



Ruth Jahnke taking a break and visiting with her mother while Harry Jahnke climbs a log to unsnare the cable from the pulley.



Ruth Jahnke waitin' for a graydigger in front of their log home

living on their Fawn Creek property. Eventually, Harry installed electricity and indoor plumbing after they moved the house. Having a telephone made it much easier for family and friends to reach them without having to drive the distance from other areas of Lane County.

After a course at Eugene Business College in 1959, Ruth began work in the Lane County Assessor's Office where she worked until her retirement in 1975. Harry passed away on March 3, 1976, and Ruth moved into Eugene in 1987. She passed away on September 26, 1991.

Helen Jahnke Walters summarized the life of her hard-working parents,

“Ruth and Harry Jahnke.
Their next project. If they work unceasingly, they
Might cut and sell enough wood to pay the bill at
Mitchell's Store, buy a couple new Wards tires, have
A beer at Chancy's, buy a carton of cigarettes,
And have a good Christmas.”

THE JENKINS FAMILY

Oren R. “Bill” and Estella Jenkins moved to the Lorane area in 1934, with their children, Cecil, Sam, Barbara (Keep), Don and Peggy (Sayles). Bill first found work with the Addisons, working in the woods as a faller. He later worked for several different outfits including Mitchell & Sons Logging and Wooley Logging Co. before his retirement.

The Jenkins family first lived in one of the Addison mill houses where the Sayles family once lived (MD-H14). In 1964, Bill had a home built next door, and he and the family moved into it just before the mill house burned to the ground.

Estella died in 1968, and Bill married Pearl Monroe on January 10, 1970. Following Bill's death on March 21, 1995, Pearl continued to live in the family home on south Territorial Road until 2005, when she suffered a stroke and was moved to an assisted living facility in Cottage Grove.

THE McNUTT FAMILY

(As told by James P. McNutt grandson of Earl McNutt)

“The earliest stories I remember about my grandfather, Earl McNutt, were that he came from Nebraska. His father wanted to move “out West” to try the new opportunities that he had heard about. They came West in the late 1800s – I'm not sure exactly when – and they made it as far as Vancouver, Washington. Winter was setting in and they decided to winter there and get a fresh start, come spring. I don't know many details other than they “starved out,” and decided to go back to Nebraska. In about 1893, my grandfather, at age 12, was sent out to Oregon to scout a parcel of property that the family wanted to buy. As the story goes, he rode part way on the train, and he stuck his head out the window to get a good look at something, and he lost his brand new hat. The other details are a bit sketchy beyond the train ride. Some say that he came the rest of the way on a wagon train – I'm not sure. I do know that he walked the property lines on the property on the McKenzie River, and marked the corners with stones. He returned and the family moved out to Oregon soon after.”

“Some of my memories of my Grandfather were in pictures. He was standing out front of an old building in early Eugene. It was called the Bang's Livery Company. He worked there and eventually became an owner. His jobs included driving stagecoach up the McKenzie River and to the Oregon Coast. He also drove stage coach through the Siuslaw Valley, stopping at the Zumwalt house and the Cartwright House along the way.

We still have an early fancy carriage that had been stored upstairs in that old building. The upper floors