

Family History Project Checklist

Ancestor: Edwin (Edd) Miller Collins

Description of project (include proposed length, focus, specific themes to be addressed): _____

Item	Topics Completed	Topics Needed
Chronology	✓ 15 pages	
Subject's ancestry	parents, gr parents	
Early life (birth-marriage)	a. Delayed birth certificate b. picture of parents/siblings c. d. e. Courtship/engagement	a. b. c. d. e.
Young adult years (20s-40s)	a. marriage (children) b. move to Wyoming c. return to MO/Iowa d. move to CA. e. Return to Iowa + MO farming during depression	a. b. c. d. e.
Mid-life (40s-50s)	^{WW II years} a. Mar 1942, purchased farm b. c. d. e.	a. b. c. d. e.
Older adult years (60s+)	a. b. c. d. e.	a. b. c. d. e.
Footnotes (Endnotes)		✓
Introduction	part	✓
Table of Contents	None	
Bibliography	None up to date	✓
Index		✓
Table of Contents		✓

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Questions

Responses

What is my name?	Edwin (Edd) Miller Collins
What was my gender?	Male
What were my physical characteristics?	Height: 6 ft. 1 1/2 inches tall; Weight 140 - 150 pounds; slender, lean and lanky; gaunt face; small dark brown eyes; black hair; dark, weathered complexion
What diseases, accidents or tragedies did I have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o diseases: age 18 years, had influenza, followed by typhoid fever, and mastoid infection leaving him deaf in the right ear, also constant drainage from that ear the remainder of his life.o Rope burn on right hand during haying season (1930's)o Got clothes tangled in the tractor power take off, lost most of his clothes, frightened, abrasions, cuts and bruises. (1950 - 1960's)o Injured hand changing tire (while employed at the local gas station). Tire exploded. (1970's)o Prostatectomy (1970's)o Had gum disease, all teeth pulled, dentures made. (1960's)o Lymphoma, and cancer of bone marrow. (final disease)
When did I live?	26 July 1900 - 8 June 1978
Where did I live?	Mostly Missouri, short stints in Wyoming, Iowa and California
What national and international events occurred during my life?	World War I; World War II; Korea Police Action; Vietnam Conflict. Great depression of the 1930's; drought
What kind of house did I have?	Small clapboard (All)
How would it have been furnished?	Mostly "pre-owned", mainly oak, later with new walnut veneer in traditional styles.
What would I have done in each room of the house?	Bedroom, sleep; living room, rest, read paper, listen to radio or television, play cards, visit, take naps in his high back rocking chair; kitchen/dining room, eat, wash hands.
What kind of city, town, or village did I live:	Lived on farms until retirement in 1969, then moved to small rural village near where he farmed.
What was my religion?	He was raised Baptist, later attended the Methodist church, but never became a member. Enjoyed listening to Rev. Billie Graham.
What was my class in society?	Lower middle income class of society.
How would I have felt about other religions and racial groups	Don't know.

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What was my education?	Country one room school, eighth grade; did not graduate--didn't like English!
What were my ambitions? What kind of recognition would I have sought?	Be a good family man; successful farmer.
What was my occupation?	General farming; fed hogs and cattle to sell.
What were my military obligations?	Too young for WWI; registered for draft in WWII, exempt because of occupation; too old for Korea and Vietnam.
What would I have felt my role to be as a man?	Head of household; wage earner.
What did I do each day as a worker, father or husband?	Everyday tasks - chores, milking, feeding animals morning and night. Farm tasks during day. Mended fences, harness, machinery.
How would I have fallen in love and courted?	Visited a neighboring school boxsupper, met a young, blond, blue-eyed lass. Courtied her going to movies, church, driving, etc. He drove a beautiful pair of Arabian ponies drawing a black 4 wheeled buggy. Fell in love at 19, married at age 21.
What were my morals and values?	Started smoking cigarettes while quite young, Didn't approve of drinking, lying, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, or gambling.
Was I married, divorced or single?	Married over 57 years to the same spouse.
How many children did I have?	Two, one son, Everett Wayne born 16 November 1921, Wyoming and one daughter, born 25 November 1923, Missouri.
How would I have raised my children?	To be honest, trustworthy, kind, loyal, loving, dependable.
What would I have done routinely every day?	Chores--feeding, watering livestock; milking; plant, cultivate and harvest hay and grain crops.
What would I have done for pleasure, leisure?	Visit family and friends; avid card player; in younger years danced (was caller for square dances), worked with rocks, cutting, polishing and mounting.
What kind of festivities, entertainment, family outings, and games would I have participated in?	Sometimes fished; play horseshoes; went to dances; played kittenball during the depression; listened to radio programs together; played cards; visited; picnics, and family reunions.
What kind of songs would I have sung?	Not sure, perhaps some western or popular songs in his younger days.

What kind of art would have hung in my house?	He liked scenery pictures.
What kind of stories would I have listened to?	He liked humorous jokes, some off color.
What would I have read?	Zane Grey western novels. Didn't read much in later years, mainly newspaper.
What would I have thought to be a wise use of time?	Do jobs and tasks immediately.
A waste of time?	To procrastinate.
What would have been some of my favorite expressions?	
What kinds of foods would I eat <i>what did I</i> to drink?	Meats, pork or beef, (didn't like chicken except liver); peanut butter; "spreads" (jelly, jam, butters) almost any kind of sweet desserts. Liked malts, and coffee.
How would I have dressed?	Daily dress was blue denim overalls and blue or gray chambray shirt, high-top work shoes, straw hat in summer, cap (various kinds) remainder of year. Dress clothes included suit, shirt, tie, black slippers, and hat.
How would I have earned money?	Earned money selling cattle and hogs that he raised and/or fed.
What would I have done with my money?	Pay expenses for everyday living, home, car, food, clothing, church, repairs, repair or replace equipment.
Who were my heroes?	President Franklin Roosevelt, President Harry S. Truman; baseball pitcher "Dizzy" Dean; boxer Joe Louis.
What would I have thought about older people? Younger people?	They needed assistance more than younger ones, respect for them He would help children with almost anything.
If I could have made everything go right in my life, what would I have become?	Probably would have owned a section of very productive land; a millionaire!
How would I have felt about death?	He feared death. Everytime he was ill, he thought he was going to die.
Political affiliations	He was a democrat; supported the party in a small way by attending rallies, campaigning among friends for a favorite candidate.

CHARACTER PROFILE

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
1. Name	Edwin (Edd) Miller Collins
2. Gender	Male
3. Height/ weight.	6 feet 1 1/2 inches tall; weight 140 - 150 pounds.
4. Build, (slender, heavy, etc)	Slender, tall, lean and lanky.
5. Distinguishing traits (hair type and color, eye color, skin type, facial hair, glasses, etc.)	Black hair with a hint of a wave, small dark brown eyes, medium -dark weathered complexion, heavy beard (kept shaved); wore eyeglasses, later false teeth.
6. Posture	Stood fairly well erect; liked to sit scooped down in the chair.
7. Clothes (neat, sloppy, favorite styles)	Preferred to wear overalls, work shirt, high-top work shoes. Not particular with his clothing nor colors.
8. Education	Went eight years to a country school, but did not graduate. Didn't like English! <i>grammar.</i>
9. Occupation	He was a farmer of small farms. He raised cattle and hogs. He grew grain, hay and pasture to feed same.
10. Worth ^K Ethic	He was a diligent worker, worked long hours, <i>more than held up his end of a task.</i>
11. Military Service	No military service. He was too young for WWI; registered for WWII, but was exempt because he was a farmer.
12. Father's profession	He was a farmer.
13. Mother's profession	She was a homemaker.
14. Siblings (names and professions)	George, Walter, Willie, Roy were all farmers. Willie was also a Baptist preacher. Miriam owned and operated a dress shop in addition to being a homemaker; Myrtle, Lucy, Dora and Clara were homemakers.
15. Family values	Honesty, truthful, dependable, high moral values, no drinking, lying, cheating, nor stealing , <i>gambling.</i>
16. Talents	He was friendly with those he knew; always the same. He was a well known waterwitch. Could "guess" weights of cattle and hogs very accurately. This was a valuable talent for a farmer.
17. Speech (speed, volume, amount)	Used poor grammar, average speed, volume and amount.

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14 Feb 1999*

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18. Bearing (friendly, evasive, cooperative, hostile) Shy around those he didn't know, but friendly with those he did know.
19. Mood (fearful, depressed, cheerful, stable) Usually cheerful, sometimes fearful if he had poor crops or the market was low when it came time to sell the livestock.
20. Fears Feared that crops might fail; worried that if he got sick he would die.
21. Complexes He was very timid, had an inferiority complex, ~~insecure~~
22. Personal values Honest, sincere, likeable.
23. Attitudes about different things? Prejudices?
24. Frustrations He was frustrated when machinery broke down or it rained and he couldn't complete the task he had begun or planned.
25. Slang and idioms he often used.
26. Feelings he often has. Insecure, inferiority complex, but generally a happy person. Pleasant.
27. What does he say when he is angry? Often said hurtful things to my Mom.
28. What does he say when he is happy? Laughs a lot, jokes and teases. Never teased anyone he didn't like.
29. Typical mannerisms
30. Dreams and ambitions He wanted to have a happy comfortable life. He wasn't interested in becoming a millionaire, but wanted enough that they could live comfortably and not have to scrimp for everything.
31. What he finds fun He was an avid card player (but not for money!) In younger days he liked to dance. He was a caller for square dances for several years. He enjoyed pretty rocks. After retirement he sliced, polished, ground and mounted those stones into beautiful jewelry.
32. Things he normally does Visiting with friends and neighbors; chores around the house; gardening; after retirement he washed the dishes.
33. Things he hates to do Didn't like to milk. (Only milked so he could have the cream and butter to eat!) Didn't like to do household chores.
34. Disagreements he has with people. He didn't like to see anyone mistreated, especially children.

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35. How did he handle stress? Not very well. Frequently ended up with frustrations, head aches and waste motion.
36. How does he solve problems?
37. How does he relate to people? Always friendly and liked to visit.
38. What is the happiest and saddest thing that has happened to him? Saddest probably death of close friends and family members. Happiest visiting with family and friends.
39. What health problems has he had? Influenza, typhoid fever, mastoiditis, cancer (lymphoma) *emphysema*
40. How has he handled those problems? Always feared he would die.
41. How does he feel about religion? In early childhood he was raised as a Baptist, didn't like having to sit still during long sermons. Not active in any church until later years. Attended but never became member of Westboro United Methodist Church.
42. How does he demonstrate his religious beliefs? By living an exemplary life.
43. What is his relationship with his spouse? He loved her, sometimes critical, but proud of her and her accomplishments.
44. How does he show anger with his spouse?
Affection? Showed anger by saying hurtful things.
He was demonstrative in his affection for his spouse by kissing and wrapping his arms around her.
45. How did he feel about getting older? I don't believe he relished it, but accepted it as a part of life.
46. How many children does did he have? Two children. Son, Everett Wayne born 16 November 1921, Wyoming. Daughter, Ruth Verle, born 25 November 1923, Missouri.
47. What was his relationship with his children? A supportive, loving, caring man. Always wanted us to do our best at whatever we undertook.
48. What kinds of discipline did he use? Mostly verbal scolding, once in awhile resorted to the razor strap, but not often.

Personal Chronology of EDWIN MILLER (EDD) COLLINS

DATE	EVENT	HISTORICAL CONTEXT
⁶ 28 July 1900	Edwin Miller Collins, tenth child of Simon Peter (Jr.) and Lilly (Sears) Collins, born near Jerico Springs, Cedar County, MO. Named Edwin for mother's brother; middle name for neighbors by the name of Miller that cared for him while his mother was ill following his birth. <i>Source:</i> came from Family information, delayed birth certificate.	1901 People travelled by horses, mules, or bicycles. (President Theodore Roosevelt urges "Speak softly but carry a big stick.")
1901 -1902	Brother Roy born 1 Aug 1902	
1902 - 1906 <i>1906</i>	Baby brother born 2 Jan, died 26 Feb. 1906	"Square Deal" phrase made popular by Pres. Roosevelt
Spring 1906/7	Moved to the big house, east and north of where Edd was born.	
<i>30 MAR</i> 1907	Sister Clara born 30 March. Probably started school, Cedar Hall, ^{one room} Country School	
1908 - 1910	Family enumerated on 1910 US Census. <i>S.P. COLLINS, father, Eddie Edwin M. 9 yrs</i>	
1911 - 1917 <i>1913-1914</i>		<i>U.S. suffered depression</i>
6 April 1917		U. S. declared war on Germany.
1918	Went to Wyoming to assist sister Miriam after husband died ^{from} with "flu." Got flu. then typhoid fever, mastoiditis. Hospitalized six weeks. Returned to MO.	"Flu" pandemic in U.S. WWI ended 11 Nov. 1918. <i>(Armistice signed)</i>
<i>11 Nov 1918</i>		
Spring 1919	Farmed with his father. Met Glacie Cox at Box Supper.	
October 1919	<i>He got</i> engaged to Glacie Merle Cox.	
<i>16 Jan 1920</i> April 1920	Enumerated with family on census, S.P. Collins, father. Eddie, 19 yrs, farmer	<i>19th Amendment went into effect (prohibition)</i> 1920 Census, Benton Township, Cedar Co. MO <i>The "Flapper" age, Roaring twenties</i>
21 Nov. 1920	Edd and Glacie married at Jerico Springs, MO. Wedding supper with family and friends. ^{same} Marriage record, family information and newspaper account. Continued farming with his father. Glacie continued teaching at Mitchell Grove Country School.	

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- 1 April 1921 Moved by train to Thermopolis, WY at urging of older brothers.
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- May/June 1921 Moved to Hayes Ranch, near Garland, Parke Co., WY; Bought homestead relinquishment, in Parke Co., and moved to homestead.
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- Fall, 1921 Moved back to Hayes Ranch house for winter.
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- 16 Nov. 1921 First child, Everett Wayne, born near Garland, Parke Co., WY.
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- Spring 1922 Moved back to the homestead to farm land.
15 Mar 1922 Sister Myrtle died bur Cedarville Cem, Wade Co. MO
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- Summer 1922 Purchased first auto, a "pre - owned" Model T Ford. It was a one seater, with bed in back. Farmed homestead; raised good hay crop, and garden
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- Fall, winter 1922 Sold hay crop. Buyer absconded with the hay without paying for most of it. Mom & Dad returned to Thermopolis. Dad delivered coal that winter to residences.
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- Jan. 1923 Mom & Everett returned to MO via train to visit family. Dad followed about a month later--as soon as he earned train fare. *in Cedar County, MO.*
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- Spring 1923 Dad found work on "Perce Norton" farm, Atchison Co., MO. Paid by month doing farm labor. Occupied the tenant house.
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- 25 Nov 1923 Second child, Ruth Verle born at home. Birth Certificate;
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- 1925 Moved a few miles south to the Clark Farm. *no telephone*
Ruth jumped off Mom's lap, landed on her head. Dad ran 1/4 mile to call Dr. Glacie stepped on needle, Dad ran to call Dr. Everett got elbow knocked out of place, Dr. didn't set it right. Ruth, age 2 yrs. fell on scythe, cut right hand; several stitches. Again Dad to the rescue.
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- 1926 Moved to Ralph Matheny farm, SW of Westboro, Missouri.
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- April 1927 Drove 1925 Chevrolet touring car to CA to look for work. Accompanied by Lester & Minnie Neal in their new 1926 Chevy. Camped along the way. 22 days to arrive at sister, Dora & Ben Whitley, Lodi, CA.

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Spring, Sum'r '27 <i>Fall 1927</i>	Got seasonal jobs working in tomato and peach canneries. Everett started school in Lodi. Jobs ended at end of season.	
Nov 1927	Couldn't find permanent work; returned to Missouri/Iowa. Found job working on farm at Ralph & Katie Pratt's, Northboro, IA	
Winter 27/28	Moved to Tom Copeland farm, SE of Blanchard, Iowa, and located in Nodaway County, Missouri. North Star friends surprised them with "Welcome home from CA" party.	
Spring, 1928	Moved a short distance east to the Jake Basaker farm. Mom had pneumonia. Dad hired Registered Nurse from St. Joe to care for her.	
Spring, 1929	Moved a little further SE and off main road to the Burch Heirs farm.	<i>Herbert Hoover inaugurated Pres, Charles Curtis, V.P.</i>
Fall, 1929	Dau Ruth started first grade at White Chapel Country School	Stock Market Crashed in October. Prices of farm products plummeted <i>Amos 'n' Andy. started radio careers.</i>
1930	Times were hard. Edd worked on US Highway 71 south of Braddyville, Iowa. Used a team & tumble bug scraper to move dirt. Edd liked to fish in Nodaway River for crappie and catfish. Lost wallet containing all their money while mowing pasture. Everyone hunted until lost wallet found. Had poor crops, too dry <i>little rain</i>	
Spring 1931	Farm sold by heirs. Couldn't find another farm to rent. Sold machinery & livestock. Moved to Slough farm, Page Co. Iowa. Worked by month doing farm labor.	<i>"The Star Spangled Banner" officially adopted as U.S. national Anthem. (no caps) many banks closed,</i>
Spring 1932	Rented 160 Acre farm SE of Blanchard, IA, in Atchinson Co., MO from <i>owner</i> Dr. Morrow, <i>a dentist.</i>	Charles Lindberg son kidnapped and killed. <i>Depression reaches low point. Monthly wages 60% of what they were in 1929.</i>
1933	Caller for square dances. Liked to square dance. Members of dance club.	Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated, 32nd president of U.S. <i>Promoted "New Deal"</i> FDR gave 1st radio "fireside" chat. <i>Prohibition repealed.</i>
1934	Drought in midwest, poor crops. <i>Sumner 1st time no field. Not played in field.</i>	<i>Brothers Alvin & Bucky Kline pitched for St. Cardinals Gausters John Willinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Bonnie & Clyde all shot.</i>
1935	Severe dust storms in mid west. Well went dry, so had to help dig new well.	Social Security Act passed. <i>Humorist</i> Will Rogers & Wiley Post killed, 'plane crash, Point Barrow, Alaska <i>arrestor</i>

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1936 ¹⁻²² Bred a mare to have colt for kids.

1937 Daughter Ruth graduated from 8th grade. Drove, in rain, to graduation; roads very muddy.
Very good crops (following series of bad or poor crop yields)
Purchased 2 wheeled red cart for kids to ride in to Westboro H S.

1938 Rented 200 acre farm 2 miles west, moved there in spring.
Kids rode bus to school.
Got license for Farm Warehouse, actually grain storage bin.

Joe Louis Ko'd Max Schmeling to retain title.

May, 1939 Son graduated from high school
Purchased 1st tractor. A John Deere Model B with spade lugs. *(used)*

Sept. 30, 1940

May 1941 Daughter graduated from High School; began College 2 wks later. FDR, 1st president to be inaugurated for 3rd term.

7 Dec. 1941 Japan attacked Pearl Harbor; first involvement of the U.S. WWII.
Rubber rationing announced by OPA

March 1942 Purchased an 80 acre farm; first farm they owned.

*Free mail privileges granted to Armed Forces members of
Victory gardens all across America*

1942/1943 Contributed what he could for the war effort by raising crops, cattle, and hogs. Contributed scrap iron for war effort.

Many commodities were rationed -- gasoline, tires, canned foods, meats, sugar, flour, shoes, etc.

6 June 1944

Jan., 1945

Normandy Invasion "D-Day" by Allies
FDR inaugurated for 4th term. Harry Truman, Vice president.

Sugar rationing cut 25%

April 1945

FDR died; Harry S. Truman became President of US.

7 May 1945

VE day. Germany surrendered.

6 Aug 1945

First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

9 Aug 1945

Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

14 Aug. 1945

VJ Day. Japan surrendered unconditionally.

2 Sept. 1945

Japan signed official surrender documents aboard Battleship USS Missouri. Rationing discontinued.

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21 Dec. 1945 Dau. Ruth married. Had to scoop lots of snow to provide parking for guests.

3 Nov 1946 Father died 6 Nov funeral & buried at Anna Edna Cem, Jerico Spgs, MO,

1948 Electricity became available to farm--REA (Rural Electrification Administration) program. He got house & barn wired. First time in their lives they enjoyed benefits of electricity in their home.

← Drive-in Movies became popular, grandson Tomas b 1 Oct 1947

1949

1950 Bought their first new car, a 4-door, Chevrolet sedan. Light green.

29 Dec 1950 Mother died 13 Dec grandson Sam McO born Minimum wage increased from 40-70¢ hr.

Mar 1951 Kept grandchildren while Dau & husband got settled in rented house in Hurdland, MO. Visited Ruth & Wayne; returned Tom & Patty to them.

28 July '51 grandson Everett Wayne Collins born, Oakland, CA.

Dec. 1951 Ruth, & 3 children stayed with folks when Wayne was recalled by Navy for the Korean conflict.

Feb. 1952 Ruth & family left for Imperial Beach, CA.

9 May 1953 grandson Bruce W. McZwney born, Imperial Beach, CA.
Fall of 1953 Visited Ruth & family, San Diego, CA after Wayne returned from sea duty. Drove down to Tijuana, Mexico. Their first trip to foreign soil.

1 Jan 1958 Dragged snow off road. *Atchison Co. Mo.*

11 Feb. 1958 Entertained 3 men for dinner, then played pinochle all afternoon..

28 Feb. 1958 Purchased *1951* John Deere "A" tractor at farm sale for \$380.00

1958 Had dentures relined.
Continued renting Beckman farm.

10 March 1958 Didn't feel well several days. Went to Dr. Heart muscles relaxed too much. Dr. Prescribed medication.

15 April 1958 Sowed grass seed.

Jul 1959 Brother George died Thermopolis, W.V.

1950-1960's Good farming years, rented more land to produce more products.

John F. Kennedy elected 35th Pres.; Lyndon Johnson, vice pres.

1960 Purchased their 2nd new car, a 1960 Chevrolet, Biscayne 4-door sedan.

*1953 - trip to CA.
Think D & DCot
came with them
but don't remember
them at our house.*

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1961		Alan Shepherd became America's first man to fly in space aboard the Mercury spacecraft Freedom 7. Bay of Pigs Peace Corp established. War in Vietnam
1962		John Glenn, first American to orbit earth.
22 Nov. 1963		Pres. Kennedy assassinated in Dalla, Texas. Lyndon Baynes Johnson became the 36th president of the United States.
1964		Lyndon B. Johnson elected President, Hubert Humphrey, V. P.
1965		Medicare established; hospital & medical care for persons over 65. Dr. Martin L. King leads march from Selma to Montgomery, AL
Feb. 1965	His overalls and long underwear got caught in tractor power take-off. Clothing torn off; suffered abrasions and burns; fortunate to survive.	
Spring 1965	Grandson Tom McQuerry enlisted in Marine Corp.	
Summer 1965	Grandsons Sam & Bruce McQuerry spent part of the summer.	
Summer 1966	Grandsons Sam & Bruce spent part of the summer.	
Summer 1967	Grandsons Sam & Bruce spent part of summer.	
Fall, 1967	Visited us in Orange, CA. Dad's emphysema exacerbated by smoke from brush fires.	Astronauts Grissom, White & Chaffee killed in fire in capsule.
Summer 1967	Grandson Bruce spent part of summer.	Senator Robert Kennedy assassinated.
Summer 1967	Grandson Tom, deployed to Vietnam.	
28 Sept 1968	Grandson Tom returned from 1st tour in Vietnam.	
Fall 1968	Grandson Tom returned to Vietnam for 2nd tour.	
Winter of 1968/9	Purchased house, small acreage in Westboro, MO, as their retirement home. Did a lot of remodeling on the old house.	

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- Mar 1969 Grandson Tom, returned from Vietnam.
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- July, 1969 (Neil Amstrong, 1st man on moon.)
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- 1970 Continued going to farm to chore. Couldn't run (chase farm animals) very much -- made him ill.
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- 7 Feb 1970 Helped Kenneth Barnes with pigs, emphysema really bothered.
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- 17 Feb. 1970 Sold farm to Charles & Alice Marie Hoshor.
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- 7 Mar 1970 Sold rest of cattle on farm.
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- 19 March ¹⁹⁷⁰ Closing out sale on farm
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- April 1970 Did some day work for Barnes.
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- 21 May 1970 Purchased a new 1970 Chevrolet, Impala. Had lots of trouble with it; rust in the gas tank.
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- 12 June 1970 Drove to Cedar County to attend Jerico Springs annual picnic.
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- 25 July 1970 Glacie fell down basement stairs, broke both bones in her left leg. Edd wrote in her diary for a month until she could ~~do it again.~~ *recurve.*
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- Sept 1970 Attended Collins Family Reunion at Foster's, Sheldon, MO
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- 25 Sept 1970 Had to have wax removed from good ear, difficulty in hearing.
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- 10 Nov. 1970 Pictures taken for 50th wedding anniversary.
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- 22 Nov. 1970 Open house at church for 50th Anniversary.
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- 2 Dec. 1970 Had infection on nose and around eyes. Went to Dr. Got medication.
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- April 1971 Started working at local gas station for owner Glenn Mathers.

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9 Nov 1971	Flew by United Airlines from Omaha, NE to CA, Visited son & family, Fremont, CA & dau & family, Orange, CA	
1972	Played many pinochle games. Working again at the gas station part time.	
4 April 1972	Served on Election Board.	
9 June 1972	Went to Jerico Springs annual picnic.	
July 1972	Began having prostate problems. Helped people in need (ran errands, driving to Dr., etc.)	
8 Aug. 1972	Served on election board.	
Sept 1972	Did day labor part time for Ozzie King, hog pavalion.	
6 Nov 1972	Had prostate removed in Omaha, NE	Apollo 17 launched last of the lunar space missions..
26 Dec 1972		Former Pres. Harry S. Truman died.
29 Dec 1972	Had pneumonis, hospitalized about 1 week.	
22 Jan 1973		Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson died.
31 Jan 1973	Found lump on arm but Dr. didnt think it amounted to anything.	
12 Mar. 1973	Witched well for Eberts.	
25 April 1973	Purchased a new Snapper Riding lawn mower.	
July 1973	Had to install a "coon" proof fence around sweet corn.	Watergate fiasco.
25 July 1973	Went to Dr , diagnosed as having "some" heart trouble. Prescribed medicine & told him to go back to work!	
26 July 1973	73 years old today.	Hog prices advanced to \$58.50 per 100 lbs. All time high. Inflation prevalent.

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11 Aug 1973	<i>Back problems extra penis</i> Purchased new mattress/box springs for Dad.	
10 Oct 1973		V. Pres. Spiro Agnew resigned from office.
24 Dec. 1973	Pumped nearly 400 gals gas, biggest day yet while working at gas station.	
19 Jan 1974	Edd started working full time at gas station.	Pres. Nixon resigned, succeeded by V.P. Gerald Ford.
27 Feb 1974	Got new washer & dryer installed. Thought people should find something better to do than to "streak"	"Streaker" fad began before a mass of people.
27 Feb 1974	Had bad cold, went to Dr. Got "shot." Too sick to work, ended up in hospital, verging on pneumonia.	Gasoline shortage in winter months. Patty Hearst kidnapped.
March 1974	Brother Walter ran over by tractor, killed. Edd & Kyle Green had misunderstanding; jeopardized their long friendship.	
April 1974	Had sore tongue, Dr thought it a reaction to the many antibiotics he has taken.	
6 May 1974	Worked at gas station. While changing tire, it exploded. He was badly bruised, abrasions, and cuts; broken bone in finger. Hospitalized 1 week.	
17 June 1974	Emphysema "spasm", hospitalized 1 week.	
26 July 1974	74th birthday. <i>windows</i> purchased 1st air conditioner	Hot, hot summer! 106 degrees the hottest.
5 Aug 1974		Nixon confessed to withholding information re Watergate. Pressure increased for him to resign.
6 Aug 1974	Served on election board. Did day labor part time for Ozzie King. (mainly carpentry in hog sale barn)	Nixon resigned, lied under oath.

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5 Nov. 1974	Served on election board as Judge.	
20 Nov. 1974	Witched a well for Darrel Pitner, Westboro, MO.	
23 Dec. 1974	Flew to LA for Christmas with daughter, grandchildren	
17 Jan 1975	Attended graduation for grandson, Wayne Collins from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. Held at Ambassador College Auditorium, Pasadena, CA	
24 Jan 1975	Returned home from CA. Dad sick off & on for several weeks. Required "shots", don't know what kind.	
18 April 1975	Nose still sore, Dr thought it might be cancer.	
23 April 1975	Operated on nose & sent to lab.	
30 April 1975	Report came back, skin cancer.	
31 May 1975	Met McQuerry's in Stanberry, MO. Ruth & Wayne came home with Collins. Visted Sr. Jane Frances Harrison at Clyde, MO	
2 June 1975	Drove to So. MO & OK to visit family.	
17 July 1975	Still doing day labor as he feels like it.	Apollo docks with Soyuz in space -- a thaw in cold war.
August 1975	Humid days exacerbated emphysema. Had a bad cold. Ended up getting a "shot."	
2 Sept 1975	Sat on Special Election Board.	
11 Sept 1975	Started to Wyoming driving.	
24 Sept 1975	Returned home from Wyoming.	
October 1975	Made picture frames for Glacie's paintings.	
4 Nov 1975	Served on Election Board.	

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8 Nov 1975	Worked some on his hobby--rocks.
20 Nov 1975	Worked on lapidary in basement.
19 Feb 1976	Purchased new saw for slicing rocks. Got the saw and motor set up in basement.
14 March 1976	Dad sick and entered hospital. Dr. said it was "flu" epidemic.
20 Mar 1976	Ran temp of 102-103. Got very stubborn.
24 Mar 1976	Improved some, sat on edge of bed, ate both dinner & supper. Enjoyed visiting.
26 Mar 1976	First wheelchair ride, but so tired. Cries easily.
29 Mar 1976	Walked a little; beginning to eat.
1 April 1976	Came home from hospital, very weak. Had to elevate head of bed on blocks of wood.
3 April 1976	Weighed 134 lbs., very thin.
8 April 1976	Weighed 128 lbs. Dr said Dad was lucky to be alive. Lungs in bad shape from emphysema. Will take a month to recover.
20 April 1976	Appetite returned. Hungry all the time!
15 May 1976	Weighed 146 lbs.
26 May 1976	Brother Bill passed away, Vinita, OK
27 May 1976	Drove to OK to attend funeral of Bill Collins.
29 May 1976	After services drove to Jerico Springs, MO for night.
30 May 1976	Drove home, Attended 40th anniversary party for Wilma & Maurice Whigham, Glacie's sister.

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Summer 1976	Did gardening, mowing & other chores at home.	
3 Aug. 1976	Served on Election Board.	
9 Aug 1976	Purchased first "Leisure Suit."	
25 Aug 1976	Stung badly by bumble bees, had to have "shot" to counteract the stings. Had to have 2nd shot.	
26 Aug 1976	Got another bee sting, but didn't have any more "shots."	
1 Sept 1976	Witched well for Ralph Vette.	
2 Nov 1976	Served on Election Board	Jimmie Carter, elected President.
15 Nov 1976	Helped "find" water for George Laur.	
5 Jan 1977	Got "shot" for cold he couldn't shake.	
8 Jan 1977	Got second "shot."	Pres. Carter pardoned most draft evaders of the Vietnam War.
13 Jan 1977	Very cold winter, takes lots of fuel. -22 degrees	
18 Feb 1977	Had biopsy taken from ear, required 3 stitches.	
3 Mar 1977	Had skin cancer removed from side of face. Required 6 stitches.	
2 April 1977	Helped Mom give herself a permanent. He had done this several times before.	
15 April 1977	Day labor for Ozzie King on day of sale of prize breeding hogs.	
4 June 1977	Drove to Jerico Springs, MO -- picnic.	
17 June 1977	Sprayed for infestation of grasshoppers.	

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- 25 June 1977 Drove to Vinita, OK to attend Bill Collins family reunion. Floods in Kansas.
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- 28 June 1977 Dad very tired after returning home from OK.
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- 1 July 1977 Had breaking out on hip. Dr diagnosed it as Shingles. Seems to fall easily, may be result of medication.
Very hot, dry. Use "city water" only for drinking and cooking. Hauled in water for other uses.
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- 26 July 1977 76th birthday.
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- 28 July 1977 Went with Tracy Barnes to witch well. Not really able to go (per Mom).
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- Aug 1977 Hot and humid. Difficult to breathe.
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- 1 Sept 1977 Went to skin Specialist in Omaha, NE. Had 3 biopsys taken from ear.
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- 9 Sept 1977 Biopsy said skin cancer, but no "feelers" going out.
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- 12 Sept 1977 Surgery to remove cancer, removed piece larger than dime.
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- 16 sept 1977 Ear got infected. Used hot packs, plus medication. Worked hard on living room installing dropped ceiling.
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- 29 Sept 1977 Witched well southeast of Fairfax, MO
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- 9 Oct. 1977 Went to Bridgewaters to help them celebrate their 65th anniversary. Had pictures taken.
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- 18 Oct 1977 Discovered lumps under arms and back of ear.
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- 6 Nov 1977 Humidity bad, couldn't breathe.

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13 Nov 1977	Entered hospital in Omaha, NE
15 Nov. 1977	Lymph node removed and sent to pathologist.
16 Nov 1977	Returned home from Omaha.
21 Nov 1977	57th wedding anniversary.
24 Nov 1977	Spent Thanksgiving Day with sister & family, the Bridgewaters.
28 Nov 1977	Entered Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, NE
29 Nov 1977	Diagnosed as having lymphoma and cancer of the bone marrow.
3 Dec. 1977	Brother-in-law, Lawrence Foster's funeral
10 Dec 1977	Very low blood count. Not mentioned in diaries, but think Dad was receiving chemotherapy all this time.
22 Dec 1977	Returned home for the holidays. Mom cut his remaining hair, then shaved his head with the electric razor. Called himself "Kojak."
3 Jan 1978	Took Dad back to the hospital.
12 Jan 1978	Returned home.
25 Jan 1978	Went to local Dr. Blood count very low. Choice of going to hospital for 1 month very rigid treatment & may not survive or come home & take milder chemo. Report back in 2 wks. Chose the latter.
22 Feb 1978	Low blood count.
27 Feb 1978	Trouble breathing at night, slept sitting up in chair.

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3 Mar 1978	Very discouraged.
16 Mar 1978	Message from Dr. In Omaha, that he couldn't live very long if he stays home, has a chance in Hospital.
18 Mar 1978	Gone down hill all week. Had bad night.
19 Mar 1978	Gasped for breath. Left home at 5:00 am for hospital in Fairfax, MO. Entered hospital, had to have oxygen.
26 Mar 1978	Gradually getting worse. Medication making him delirious.
21 April 1978	Weighed 111 1/2 lbs. Getting weaker all the time. Sometimes didn't remember eating.
May 1978	Having to have more pain medication.
June 1978	Been on morphine several days. Still has a sense of humor. Dr. asked if was pretty good, Dad said he was neither pretty nor good!
8 June 1978	Passed away 2:30-2:45 pm. Just quit breathing. Weighed about 87 lbs.
10 June 1978	Funeral services today at the Westboro United Methodist Church. Internment at Center Grove Cemetery, Westboro, MO.

EDWIN MILLER (EDD) COLLINS--MY DAD

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- o Liked children

PART VII, ILLNESS, DEATH (Twilight then darkness?)

Wyoming

Mother + Dad lived ^{on a} ^{rainquashed} Homestead they

purchased near Garland, Parke Co. Wyoming.

Both were quite young and had not yet learned
the difficult lessons ^{life} ~~rainfall was insufficient so~~ crops ~~were~~ irrigated with
~~purchased water~~ ^{insufficient} rainfall dictated they must
~~purchase expensive irrigation water.~~
daylight was breaking and

the sun peaked up over the eastern horizon

Dad jumped out of bed with a start!

"What's that I hear?"

By that time Mom was wide awake.

"Where is it?"

Dad hurriedly pulled on his shirt, overalls and shoes. He dashed outside to investigate.

what he saw was alarming.

"I forgot to turn off the irrigation water last night

we lost about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land and a part
of your garden!"

Had rain to close the valve
so no more land and garden
washed away. Water was very expensive
in addition to losing the land and seeds.

That was probably the only time he
neglected to turn off the irrigation water
before retiring for the night.

THE RUBBER DOLLAR BILL

A new bank opened for business in a neighboring farm village. To emphasize that the customer's money would go further at their bank, each person, on opening day, received a rubber dollar bill. Dad carefully put it in his wallet. He would have to think awhile on just how he could have some fun using it.

A well established merchant of a general store in Westboro liked a good joke. He was known to pull a few pranks on unsuspecting people himself. Dad was in the store a few weeks later to purchase some needed groceries. After his order was filled, he reached into his hip pocket and slowly, but deliberately pulled out his worn, brown wallet. He haltingly fingered through the bills. Among them was that rubber dollar bill! There were several other customers in the store waiting their turn. Quietly, Dad paid using that rubber dollar bill as part of the total amount due. Nothing was said by the merchant. There was not even an inkling of suspicion.

Several weeks later, Dad was in the store to purchase needed groceries. Other people were in the store to do their trading too. After the bill was totaled on the old hand-operated cash register, Dad paid the man. He didn't have the correct amount due so he would have some change coming back to him. Would you believe he got that rubber dollar bill in change?

That same rubber dollar was exchanged ¹ many times, always when there was a group of people in the store. Dad finally retired that rubber dollar. He had enjoyed trading it with a man he respected and knew wouldn't get angry with him for his humor.

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^{OK}
^{small farm}
The ~~farm~~ Dad rented in northern Nodaway County, Missouri was sold in late 1930. The new owners planned to farm it themselves. Dad was unable to find another farm to rent for the following year. After searching several weeks, he found a job working by the month on a farm located in southern Page County, Iowa. The location was a few miles northeast of Blanchard, a hamlet. This job included a house for us and a garden spot. We could have some chickens, a cow or two and a few hogs for our own use.

Dad yearned to farm for himself again after "working for the other fellow" for a year. He longed to see a herd of ^{white faced} Hereford beef cattle and Spotted Poland China hogs in the pastures that he could call his own. He wanted to raise hay, corn and small grain to feed these animals to be marketed. The fall or early winter of 1931 he finally found a suitable farm for rent in northeast Atchison County, Missouri. Our family soon identified this 160-acre farm as the "Morrow Farm" because it was owned by Dr. Morrow, a dentist, who lived, and practiced, in Woodbine, Iowa, a small town located some 100 miles northwest of the farm.

Missouri was part of the territory known as the "Louisiana Purchase" acquired from France in 1803 during the administration of Thomas Jefferson. A year later, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began paddling their canoes up the mouth of the Missouri River at St. Louis to it's headwaters. The Lewis and Clark Expedition opened this vast area west of the Mississippi River for settlement. Missouri is sometimes called the "Center State" because of it's location midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the mountain range we now call the Rocky Mountains. It is also identified as the "Mother of the West" because of the many fur trappers, traders, and pioneer settlers that traveled the Missouri River upstream to northwest Missouri and beyond. Missouri is, however, more commonly known as the "Show Me State," a title generally attributed to a congressman who stated in a speech delivered in 1899 "...I am from Missouri...you have to show me."

Glaciers covered most of the northern part of Missouri during the Ice Ages. In the northwest part of the state, they left a gently rolling terrain drained by rivers and their many tributaries. Deep deposits of rich, silt loam covered the valleys and lower hills. Below the surface of some of the higher hills was clay soil. Long after the glaciers receded, bluestem and other tall grasses began growing and eventually covered the prairie. Timber, predominately deciduous trees, abounded in river and creek valleys. During World War I, farmers were encouraged to grow more food. Thus, by the early 1930s most of the land was broken and intensively cultivated. Few trees remained except along river banks and those planted around home sites for shelter and shade. Many farms had small orchards that included apple, peach, pear and/or cherry trees.

Atchison County, the most northwest county in Missouri, is a part of this fertile farmland. It is bounded by Iowa on the north, Nodaway County, on the east, Holt County on the south and the Missouri River on the west. Temperature extremes range from twenty degrees below zero Fahrenheit in winter to over one-hundred degrees during a few days in summer. The average annual rainfall is thirty-two inches. A large portion of this falls during the summer months of June, July, and August. Snowfall in winter averages twenty-

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one inches. There can be frequent changes in the weather from day-to-day as well as season-to-season. During winter months very cold air frequently swoops down from Canada. In summer, warm, moist air often gushes up from the Gulf of Mexico. Hot, dry winds sometimes blow from the west. There is a saying there that "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes and it will change!" Unwelcome pests during the summer include mosquitoes, chiggers, locusts, crickets and beetles. By the early 1930s, crops grown for cash and for livestock feed included corn, hay and small grains such as wheat and oats.

Early March was moving time for farmers. This date was early enough for the farmer to get settled in their new home before beginning to prepare the ground for spring planting. Last year's crops had been harvested and most, if not all, either sold or fed to live stock. This minimized the "stuff" that had to be moved. A "down side" associated with March moves was the roads. At that time most rural roads were dirt roads. By March, the roads had thawed and frequently were very muddy.

I remember little about our move from the farm in Page County, Iowa, to the Morrow Farm in March, 1932. I was eight years old. My brother, Everett, was ten. I have a few recollections of preparations for the move. Small household items, clothing, tools, et cetera were packed in boxes and bushel baskets. Chickens were caught and put into cages. These cages were made of a wood frame, covered with chicken wire, and just tall enough for the hen to stand up. They were large enough to hold about a dozen hens. The chicken wire was made of light weight wire with hexagon shaped holes approximately one and one-half inches in size.

Several neighbors helped Dad and Mom load their meager possessions – household items and some farm equipment -- onto horse-drawn wagons, haul them to our new abode and then unload everything. The few cattle Dad procured in preparation for farming for himself were driven to their new home. It took a long day to load the wagons, make the ten-mile trek between the two farms and unload the wagons.

The Morrow Farm was on the north side of an east-west road. The building site was about halfway up a gently sloping, southwest facing hill. Approaching the farm from the east, as we did during our move, the first visible evidence of the home site when we crested the hill was a gigantic maple tree in the front yard near the road. By summer we discovered many birds called this tree "home." Nests of orange and black Baltimore orioles were visible swinging from small branches high in the tree. A few robins and an occasional cardinal also claimed a portion of that majestic tree.

The homesite was made up of several buildings. Foremost was a small, white, clapboard, four-room bungalow. It was smaller than most houses in the area. A few feet east of the back door was the well that supplied water for the house. A metal, long handled, lift pump raised water into the spout, then into a white enameled pail. After the pail was filled we carried it into the house.

The large red barn was situated north of the house. It provided shelter for horses, cattle, grain, and hay. A double corn-crib located east of the barn could be seen from the north kitchen window. Hog houses

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were near the barn. Closer to the house was the brooder house. In the spring baby chicks were hatched and raised in this weather beaten structure. Adjacent to the brooder house on the west was the henhouse. Straw filled nests were built in along the sides for the hens to lay eggs. Several rows of long slender poles were placed in the center of the building for the chickens to roost at night. Eggs were gathered in a pail daily. Those not consumed by the family were carefully cleaned and placed in egg crates to be transported to market.

Wide boards formed a walkway from the house a few feet north to the cave. A cave, sometimes called a cellar, is primarily a place for storing produce to prevent freezing in winter and getting too hot and spoiling in summer. It is partly below ground level and partly above ground level. Two to three feet of dirt was placed over the arched ceiling making it appear to be a mound. Grass grew all over the top to help insulate the cave. Construction of the cave began by digging a hole about four feet deep, approximately ten feet wide by twelve feet long, and probably about seven to eight feet at the tallest part of the arch. Entrance to the cave was via a wooden door. The door parallel to the ground, sloped slightly upward toward the mound. The door opened to wooden steps leading from the walkway down to the cave floor. The floor usually is made of hard packed earth. The sides and arched roof are bricked up so the earth won't collapse inside. Sometimes the entire structure is made of concrete. A small air vent of round stone tile was positioned in the arch and extended above ground a foot or two. There was no light in the cave so we carried a kerosene lantern or battery powered flashlight to see in the dark corners. Multiple wood shelves are built around all sides far enough apart to store hundreds of jars of canned fruit, jam, jellies, vegetables, and meats several jars deep. The bright colors of fruit and vegetables shone like jewels in the light. Each fall, fresh dug potatoes, carrots and cabbages were stored in wood boxes or large stone jars on the floor. During the summer we kept cream, milk, butter and eggs in the cave to keep cool.

Several times during the summer we took sanctuary in the cave whenever a tornado threatened. We all ran to the cave, closed the door behind us, for protection until the worst of the wind storm passed. Fortunately we didn't have any tornado strike our farm nor on the neighboring farms.

We frequently encountered green frogs in the cave and occasionally a harmless bull snake that crawled in for protection from the summer heat. One hot summer day I went to the cave to get butter for supper. I discovered a bull snake with a huge bulge about midway from the head to the tail. I screamed for Mom! She came running with a hoe, her favorite weapon. Mom hurriedly hooked the snake around the hoe, backed up the steps bringing it to ground level. Before it could crawl away she hacked the snake open with the hoe and a green frog hopped away! When it came to snakes Mom was fast!

Back of the brooder house was located the privy, more commonly referred to as the "outhouse." On the farm we didn't have bathrooms with flush toilets. The outhouse was our toilet. It was a small, rectangular, wood house set over a hole about four feet deep. Inside the outhouse was a wood floor. There was a wood seat

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on the opposite side from the door with, usually, two round holes. Sometimes there were lids to cover the holes. Pages from last years Montgomery Ward or Sears catalog were used in ^{lieu} place of soft toilet tissue. In winter, it was so cold, the visit was of short duration with a hasty retreat back to the warm house.

Our post office was in Blanchard, Iowa, some four and one-half miles away. The rural mail carrier, a highly respected public servant, was eagerly awaited each day. Each family had a large metal mailbox anchored to a post by the road so the carrier could drive up and not need to leave his vehicle. The opening on the front of the box was covered with a small metal door. On the side of the box was a red flag to be raised when we had something to mail. Stamps or money orders could be purchased from him. Mother would put the cash in an envelope with instructions written on the outside as to what she wanted to purchase. The envelope with the directions and the cash were placed inside the mailbox. The raised flag was the signal for the carrier to stop. Would he bring letters from far away family members and friends, the daily newspaper, or would it be merchandise we had ordered from the Montgomery Ward catalog? Did that package include my new shoes, material for a new dress, or a pair of overalls for Dad or my brother?

The majority of people living on the surrounding farms and in the small towns were white Anglo-Saxon Protestants. No blacks, Asians or Mexicans lived within many miles. I am unaware of any Jews living in the area at that time. A few Catholics lived closeby but I didn't know any of them.

Most of the outlying towns were, and still are, small villages. They relied on agriculture for their livelihood. Rural villages were constructed much alike. Most contained a post office, drug store, combination grocery and dry goods store, telephone office, cafe, feed store, hardware store, gasoline service stations, the family doctor, and a veterinarian. A fairly large two story brick building housed both elementary and high school. It was located on the outskirts of town. There were no hotels or taverns. Methodist and Christian churches were located in the town of Westboro.

The early March moving date was also a problem for school-age children. Moving required children to change schools during the last part of the spring term. We found It difficult to leave our friends and neighbors behind. It was trying to get used to another teacher, as well as to make new friends with other children and neighbors. My brother and I walked one mile west on the dirt road to Eureka, a one-room country school. I needn't have worried. The first day at the new school, the teacher introduced us to all the other pupils. Miss Hedrick was a warm, lovely person and made us feel a part of the classroom the first day.

During inclement weather, we wore three or four buckle overshoes, heavy coats, warm tams or caps, and warm mittens. When it rained, the mud stuck to our overshoes.making huge blobs. They got so heavy, we could hardly lift them. We tried to shake the mud off or scraped it off on the grass. Most of the children took their sleds to school when there was snow on the ground. We rode them down hills going to and from school. It was great fun sledding down hill during recess and the noon hour after a hastily eaten lunch.

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Monthly community meetings were held at the school during the school term, usually in the evening. The exception being for the all day event held each fall following corn harvest. These meetings kept each family involved in school and community affairs. They were social events as well as being informative regarding activities and progress of their sons and daughters attending school.

Farmers frequently helped each other with tasks such as haying, shocking grain, threshing, and butchering. Occasionally when it rained in summer neighbors visited and played cards usually on Sunday afternoons. Oftentimes in the winter a few neighbors would get together for a soup supper and card games. Othertimes children played games while the adults visited. The night of Fourth of July brought a few neighbors together for "all you can eat" home-made ice cream and cake. After dark the young people took turns shooting off their fireworks. Occasionally there were club picnics or pot luck dinners when the farmer could take time off from his work.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Buzz-buzz-buzz the alarm clock sounded at 5:00 am! Dad slowly opened his eyes and threw the covers back. He reluctantly crawled out of bed, rubbed his eyes, and yawned as he dressed. He usually wore cotton, dark blue, denim bib-overalls, a gray chambray shirt, and sturdy brown leather work boots, laced with leather laces. In summer he wore a straw hat, but in the spring and fall it was usually a gray cap.

On cool mornings, he donned a blue denim jacket before going to the barn to carry out the morning chores. The mooing of the cows and calves, the whinny from the horses, and oink-oink from the hogs signified they were hungry. The familiar barnyard stench greeted him as he neared the barn. He put oats in the feed box for the horses and a ground mixture, that included cracked corn, in the feed box for the cows. Dad pitched hay down from the loft and put it in the mangers for both cows and horses. The hogs noisily awaited their turn to have ears of corn to eat.

Dad opened the door, and drove the milk cows into the barn. They each knew their personal stall. Then he fastened each cow in a stanchion. Sometimes in summer, Dad sprayed the cows' backs and sides with smelly fly spray. The hand-held "flit" sprayer was about eighteen inches long. A horizontally mounted small round tank that held the spray was located at one end. At the other end was a T-shaped handle that one pulled and pushed to distribute the spray. Restraints placed on the hind legs of those cows that vented their displeasure, prevented them from kicking. The tail, usually fastened with the restraints, kept the milkman from being switched with the bushy end of the tail. He cleaned the udders and teats by brushing them with his hands.

Dad sat on a one-legged stool near the right flank of the cow with a metal three gallon bucket firmly gripped between his knees. A full three gallon pail of milk weighs about twenty-five pounds. He gently held a teat in each hand and began the process of milking. This procedure, accomplished with a squeeze of the fingers beginning next to the udder, then with a slow downward motion, squeezed a stream of warm milk into the pail. Dad repeated this procedure with each teat until the udder was empty. Upon completing this process with all cows, he carried the buckets of sweet, sticky, foamy milk to the house.

The bulky, black, cream separator stood like a sentinel in the pantry. He poured the milk into a large round strainer in the big metal bowl on top, then cranked the separator by turning a handle in a clockwise motion. One could hear the whir and whine of the separator as it reached the required rpm's before opening the spigot. Beneath the spigot was a cup with a float. Under that in the center was a whirling group of metal disks that separated the cream from the milk by centrifugal force. The whole milk ran down through the mechanism channeling the cream out one spout and skim milk out the other. We reserved some cream for home use and sold the excess. We saved some skim milk in a gallon crock for household use; hogs, cats, and, chickens devoured the remainder.



Circa 1934 South of Clatskanie, Ore

Back row Lt to Rt.

Leonard Comstock, Edd Collins, Maurice Williams, Bert McMillan (manager),
Wayne Gates, Grace Collins (scorekeeper)

Front row L-R

Marcus Staples, Bill McMillan, Buddy Nushols, Everett Collins (bat boy)
Clifford Winstead (?), Alan McMillan

Eureka Little League Club

HORSE TRADIN'

by
Ruth C. McQuerry

"I'm goin' to see if I can trade horses," Dad declared.

"You need to shave, change into clean shirt and overalls, and be here when your sister and family arrive. You know they're always early; they'll be here by ten o'clock. It just isn't polite to be away when they arrive," Mother responded disapprovingly.

Mother didn't take to Dad's horse-tradin'. Although we didn't attend church, she liked to keep the Sabbath for rest and family. Sunday morning, after chores and breakfast, was occasionally his time to indulge in this activity. He usually spent hours talking to the trader. Often we had guests for the noon meal, followed by a game of cards or horseshoes in the afternoon. Besides, Mother wanted Dad to split enough firewood to cook the meal, bring in a fresh pail of water, and tidy up the back porch before they arrived.

Dad had a mind of his own. If he had something he wanted to do, it didn't matter how much Mom cajoled him. He disappeared to fulfill his plans. This day was no exception; the traveling horse trader was nearby on his annual spring circuit. Dad strode to the barn, bridled Ol' Baldy, one of his work horses, then rode bareback down the dusty road.

During the mid-1930s, most farm people had little money. They tried to honestly better their situation in various ways, including swapping horses or farm implements. Dad's draft horses were of mixed breeds; purebreds were way beyond his means. He attempted to obtain better animals by trading.¹

Once during the spring and again in the fall, a horse-trader came through the countryside. He traveled in a wagon, similar to those used by peddlers, pulled by a team of horses or mules. Several other horses and mules, tethered by a rope to the wagon, trailed behind. He camped on a patch of partially grassy, tree-lined, vacant land by the creek near Van Stavern's corner. It was about one-

¹ A negotiation accompanied by shrewd bargaining and reciprocal concessions.

half mile west of our farm. His sole purpose was to trade horses and mules with local farmers and get a little extra cash to boot.²

While slowly approaching the traders' wagon, Dad sized up the tethered horses munching on the green grass. He thought, *"He really took Barnes last year so I don't want to appear too eager. Don't want the trader to think I'm a sucker." Neither do I want him to think I'm a greenhorn when it comes to judging horseflesh."*

The trader sat on a stool near the wagon with a rickety chair nearby for customers. He had a full, scraggly, gray beard, gray hair, and wore a rumped, medium-blue shirt and faded blue overalls. A "roll-your-own" cigarette dangled out the left side of his mouth. Now and then he sipped black, boiled coffee from a tin cup as he watched Dad ride up on his sorrel plow horse. He judged, *That horse looks pretty good, nice flesh. Looks like he's well broke to work in the harness. Perhaps I can really make out good on this guy. He seems pretty interested in that bay gelding.*

Dad slid off the horse, tied the reins to a branch of a nearby tree, and started looking over the gelding.

After putting his tin cup on the top step of the wagon, the trader stood up and strolled over to Dad. He tossed the cigarette butt in the dirt, ground his old, well-worn shoe on it to make sure the fire was out, spat on the ground, then inquired, "Do 'ya like that 'un? That's a fine piece of horseflesh you're lookin' at."

"Aw, I don't know, jus' sorta liked his looks. Don't look like you have many I'm interested in though," Dad replied.

"Over thar is 'nother 'un that's a dandy," the trader said, nodding his head in the direction of a spotted gray and white gelding. "He's strong and would make a good 'un in the field."

Dad still liked the looks of the bay gelding. He grabbed hold of the upper lip, just below the nostril, with one hand and the lower jaw with the other, and opened the mouth to check the teeth. The age of a horse can be judged by

² A farm expression of that day meaning something in addition to the basic trade.

checking the number and condition of the teeth. It didn't appear the teeth were filed down to make it harder to judge the age.

"He's kinda old. Don't think I'm interested in one that age!" Dad rolled a cigarette, lit it and thought awhile. He inspected for straight legs, the size of the feet, (large feet desirable for plowing), and well-muscled hindquarters. Then he checked the shoulders for fistulas,³ if it had the heaves,⁴ or any other noticeable abnormality.

"That thar gelding works real good. He's strong, never knows what it is to be in the pasture very long," the trader volunteered in his most persuasive voice.

"Has Ol' man Barnes been up to see ya'?"

The trader thought a little bit, then groaned, "Yeah, we couldn't get together on anything."

Matching wits to see who presented the best bargain sometimes took hours, and often conversations at various times over several days. Dad usually came out the victor but sometimes misjudged an animal. Now and then he intentionally traded for a horse that had a fistula or other minor problem if he thought he could cure it, especially if the horse appeared to be a better draft animal than one he owned. Perhaps, after treatment and cure he could trade or sell the horse and make a little money on the deal.

Dad once traded for a horse that worked "real good" until about four o'clock in the afternoon. The horse then simply lay down in the field and refused to budge. Dad finally figured out how to stop that nonsense. After tying the animal so it couldn't get up, he left it in the field overnight. The next morning Dad untied and let him up, then hitched him to the plow. He worked until noon before feeding or watering the beast. That ended the annoying habit of "laying down on the job."

³ An open sore or abscess on top of neck or upper shoulders caused by ill fitting collar.

⁴ Respiratory disease of horses, characterized by forced breathing, coughing, and heaving of the flank.

Another example of a bad trade was for a mule that liked to run away. My teenage brother, Everett, was disking⁵ one spring, preparing a field to plant corn when the mule decided to run away. He jerked one of the reins out of Everett's hand, leaving him only one rein to hold onto. Hanging on for dear life, Everett pulled the other rein with as much strength as he could muster, causing the team to run in circles. They eventually tired of that and stopped. What a wild ride!

Dad wasn't going to be fooled by the trader on this occasion. He moseyed over, sat down in the wobbly chair by the wagon and pushed his straw hat toward the back of his head. Remembering some of his past experiences, he cautiously decided to make an offer on the bay gelding. "Tell you what I'll do, I'll trade you Ol' Baldy for that bay and some boot. How much will you give me, as my horse is younger and real good in the harness."

"Aw, I cain't do thet." The trader walked around Ol' Baldy, surveying him and figuring out how he could make the best deal. "Tell you what I kin do, I'll trade thet bay for your'n and \$2.50." They continued to match wits for another hour but neither budged.

"Guess we cain't do business today," Dad said as he stood up, walked over, untied the reins, hopped on Ol' Baldy and headed home.

Meanwhile, Mother worked diligently preparing the meal. She caught, killed, and dressed two young fryers. Preparations for the remainder of the meal were well under way when company arrived.

Dad was nowhere in sight! Nearly an hour later, he came plodding home riding the same horse he left with.

"Hello folks, sorry I didn't get back home before you came. Momma, is dinner about ready? I'm starved," he commented.

Mom sighed, wiped the sweat from her brow, put her hands on her hips, and with exasperation in her voice spat, "If you had been here to split the

⁵ Several sharp revolving circular blades about fifteen inches in diameter, hooked together a few inches apart, used to break up the soil for planting.

firewood, it would be ready. I had to take time out to do that, so you'll have to wait!" The air was so tense you could almost cut it with a knife.

"Did the trader have any good horses this time?" asked Uncle, attempting to change the subject.

"Naw, not really. He did have one bay gelding I was sorta interested in, but he wuz too old. The trader wanted way too much fer 'im," Dad replied.

"They'll really skin ya' if you're not careful," Uncle remarked.

"Maybe next time around he'll have something better to offer," Dad said.

Dad and Uncle sauntered out to the front yard and sat down on a couple of chairs under the large maple tree near the horseshoe court. They discussed the weather and status of spring planting. They just began "jawing" each other as to who would get the most ringers while pitching horseshoes when Mom stuck her head out the door and hollered, "Dinner's ready!"

PICKING CORN
by
Ruth C. McQuerry

Corn was the principal crop Dad raised in northwest Missouri during the 1930s and 1940s to feed livestock—primarily beef cattle. Field corn, or dent corn, the most common grown in the Midwest, flourished in the rich, fertile land of Atchison County. The high percentage of milky starch inside the kernel shrinks as it matures and dries prior to harvesting. This process causes a dent to appear on the top of each kernel.

The corn plant, one of the true grain plants, is actually a grass. Open pollinated corn grown during Dad's early farming days was tall, sometimes reaching a height of ten feet. The tough, jointed stalk looks similar to bamboo with a single sword-like leaf sprouting at each joint. The leaf is about four inches wide at the widest point, curves outward and down tapering to a point like an arrowhead. Ears of corn grow where leaves join the stalk—usually one or more per plant. Tough leaves or husks, sometimes called shucks, tightly envelop each ear like sweet corn purchased at the grocery store. Silk-like threads, called corn silks, run from each kernel and stick out the end of the husk. Silks collect pollen for fertilization. After pollination, the silks dry into a thick, brown, crinkled mass. Some farm boys emulated their cigarette-smoking fathers; they rolled cigarettes using dried corn silks in place of tobacco. I was told corn silk cigarettes burned hot, sometimes blistering the smoker's tongue.

Nowadays, hybrid corn is shorter, more uniform in height, and produces higher yield. It is planted thicker with rows closer together. Today, yields of two hundred bushels per acre are common; though in the 1930s, one hundred bushels per acre was a rarity.

After preparing the soil, Dad planted corn seed in rows in early spring. It grew rapidly during the summer and was ready for harvest in the fall. Corn harvest, or picking, began no earlier than after the first frost and usually after a freeze.

Like his neighbors, Dad picked corn by hand. He walked between two rows of corn, picking ears from both rows. Automated, mechanical corn picking machines came into use many years later.

Cotton, gold colored, canvas-like gloves, worn with the fuzz on the outside, protected the pickers' hands from the dry, sharp husks and leaves. These gloves "took a beating" and soon wore through. A thumb pocket on both sides allowed the picker to reverse the gloves and get a few days extra wear from each pair.

Dad used a husking hook, to tear husks and silks from the corn before breaking the ear from the stalk. It consisted of a rectangular metal piece with a sharp metal hook in the center, riveted to a piece of leather about three inches wide. It fit in the palm of the hand, over the glove and buckled on the back of the hand. The hook curved towards his wrist.

About daylight, if it wasn't too frosty, Dad hitched the team of horses to the wagon and rumbled to the field. The depth of the wagon box came about hip high. Two sideboards added to each side of the wagon made the box deeper. Two additional boards added on the opposite side from the picker created the bang board. Ears of corn added at intervals along the length of the bang board added height and helped prevent corn from being thrown beyond the wagon.

A good picker developed a mechanical, almost musical-like rhythm. He grabbed an ear of corn with the left hand, hooked the husks and silks apart from the ear with the right, and held the shucks in the left. With a short jerk of his right hand towards his body, he

broke the ear from its shank and with a twist of the wrist flipped it toward the wagon. As soon as the right hand grasped the ear, the picker began looking for the next. An accomplished picker knew the location of the wagon in relation to his position. One could hear the steady rip of the husks, the snap of the ear breaking from the stalk, then the bang as it hit the board. Rip, snap, bang! Rip, snap, bang! Sometimes, it went rip, snap, thud. The sound depended upon whether the ear hit the board by the end or side of the ear.

Occasionally Mom helped harvest the corn. She worked the one row closest to the wagon. With her help they picked three rows each trip through the field. Mom didn't pick quite as fast as Dad, so he reached over in one of her rows and picked until she caught up to him. She had to stay a short distance behind Dad or she could be hit in the head by an ear Dad tossed toward the bang board.

He picked until noon, then drove the team to the well-ventilated corn crib near the barn. He opened the end gate of the wagon and scooped the corn in for storage and to finish drying. After eating a hearty dinner, he returned to the field to again fill the wagon with corn, then unload it. Mom told me he consistently picked one hundred bushels per day.

Dad's day didn't end with unloading the corn. He still had evening chores to do including feeding and watering the animals. Last came milking and running the separator before sitting down to supper. He tumbled into bed for a night of rest. Tomorrow would be another day to pick corn.

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Dad and his neighbor and close friend Kyle Green were both good farmers with strong opinions about their knowledge and abilities developed through years of experience working their land. Though sometimes they disagreed, they had a playful way of resolving their differences, often playing jokes on each other or wagering bets. Their competitiveness was all in fun, and their wagers went no higher than loser treating winner to a chocolate malted ice cream shake at the local cafe. On one occasion, typical of many, Dad and Kyle had a difference of opinion about the yield of Dad's prized alfalfa field.

One fall day in the late 1950's, Dad checked his alfalfa field. It bordered a dirt road that ran several feet below the level of the field. The steep bank between road and field caused deep snowdrifts on the road during winter storms. As he became older and plagued with back problems, Dad dreaded clearing drifted snow off the road. Furthermore, for several years the county road district had been after him to slope the bank and raise the roadbed with the excess dirt. This would minimize snowdrifts and provide better drainage to prevent recurring mud holes. Dad finally decided "now is the time" to give up part of his field. A county-furnished bulldozer and operator sloped the bank and pushed the dirt onto the roadbed.

The following spring, a mass of cockleburs, pigweed, ragweed, milkweed, and foxtail sprouted on the sloping bank. One day in early June, when it was nearly time for the first cutting, Dad looked over his alfalfa. After walking through the hayfield, he stood next to the road surveying the crop. Patched, loose fitting, blue denim bib-overalls and a gray chambray shirt with sleeves rolled up past the elbows draped his gaunt, six-foot-tall, frame. Heavy, high-topped, laced leather work shoes protected his feet. A gray cloth cap covered his graying hair hiding a pale forehead but revealing tanned cheeks and jaws. Standing there, sizing up the crop, he made a mental note to cut the weeds before they went to seed.

Alfalfa is a widely grown perennial legume, a highly desired nutritious food for animals, rich in protein and potassium. The extensive root system that can penetrate to a depth of seventeen feet makes it drought resistant. Alfalfa is a soil builder; it transfers nitrogen from the air to the soil, minimizes erosion, and adds humus to the soil when plowed under. Dense, bright green, oval-shaped leaves on slender stems

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reach heights of twelve to twenty-four inches. Small clusters of delicate, five-petal, purplish blossoms crown the plants as they mature. Three or more cuttings (harvests) are normal. Hay for feeding livestock consumes about four-fifths of the alfalfa grown in the United States. Food supplements for humans are another use of alfalfa. Bees make mild, tasty, honey from blossom nectar.

Kyle stopped, parked his battered Ford pickup on the road next to the field and ambled up the sloping bank to join Dad.

“H’llo, Edd.”

“H’llo, Kyle.”

“How much do you think it’ll make, Edd?”

“Oh, I don’t know” Dad replied as he took a tin of Sir Walter Raleigh smoking tobacco out of his hip pocket and a cigarette paper out of the bib-pocket of his overalls. He rolled a cigarette and placed it between his lips. After lighting the cigarette, with a kitchen match struck on the back of his raised right thigh, he answered, “Aw, I’m guessin’ it’ll be ninety-five to a hundred bales.”

Green moseyed out into the field a short distance, carefully examining the growing alfalfa. He bent over, broke off a stem about four inches long, put it in his mouth, then left it dangling. Green, like Dad, was thin although several inches shorter. His attire was similar to Dad’s. After slowly trudging back to where Dad stood, he drawled:

“Sure glad you finally gave in and let the county have some dirt to fix that road.”

“Yeah,” Dad grumbled. “I hadn’t counted on them takin’ half of my alfalfa field!”

Green turned back to look at the hay field and then exclaimed: “Edd, you’re ‘way short. There’s at least a hundred and ten bales in that field.”

After bantering several minutes, they decided to wager their usual stake when disagreeing. Whoever came closest to the actual yield was to be treated to a chocolate malted ice cream shake by the loser. They shook hands. Kyle walked down the bank and climbed into the pickup. The engine sputtered a

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few times, then began to roar. Green turned his pickup around and headed home, his mouth watering in anticipation of the chocolate malt he was sure to collect.

Dad cut the weeds a few days later and hauled them to a ditch that ran through the pasture.

Haying day finally came. The alfalfa, about twenty-four inches tall, exhibited a purplish hue. The weather was sunny and dry, with no rain predicted for the next few days -- perfect for haying. After the morning dew evaporated, Dad went to the shed, started his John Deere tractor, hitched it to the mower with the seven-foot cutter-bar held straight up, and rumbled out to the hayfield. Upon reaching the field Dad stopped the tractor, set the brake, then climbed down. After unscrewing the nut from the rod holding the cutter-bar upright, he carefully lowered it to its horizontal position. He adjusted it to cut about four inches above the ground thus leaving ample stems for new growth. Then he climbed back on the tractor, released the brake, engaged the power-take-off, and commenced mowing. The aroma of new-mown hay permeated the air.

Buster, a medium-sized brown and white mongrel dog, trotted along slightly ahead of the tractor wagging his tail. Sparrows, red-winged blackbirds and wild canaries picked up seeds and caught scattering insects. Butterflies flitted about in the slight breeze. Honey bees swarmed around the purple blossoms gathering nectar. Occasionally a blue racer, bull or garter snake slithered away. Cottontail rabbits darted from their nests and scampered away with bunnies in tow. All these migrated to another part of the field as the pop, pop, popping of the two-cylinder engine and the clatter of the sickle-bar disturbed them. The sickle-bar, powered by the tractor's power-take-off, is the moving part of the cutter bar.

The second day, Dad raked the hay into windrows using a side-delivery rake hitched on behind the tractor. A windrow is a row of hay raked up for further drying. Following another day of curing, Dad turned the windrows over using the same rake. In addition to facilitate curing of the hay, windrows are easy to collect and compress into rectangular bales held together with special twine. Bales are approximately fourteen inches by eighteen by thirty-six, and weigh about fifty-five pounds.

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Dad hired Olin Barnes, another close neighbor and owner of a one-man baler, to do this job. The weather cooperated. There was no rain during the entire process.

Green, anxious to collect his bet, drove over shortly after completion of baling. He walked out to the field, with a confident smile on his face.

“How many di’ ja get?”

“Ninety-eight bales. When do I get my malt?” Edd shot back with a twinkle in his eye and a grin on his face.

“That beats all! I never thought you’d throw away part of your hay crop for a malt! All right, I guess now is as good time as any to pay up.” The two men meandered over to Green’s Ford pickup, got in, and drove off to town to get that chocolate malt, laughing and joking. They were great friends.

For years following that episode, Green never missed a chance to chide Dad in front of neighbors and friends about how he hauled part of his hay crop to the ditch just to avoid buying a malt!

WATER-WITCHING

Dad made an "X" in the dirt with the toe of his shoe. "Put the stake right here," he requested after he checked and rechecked the area. "That's your best bet for a good supply of water," he reiterated.

A "water-witcher" or "dowser," as defined in the dictionary, is a person who professes to have the power to find underground water with a divining rod. That was Dad.

He was but a teenager when first exposed to finding underground water. A neighboring farmer showed how he found water using a green forked stick. Dad discovered not only could he locate water but could predict how deep one would have to drill or dig to reach a strong vein. A vein is an underground narrow water channel in rock, earth, or ice.

For his divining rod, he cut a green forked stick from a tree, preferably from cherry, peach, or any other tree that contained a lot of sap. The handles were each approximately two to three feet long. He grasped one end in each upturned hand with the fork upward, close to his chin. Next he held the handles tightly, then walked around the area where the people desired to have a well. Sometimes water could not be found in the desired spot. It might take a lot of surveying and walking over large areas to finally find water. The vein of water was found when the fork of the stick turned downward. By criss-crossing the area several times he verified the exact location. A stake driven in the earth marked the center of the vein. Standing over the area, again grasping the green stick firmly in his hands, the fork turned downward. Sometimes he held on so tightly that the bark came loose in his hands. Each time the stick turned down indicated three feet. If the stick bobbed down ten times that meant it would be thirty feet to the vein of water.

Dad located many good sources of water during his lifetime. The first I remember was during the depression and drought of the 1930's. The stock well ran dry so we needed a new source

of water. He found a vein of water on the back side of the farm. I don't remember exactly how deep they had to go, but probably not more than twenty feet. The dug the well by hand. It turned out to be an ample supply of water for all the farm animals.

Dad was over seventy-five years old when he "witched" the last well. Emphysema caused him to be so ill that he could no longer pursue that hobby. It took a lot of walking in fields in loose dirt, sometimes far from the house, barn and other buildings. He had the satisfaction of finding good wells of water for George C. Laur, Darrel Pitner, and numerous other farmers in northwest Missouri and southwestern Iowa.

Smoked Bull Durham, Velvet, Sir Walter Raleigh,
All your own Cigs

Emphysema - hogs

Good care of animals - built shelter for animals

lightening struck fence, jumped over hit the cow,
killed it, knocked head down. Not injured.

Water pumped from windmill on back of place to
tank or cistern. Gates Place.

Participated with corn in Corn show.

grew quite a bit of hay, corn, a little wheat &
a little rye for hay.

Always wanted weeds
cut in fence rows &
around buildings
Liked to hunt & eat fresh
mushrooms.

Context Items -

Dec 1968 - 1st Lunar Fly By - Apollo
July 1969 1st Lunar Landing Apollo

Your dad interested because son-in-law
involved but, I suspect he questioned
the use of money for such extravagance!!!
- would not contribute to better
yields of corn or beans or better
cattle or hogs

48-49

Woolley - where is other skate. How did you get so much in there.

Spring of Feb 1951 - visited us in Hardland - brot J & P

1950-60's Good farming years; rented other land part of the time.

Came to visit us when we lived in Claremont - Summer or fall of 1953.

Took them to Tejuapin, Mexico - their first time on foreign soil.

Feb 1965 - got ^{part leg} tangled up in the tractor power take off - lost jeans, & long underwear. Had abrasions & burns but no other injuries.

38' plymouth pre owned by preacher that was also mail carrier.

1950 - 1st new car Chevrolet; 4 door light green air conditioning?

1960 - 2nd new car; Chevrolet 4 door Biscayne dk green

1961 - chore car.

1970 - 3rd new car - Chevrolet, Impala, 4 door. med green.

Fall of 1962 - visited us in Orange.

1945
6 Aug atomic bomb on Hiroshima
9 " " " " " Nagasaki

2 Sept ¹⁹⁴⁵ official surrender documents signed aboard Battleship Missouri

1948 - Lot REA '33 Chev, black 1941 Everett left home ball of emphysema. Ev. went to Army in 1942, but 4 F.

mannerisms - wiggle upper lip

would slap his leg when he got off a good ^{story} one.

Little bit of onions (Aunt Clara always bragged about having biggest + best)

Always playing pranks - such as wood before door.

Helping Green Day Mom was hosting weiner roast. stayed to "help" Green play cards,

rubber dollar bill traded between AR Teckert Mad.

Working fool - more than kept up his end of job -

Used palm hook to shuck corn, could shuck 100 bu per da

John Deere "B" - 1st tractor 2 row crop tractor
Had spade lugs

2. John Deere ^B. on Gates place rubber tires or lugs, then
tire chains -

3. " " A - 4 row rubber - power take-off. started
to pump water.

4. Alice Chalmers - chore tractor. took to town when moved.

wouldn't hurt anyone.

To kill snake - would snap black snakes head off.

Did a little custom binding one year on Grubb farm.

Always grew a field of oats to feed horses.

Frequently traded horses, got ones that had fistulas, he'd cure most of them.

Mom's diaries

Had dentures before 1958 - Had to have them relined, etc.

1958

January 1 - Edd dragged snow off road.
Was farming Beckman before 1958.

11 Feb - entertained 3 men for dinner, then play pinocle
Frequently ground corn or hay for feed.

16 Feb - "Had our first litter of pigs"

Frequently went to Farm sales.

Feb 28 Bought John Deere "D" tractor at farm sale for \$380⁰⁰

March 10 - Had not feeling well for several days. Went to see
Mr Baughman, Maryville. His heart relapses too
much - Mr prescribed medicine.

April 15 - sowed grass seed.

next diary

1970 Continued going to farm to do chores.

If had ran very much he didn't feel well
(suppose the heart wasn't working as it should) ^{R.M.}

Feb 7 - Helped Kenneth with pigs, emphysema really
bothered.

Feb 17 - sold farm to Charles & Alice Marie Hoshov.

Mar 7 Sold rest of Cattle at the farm.

19 Mar - Sale day at farm.

April - Midday work for Barnes.

May Humidity bothered him

May 21 - got their new car (1970 Chevrolet)

Had lots of trouble - rust in gas tank.

1970 (Cont)

- June 12 - attended Jerico Spgs picnic (Annual) Home-town.
- July 25 - Mom broke her leg - taken to St Frances Hosp.
Had wrote in her diary for a month.
- Sept Collins Family Reunion at Foster's, So. Mo.
- Sept 24/5 Had to have wax removed from good ear.
(difficulty in hearing)
- Nov 10 - got pictures taken for 50th wedding Anniversary
- 22 Nov - Open House at Church for 50th
- 2 Dec - Had ~~cyst~~^{infection} on nose & around eyes. Went to Dr.
(infection is called perioritis. Can't find in med dict)

1971

- April - Had started working at the local gas station
for owner Fred Mathers. Worked about 1 mo.
- ~~Nov~~ ^{Nov} 9 - Flew to CA from Omaha via United Airlines
(1 mo visit) visited Everett & family in Fremont.
also Ruth & family in Orange.

1972

Played a lot of pinochle games.
working again at the gas station part time

April 4 - Sat on election board all day.

June 9 - went to Jerico to Picnic

July - Prostate hurting

Helped people in need (errands, driving to Dr., etc)

Aug 8 - Sat on election board

Sept - Worked for Onnie King in (big garage, westboro) part time.
Hq. also Pavilion

1972 Cont

6 Nov - Had Prostate surgery in Omaha, NE
26 Dec.
29/30 Dec - Had touch of pneumonia, hospitalized about 1 wk.

Historical Context

Apollo 17 launched
x pres.
Harry S. Truman died

1973

Jan 22

x Pres. Lyndon Johnson died

Jan 31 Had found lump on arm but Mr didn't think it amounted to anything.

Mar 12. Wicked well for Everts

April 25. Purchased new Snapper Rider Mower.

July Had to install a "Cook" proof fence around Sweet Corn.

Watergate

" 25. Had went to Mr + diagnosed as having "some" heart trouble, gave him medicine + go back to work!

26 73 yrs old today.

Hog prices advanced to \$58.50 - all time high
Inflation prevalent

Aug 11 Bought new mattress/bok Springs for Mad.

Oct 10

V. Pres Spiro Agnew resigned from office.

Dec 24 Pumped nearly 400 gals gas - biggest day yet.

1974

Jan 19 - Edd started 11 month work at station

23 Got new washer + dryer installed

Feb 27 - had bad cold - went to Mr. got "shot". Too sick to go to work for a few days. ended up going to hospital for a few days - Verging on pneumonia.

Pres. Nixon resigned; W. Ford succeeded

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Gasoline shortage in winter months

Patty Hearst kidnaped

1974 Cont

March 1974 - Brother Walter Killed, ran over by tractor.

Edd & Kyle Green had misunderstanding

April Sore tongue, Mr Bare thought it a reaction to the many antibiotics he has taken.

Mon May 6 - Dad was at work at gas station; was changing a tire, it "blew up". He was badly bruised, had abrasions & cuts. Broken bone in finger. In hospital 1 wk.

June 17 - Dad to hospital - Emphysema "spasm". Hospitalized a week.

July 26 purchased 1st Air Conditioner

Hot, Hot summer. ^{106° hottest}

Aug 5

Nixon Confessed to withholding information (Watergate) Starting to pressure to resign

Aug 6

Edd served on election board (Westboro)

lyed under oath

Nixon resigned.

Thurs Aug 6

Dad did day labor part time \$
(Carpentry for Ozzie King)

5 Nov.

Served on the election board as Judge.

Nov 19/20

witched a well for Darrel Petner, Westboro.

23 Dec

Flew to LA. for Christmas

1975

17 Jan - Got to attend graduation for ^{grandson} Wayne
Collins ^{from College of Chiropractic} in Pasadena, CA

24 Jan - returned to Westboro from CA.

Had sick off + on several weeks -

Required "shots" don't know what kind

April 18 - Had's nose still sore, Dr. that it might
be cancer.

- 23 nose operated on today.

30 Report on nose came back skin cancer.
Had get infected

May 31 met Mc Luerrup in Stanberry,
Ruth + Wayne came home with Collins.
visited Sr Jane Frances at Clyde.

June 2 went to So. Mo + OK to visit
family.
Still doing day labor part time.

17 July - Ap

24 "

Apollo/Soyuz joined in
space.

Apollo landed safely.

August - Humid days bothered Emphysema
Had a Cold. Ended up going to
Dr + getting "shot".

2 Sept Sat on Special Election board.

11 Sept started to Wy

Oct. made picture frames for Mom's
Paintings.

1975 cont.

- Nov 4 Served as clerk on election board.
Nov 8 Edd worked some on his future hobby
(Rocks)
20 - Worked on lapidary in basement.

1976

Jan got new mattress/box Springs

19 Feb. Bought saw for rocks.
Got the lapidary saw + motor set up in basement.

14 Mar Had sick + entered hospital -
Dr said it was the "epidemic"

20 Mar Had temp 102-103° Got very stubborn.

24 " Has improved, even sat on edge
of bed, ate dinner + supper.
Enjoyed visiting.

Feb 6 - 1st wheel chair ride, but so tired
cries easily.

29 walked a little; beginning to eat.

1 April - Came home from hosp.

Had to put bed on boards (blocks)

3 April weighed 134 lbs, very thin

8 " " 128 "

Dr said Dad was lucky to be alive
Lungs in bad shape from Emphysema
will take a month or more to recover.

20 April hungry, got appetite back.

15 May Dad back up to 146 lbs.

1976 Cont

- May 26 Bro. Bill passed away -
Vinita, OK.
- Aug 3 Served on Election Board.
- " 9 Got "leisure" suit
- 25 Stung by bumble bees,
Had to have 2nd "shot"
- 26 Another bee sting -
- Sept 1 Witched a well for Ralph Vette
- Nov 2 Served on Election Board, Jimmie Carter elected
President.
- Nov 15 - helped "find" water for Geo. Lauer.

1977

- Jan 5 Got a "shot" for cold he can't get over,
- 8 " 2nd "shot"
- 13 (Very Cold winter -22°)
- Feb 18 Had biopsy taken from ear.
Required 3 stitches
- Mar ~~25~~³ - Had skin Cancer removed from
side of face. Had 6 stitches
- April 2 - helped Mom give herself a perm,
(Had done this several times)
- 15 Worked for Arjje Sale day.
- June 4 Trip to So. Mo. Jerico Picnic
- 17 Sprayed for infestation of grass hoppers.
- 25 made trip to Vinita OK. Floods in KS
for Bill Collins Family Reunion.

1977 cont

- June 28 Had very tired after returning home.
- July 1 went to Mr. diagnosed as "shingles"
- 5 - falls easily. Had "shots" ~~daily~~ ^{several days}.
- So dry, used water only for drinking & cooking
- 28 went with Tracy Barnes to witch a well, not really able
- Aug - hot & humid. difficult to breathe.
- Sept 1 - went to skin specialist in Omaha
Had 3 biopsies of ear taken.
- 9 Biopsy said skin cancer, but no "feelers" going out.
- 12 - had surgery to remove cancer. took out piece larger than dime.
- 16 got infection in ear.
worked hard on living rm Ceiling, etc.
- 29 witched well SE of Fairfax
- Oct 9 - went to Bridgewater to help them celebrate their 65th anni.
- 18 - discovered lumps under arms & back of ear.
- Nov 6 Humidity bad for Dad - Couldn't breathe.
- 13 - entered Hoop in Omaha
- 15 - had lymph node removed & sent to pathology
- 21 57th wedding Anniversary

1977 Cont.

- Nov 28 Had entered Clarkson Hosp, Omaha
29 " diagnosed as having lymphoma
& cancer of the bone marrow,
Dec 3 Lawrence Foster's funeral today.
10 very low blood count.
(Not mentioned in diaries but
suppose had was getting chemo)
Returned home for holidays.
22 Mom cut his remaining hair
then shaved his head with the
electric razor. Called himself "Kojak"

1978

- Jan 3 Took had back to hospital
12 Came home from hospital
25. Went to Dr. Blood count very low.
Choice of going to hosp for 1 mo
with rigid treatment & may not
live through it or come home &
take milder chemo. & report back
in 2 wks. Chose the latter.
Feb 22 Low blood count again.
Changed chemo medicine slightly.
27 Had trouble breathing at night -
slept some in chair.
Mar 3 - seemed to be very discouraged
16 - ^{Dr. in Omaha:} got message that he can't live very long if he stays
home & has a chance in hosp. but may not live through it.
18 - gone down hill all week.
Had bad night

1978 cont

Left home at 5:00 AM, Had to have

Mar 19. gasped for breath. Entered hospital. Oxygen

26 gradually getting worse,
Medication made him delirious.

April 21 weighed 111 1/2 lbs,
getting weaker all the time.
Sometimes didn't remember eating.

May - having to have more pain pills.

June - Been on morphine several days.
Still had "sense of humor"

" 8 passed away 2:30 - 2:45 P.M.
Just quit breathing.

Had weighed about 87 lbs.

10 Funeral today.

1924

FBI reorganized - J. Edgar Hoover made director
Montana Senator Walsh exposed "Teapot Dome" scandal in Wash. D.C.
Ice Cream Cone machine patented
Chromium Plating process invented
Woodrow Wilson, age 68, died in Wash. D.C.
Border Patrol established.
Paul Whiteman's Orchestra introduced Symphonic Jazz.
Ford Motor Company manfg. its 10 millionth Auto.
U.S. in minor depression.

1925

Pres Coolidge inaugurated for 2nd Term.
Trial in Tennessee concerning theory of evolution.
DuPont Corp. began producing industrial Alcohol.
The Kelly Bill passed Congress encouraging Aviation & Air mail.
U.S. Patent Office transferred from Interior to Commerce Dept.
Antitoxin for "Scarlet Fever" prepared in Chicago, Ill.
National Spelling Bee started by Louisville Ky. newspaper.
1st dry ice manufactured in Long Island City, N.Y.
Relays of dog teams reached Nome, Alaska with Antidysentery serum.
1st Potato Chips mfg in Albany, N.Y.
Cosmic Ray discovered.

1926.

Adm. Bayard + Floyd Bennett made 1st successful flight over north pole.

Nation's 1st reg scheduled air passenger serv. between Detroit + Grand Rapids, Michigan

Army Air Corp created from Army Air Service by Congress

Distinguished Flying Cross created by Congress.

U.S. sent representative to Bicentennial Conference in Havana.

Henry Ford introduced 8-hour day, 5 day week.

Marie Curie departed Germany for world's heavyweight crown.

Carl Gustaf of Germany awarded citizenship.

1st Book of the Month Club set. in NYC.

National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) was formed in NY

"Speak-easy" bars + restaurants prospering liquor prohibition

1st electric toaster (household type) marketed.

1927

1st solo non-stop flight from NY to Paris made by Charles Lindbergh

1st Quaker, S. Dakota had 1st drilling for oil in Montana

Colombia Broadcasting System set.

1st drive-up mail box in London.

Mechanical Corn Picker invented by G.M. + W.D. Post

Radio Club of Korea with a 60 home run season.

1st "Hidden Places" buying matches sold in NY

1st "Iron Lung" installed at Bellevue Hosp in NYC

Federal Radio Commission set by Congress.

1st success of demonstration of television in NY

1st American Airways started carrying mail between US + Cuba

1st radio license issued by Dept of Commerce

Production "Kluge" Post opened on Broadway in NYC

1st telephone service opened between NY + London.

1st set of telephone numbering used.

1st talkie movie made

1928

Mickey Mouse became star in 1st cartoon by Disney Productions
1st colored motion pictures in US exhibited by Geo. Eastman.
1st animated electric sign in U.S. on Times Sq. Bldg in NYC
Graf Zeppelin made 1st commercial lighter-than-air flight to U.S.
Amelia Earhart 1st woman to fly Atlantic
Ship to shore telephone service est.

1929

Herbert Hoover inaugurated as 31st Pres. (Charles Curtis VP)
Stock Market crashed on Oct 29th triggering the Great Depression.
Lt. Comdr Richard E. Byrd made 1st flight over So. Pole.
Construction began on Empire State Bldg in NYC, world's tallest
Lt. James Doolittle made 1st instrument "blind" flight in NY
Ernest Hemingway's "Farewell to Arms" presented.
Prolonged drought throughout northwest began.
Al "Scarface" Capone sentenced to 1 yr in prison for carrying
concealed weapon.
1st "Seeing Eye" dogs trained to guide the blind.
Amos 'n' Andy started their radio career

1930

Veterans Administration created.
More than 1300 banks in U.S. closed in 1st months of depression.

College team in Virginia dedicated
Kumby showed 1st of Jerry 4:9 American team on Oct 1.
Identification of Planet Pluto made at Flagstaff, AZ
1st planetarium in U.S. in Chicago

William Howard Taft, age 72 died in Wash.
1st pickup game mfg.
New York Cardinals, won World Series, for discrediting blood groups

Mat Schmelz of Germany won World H.W. Cup.
Boulder team, later changed to Harvard team, started in Nevada.

1931

"The Star Spangled Banner" Officially adopted as U.S. national anthem
Empire State Bldg, 102 floors, opened in N.Y.
Wiley Post + Harold Gatty made trip around world.

Mr. Sherrill made significant discovery in Russian Physics
Price theory proposed international mechanism in Washington
1st successful rocket given flight made in Atlantic City, N.J.

Kenneth D. Edison, age 84, died in West Orange, N.J.
Knut Rockne, Notre Dame's football coach, killed in plane crash in Wis.
Coastal Cable patented

1st commercial production of synthetic rubber (Neoprene) in N.S.
Sears NE + S.D. overthrown by holder of general papers.
New Waldorf Astoria Hotel in NYC opened.

1st Kissel Auto Fracton, mfg.
Carmor in Nevada opened, as gambling again became legal.

1932 Amelia Earhart, 1st woman to cross Atlantic in solo flight

Unemployment rampant

San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge begun

Lenberg baby kidnapped in Hopewell, N.J. (20 mo old)

E. H. Land devised 1st polaroid glass.

The Purple Heart Award restored (originated in 1782)

Wisconsin, 1st state to pass unemployment compensation law.

1st success in atom-smashing by Cockcroft & Walton.

Fed gasoline tax enacted.

Average farmer earned about \$341.00 after expenses.

Daughter Al Capone began serving 10 yr sentence for income tax evasion.

U.S. & Canada signed treaty to construct St Lawrence Seaway.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier dedicated at Arlington Natl Cem.

1st motion picture "dwarf in" theater opened in Camden, N.J.

1933 Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated 32nd Pres. (John W. Garner V.P.)

Calvin Coolidge, age 80, died

Term "new deal" introduced by FDR.

Repeal of prohibition (18th Amendment) adopted

FDR proclaimed "National Bank Holiday"

" made 1st "Fireside Chat" when he reopened banks.

Civilian Conservation Corp created for employment.

National Industrial Recovery Act created which ext.

National Recovery Act & Public Works Administration

(PWA) Tennessee Valley Act passed establishing TVA

U.S. went off gold standard

Average life expectancy, 59 yrs.

1st U.S. Aircraft Carrier launched.

Albert Einstein moved to U.S. from Germany

Adolph Hitler
came to power
in Germany.

1934

Adolph Hitler, German Chancellor, became "Der Fuhrer"

Mutual Broadcasting System formed.

Fed Housing Admin (FHA) & Securities Exchange Comm (SEC) ^{Created}

Fed. Communications Comm est.

Streamlined trains began to appear.

Broo Bligny & Blaffy blew made 45 wins between them for Cards ^{St. Louis}

Max Baer became H.W. Boxing Champ

brought in midwest

Gausters John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd; Bonnet & Clyde shot in La.

Pres devaluated dollar to 59.06 cents

Alcatraz became Fed Prison

16,000,000 on relief.

du Pont developed "nylon"

Shirley Temple movie star

1935

U.S. Supreme Court invalidated NRA

Alcoholics Anonymous Organized

Harry P. Long shot in Baton Rouge, LA

Rural Electrification Admin. established

Dust storms in mid west very severe.

Social Security Act passed.

Opera "Porgy and Bess" opened in NYC

1st parking meter installed in OK City

Beer 1st sold in Canada.

Will Rogers & Wiley Post killed in Point Barrow, Alaska

1936 Boulder Dam completed on Colo River near Las Vegas.
Bruno Hauptmann put to death in NJ for Lindbergh kidnaping
Life Mag founded in NY
King Edward VIII abdicated throne to marry Wallis W. Simpson ^{divorces}
Douglas Aircraft introduced DC-3
U.S. annexed Jarvis, Baker & Howland Is in Pacific
FDR + Alf Landon ran for President
U.S. Dept of Agri announced 336 Counties ruined by drought.
Social Security went into effect,

1937 FDR inaugurated for 2nd term (John N. Garner, VP)
King George VI of England inaugurated.
Duke of Windsor + WW Simpson married in France
Golden Gate Bridge in S.F. dedicated
"Hindenberg" burst into flames in N.J.
"Big Apple" Dance became popular
Nat'l Cancer Institute founded
Amelia Earhart + Fred Noonan on flight around world lost in Pacific
Joe Lewis K.O'd Jim Braddock for WH crown.
1st blood Bank est in Chicago

1938

Wage & Hour Act passed (25¢ hr 1st yr. 30¢ 2nd + 40¢ after 5 yrs)
Civil Aeronautics Authority established (CAA)
New York, 1st state to require medical tests for Mass. license
March 5th Airlines Organized
Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan flew wrong direction + landed in
Ireland without permit or passport.
Dance style "Jitterbug" was flourishing
Self propelled Combines began to be used in grain harvest.
"Nylon" toothbrushes mfg.
Chlorophyll discovered.

1939

"zoot Suits" began to be popular male garb of "Hepcats"
Germany invaded Czechoslovakia + Poland.
Russia invaded Finland.
Germany + Russia signed nonaggression Pact.
England + France declared war on Germany.
Frequency Modulation in radio reception invented
1st Nylon yarn mfg.
Methodist Church reunited after 109 years of division.
"Gone with the Wind" won Academy Award.
Germany started bombing British towns from air.
Nylon stockings went on sale.
1st Air Conditioned automobile shown

1940

Life expectancy in U.S., up to 64 yrs. (49 yrs in 1900)
Air Defense Command est. to defend U.S. against possible attack.
1st successful helicopter flight made in U.S. by Igor Sikorsky
40 hr work week went into effect.
1st peacetime Selective Service Act.
1st Parachute Troops trained
Germany Conquered Denmark, Norway, The Low Countries & France
Kings Canyon Nat'l Park in Calif. created
Color TV demonstrated over CBS in NY
FDR & Wendell Wilkie ran for Pres.
German word "Blitzkrieg" (Blitz) became well known,

1941

FDR, 1st Pres to be inaugurated for 3rd term. (Henry A. Wallace VP)
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii attacked by Japan (12-7-41)
U.S. Declared war against Japan, Germany & Italy
Lend-Lease Bill Passed
Germany invaded Russia
Rubber rationing announced by OPA
Civil Air Patrol organized
Ford Motor Co. signed 1st Contract with a labor union
U.S. Defense Savings Bonds Stamps went on sale.
Pres Roosevelt moved. Thanksgiving day back to last Thursday Nov.
1st Quonset huts built
Penicillin developed.
All German, Italian & Japanese assets in U.S. frozen.

1942

Rent ceilings, rationing, Wage & Price Controls went into effect.
Gas rationing coupons issued
Infamous "Death March" of U.S. & Philippine mad to Jap. prison camp
Free mail privileges granted to Armed forces.
Draft lowered to 18.

Women enlisted as WACS, WAVES, SPARS & Lady Marines.
Battles at Midway, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Coral Sea & N. Africa.
Sale of new cars & trucks banned by Office of Production Management
U.S. B-17's bombed France; B-24's bombed Naples, Italy
Victory gardens sprang up across U.S.

1st Jet plane tested in CA

Carole Lombard killed in plane crash.

Young girls became known as "bobby soxers"

WPA terminated

Office of Civil Defense established

"Manhattan District" organized for Production of Atomic Bomb.

1943

Pres FDR met other allied officials at Casablanca, Cairo & Iran
Gen D. W. Eisenhower named Supreme Commander of European Forces

Scrap iron, steel, paper, etc. collected in salvage drives.

27 million workers frozen on their jobs.

Radar began to be used in Armed Forces

German Field Marshall Rommel "The Desert Fox" goes up in N. Africa

500 allied planes bombed Rome

Mussolini resigned & later Italy surrendered

Race riots in Detroit

Pres FDR declared all Amer. War plants must be on 48 hr week.

The Pentagon, world's largest office Bldg completed

United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Admn. organized.

War was costing \$8 billion per month

1944 Normandy Invasion, June 6, 1944

"D. Day" by allies

Berlin attacked by 800 U.S. Flying fortresses

U.S. troops landed at Anzio, many places in So. Pacific.

1st eye bank est. at hospital in NYC.

U.S. Bill of rights enacted

Veteran's Preference Act passed

Mfg of ranges, Gas Cleaners, etc. resumed by W.P.B

Pres FDR froze all Argentine gold assets held in U.S.

Streptomycin 1st mfg

B-29 Bombers made massive air-raids on Tokyo, Japan.

1st jet propelled fighter plane flown.

Horse racing in the U.S. was banned because of war.

1945 FDR inaugurated for 4th term (Harry S. Truman, V.P.)

U.S. Forces invaded Luzon, Iwo Jima, Okinawa & Philippines

Pres FDR met with allied officials at Yalta Conference

" " age 63, died at Warm Springs, Ga.

Harry S. Truman became 33rd Pres.

Sugar rations cut 25%

Representatives of 50 nations met in S.F. to draft U.N

Reported that Hitler killed himself on April 30th

Potdam Conf., last meeting during WW II of Chiefs of State

Germany surrendered at Gen. Eisenhower Hdqrs in Reims

Many U.S. service men started returning home on "point system"

Atomic bomb 1st exploded at test in Alamogordo, N. Mexico

Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Japan

Gen. MacArthur & Admiral Nimitz rec. surrender of Japan

U.N. Charter is ratified by the U.S. Senate

Most all rationing ended.

3-9-99

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telecon w/ Ray Collins

Archie Ready,
EXPERIMENT NO. Cheyenne WY

before marriage ~~Ca~~ 1920 -

(homestead Henry Wolf) Dan Billinger was playing with
threshing time

a peach tree limb. Dad got interested & started
working with a stick himself to find water.

Seems he didn't use it a gain until several years
later.

My Ancestor's life story is about survival

My Dad's life is about survival during adverse times (depression, war, etc). How to keep his sanity through humor and laughter.

Man against nature, financial, being insecure.

next week - write setting of Dad.

write something about ancestor -
can be about parents, where he came from, etc.



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ca 1942/3





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Edd Collins

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ADDRESS
May have been taken
in Rochester, Minn-
nesota on one of
his trips to the
Mays Clinic

1950-1970

MESSAGE



Edd Callen + Cattle
Farm home, Atchison Co. Mo

Sept. 1963



Edd Collins

Jerico Springs, Missouri

Ca 1918-1919

POST CARD





Wad + "Johnnie" Edd Collins

May, 1944

Atchison Co. Mo

mailing address was

Blanchard, Iowa



Eld & Glacie Collins Farm House 1942 - 1969
Atchison County, Missouri



October 1969

Edd Collins at the stockyards, St. Joseph, Mo.
probably the last time he sold cattle

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