

Interview with Waldo and Mildred  
Selden 9-2-75, 1215 So. 102<sup>nd</sup> St.,  
537-0500

Mrs. Selden - maiden name Rogers. "Shep"  
Kelly, grandfather of Mrs. Selden, came  
in 1887 - drove streetcar with horses -  
had house by Seignious on 9<sup>th</sup> and Pacific.  
Grandfather Milford Rogers, O. 1885,  
farmed, heavy hauling with horse and  
wagon - lived on A Street near 103-105<sup>th</sup>,  
Mrs. Selden's father was foreman of  
Griffin Wheel Co. in Tacoma - used  
to live near present-day Mayfair.  
Seldens came in 1907-08 from Tacoma  
to Parkland. Charles Selden - Waldo's  
father - from Erie County, Pennsylvania.  
Met Wilhelmina Selden in Australia.  
He was traveling salesman - they came  
from Australia in 1902 - 24 days on  
the ocean, Charles went to Australia to  
hunt kangaroos. Wilhelmina was  
school teacher in Australia - Melbourne  
and Bathurst - organizer and first  
president of Parkland PTA (d 1945 age  
77), lived in Parkland at 103<sup>rd</sup> and  
Barnes Lane, one block from present  
Christensen School. Waldo and Ed  
Selles sold eggs and butter at Cow-  
Butter Store, 17<sup>th</sup> and Pacific. Rec'd  
Midland Water, Tacoma City Light -

area north of Sales Road

had well for water. Sat on sleds  
opened up boats and wind blew  
across on Faurett Swamp - Dr  
Selden - owns what was Faurett  
swamp - 30 acres. Sunshine Com-  
munity hall - 10634 Yakima, about  
52 years old - just off Sales Road -  
one building then built on to, Sun-  
shine Community Club - helped  
on roads, stop signs, mainly social  
now - used to meet in different homes  
before hall built. Sales Stage-  
meeting hall, dances, Sales home-free-  
way & 112<sup>th</sup> (freeway) - Sales gave  
Paul Avenue right of way. Futvile -  
103<sup>rd</sup> & A Street - full family - stump  
farms - came about same time as  
Bozys, Mail - no rural route delivery  
until 1936. Some had to get mail  
at South Tacoma, Fern Hill, or  
Parkland, boxes on Sales Road - horse  
and cart mail delivery. Sunshine  
St - 104<sup>th</sup>, National City - real estate  
property, sold lots, for house sites.  
Water - no water line until from Mid-  
land - was Croft Light and Water,  
now Midland (South East Tacoma  
Mutual Water Co.) Phone & water -  
1940 - pump till then. Buckets for  
irrigation - wash clothes in yard -  
hand pump, then electric pump.

1934 - 4 acres \$1200.00, Bacon 35¢, 19¢  
roast, 33¢ eggs. Not much until  
WWII - Oct. 1935 - work on trying  
to get new school and buses. 1936 -  
water piped into house from well  
this until 1940 & water from Midland  
pipes along 102nd Street.

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