

Georgia Farrington interview

- 8--b. July 30, 1900, Bonham Texas ..
31--Dawson County then, instead of Garfield
45--"we experienced gumbo"--3 days to go 50 miles
55--honyocker hospitality: sign on door, "We are not at home but come in"
--left full woodbox and water pail in repayment
66--smell of sagebrush
71--homestead tent: "a regular circus tent, I thought of it as"
--center pole, and walls
77--tent split in wind; mother wrapped split end around bedstead and held it.
95--garden ~~on a small island~~ coulee "island"
106--doing laundry with "rub boards"
118--hung clothes on barb wire fence or sagebrush
135--"only white people" besides shepherders
156--her 2 brothers were linotype operators; father worked for college
178--sod turns over in sheet when plowed; corn grew through unharrowed land
194--were on homestead 10-12 yrs
207--names of ~~the~~ other families; 35 in Sunday school
215--father taught her at home for 1 yr
226--walked to school until horses were done with plowing
240--teacher was sheepman's wife

school description:

247--2 rows, double desks

--did not put little brothers and sisters together: "too much excitement"

257--in 1-rm school, grades are clustered: 6th-7th-8th recite at same time,
4th and 5th, 2d and 3d, & 1st grade by itself.

267--peer and family strictures, no classroom trouble

274--in 3 mos., G'ia went thru 7th & 8th grade, took exam for high schl

280--small blackboard; globe; water pail on shelf (287) each brought own cup,
used dipper to pour water into cup; kept cup in lard pail lunch box.

--3 children from family would have good-sized lard pail

303--"one of the big boys" wd keep water bucket full

310--stove was in front of rm, in center

314--winter fuel was sagebrush; wood from "the breaks"; and coal--"it was not
A-1 coal"

325--men would scrape dirt to get to coal--"slack coal" (343) slate-colored

348--2 outhouses, teacher checked for cleanliness; washpan in school

363--Palmer penmanship lessons; pencil for ordinary work

368--2x4 walls; tarpaper shack. Big good windows.

382--day began with flag salute; teacher then read something inspiring

401--reading, arithmetic, geography, physiology, English. Shelf of books was
"the library", they were encouraged to take books home.

- 420--drove 4-wheel buggy to school eventually
432--~~was~~ snake beneath buggy
455--at school, tethered horse and watered him
478--began high schl in Bozeman, got homesick
490--going home in winter; riding with a coffin; Kicking agnst sideboard of wagon
to see if feet were frozen.
535--rode on with a killer
555--valedictorian of class of 3 in Jordan; on debate team
588--Jordan was cattle town, "it grew up without any help from us sheep people"
600--her brother's sheep caught in storm, he cried from helplessness
619--4th of July "area picnic", at a coulee with trees
637--wd have "patriotic conversation"
645--dances; her husband's family disapproved
667--midnight supper of sandwiches and coffee
--only music was violin
683--Xmas, 1913: father made tree of broomstick and juniper strips; mother
made candles, empty shotgun shells as mold. Father as Santa, in bathrobe,
frayed rope for beard--children cried. Everybody in family made a present
for everybody else. Paper chains made from magazine pp. Sent to Sears for
cranberries to string. Bucket of sand beside tree.
786--celebrated Xmas on Xmas Eve

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770--stone fireplace built by her father

810--family who lost son at time of WWI armistice

835--20 or so kids would ride to Rocky Butte after Sunday school

865--girls wore riding skirts

880--as schlgirl, wore stockings with garters, middy blouses, ^{balnei} sun bonnet tied a bow

side 2, 2--Xmas dinner of boiled bacon and stuffing, potato salad, cranberries

26--spilling the eggwhites intended for divinity--"there goes the divinity!"

38--house: back was dugout into cutbank, frame walls coming out; warm in cutbank.

51, covered dugout walls with sheets; bunk beds

68, combined living rm and bedrm, combined kitchen & dining

72, curtain around bunk beds

80, outhouse was "over the hill"

93, closed door between kitchen and living rm at night

97--huge table in tent, she and sister-in-law slept on it, brothers under it

125--bare 2x4 walls

134--Big Ben alarm with bell on top was family clock

145--mirror, little shelf under, comb and brush everybody used (and G's powder)

154--coulee well, with soft water; cdn't use during spring runoff, horse well

water by house was hard--cdn't get soap out of yr hair. Pulley on well.

179--enamel plates and cups

- 194--her mother insisted on milking cow herself, even when sick
- 207--meat was safe chicken, bacon, antelope
 - 216--G'ia covered big helping of meat with her bread
 - 226--young sage chickens in spring
- 242--once ran out of food, had only potatoes and salt for 2 days (baked spuds in fireplace ashes) when storm trapped the men in town
- 265--white cakes
- 278--preparing for winter: getting in fuel
- 281--wore buckle overshoes
 - 288--G's mother spun wool of black sheep into mittens and socks (knit) and scarves
 - 318--knitting for soldiers
 - 322--also made wristlets, 4-6" wide, cuff-like
 - 338--going to schl in 45 below

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sayings:

side 2

370--G's mother said, "Lay on, Macduff"

378--father married mother when she was 14; she wd fix supper while he read

416--"Be ashamed."

430--G's mother wnd 't let her, at 15, go out with boys; when G pointed out she got married at 14, she said "Yes, but I had more sense than you'll ever have"

454--"piana" for piano

477--sold homestead in '23 after 10 yrs

511--wd skate on Big Dry Crk in winter(?)

595--school was chastised for girls lying atop boys on sleds

660--saw WWI planes in Miles City

663--country school was in summer

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