

Mr. Julius Butler relates that he first came up the Gallatin Canyon in 1905 to Mr. Tom Mitchner. They came the first four years in Karst's stage which took them fifteen hours to come from Bozeman to West Fork.

His mother's name was Fanny Bremaker of Louisville, Kentucky.

He said about 1910 they tried to come up in an automobile; one of the first cars to try to come up the canyon, but some place along the road the crank case got stuck on a stump and they had to come the rest of the way by stage.

The first land they acquired was the 7-11 which Mr. Paul Butler bought. The next was the Holter Tract. Then they got the Nine and One-Quarter Circle and later on the Seven-up or Buffalo Ranch.

He says Mr. Tom Mitchner was an expert in throwing a tomahawk. He said he could throw one about fifty feet and hit a circle as big as a fifty cent piece every time. He had one which he had made out of a 7/8 inch rock drill. The blades were about four or five by two inches, just like a double bladed axe. He told a hunting story which Julius thinks is probably true because he could say personally that he could throw the tomahawk that accurately. Once hunting an elk he had shot it about 200 yards and was going down to the elk when it got up and charged him. He waited till it was in close range and and threw his tomahawk; spread the elk's skull wide open, killing it instantly. This tomahawk he later gave to Paul and was much disgusted when Paul lost it on one of his trips in the mountains. Julius said he thought it was up Buffalohorn. He said they often came there, he and Paul, to climb the rocks up that Creek. They were fond of rock climbing with a rope.

Of Pat Shane he says that rumors said that he had been Road Agent. He had been put in prison for life, but escaped. Shane had a silver plate about two by two and one-half inches in the left side of his skull which he was very fond of showing to the boys. He said he was in Virginia City and was going some place with a poke of gold when he was held up and cracked over the head by a pistol butt and that that fractured his skull. Julius did not know who put in the silver plate. Some of the neighbors said he had gotten the head injury in a free for all fight when he was holding someone up and was shot in the head.

Mr. Julius Butler says all of his long association with Mr. Seymour Cunningham has been most pleasant. He has always found him honorable and colorful. Said that Mr. Cunningham had one of the widest acquaintances with prominent people of anyone he had ever met. That there seemed to be no one in all of this West who did not know him. He said that he personally was along with Mr. Cunningham and Mrs. Julia Bennett when they attended the Hoover inaugural reception in Washington; as they were coming along the reception line Hoover glanced down and when they were several people away Hoover saw Cunningham and said to Mrs. Hoover, "Oh, hello, here is Cunningham from Montana."