

U.S. HISTORY PROJECT

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SETTING.

DECEMBER 8, 1981 THE LIVING
ROOM - REAL NICE DAY SUN IS
SHINING AND NO WIND

QUESTION: WHERE WERE YOU BORN +
HOW MANY CHILDREN DID YOUR
PARENTS HAVE?

BORN IN A LITTLE FARMING TOWN
IN THE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY THE
TOWN WAS CALLED SHELLY; BORN
IN A SMALL THREE BEDROOM HOUSE
WHERE HER FATHER WAS ALSO BORN.
THERE WERE ~~FIVE~~⁴ BOYS BORN BEFORE
ME - MOTHER LOOKED + REPLIED "WHAT
WELL WE DO WITH A GIRL AMONG
ALL THESE BOYS."

QUESTION: WHAT TYPES OF GAMES
WERE PLAYED + WHO DID
YOU PLAY THEM WITH?

MOST GAMES PLAYED OUTSIDE. ONE
CALLED "RUN SHEEP RUN" + "KICK THE
CAN" - THE OBJECT OF KICK THE CAN:
SOMEONE WAS IT, THE REST WENT +
HIDE + AS YOU WERE CAUGHT THE PERSON
IT TAGGED THE CAN - THE ONES NOT
YET CAUGHT TRIED TO RUN IN + KICK

THE CAN - MOTHER DIDN'T ALLOW YOU
TO PLAY INSIDE

QUESTION: DID YOUR MOTHER FROWN
UPON YOU IF YOU CAME BACK
DIRTY?

MOTHER REALLY DIDN'T CARE IF
I GOT DIRTY BECAUSE MOST OF
OUR GAMES WERE PLAYED OUTSIDE.
IN THE WINTER PLAYED CARD GAMES
INSIDE + ALSO READ TO ALOT

QUESTION: WHEN DID YOU START
SCHOOL + HOW MANY VARIOUS
GRADES WERE IN ONE SCHOOL?

I STARTED SCHOOL WHEN I WAS
~~SIX~~ 5 1/2 - THERE WAS A GRADE FOR
EACH CLASS - GRANDVIEW SCHOOL 3 CLASSES
PER GRADE.

HOUSE DIDN'T ~~HAVE~~ HAVE PLUMBING
BOYS SLEPT IN A TENT YEAR-AROUND

QUESTION: WHEN YOU WENT TO SCHOOL
HOW DID YOU GET THERE?

WALKED DOWN LANE AND CAUGHT
THE BUS -

QUESTION: WHAT TYPES OF SUBJECTS WERE TAUGHT?

READING, WRITING, AND ARITHMATIC
3 GRADE^{PIN} LITTLE COOKING - TEACHER
LIVED AT THE SCHOOL - SPORTS NOT
STRESSED. IF YOU WERE SICK SOMEONE
WOULD CHECK ON YOU TO SEE IF
YOU WERE SICK OR PLAYING HOOKY

QUESTION: IN SMALL SCHOOL HOW
HIGH DID THE GRADES
GO UP TO?

EIGHTH GRADE & ABOVE THERE BUSSED
TO HIGH SCHOOL. 5 SCHOOLS PUT TOGETHER
AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

QUESTION: IN GRADUATION FROM
EIGHTH GRADE DID YOU GET
A DIPLOMA?

YES - MOSTLY HAND MADE AND NOT
AS FANCY - EACH STUDENT GAVE A
BACK GROUND FROM THE SCHOOLS THAT
HE/SHE ATTENDED.

QUESTION: DID YOU EVER WORK AT
A PART-TIME JOB TO EARN
EXTRA MONEY

BABY SITTING WAS ABOUT ONLY FORM OF MONEY MAKING.

ALWAYS PICKED POTATOES IN FALL AND LATE SUMMER - IN SUMMER ENOUGH WORK TO KEEP EVERYONE BUSY.

QUESTION: WHAT TYPE OF HOURS DID YOU WORK PICKING POTATOES?

ABOUT 8 OR 9 IN THE MORNING UNTIL FINISHED - PICKED UNTIL EVERYTHING WAS FINISHED

QUESTION: WHEN YOU WERE GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL WHAT TYPES OF SOCIAL EVENTS DID YOU GO TO?

MOST OF OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WERE CHURCH ORGANIZED - FOOTBALL IN THE FALL AND BASKETBALL DURING THE WINTER - ROLLER-SKATED ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND A DANCE ON SATURDAY

QUESTION: DID YOUR FATHER GIVE YOU THE USE OF HIS VEHICLE?

YES - MOTHERS RULE IF THE BOYS WERE GOING AND CAROL WANTED TO GO SHE WENT OR ELSE NO-ONE WENT

QUESTION: WERE SUNDAYS DEVOTED
TO CHURCH

AT HOME IT WAS LEFT UP TO
YOU AS YOU GOT OLDER - WENT
WHEN YOUNG - YOU FARM ALMOST SEVEN
DAYS A WEEK - HAD COMPANY OR
WENT AND SEEN RELATIVES - FATHER
DIDN'T CARE FOR CHURCH.

QUESTION: WAS YOUR MOTHER THE ONLY
ONE COOK + DO HOUSE-HOLD
CHORES

MOTHER DID MOST ALL OF THE COOKING
UNTIL I WAS TOO SMALL TO HELP
RUN TRACTORS - I DID ALL THE DINNER
DISHES + COOKED MEAL.