

EMMA SWEENEY DOUGLAS

Transcription of a Portion of Tape

**Date of Tape: Possibly 1976 or 1979.
Interviewer Unknown.**

Question: I remember where you used to live down on Whiskey Flats. (Stevenson.)

Emma: Nope. I didn't live there.

(Notation: the two must have been discussing a photograph and she disagreed at to where the house was actually located. See Emma's following statement about the house.)

Question: No? You just worked there?

Emma: We had a nice home thee and then the taverns came up the street, but they weren't very close to us. The Stevenson Hotel also had a bar.

Question: Then you were across from the Aalvik planer mill?

Emma: Yes. Albert Aalvik use to come there a lot.

Question: (Name not recorded) lived just past you.

Emma: Yes, he did. They did quite a bit of entertaining.

Question: When did you come here or your folks come?

Emma: Well, my mother was born in Indiana and my father was born in West Virginia. But somehow when he was a boy, he got very discouraged he couldn't find his father and mother. His mother died, so he was thinking the world was kind of small. He was going to find out where his father went to, but his father went to the Civil War. There was never any connection between them. We have since looked it up. He had a brother who was 11 years old, I think, or he was quite a bit older than he was anyway. My father was a baby and why his mother died he was never told. But a family by the name of Morrow raised him, so he had a very good home. Just the way kids are, they get dissatisfied if they can't find out where they came from and that's the way he was, or so he said.

And he said they had very poor crops. He and my mother were living in

Kansas. I think it was Abilene where they lived. Mother and father were married there, so then later on they said they were roaming the west out here. They thought it was the land of plenty, so they came west in 1889. They landed at Cascade Locks and my uncle was also here. He came ahead and I guess had written to them. So they stayed with him that first year or for six months and my father saw this property along the river. He liked it and he got to thinking about it. And I think _____ St. Martin owned it. He also owned a scow and so, then, he sold the property. I don't know what my father paid for it but no more than . . . (*no amount recorded*). Father wanted a place with some wood on it so he got it. My brother and my father used to make cord wood and they shipped it to The Dalles.

Last Rites Are Read in Stevenson for Anna Sweeney, Daughter of Pioneers

Anna Electa Sweeney of Portland, who was bom to pioneer parents Mary Hathaway McCafferty and Samuel McCafferty in Vancouver, Wash, on June 22, 1890, and moved at an early age to Stevenson, passed away May 14, 1967 in a Portland hospital.

Funeral services were held at the Gateway Little Chapel of the Chimes Wednesday morning, May 17 and at Gardner's Chapel in Stevenson that afternoon. Vault interment was at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Stevenson and casket bearers were Ronald Glazier, Richard Sweeney, Larry Dimoff, David Herbertson, Vern Rothermel and Raymond MacKinnon.

On January 28, 1908, Anna McCafferty was married to George A. Sweeney whose family had come to Stevenson in 1890. She leaves her husband and one son Byron H. Sweeney, Portland; three daughters, Thelma Glazier, Coos Bay, Oregon; Lois Dimoff, Portland; Merle Sweeney, Portland; 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Rudolph McCafferty of Stevenson is a brother and Raymond MacKinnon, Stevenson, a nephew.



Sweeneys At Time Of Marriage — 1908.



Sweeneys In Early Logging Camp.

Mrs. Sweeney's mother died when Anna was a baby and her father's mother raised her until her father, who was a millwright for the Davenport Mill, met and married Clara Wrage. It was then Anna and Alfred, her brother, came to live at Stevenson. Sam. and Granny

Mac had two children Rudolph, or Mickey, and Mina.

The Sweeney Mill, an early day landmark, cut the lumber for many of the homes around Stevenson, also the Samson Hotel and the ties for the North Bank Railroad. Much of the fuel used on the side and stern wheelers came from their mill.

Pneumonia Claims Baby

On November 30, 1908, a son, Vonley,

was born to the George Sweeneys but he died in infancy from pneumonia and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery.

When John Sweeney became Sheriff of Skamania County, Anna and George moved to the family homestead west of Stevenson and farmed there until moving into Stevenson in 1922.

George entered the logging business again and was the woods boss for Picks and Fagely at Underwood. In 1929 they moved to Burns, Ore., for 1 year, when learning of John Sweeney's ill health, they moved to Portland to be nearby.

Around 1935 they started the Cedar Shade Trailer Park and were owners of it until their retirement,

Anna's health in recent years was not good and on April 19 she entered the Holladay Park Hospital and underwent two major operations within 72 hours. She died of complications from the second surgery. She was 76 at the time of her death.



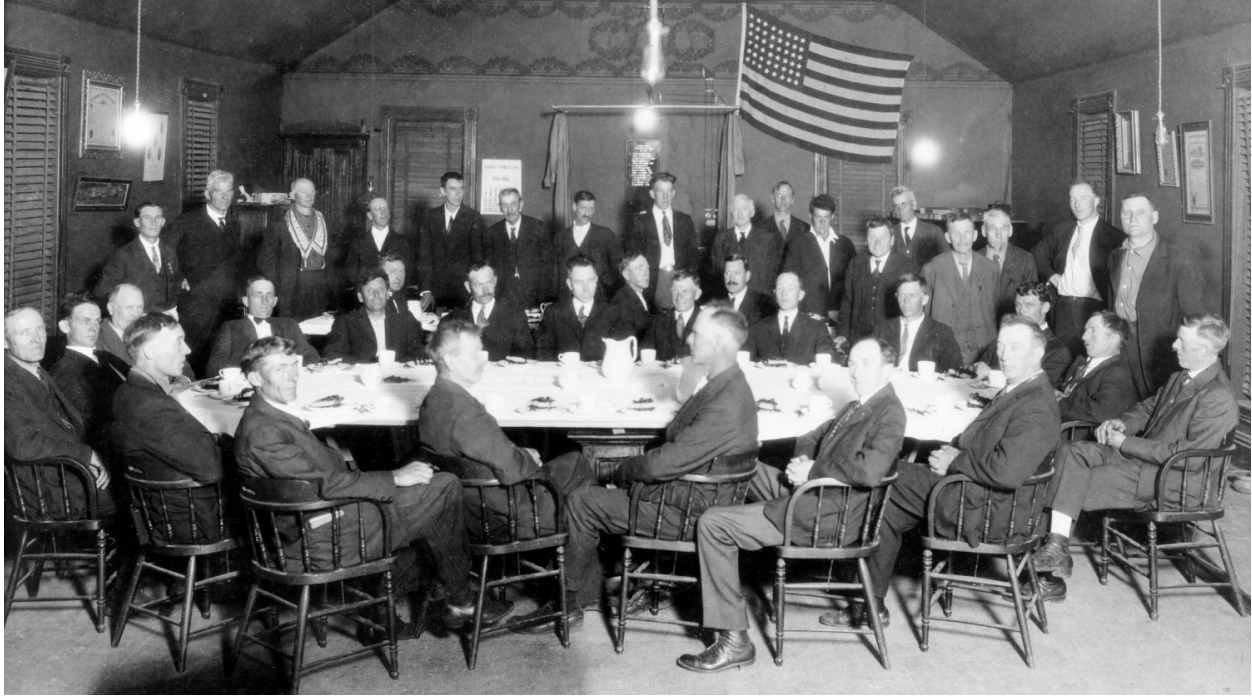
John Franklin Sweeney and Mary Elizabeth, 1885.



Sweeney cook house with crew, 1907. First row, from left: unknown, Mr. Shillings, Claude Wetheral. Second row: Eno Johnson, George Sweeney, Bill Sweeney, Till Young, Bill Causner, unknown, unknown, Columbus Fields, Conrad Lundy, Amos Royce, Tom Royce, unknown.



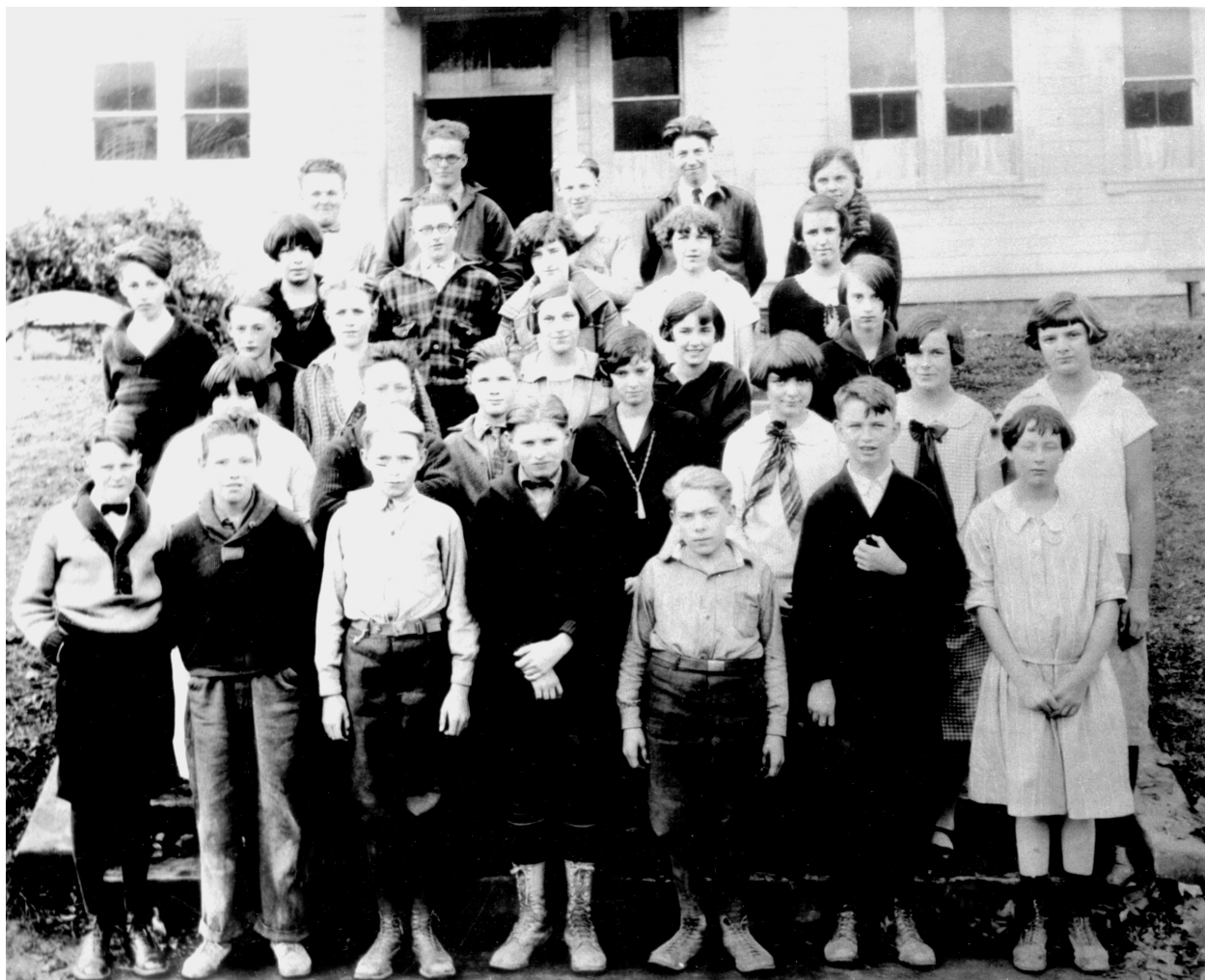
Sweeney logging crew takes time out from their busy day. John Sweeney is the man sitting on log, left, and John Bevans is second from right.



From left, around front of table: Red Billington, Delp Kee, Unknown, John Ginder, Unknown, Eddie Michell, Jim Boyd, Gus Melander. Second row, around table: Claude Andross, Bill Sweeney, Unknown, Chris Aalvik, Unknown, Joe Kensup, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, John Pugh, Frank Wachter, Albert Halvorson, Fistoman Young, Nels Nelson, Gus Melender. Standing: Ed Hooker, W. E. Miller, Emery Stevenson, Bill Natzell, Greenville Lillegard, zzz McDaniels, Coluford Fields, harold Ottosted, John Sweeney, John Fosse, Art Lindos, Walter Aalvik, Ray Sly, Samuel Richards, Charles Westwall, John Wachter, Alex McKinnon.



The Stevenson I.O.O.F. Degree Team of 1910. Seated, from left: Jake Garwood, E. C. Hamilton, Clarence Walker, W. E. Miller, John Wachter, the Rev. Harding, and Sam Richards. Standing: Til Young, John Skarr, Haktor Aalvik, John Sweeney, John Ginder, Frank Wachter, John Pugh, John Dunn, Hans Lillegard.



Stevenson Grade School eighth grade class of 1926 poses for photo. Their teacher was Elsie Carsow. First from, from left: Richard Christensen, Jack Coffman, Elton Zevely, William Suckow, Wilbur Zevely, Harold Brown, Nellie Lott. Second row: Ida Garwood, Raymond Lott, Robert Sly, Hester Hon, Lois Ryan, Margaret Bevans, Erma Lee Craig. Third row: Zearl Potts, Louis Iman, Carl Warren, Kathryn Mann, Gladys Cook, Emma Royce. Fourth row: Lucille Reynolds, Jim McKelvy, Laura Bennett, Marie Sams, Florence Weldon. Back row: William Mitchell, Oscar Miller, Glen Cooper, Byron Sweeney, and teacher Elsie Carsow.