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Project Title: Sweetwater County, Wyoming Migration Stories

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Date of Interview: March 12, 1992 **Length:** 20 minutes

Location: Takes place in the home of Curtis and Sandra Martin.

Other persons present: Their granddaughter, Tarin and their dog, Tinker.

Description of interview setting and content: Curtis and Sandra Martin's home is two mobile home trailers converted neatly into a very nice home. Curtis tells of moving to the area, acquisition of properties, tells of his feelings of small town advantages and disadvantages. Curtis also tells a few stories about the Farson area and some of the traditions in his leased out business. He also talks about the advantages to his children in moving to this area.

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000-004	My name is Curtis Martin.
004-012	Curt owned a hardware store in Lovell, Wyoming before moving to the Sweetwater County Area.
012-024	Curtis tells of knowing about the Farson area as a child.
024-029	Money and time <u>OFF</u> is what brought him here.
029-037	Acquires the Farson properties in 1978.
038-057	Curtis tells what the Farson properties consist of.
058-060	He doesn't own the town, the town owns him.
060-069	His first impression is a challenge and exciting.
069-079	Problems actually became a real learning experience.
079-094	Everything you do is a stepping stone in life.
094-099	Improvements in the place, depends on who you talk to.
099-112	Actual improvements they have done and refinancing.

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112-127	Curtis describes how Farson is different from the Lovell area. He also talks about the way he feels incorporated and unincorporated areas have advantages and disadvantages over each other.
127-136	He primarily moved here to help his brother and the financial opportunities were greater.
136-145	School was also a reason to move to the area.
145-154	They had no misgivings about moving here.
154-161	He and his family like it here.
161-171	They acquire a roller skating business to be with their children.
171-180	Roller skating provided them with an opportunity to keep the children off the streets and a working relationship with their children.
180-188	Rock Springs is somewhat rough and there were hurdles to overcome in discipline at the rink, but Curtis feels he made many lasting friendships.
188-196	Curtis first lived in Rock Springs, but then moved to Farson.
196-200	Moving to the area was a family decision based on economic and scholastic opportunity.
200-212	Owning a town isn't what it's "cracked up to be."
212-235	Story (A boy living in the upper part of the general store, nicknamed Flaming Arrow.)
235-241	Story (Bud White and the Fishing pond.)
241-246	Talking about the general store and the tradition of the ice cream they sell there.
246-252	The amount of ice cream runs into the thousands of cones.
252-265	Tells the tradition of having paper ice cream scoops for the tourists to sign, and especially international visitors.
265-276	Curtis talks about not wanting to second guess decisions one has made. These stepping stones in Farson have been interesting ones.
276-286	He hopes people will remember him for what he did, not what he took. He thinks this is why a person is what he is and does what he does.
286-287	"That will do it."