

Ross McDonald

MHS

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- h' steadders had to break 20 A. on 160 a. and live on it 6 mos/yr, 3-5 yrs
- " sold out for \$6 an acre
- coulees all run north and south, to Teton; land "pretty well cut up with
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- \$32 per half section taxes, got him right to run cattle on land.
- "a starvation living"
- relinquishment: person giving up goes to land office, you with him, and transfer is made right then
- "cattle come quick"
- "I didn't have a hoof, to start with"
- McD had a cistern, his place was like hub of wagonwheel with paths of "old maids" coming ~~from~~ for water; they'd bring a pie
- "had more horses than we had harness for"
- "oceans of horses"
- \$8 an acre to break sod and work it down; used gangplow (2 bottoms of plow, 12 horses; 6 horses wd pull a single bottom, a "sulky")

Side A:

- --Knees of the Giant area
- "damscotchprotestant" as one word to Irish
- boxcar with "Brady" on the end was Brady depot
- "ponies" and workhorses

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- dragged dead sheep out of shack to stay in
- father went to Dupuyer to buy wild mules; no roads, sighted on buttes when traveling
- knew what~~x~~ we were doing, didn't have enough to do with
- went in for drink with cowboys and boss, as 15-yr-old; had buttermilk
- as youngster working with cowpunchers "they carried me along with the outfit"
- Bryan 16 to 1 campa~~g~~gn: joke that it tk 16 Democrats to do work of 1 Repblcn
- stocking up on food: to town with buckboard once a month or so, twice a year with wagons for ton of flour, 600# sugar, square 20# boxes of dried fruit; "I didn't know they canned anything but tomatoes." Canned tomatoes "water and seeds mostly"
- 100# sack of oatmeal each time
- Whoop~~m~~-Up Trail same as Bootlegger Trail
- filed on homestead before he went to WWI, service time counted ~~xx~~ toward proving up
- WWI, went by train from Kershaw near Ft. Benton to Camp Lewis
- --women of homesteading families, and clerks and waitresses, Butte madam and 3 "daughters" from Montana Hotel ~~in~~ filed (4 shacks in interescting ~~at~~ corner of their claims, toilet between the shacks)