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Cody, Myrtle

1986

Interviewed by Irene Francis and Debbie Hood

Debbie Hood and Irene Francis interview Myrtle Cody in 1986. The subject is the history of the German & French colonies. The label also states the the history of the Knuth, Vickermann, Degree & Cody families are discussed.

00:00 German and French Colonies - slow moving but much info, via Canada, mother born 1891, came to Westcliffe, south of Mike Lange's home

3:00 where they called Blumenau is not where it is now, father named John married a Davis from the English Colony

5:30 Myrtle was born where Suzy Loafman lived, Drobuline

6:30 Knuth school, teacher Esther Miller

7:45 Greenleaf school in Hillside, Schoolfield, Adobe school, Miss Bloyd, 6-8th gr.

Past Perfect photos of schools

11:30 dance upstairs at Canda Hall

13:00 recreation, dances

15:30 train stopped for hay, grain, potatoes at Verdemont station

17:00 started a fire in straw

19:15 heard a mountain lion, saw rattle snake

20:30 dad died, quit school, the depression, raised hogs, traded for fruit, traded potatoes at Blizzardine homestead, dad buried in Catholic cemetery

26:45 mother remarried after 9 years

30:00 dances at Abbott Lodge, married Ray Vickerman, a cook at Alpine Lodge, Fred Squire tied his car to a tree All moved together to ranch

33:30 Moved together to the ranch

33:50 raising sheep

39:00 shivaree dance

40:45 Fred Squire worked mines in Central City, got engaged, marriage

44:30 beginning side 2 of tape, Myrtle married Eddy Cody; reading from a document about Cody family from Ireland (Fellows), article from "Reflections...", the Degree family