had a problem with trucks. The Chevrolets were doing pretty good, but Dad had been watching the trucks picking up lumber for Summitville and they just seemed to be a better truck. They were using mostly Whites, and Dad decided that maybe they ought to try one. I think both him and Francis went to Denver with the idea that they would buy a White truck. A good salesman got to talking to them and he showed them a used International and convinced Dad that it was every bit as good as a White, and they could get a better deal on it. Dad bought it and it sure wasn't what he had wanted. It caused no end of problems. Charley Johnson drove it most of the time, and he said it took a special man to drive that truck. I don't remember when they got rid of it, but it was around for a long time. As I remember it was a tough truck, but was a test of ones nerves.

I remember once the old truck was parked at the mill Ralph had on the Worl ranch, and evidently it wasn't left in gear, and it rolled backwards over the bank and on to the Forest Service road below. There it set, on the tail end with its front end up. It was pretty much standing on end resting against the bank. Didn't hurt it much if any, as I remember it. Like I say it was a tough truck.

PART FIVE - continued

As I stated before, Ralph had a mill above Del Norte cutting for Rio Grande Co. Francis moved the left hand mill there also, and as near as I can put things together, it must have been in 1936, probably in the fall or at least late summer. Francis says that he was only 19 when Dad sent him up there to operate the mill. I remember that he bought a new Plymouth car, and I believe that it was a 1937. Just when he bought it, I do not know for sure. The mill had a Cadillac engine powering it, and in the winter it could be a problem getting it started. It had primer cups on each cylinder, and one of the ways to get it started was to put liquid ether in each cup. Another way was to build a fire under the oil pan and heat the oil. I remember him telling about one morning they had put ether in the cups and went off to do something else. Someone else decided that they needed to build a fire under it, not knowing about the ether that was already in it. Francis said that it blew everything that was loose off, and they never did find the oil filler cap. Didn't hurt the engine, after they gathered up the loose pieces. I find records of mill income from the Co. as late as mid 1938, so the mill may have been there until that time.

During this period of time, Dad also had put a mill near Jasper. It was located in the Burnt Creek area, but have not been able to find any evidence of it. The area has been developed quite a bit in late years, and the roads have been changed, so is very hard to locate things from the past. Note, this mill was talked about in the part about Laddie and the pack rat.

In 1938, Dad bought his first ever new car. He bought a new 1938 Chevrolet, what else would he buy. That car served him well for a good number of years. During that time, Chev. had two options for front ends in their cars. One was the plain old straight axle, that had been around for years, and the other was their new invention called Knee Action. It was supposed to be the latest and greatest thing ever to be put on a car. As luck would have it, Dad bought the Knee Action. It didn't prove to be the greatest thing ever invented, but Dad got along with it as well as he could.

In June of 1938, Dad entered into an agreement to purchase 160 acres of land between the old town of Stunner & Platora. It is located in the SE 1/4 of Sec. 17, Township 36, Range 4 E. in Conejos County. He agreed to pay \$5000.00 with \$1000.00 down within 60 days. He was to have access to the property as soon as the contract was executed. The land was purchased from Ida Johnson. Her late husband had received a Patent on the land in 1904. He had other holdings in the area, including the Johnson Townsite above Jasper. This Townsite remained in the Johnson family until just recently. I believe that it was sold in either 1993 or 1994. The last I knew, it belonged to a couple from Washington State.

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The above invoice is for repairs on a Chev truck. Most of it is for front end work. Also for tightening the engine in the frame. Both of these items were a common problem with Chev. trucks in those days.

RECEIPT FOR SALES TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLE

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of Sales Tax on the sale of Motor Vehicle described below:

Description of Motor Vehicle:

Make of car-----	<u>Chevrolet</u>	:	Name of Purchaser-----	<u>Louis Rockhaus</u>
Type-----	<u>Sport Sedan</u>	:	Residence-----	<u>Monte Vista, Colo.</u>
Model-----	<u>Deluxe</u>	:		
Year-----	<u>1938</u>	:	Sale Price \$-----	<u>936.80</u>
Motor No.-----	<u>1425377</u>	:	Amount of Tax \$-----	<u>18.73</u>
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If used car, former owner:		:	(Name of Dealer)	
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Res.-----		:	Date-----	<u>Feb. 22, 1938</u>

Above is the sales tax receipt for the 1938 Chev car that Dad bought new. It would be the first of only two that he would ever buy.