

This map of the homestead community in and around the Tierney Basin, near Sixteen, Montana, was drawn for me by my aunt, Anna Doig Beetem, during my research for This House of Sky. Anna was born on our family homestead--the "Pete Doig ranch" in the center--in 1911, so her memory of who homesteaded where reflects the Tierney Basin settlement pattern from about WWI into the Depression; I believe the Basin was uninhabited by the early 1940's, when my uncle Varick Doig and his family, who were living in one of the old homestead houses herding cattle, pulled out.

These homestead families--"mostly Scotch" as a WPA report put it--were considerably related or intermarried. The Doigs, Campbells and Winters, for instance, were linked by marriages; and I think the Jake Mitchell-John Gruar families similarly were in-laws; and the Stewart-Keith ranch families on Faulkner Creek. The Christisons I think knew the Doigs in Scotland.

Anna's map is approximate, done from memory, but it can be oriented with the USGS 1949 quadrangle map of Maudlow, Montana by finding "A Doig Ranch" in Section 8, Township 5 N, Range 5 E; that's the Peter Doig homestead, and "Doig ranch" in section 9 is the D.L. Doig homestead.

In the lower right corner, the first tier of names--Henry Foster etc.--were ranches or homesteads, some still with those names, on the back road into the village of Ringling from Sixteen. The tier below that--Jim Stewart etc.--are still-extant ranches on Faulkner Creek or Battle Creek.

--Ivan Doig
4 April '92

South

(Talbot place)

Talbot place
Mrs. Barnes
Thomas Thompson

(Haw Gulch)

(Fred Koenig)

(direction of Maudlow, Milwaukee RR depot)

(T.I. Elliott)

(Mrs. Barnes) (Thomas Thompson?)

(Jim Stewart)

(ranger station)

Maudlow
Harry Brainerd
(Harry Brainerd)

John Lawrence
(John Lawrence)

Jake Shaw
(Jake Shaw)

Paddy's Run
(Paddy's Run)

Jesse Smith
(Jesse Smith)

Bill Lawrence
(Bill Lawrence)

(Blakely--1st name unclear)

(sheep camp)

(school house)

school house

(John Gruar)

(Peter Doig ranch) →

Peter Doig Ranch

(Andy Christison)

(Jake Mitchell)

Rachel Sutton Smith
(Rachel Sutton Smith)

(Donald Campbell)

(Jim Christison)

(Will Winter)

(David B. Doig)

(Dave Winter)

(Stanley Gordon)

(Ida Balch)

(D.L. Doig) →

Ida Balch

about 25 miles

(Ringling)

(Henry Foster)

(Quigley ranch)

(Earl White)

(Buster Morris)

(John Parks)

(Russell Sage)

(Shearer place; i.e., David Shearer and his family, including Charlie Doig's boyhood friend Clifford Shearer)

(Tom Roberson)

(Miss Harley)

(Everett White)

SIXTEEN

(Jim Stewart ranch)

(Belle Keith ranch)

(George Roberson)

(Prescott ranch)

Prescott ranch

North

East

I hope you can make
some sense out of this