

PERSONAL BACKGROUND Tveiten maiden name. Born Lemon's Beach, Tacoma, Washington, November 13, 1913. 1920 the family left for Norway. Lived there for eleven years until 1931.

PARENTS Father, Ommund Karlson Tveiten. Mother, Pauline Amelia Liland. Father did various work. He immigrated to Michigan then back. Came to U.S. again and back to Norway. Did this three times. Came west. Worked as a saw filer in logging camps.

Father married here. Mother was an immigrant from Sirdal. She was doing domestic housework then did laundry work and cooked in logging camps.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS Carl born in Deming near Bellingham. Now lives in Gig Harbor. Carl was a logger then went to Alaska prospecting until he lost most of his eyesight in a mining explosion.

Carl worked at Northwest Plywood for many years. He built his own house.

Martha born at University Place, then called Lemon's Beach. Oscar next child.

RETURN TO NORWAY Planned to take over the farm, ended up driving bus instead.

FLEKKEFJORD Buying supplies in Flekkefjord for the townspeople. Lake close by used for hauling freight by steamboat.

GRANDPARENTS Paternal, Marte Lund and Karl Pederson Tveiten. Pederson was father's name. Tveiten is a little place with 7-8- farms.

GRANDPARENTS Were farmers. Grew potatoes, oats, barley. Grew things for themselves. Sold cattle and hide for money. Did trading.

They made and sold butter and cheese.

MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS Ommund Pederson Hompland Liland and Anna Malena Jonsdatter Espetveit. They were farmers too.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS Alma died when she was 21 in Tacoma. Bertha lives in Tacoma, she married a

Swede. Joergen born in Norway. Barney born in Norway works in Arctic on roads.

GOING TO NORWAY As a child had fun. Went by boat. Took train to Stavanger. Took little boat. Took horse and buggy to Sirdal.

SCHOOL First grade in Tacoma. Had Smaaskole and Storskole in Norway. Went to Smaaskole for twelve weeks in a year. When 10 to Storskole for fourteen weeks.

They lived in the old family house.

CHRISTMAS Julefest. Children's programs different school hosues. Children read. Sing around the tree.

CHRISTMAS Pinne steak, meat on skewers roasted it in coals. Christmas day, got together with the family.

CHRISTMAS DAY Went to church. Shared minister with another church.

CHURCH Important in the family. She was confirmed. Sang in choir. Church every other Sunday.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS Stories told to the children. Put out mush and raisin bread for Julenissen. Old tales were scary.

CHILDHOOD Very nice in Norway and America. Worked in the fields a lot. Machinery, mower pulled by horses.

WINTERTIME Skied to church and school.

CHORES Planting and picking potatoes were kid's jobs.

SCHOOL Had lots of homework. Had to prepare for school.

AFTER SCHOOL Spent two winters trapping birds 'ryper' or Ptarmigan. Made more money than if she did housework in town. Lived with Ingeborg Tveiten. Describes this.

Sold bird to England. Delicacy in England. Small birds. Sold from 75 oere to 1 krone.

Brothers and sisters began immigrating back to the U.S.A.

RETURN TO U.S. Went through England. Stavanger to London, good trip. Train from London to Liverpool.

Ship to Quebec, Canada, Atlantic was rough. Later part of September 1931. Took train across Canada took about two weeks.

TRAIN Dirt. Food on train. Had forgotten English, some trouble. Went to Vancouver.

Took car to Tacoma. Had birth certificates to get across border.

FEELINGS LEAVING NORWAY Missed winter. Didn't like doing housework here. Was homesick.

WORK Did housework until married. Met husband at Normanna Hall during snowball fight.

FISHING Husband fished in Alaska winters. Married May 21, 1936.

WEDDING Married in Cordova, Alaska at the courthouse. Friends were witnesses. He was fishing. She stayed at camp for summer.

Learned many things about American cooking from the fishing camp cook.

WORK Before married worked for English people in Tacoma, the Jesse Bamford's.

HOUSEKEEPING JOB \$35 per month. Did cooking, cleaning and sewing.

WORK Lived with a family. Cared for four girls. Cooking, cleaning. Made \$50 per month.

WAGES Good for the time. Made more than men. Many times they made \$1 a day.

WORK Another time for some English people, Gilpen. He owned Northwest Chair.

WORK Worked for Elby McDonalds who was a contractor.

Lived in Alaska three months when first married. Rented a house in Tacoma. Husband didn't work during the winter.

CHILDREN Sigvald works in Arctic in oil fields. Was married. Phillip married lived in Alaska. Works as a fisherman and mechanic.

CHILDREN Alf was married. Has two daughters. Heavy equipment mechanic in Alaska. Mining business.

CHILDREN Junis lives in California. Was married. Had two children.

WORK AFTER MARRIAGE Part time catering work for parties.

WORK In the kitchen at Skandiagard in Gig Harbor. Head cook for Smorgasbord. 13-15 years. Talks of food and the different owners.

ORGANIZATIONS Joined Daughters of Norway in 1932. Was marshal several times in the Daughters.

SONS OF NORWAY Help Boys Club and those in need.

DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY Go to Pacific Lutheran University for Scandinavian Fair. She makes sandwiches.

CHURCH Kids went through Sunday school. Our Saviors Lutheran now merged with Gloria Dei. She was baptized at Our Saviors. Lists some of the ministers: Ordal, Redal, Strandjord, Shafflin, Williamson.

LUTHER CHILD CENTER GILD Organized as an orphanage in Parkland. Moved to Everett. She was preside of the Gild for 2-3 years.

Did some fundraising by making and selling things, arts and crafts.

VISITS TO NORWAY 1970. Changes, people change; mountains and streams don't change. Road signs new and confusing.

VISITS TO NORWAY 1975-79. Old place still there. Getting little use.

Many tourists especially during Easter. Good place to ski in winter.

NORWEGIAN TRADITIONS Have been maintained. Children learned Norwegian when young. Still do some baking.

WORK NOW She does baking for weddings. Makes cakes and cookies. Makes Kransekake wedding cake. Kranse means wreath.

CHILDREN Ruben works on the Alaska pipeline. Married Pearl Jones. They have one son and a home in Tacoma. Bruce married and separated. He had one boy. He works in a cannery in Alaska.

She speaks Norwegian a little bit.