

1990.26.57 Interview of Larry Clanson

Keywords

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Light factory

School

Teachers

Henry Stevens

Larry Clanson

Lived in Otsego County 82 years

Born on South Center and Fifth Street

Year old in 1909 when family moved to western end of county

Graduated in 1927, worked in an automobile garage afterwards

Married in 1935 during the Great Depression

Saved up \$500 for a home during the time

Light factory

Light plant built across the road and run by people from the lass factory

Made electricity by turning a giant wheel that reached from floor to ceiling

Two or three big Sisters they used to power the wheel

They were fed steam pressure by shoveling shavings into the Sisters' furnaces

Wheel exploded through the roof and landed several lots away

School

Started attending school in 1912, were building auditorium at the time

Mile and a quarter walk from home to school

Kindergarten through third grade on east side of building

Fourth grade through sixth grade on west side of building

High school was upstairs

Teachers

Mrs. Fredricks was second grade teacher

Mrs. McCormick was third grade teacher

Mrs. Wilson was fourth grade teacher (married to son of local newspaper owner)

Mrs. Brown was fifth grade teacher

Mrs. Campbell was sixth grade teacher (husband fought in WWI)

Henry "Tom" Stevens

Paid money to cut down redwood trees

Built baseball field behind the school for the community and his own team

Went to a saloon and treated everyone there

His team played the Detroit Tigers once but lost the game