



Bottom row, left to right: John Sutherland, Nancy Sutherland, Nora Sutherland Henderson, William Sutherland, Rosa Sutherland McBee, George Sutherland. 2nd row: Gerald Watts (child), Gladys McBee (child), Alma McBee, Myrtle Sutherland, Bessie Sutherland Hooker, Leona Sutherland, James Sutherland, Emma Sutherland Powell, Horace Sutherland, Eva Sutherland Hayes. Top: Lillie Shortridge Sutherland, Lottie Henderson Watts, Alma Watts (child), "Grandma Bales," Marguariete "Reta" Hooker (child), Jesse J. Hooker, George Powell, Bert McBee, Glen Hayes (child), Ted Hayes, L.J. "Jack" Henderson (picture courtesy of Reta Overholser)

own offspring, John married other couples in the area. Some of those include Lester Seales and Bulah Wood, Frank Snyder and Lydia McCulloch, Walter C. Ivins and Pearl M. Crow, Herman Leff and Rena S. Ham and Alva E. Davis and Anna Chapman.

Jesse and Bessie Hooker sold 80 acres of their homestead to another of the Sutherland daughters, Emma, and her husband George Powell for whom Powell Road is named. The Powells built their new home on the acreage. At the same time, they suggested that John and Nancy build a small cottage on their place where they could live out their remaining days. John built the house and a small barn on the property.

John Sutherland died on January 9, 1918, and is buried in the McCulloch Cemetery. Nancy lived to the age of 87. She passed away on November 4, 1938, and was buried next to her husband.

THE LYNCH FAMILY

William and Jessie Lynch moved to Lorane in about 1909, with their children, Lena, George, Katie, Ralph, Frank and Olive. They built a house on north Territorial Road that was later owned by the Shortridge family, now part of Iris Hill Winery (MA-H8). They then moved onto the old Siuslaw River Road, which is now Fire Road, in the home now owned by the Dare family.

William and Jessie's son, Ralph Lynch, married Ethel Damewood in 1914. Ethel was the daughter of Henery and Nancy Damewood who homesteaded in the Silk Creek area on the east side of Cottage Grove Mountain. To them were born Otis, Wilma and Loren, and they also raised Ethel's younger sister Eldora. Ralph built the family home (later owned by Russ Alford) and two barns on 160-acres on the Cottage Grove-Lorane Road (MC-J14). Ralph also built three dams, one on Hawley Creek and two on Norris Creek, in order to irrigate his pasture land. He raised various crops on his land including corn, barley, oats, kale, sudan grass and berries.

Ralph Lynch was frequently called upon to perform

veterinary duties around the Lorane area. His knowledge came from experience and a thick volume of a farmer's manual published in 1899, and given to William Lynch by his mother-in-law. Many of the cures used by Ralph Lynch for both man (mainly his own family) and beast centered around the use of kerosene – internally and externally. Kerosene and sugar were supposed to cut phlegm to relieve colds and congestion, and kerosene mixed with lard was the forerunner to Vick's Vapo-Rub. Constipation or "stoppage of the bowels" was treated with a mixture of fresh horse manure mixed with boiling water. The liquid was strained and used as a drench, or in the case of humans, one tablespoon was said to do the trick. Milk cows who developed milk fever were treated to the experience of having their udders pumped full of air. Within an hour of this treatment, they were supposedly back on their feet.

Loren Lynch remembers the time when his father was grinding grain on the old Brabham place. The huge machine toppled over onto Lynch and his ribs were broken in seventeen places. When Dr. Frost from Cottage Grove came to the home, he wrapped Ralph Lynch in tight bandages and told Mrs. Lynch that her husband "won't be here by morning." Fortunately, he was talking to Mrs. Lynch outside Ralph's open window and the conversation was heard by Ralph. The tight wrapping was causing him so much pain that he called Ethel into the house and demanded that she remove the bandages. He then gave her instructions on how he thought the ribs should be treated. Ralph Lynch outlived Dr. Frost by many years. He was 93 years of age when he "wasn't there in the morning."

Ralph Lynch worked in the Lorane Valley Orchard with his teams of horses during the 1920s and 1930s. He also worked as the foreman for the Lane County Road Department. He helped to build the Siuslaw River Road from Fire Road to the Kempston place where the Mosieur family now lives (ME-H10), using horse graders, fresnos, slip scrapers, and dynamite.

The Lynches sold their place to Si Wise in 1944,