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 coulee "island"
106—doing laundry with "rub boards"
118—hung clothes on barb wire fence or sagebrush
135—"only white people" besides sheepherders
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 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
271--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.
drove 4-wheel buggy to school eventually
snake beneath buggy
at school, tethered horse and watered him
began high schl in Bozeman, got homesick
going home in winter; riding with a coffin; kicking agnst sideboard of wagon to see if feet were frozen.
rode on with a killer
valedictorian of class of 3 in Jordan; on debate team
Jordan was cattle town, "it grew up without any help from us sheep people"
his sheep caught in storm, he cried from helplessness
4th of July "area picnic", at a coulee with trees
wd have "patriotic conversation"
dances; her husband's family disapproved
midnight supper of sandwiches and coffee
--only music was violin

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.
celebrated Xmas on Xmas Eve
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, 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 a2rm 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 sage chicken, bacon, antelope
216—G'ia covered big helping of meat with her bread
226—young sage chickens in spring
242—one 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 wd n't let her, at 15, go out with boys; when G pointed out she

454—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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