

# GEORGIA (MRS. GLEN) COTTRELL

## Re: First Electric Power Plants on Washougal River

**Interviewer: Cliff Crawford**

*(Glen W. Cottrell was born in 1887 in Kansas. His wife, Georgia E., was born in 1898 in Oregon. The couple lived in the Skye precinct in Western Skamania County in 1920; in 1930 and 1940 they lived in the Washougal precinct. They had two children, Mildred E., born in 1922; and Eleanor J., born in 1926.) Glen Cottrell was an electrical engineer and built the Cottrell Power Plant on the McCloskey river tributary of the Washougal River, about six miles from the Washougal Mercantile Store.*

Georgia: The house we live in, part of it now was right over there.

Cliff: Over by the river there by the bridge?

Georgia: No, right on the edge here.

Cliff: Oh, right over in the trees there, huh?

Georgia: Yeah, a little farther out, about where the camelias and rhododendrons are. We was going to build over there and instead we added on here and we added on there and that's the way it was.

Cliff: What was Glen's middle initial, Glen W. Cottrell? Let's see, when was he born?

Georgia: In 1887.

Cliff: Was his father here before him?

Georgia: Oh yeah. Glen come out when he was a year old.

Cliff: Did his father live here?

Georgia: Well, his father came out ahead of him and he settled up in Mt. Pleasant, I

guess it was, and then the rest of the family came up when he was a year old. He has a store up in Mt. Pleasant.

Cliff: A store in Mt. Pleasant, whereabouts is it located?

Georgia Just about where it is now. That store up on the top of the hill, you come up on that side as you go up.

Cliff: On up toward Cape Horn?

Georgia On the main highway, I think it's, I don't know if it's Whittiker's now or what it is.

Cliff: Widmann's, or Widdams. That's closed now though. Yeah, right by the grange hall there?

Georgia No. It's on by itself, the grange hall's on another road.

Cliff: Yeah, but it's just about a block away or two blocks.

Georgia Anyway, in that canyon and there's a house back there he used to live in and then they moved to town and he had a store down town.

Cliff: Here in Washougal?

Georgia His dad used to be postmaster down here.

Cliff: I'll be darned. Do you remember what year that was?

Cliff: Did Glen or his father build any of the dams? Did Glen build all of them?

Georgia Glen built all of them.

Cliff: And there was how many total?

Georgia Four with McCloskey. One was at the bridge, then there was one up there just the other side of Oney's.

Cliff: Is that where Barber's live or is it

Georgia No that was the 3rd one.

Cliff: Oney's, ok, that was where that flat is up there just on the upper edge of that flat.

Georgia On the lower edge. And then their wasone up there

Cliff: Then the one where Barber lives now, right by the road.

Georgia Well, Barber don't live there anymore.

Cliff: No, I understand he sold the house, yeah. Had it built right out on the buttress, on the porch where the dam with the power plant was, that's really nice.

Georgia Yeah, he took me through it and it was quite interesting. Then the next one was up around the corner

Cliff: McCloskey Creek?

Georgia No, there was another one that they had just, he got it all done and got the water going over, somebody bombed it, blew it up.

Cliff: Somebody blew it out huh? When was that? Do you remember about what year? Somebody didn't want him to be building a dam in there, huh?

Georgia I wouldn't be able to tell you that.

Cliff: Yeah, when did, do you remember when he started the first dam? Which was the first one he built? Right here?

Georgia This one here. Oh that must have been, well he had the first power plant in 1909 and that was right here.

Cliff: So the dam must have been completed about that time then and he sold electricity here to Washougalites and Camas. Was it the only electricity in town?

M. C. Yep

Cliff: Gee whiz, in 1909. Then he built the next one

Georgia The next one was up on the river there.

Cliff: Not the Barber's.

Georgia No, that other one was before, that must have been between. Trying to figure out when that was. I remember a Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, first it was Akers, Otis, lived there, and then Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and her cousin lived there. I don't know what year that was, must have been in about 1924 or 1925

Cliff: 1924 or 1925 when he built the other power house?

Georgia He built that one up above and he built that one around, oh that other one must have been built before because he was building that in 1918.

Cliff: Oh, the one where Barber's is?

Georgia Yeah.

Cliff: That had a little fish ladder around it. I remember fishing below the dam before they blew it out and the little fish ladder around it so the salmon would go over it. They would really congregate below the dam there.

Georgia That was 1918. Anyway, when they built that because it was going in 1919 I know, because, we lived in that little house over the spillway. My oldest daughter was born there when the, that was when it rained and flooded so that they moved me out in the middle of the night.

Cliff: Is that right? That was in the early 1920's or 1919 then?

Georgia That was 1922 when they moved me out.

Cliff: Was that the oldest daughter, the one that's married to Leon Higgenson? Oh yeah, she was born there.

Georgia Uh huh. And when she was a week old, they had to move us out because water came up almost on the floor.

Cliff: She was born in 1922?

Georgia Uh huh.

Cliff: How about the power plant and dam that was up there that Myrno Madden bought from you?

Georgia Well, that must have been in . . .

Cliff: That was the last one he built. Was that the McCloskey Creek?

Georgia Uh huh, and if he'd kept it up, he'd be running it yet but he let it go to pot.

Cliff: Now that power plant, when did Glen build that one?

Georgia That must have been, well let's see, he had the saw mill up there, and let's see he had to have juice first, didn't he?

Cliff: Well, I don't know. For the saw mill you mean?

Georgia Cause he put the, I think he got all the lumber for all the ties and stuff, I suppose, he did because there was lumber in the buildings too and he had to take those end ones and everything down on the track, you know.

Cliff: Oh, on the railroad track?

Georgia Yeah, was you ever up there and took that wonderful ride?

Cliff: No, where that went down the hill? How did it work? Was it a regular steam engine?

Georgia No, it was a big engine up . . .

Cliff: Oh, a donkey engine . . .

Georgia Little building with a rope or cables you know . . .

Cliff: And let them down into the Washougal and up on the hill there . . .

Georgia Let them down to where the power house is.

Cliff: Oh yeah, well that's right. That was the only way to get in there, wasn't it? But you came in by where the Washougal Guard station that way, the old Guard Station, but then up where the pipe crosses the road up there, the one that comes out of Sibley timber area? You know he had the dam and the pipe went down over the hill, clear down to the power plant.

Georgia Yeah, the dam went, the dam was way up there and then they had pipes for the water to come clear on through down to the dam, or down to the power plant.

Cliff: The power plant was down on the Washougal and the dam was up on McCloskey Creek, then. Is that McCloskey Creek comes out of the Sibley timber?

Georgia I don't know.

Cliff: Where the pipe started.

Georgia I know where all of it is but I don't know the names.

Cliff: Ok, well when you mention McCloskey Creek that . . .

Georgia I think that must be McCloskey Creek and then it's down there.

Cliff: It's right down there where it runs into the river.

Georgia Yeah, and because he built a bridge to go over, after when we could go cross over into that other fellas property until he got mad and locked the gate.

Cliff: Well, what he did then, he built a railway down there and a real steep one. It almost dropped straight off and then he let the cars up and down by cable.

Georgia He moved all the machinery and everything down there on that car.

Cliff: Was it a little bucket-type car or flat car?

Georgia It was a flat car because I know some of the people didn't want to go down on it. We had a picnic down there once and some of them didn't want to go down, but they went down. They hid their face. He tried to tell them it was safe, he'd examine it before every trip, you know.

Cliff: Well, there was quite a distance down there, wasn't it?

Georgia Yeah, I don't know how many feet or miles down but the first trip seemed like an awful long time.

Cliff: Well, I don't imagine he run it very fast. You couldn't control it from in the car though, could you?

Georgia No it was all controlled by . . .

Cliff: Controlled by a man up at the engine.

Georgia He had it so that he knew when he got to a certain place down there.

Cliff: Uh huh, you stop it then. Gee whiz! Course, the old power plant is still there.

Georgia I imagine so, but people been swiping things, you know.

Cliff: Does Myrno have anybody living out there? There was a little house there and I understood, somebody lived there.

Georgia When had it, he had somebody living up on top, you know.

Cliff: Oh, up by the road, up where the donkey engine was. Well, that must be a good half a mile down there from the top of the hill down to the river. That thing went up and down that hill, that was a lot of cable. Is any of the track still left that you know of? Or did Glen take it out?

Georgia Well, Glen took it out and the rails are over there and I've had so many people fighting over it., I told them it was just going to set there for awhile.

Cliff: Oh, their over here in the shed here?

Georgia No, there outside there but one certain man he . . .

Cliff: What's he going to do with it?

Georgia Oh, he said he's in the sewer business, I don't know, and of all the names he called me on the phone, I wouldn't repeat them.

Cliff: Is he a local guy?

Georgia I guess so, I don't know. He's got an office up here or something up here and he said he lived in Vancouver but . . .

Cliff: Well, then he better stay in Vancouver if he can't treat people any different than that, that's terrible. There's no reason in the world for him to give you a bad time on that.

Georgia Oh, he called me a whole lot of things. He just might as well told me I was crazy. He didn't use that word but . . .

Cliff: Well, I may ask you this then. I would like to get a piece of one of the rails to put in the Museum up at Stevenson, if I could do that. If he has a short piece in there somewhere that we could put in the Stevenson Museum, in the historical museum. Cause, you see, all that's in Stevenson, in Skamania County, and this is primarily why I'm searching this out and we wanted to get some history on the power plants cause the first power plants in, I don't know how long or large an area, but it sure was the first power plants in Camas and Washougal. And of, course, well I might have to ask Myrno when the last year that he sold electricity to the PUD for the people in the upper Washougal, but I think it was in the late '50's sometime, 1958 or 1959 I think that . . .

Georgia He had that for awhile then when the pipe burst up there. He didn't go fix it up and you know whenever they broke before, Glen would be right up there the next day or even sometimes at night and . . .

Cliff: Myrno used to, course ,you see I worked with Myrno in the lab in the mill and Myrno used to tell me about how somebody, yeah, he'd ask me if I'd been up in that area deer hunting and I'd say, I knew what he was asking about, because guys would shoot holes in the pipe just to watch the water squirt. I'd say, I'd tell him well,I was up there the other day but I said I had to go back the day after because my .06 wouldn't go through the pipe until I got my 300 Weatherby and then I could shoot holes through it. I knew that he was patching pipes, he used to get a big kick out of that. Course I didn't shoot his pipe. I'd seen it leaking, of course the place where the holes had been shot in it would be right where it goes over the road. Guys would drive down the road and they'd shoot into the p\$pe and watch the water fly. That section probably had been shot full of holes sometime before. If their is a piece of that railing, I'm sure that, I don't think very many people knew about the little tramway that you had going down from the upper road down to the river there and that possibly a piece of that railing, a little piece of one of them, a short piece that maybe Glen had laying around there that he'd cut up, we could use that in the Museum. If there is anything else that you can think of that was significant in that area. Where's Glen's sawmill? Where was it located? Right by the power plant?

Georgia No, it was up on the hill.

Cliff: Oh, up by where the donkey engine was.

Georgia Yeah, just across there.

Cliff: Up where the pipe crosses the road.

Georgia No, it was on the flat spot before you go down the hill. Did you know where that house was where Scott's lived in or didn't you?

Cliff: No, I didn't.

Georgia It was up there on the, I know where it was but I'm not very good at explaining it but it was up on the top there.

Cliff: Which side of the road where the pipe crosses over the road? On the lower side or the upper side?

Georgia The lower side.



Cliff: The lower side, The saw mill was on the lower side. Oh yeah. But there's an orchard down in there too. Maybe that was from the Scott house, huh?

Georgia The orchard was farther down. That was from, the one that lived up there then was Powell, a lady who, her husband died, but she lived up there for a little while by herself.

Cliff: Oh, but the orchard belonged to her from a house farther down river, yeah, back towards Washougal. Well, there was a ledge along there that there was two or three houses along that ledge there where there was some fruit trees and stuff. I used to go down there hunting in the late '40's and early '50's. I used to hunt down there along that hillside where the fruit trees were because there was bears get in the fruit trees every now and then and we'd go hunting for them.

Georgia Then there was a little shack up there by the dam that they built. Did you ever go up there when that was there?

Cliff: Oh, by the dam? Oh yeah. There was a little house right by the road, between the road and the end of the dam.

Georgia Sure, that's where Nells Peterson stayed.

Cliff: Nells Peterson? Then he took care of the, well, sort of looked out . . .

Georgia Yeah, and one time they had, he'd go home weekends, you know. Oh, he had a great big stack of wood and while he was gone, somebody swiped it all. I think later on, somebody took the stove out.

Cliff: Gee whiz took his stove out? Then, of course, it's like everything else, eventually everything's gone. Was there any saw mills up above the dam in that area, right in there?

Georgia Not that I know of.

Cliff: That was probably, amazingly enough though, I would imagine that it was probably the smallest dam of all the four of them. Because it was only a short distance, it was quite small, cause it was narrow in that little canyon right there where the dam was. But, of course, you ended up by having a tremendous head because from the dam, from that dam to the power plant must have been a good mile, so Glen must have had at least a mile of. It was about 2-foot pipe wasn't it? Yeah, it was all of two feet, maybe it was a little bit larger than two feet and all steel. Yeah, and there must have been a good mile of that pipe, easy a good mile.

Georgia Oh yeah.

Cliff: But that little dam, that small dam must have, you really go a tremendous drop, because from that little, from where that little dam was, down to the Washougal River. It must have dropped a good, oh gosh, it must be a 1,000 feet anyway. So that would really give you a head to get through that power plant down there.

Georgia Well, that sure brought in the money during the winter months, I'll tell you. It was real good and what's his name, when he took it, he didn't hardly get anything because he didn't pay no attention to it.

Cliff: Yeah. Oh, you mean Myrno?

Georgia And you know even when the snow was way up there, Glen would go up in the morning and I wouldn't see him until way about midnight and some of the time, there was no phones up there, you couldn't . . .

Cliff: Yeah, well and the farther you got up there, the snow got deeper yet.

Georgia One time he borrowed some snow shoes to get up there.

Cliff: Did he go up every day?

Georgia Every day.

Cliff: Every day. Rain or shine or snow, huh?

Georgia Yeah, that's right and that's more than Myrno done. When it snowed, he just let it run, you know, and you can't have anything like that run without going up there and oiling it and a few other things.

Cliff: Well, Glen didn't have too much occasion to go up to the dam every day though. He went to the power plant every day. Yeah, which was down on the Washougal. Well, let's see, where was the road? Where was the end of the road, was it just the other side of Salmon Falls? The end of the road? Well, he didn't have too far to walk to the power plant though, did he?

Georgia No, not to the power plant. He'd get off his car and he'd be just a short way.

Cliff: Oh, he'd go down in the car. He'd drive up over the top though to the donkey engine and then get off the little car to go down.

Georgia Then he'd go in the car and then at last they, he got into a road that went up

to; who in the dickens lived over there now . . .

Cliff: Oh, the one that follows the main Washougal up, yeah, you go right on up past Salmon Falls there.

Georgia And he went up there to the gate and then he had to walk down a ways.

Cliff: I'm going to have to go in and take a look at that power plant. I've never been to it but it would be kind of a shame for something to happen to it, beings it was such an important part of the history of this community.

Georgia Every, I guess he's lost lots of the copper out of the generators and lost a lot of the stuff

Cliff: During the peak of the operation of that plant up in the upper Washougal, about how much a month did you make on it? Do you remember?

Georgia Sometimes I know it was, oh, enormous. It was really good, mostly in the winter time, and in the summer time it would be closed down part of the time.

Cliff: Well, you didn't need so much juice.

Georgia No, there wasn't so much water either but it was pretty good.

Cliff: No idea, you don't remember about what the monthly income would be, gross without any cost out of it. Any idea how much Glen would pick up for a month? Did he go around and make the collections from the people or how did he charge each person that was on the line?

Georgia Well, it just went by meter.

Cliff: Well, he went down around and checked them then or had somebody do it.

Georgia Well, Mr. Benedict was the Meter Reader.

Cliff: The electricity from the plant right here at the house here, you sold to Camas and Washougal, the town. Old Glen must have had to string a lot of wire, too, didn't he? He must have had quite a crew working for him at one time.

Georgia Well, there was quite a few, oh, I don't know, about four or five real steady ones.

Cliff: Then, when you had to put in poles and lines and stuff, you'd . . .

Georgia Yeah, and you know my grandsons . . .

Cliff: Carrie Higgonson? Mmm, where does Leon live?

Georgia Up on Windburn Hill.

Cliff: Do you have any of the generators left in your old power house, any of the old generators.

Georgia I think they're over there. This here brick building you know, it ran by diesel.

Cliff: Oh, you didn't have the water power, you run . . .

Georgia Not here lately, but before that building where they run by water power it burned down in 1918.

Cliff: 1918, here at the first plant. And then you rebuilt it and run it by diesel then?

Georgia Well, this wasn't built for quite a while. No he had built those others and got going.

Cliff: Oh, I see, this one was the one that was built in 1909. So you had about nine years of operation and that was water power in that time.

Georgia Uh huh. And then they had a flour mill at the same time over here.

Cliff: Oh, right here at the same location? Who had, who owned the flour mill?

Georgia His dad.

Cliff: Oh, and Glen and his dad both owned the flour mill.

Georgia Yeah, and all the people would bring their grain in to get it ground up.

Cliff: I see that somebody dismantled that old car that was there.

Georgia Yeah, this fellow back here, he wanted it so, we tried to sell it a long time ago and nobody wanted it so . . .

Cliff: Don't get rid of that old gas tank there, I want that old pump. I want to polish it all up and fix it and maybe put a new hose on it.

Georgia Ok, yeah, you'd need a new hose on it unless you wanted it just to look at.

Cliff: Course, I wouldn't be using it for gasoline but I sure want one, I'll get that old

pump. It's kind of a novelty thing, put a cement base and set it up for a novelty item. Without it being hooked to anything, then I can clean it and paint it and fix it all up real nice. Yeah, I sure do want that. I've been looking all over for one of those. Yeah, see if I took that down, we'd have to put caps on the pipes to the ground where you disconnect it, then put caps on it. Do you have gas still in the ground. Probably the tanks are rusted out maybe by now. Well, that one's covered with a little ivy plant there looks kind of nice. What did you ever do with that little old gitney that Glen built here? Remember the old one that was setting right back there in the trees.

Georgia Yeah. Well, he sold that to his nephew's son-in-law and he used it a long time and then I noticed when my granddaughter and I was traveling way out in the hills somewhere, there was that jeep setting out there. I don't know who's got it, somebody has out there.

Cliff: Where did he use that little old short coupled thing that he built? Did he use it going up to the plant?

Georgia Yeah, and then he went out different places, camping . . .

Cliff: It was sort of a hobby then, something he built then . . .

Georgia Yeah, he took it to Denver with him that time he stayed there so long and I flew back and we come back in it and camped along the road.

Cliff: On that little thing that you drove her all the way back, huh? Well, I'll be darned, that's amazing. I thought it was used just on the back roads here in the dirt.

Georgia No, we went down to the beach in it several times and got in places where the other cars couldn't go and camped over night a couple of nights.

Cliff: I see you still got that Buick.

Georgia Yeah, that's a new one. That's a fancy one. It looks fancy to me.

Cliff: Oh yeah. Do you drive it?

Georgia Yeah, sometimes.

Cliff: You didn't drive very much when I sold you the cars, when I sold you and Glen the cars, did you?

Georgia No, I been driving since I got married. I really don't like the inside, I mean the darkness but then I had the top changed.

Cliff: Did you get this before Glen passed away?

Georgia No, they didn't have any and he kept on, one day I went in there and he says, you got a new car, yet? And I said, a new car?

Cliff: Well, that was when you had the other Buick.

Georgia I said no, why? Why should I get a new car for. And he said, I want you to get a new car, and one time he said, where you got the car parked, I guess he wanted to see it and I said, well it's back over there, why? Well he said . . .

Cliff: Got your new car for you, huh?

Georgia And I said no, and then he kept on saying, well I want you to get a new car with everything that this one's got on it; and he says, use some of the money up and don't leave it all.

Cliff: Is that what Dick told you?

Georgia No, that's what Glen told me. To use some of the money. So they didn't have the car even in when I went down to see about one but it was coming in and so I wasn't thinking much about a car and so after the other one started, stalling all the time. I decided it was about time to get one because if I was to go on a long trip and get stalled . . .

Cliff: Well, you didn't have any miles on the other one did you?

Georgia I had 20,000.

Cliff: That was about four or five years old though wasn't it?

Georgia It was a '71 but you know the whole thing. I done it two times but one time was the end and the whole thing locked.

Cliff: Oh, the steering column?

Georgia Everything, I couldn't, it was just as stiff and I couldn't get it going. I shook it and that was the last time and I had to, I was up to my daughter's in Camas and we were just going to go to town. It was fine when I parked, and when I went to go in, I couldn't get it started. I had a few little troubles before about it but not that bad, and so my granddaughter says well, "I'll run down and get dad." He was janitor down at a church down there, it was several blocks, I said well I hate to have you go down there. Oh I'll go down, so he come up and he worked on it and jiggled it and everything and finally we got it going

but you know, after that I was afraid to go out in the car.

Cliff: Where was Glen? Was Glen in the hospital then?

Georgia He was in a nursing home when . . .

Cliff: He was in a nursing home when he told you to go spend the money and don't leave it.

Georgia Yeah, he was in the hospital a month and then he was up in the nursing home.

Cliff: Did he pass away in the nursing home? When did he pass away?

Georgia First day of April

Cliff: This year, 1974?

Georgia Yeah, he had bronchial pneumonia after that.

Cliff: Let's see, 74, then he was born in '89?

Georgia He was 86, he would have been 87 this month.

Cliff: Well, I guess he lived it up pretty well, didn't he? You folks got a nice home here. Do you remember anything about the particulars on how many watts the plant put out or anything like that? That would be kind of hard, I guess. Not hard for Glen but . . .

Georgia Yeah, it's kind of hard for me. I wish I did know more about it to help you out.

Cliff: Oh, that's alright You sure helped out a lot. I still, well, what I'd like to do is probably, if sometime we get a chance, to look over some of the historical, some of the things that you have that might be useful in the museum, that would coincide with Glen's power plants. Now you see all of this was in Skamania County and what we're trying to do is to get together and pick out the historical items in Skamania County and, of course, the power plant that Glen had was definitely a historical item. We wanted to, if there was some, do you have any old photos? Of the plants and so forth that maybe you took when, yeah how about some old photographs? Do you have old photographs that might have been taken during the time when the plant was, that we could get copies made? I'm kind of a photograph nut so I, that's why I search for all these old pictures.

Georgia Well, seems like there should be something a long ways back.

Cliff: Somewhere in your photo albums or something you must have pictures of Glen and you and maybe the old. How about the little old tramway that went down to the river. Do you have any pictures of that?

Georgia I don't know if they had any pictures of that or not. It's kind of funny, in a way, I guess, but I don't know if we had any pictures of it or not.

Cliff: Well, why don't, we'll just sometime perhaps you can set down and take a look at some of your old pictures and if there was something to do with, some evening when you're sitting here would you look through your pictures and see if there are some pictures that has anything to do with the power plants of any sort on the Washougal River.

Georgia I know, I suppose I still got them but, I know there are some on the one up there where Barber, where the water was coming over the dam but that's in Clark County.

Cliff: Yeah, that's right it's in Clark County but it's sort of a series of things and, of course, the main power plant and the one that lasted the longest was the one up above. That, of course, is kind of important. But I thought maybe somebody . . .

Georgia It seems like they got, ah, it seems like he took a picture of the building up there one time. I'll have to see if I can find it.

Cliff: The building on the top or the power plant?

Georgia The power plant. It seems like he took a picture and it seems like I . . .

Cliff: Maybe in the background, maybe we'll be able to see that old tramway maybe, where you used to ride up and down.

Georgia Did you hear we's gonna have, might have a chance now of getting a new bridge out here?

Cliff: Right here? What seems to be the big reason?

Georgia Well, you know, they're going to widen this street and put a street in here.

Cliff: Oh, right down here at the edge of your property here?

Georgia And so the fellow, oh, they been surveying here so much so I finally asked them what they were surveying so much for. They've been here four times. I



don't know what they go back here to survey for, they're not going to do anything back here.

Cliff: Probably trying to find corner posts, maybe.

Georgia And so I was kind of laughing and he says well, what are you laughing at? I says, well, I was just thinking, you widening the street out real wide and then have to run into a little dinky bridge and he says well, it is funny, isn't it? He says, but we have a little more chance now of getting the bridge. He said somebody went up to Olympia and he got the State Highway Dept. and he put it up to them that this here bridge wasn't the right kind for this. He said that was for a long time ago.

Cliff: Yeah, when you had two Model-T's going back and forth and beside one another.

Georgia And you know before they've always had, there hasn't been enough accidents out here. Well now, the way it is, everybody if there is somebody on the bridge, they'll either stop on this side or the other side, they're not going to come through.

Cliff: They use it as a one-way bridge now.

Georgia So, I hope they do that because I don't like the sound of all those accidents they have out here.

Cliff: Somebody smashed into this tree right on the corner of your lot one time, I remember, with a sports car. Smashed right into that tree there.

Georgia Well, there's been quite a few of them but there was a couple of trucks hit each other out here the other day. I seen the cop out there measuring the skid marks.

Cliff: Well, I suppose they get carried away, alright. Well, let's see, you look at your pictures for me then and see what you can come up, what we need is anything of historical significance that we can use in the museum and, of course, primarily of the power plants cause it's one of the few places in the whole country that they ever had anything like that. If you have any pictures of anything on the power plants and we could have copies made and give you back your originals. But it would be really great to have them.

Georgia Yeah, there was a paper. I think I saved the paper, there was a paper when he was first building up there.

Cliff: Oh, a newspaper article? Which, Oregonian or something?

Georgia I think it was this one down here. I won't say for sure but there was one in the

Cliff: Oh, maybe you have that article.

Georgia I'll have to look at that and see if I can find that article. And I think it seemed like there was some pictures in there too, I won't say for sure, it's so long ago.

Cliff: Well, if you . . .

Georgia And so many things have happened since . . .

Cliff: Yeah, if you can just find some of that information and I'll stop by and a day or two and you can see what we can come up with, cause it would be real nice to have some of that stuff for the museum. Well, when you're looking through some of that old stuff there, you might run on to some stuff that you forgot all about. Then I would like to possibly get a piece of that little rail that that little tram car was on if there's any little piece of it over there. Their small t-rails aren't they? Little steel t-rails? Regular little railroad irons . . .

Georgia Little bitty rails. I heard somebody, this fellow that wanted the rail, he said you know there was a fellow in Salem he was dickering with and I haven't seen him lately and I told this fellow, I won't sell them until I hear from . . .  
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