Now my grandmother who was Margaret A. Bolssinger, she came from the south, she came on a wagon train... they came from Iowa. She was at Civil Bend which is Dillard, Oregon, just south of Roseburg. Her husband died ... David Lenox had just gotten there evidently, it was all in about eight or nine months, the way .. if you figure it out here... He came with his family.... and Sara, Sara I. Lenox I don't know what her maiden name was... and she died when she was 33 years old ... Buried out there in Civil Bend Cemetery where my mother and father are buried too. And then David Lenox married my grandmother..... Margaret Lenox..... Margaret Bolssinger Lenox... my mother was only 2¹/₂ years old. And so the Lenox children grew up with my mother. My mother's first name was Nora... and they lived at our house... these older people... now here I'm just a little girl now.. coming into the world, the fourth in the family ... and so my Aunt Edith, and Aunt Lottie, and Uncle Ed and Uncle George and all of 'em, just came to see us. We had a house beside the road. My father was a livestock dealer. And he had five acres on the west side of Roseburg, Oregon. And people just came in... there was always two tables, places set at the table, extra places set, that was the kind of a place it was. _____you get the feeling. So we grew up knowing the Lenoxes. And since I was born when my mother was 40, I knew Aunt Edith and Aunt Lottie Lenox, you see ... they were Sara's children. And then this Uncle Ed and ... he was just county clerk ... Uncle Dave had two terms in as Douglas County sheriff's office .. named after his father, Dave Thomas Lenox, that's the third Dave George ... and then Ed... Ed was named after this man here... They all were named after everybody else Dave's child was named Ed too.

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Was that real common in those days?

Oh yes, all the time, you see. So now it's pretty hard for you people to understand 'cause they all have the same names. But it's a different generation. You understand now?

Oh, oh, yeah...

It would be like you having, getting married and then naming your daughter the same name as you.

But to go back to to David Thomas... I was going to tell you, I think you ought to know, the names of the children he had...This is Mr. Lenox's claim, the most outstanding thing he did, that was to start the first Baptist church west of the Rockie Mountains. And that was really an historic thing. And I think the older you get, the more you realize that. But of course he says so right here in this book. And I got that.... And I ______ this morning and I just bought this and I'll leave in it for you... It's very important. It tells all about Mr. Lenox -- what he did, for the Baptists in the state of Oregon. He was on all kinds of committees. He helped... He... they didn't have churches... they had to come here and establish the churches, understand... and so, he had to help establish the church at Oregon City, and he established the church here because he didn't build this thing right here ******** It was built in 1853, I think, but they had the church in his log cabin. I just showed you a picture of awhile ago. And, it says right here, that

Was there training to be head of the church, or did he have the belief and then come out here and

Well he... no, he had no formal training, but that's... in Kentucky evidently, Louise's parents were very good Christians, Baptists, so he had evidently been the moderator there. As young as that, he was... here, it says right here.. "In the spring of 1843, we organized a small Baptist church in Tuality..." and this is what's interesting: t-u-a-l-i-t-y... that's what they called it then, and you see people called it, finally got it ... County with seven members. Since that time ten of them added to the church by letter and recently we've had the by Ezra Smith Fisher." That's gospel preached in demonstration as who the fellow that stayed there. So they asked for the minister. You have to read this ... "The constitution and covenant of the West Union Baptist Church, May 25, 1844. Whereas in the promise of God a few names of us professed followers of Christ who hold to one faith, one Lord and one baptism have been thrown together of the west and being members of churches in the United in these wild States desire to the keeping up the worship of God in our neighborhood and our families KNAKXWAXNAKANA agree that we hereby constitute a coming to union, first giving ourselve to the Lord and then to each other, do covenant and agree that we will meet together to worship God and keep the commandments and ordnance of God's house and are hereby constituted into a church." So, ... that's the way it starts, "David Thomas Lenox, he wrote all this. And I think this comes from out the red book. Now I think I have two, and I'll let you have two, yes, here it is. Now this is very valuable. There isn't another one around. Please keep it. "The Story of the West Union Baptist Church." And she took it from here. And from what I just told her. She took it from here, the So please keep that, or, if I was, you would photograph it, I would appreciate it and give it back to me.

Shall I mail it to you?

Well I can come and get it

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Well, you can answer me. Would you leave it flat? I'ld like to have it flat. Don't fold it. Do you mind terribly? if I can keep things like this. You know, it's, really, it gets to be quite a problem here. Now let's see. That tells about the church. And if you read it over, I just read this to you, right here. You'll find that its, now, the other thing, she says a little how he came. They made a mistake here. With his wife and eight children. There were ten children. There were ten of them. Be sure and get that right

It's on page 2.

But don't change this now. I mean, when you photograph it, you see, will you remember that? And it tells about Ed, you know know, who wrote the book, and

let's see, these are the people... and this is the thing about this... if you wanted to look up some of these people's names... see, they're living right around here, so it would be very interesting, I would think, to look these people up. See, here's a name:.... thy're the one's started that church right up here on the conrner. That was the beginning. Understand? And now this gives your teacher a copy of that. And then this, be sure, now this is awfully hard to I think its in here, ketterxfree, would you look in here; I haven't looked at it recently "Letter from Jake.. from the Baptist record, written on August 15, 1846. Published in record ... " He's asking, and he asked for books! They didn't have any books to teach the children see, and he asked for books from the Baptist depository ".... that the American Baptist publication society send their books and tracts here and make a depository. We need also a few common school books, bibles, testaments, hymn books and Sunday school books. By all means make a small depository here. If you will do so, I will take charge of it and be responsible. Remittances can be made in draft." So you see he was a responsible man. He would have paid for these things. He wanted books to teach his children. When they crossed the plains they didn't have any... well, if they had any books, it was just the bible and they had very few of them. So, then he tells about here, uh, If you look under Lenox here, you'll find, I think, just what I was talking about. Incidently, I am getting tired now "We have not yet ordained anyone to the office of deacon." See, he goes ahead and it says right here, in the beginning, that he was the minister ... Here. "I expect to make this country my home. And I have commenced farming and I feel that in my respects that my responsibilities having a superintendent of the school and quite a share of the minister's duties in the church." Do you realize it, what I said there, he was the first minister. Of course I had to give a talk in a hurry and this is what I said. And he really was. They started the first church. These people got together and said, "We're going to start a church." Isn't that interesting? That's an old log cabin. Now, I don't know when this picture was taken and ... the .. thing about it is.. tells all about it here He wrote this he's an old man, he's the one I told you I tried to get hold of that time---I sat for two hours ... at the Baptist church, at the white temple AM&XXXXXXXXXXXX KNAKAXXXEXXXXX He has an office there.and I sat there. Finally they said, "Oh he always comes in to "his wife isn't well." I learned later she'ld had a major operation (general dissertation about what you do to care for yourself, get info, etc.)... Now he was the publisher of the OREGON BAPTIST for years and years ALARM In June 1959, was the last time I mentioned Elbert and he was here. We had a real and this is what this book came out, This return. S all the rest of the things are in here. It does tell about Ezra Future here(?) Here. Tells about what he was.... they just took this right out of that little book. HA HA HA That's what we're finding they may be wrong. There isn't anything that anybody does that doesn't make some mistake. I went over this thing that I got here and I probably made some mistake. Or here. I'm not going to fuss about it. But if you follow the Oregon Trail, you'ff find, I said they crossed the Snake River down here by Idaho Falls and I thought that's where they did.... See they had to cross the Snake River and it turns out to be right about Idaho Falls so when I wrote that story, later on I thought YOu know what I mean. But that's the way... The Sanke River was have any of these people ever seen the Snake River? It's just like this and it does go high and down and they folloed it and when they came to a place where they had to forge, you see, it was so very swift that it was very, very dangerous. Sometimes the river was at a high spot and they had to go down lower and take their four wheels Because four wheels, you want, and sometimes four oxen pulling this wagon. The important part that I have found in the Oregon Trail was that this part around here wasn't bad at all. It's when they got to Fort Hall that they were told not to take the covered wagons.

Itold you about that. Did you read that? I made that very important because everything I've ever read... and this is way I think it's very important... 1843 that spring came true and it made us all open up all the way. So they came through just in horses and _____ and carts, you know, two-wheel carts, kinda like each side of the horse with a tree MAXMAXMAXMAX we called 'em tongue tree, on each side of the cart and they put their bedding and their stuff on that and then they put there packs on the horses and they had extra horses or mules for packs. I studied on that word a lot 'cause I wanted to explain that. And this is true. So they had to widen the pathway to get those covered wagons through-they had to cut the trees -- a lot --- and they did go through on the rocks and so forth and had to use pulleys. Do you know what a pulley is? OK. I'm going to put a rope over there and I'll put a rope over here and then I'll go across on that rope and those people'll hold me up if I'm goin down over here. A pulley--have you ever had a pully (Another person is speaking about pulleys-- can't understand). .. They used them all the time coming across the plains and it really is an interesting thing for the children to figure out because they really should know. Where is that book?..... You see,..... across the valley... down into the countains ... I don't know who made these illustrations they'r pulling that ferry across. It's a ferry, but it's nothing but a raft. It's got the covered wagon on it. And over here they've got the ropes and they're going around like this. You understand? When I pull on this one, it'll push me across, when I pull on this one, it'll pull me across. (Child voice interjects) ... Yeah, they'll pull back on the raft. That's right. That's what a ferry does. How many people have been on a ferry? (Chatter about going on ferries) They still work the same way. I take that back, maybe they use engines now. But the fellow starts it, yeah, he gets it up to the bank on a pully. And the cord goes clear across. It's the only way these people got across these rivers and not only that ... some of 'em were down the river without a bank and this old covered wagon was going like this and so they held it back with a pully. So it wouldn't go right on its nose. They put it on a tree way back there and hitched it onto the body of the wagon. And then the people back there at that tree let it go real slow, down the river, so they wouldn't lose the wagon. It really was a tremendous thing. So you talk about rich ... I mean ... they had to use an awful lot of good sense... to get across the plains.. And the important thing, here I'll just quit here ... Here, they went up to Whitman Station, because Marcus Whitman was traveling along with them, and you read about this, so you'll understand. And they should really know about Marcus Whitman because he was a missionary, you know, who was killed. You know about him. Have they ever talked about him? They should talk about Marcus Whitman. (Spelled)

Who told them to bring all this stuff and who told them ?

The, uh, well it was by word of mouth...uh, passed on, and the Army officers. You see they went from fort to fort F-O-R-T. You know what that means? Fort Piranee (?), Fort Larimee, Fort Bridgerd, they were established by the Army -the mountain men had come over. The mountain men had come through on these forts going from fort to fort--- they were trading posts, a grocery store. And, usually for money, they traded. They traded furs for food or they didn't use traded beads and shells. The Indians did. Then..... and here we are.... we go Fort Kerney (Piranees) first, I know, And this must be Fort Bridgerd..... no ... yeah ... Here's Hall. Here's Fort Bridgerd, it's the one that makes the funny curve... Fort Bridgerd's way down here, they had a cut off later on, they didn't go to Bridgerd ... And then Larimee is in Wyoming so and Fort Bridgerd, and Kariman Piranee and let me see, is there another one? I had this all We had a great big story on the Oregon turkey and I also....and I had (don't understand seems to be talk about food yet seems to be something xbhabcoanchecgobbencsbhaughcsbhecgnegencilisabonicadccaocixxxxx

put out by "Mumsford's" and/or the Oregon Historical Society)... And here's something you can get from the state library and everybody should have one of these. I don't know why you don't get one...everybody Now this just tells about Oregon.... Now here we are... We gotta start.when they come feexbewxtheyxfamexuextex across the This is your Oregon Trail and they through Pendleton and then they came here.

Their oxen would get terribly tired. They just couldn't possibly get and **xhax**xx if you read the book here you'll find.....

He was smart enough to buy very very healthy lead oxen. In other words they were as soon as you put the yoke around their necks they took off. They were very fast. Now there's lost of animals you have to switch a lot mx before you get them going, and these were not and they said they just kept going and that's what w they were called. And he paid \$50 or \$60 extra for lead oxen. And he didn't expect to be the leader but that's just what he happened to be. So that's what happened because these lead oxen were faster that the others. You know they passed somebody up. But they wore themselves out when they got up here

If you've never seen a yoke it's nothing but wood. Then they traded them for the cows because Mr. Whitman h other people to stop in there and they had to trade.

And that's what we did at Celilo Falls. We had to do it before Celilo because we had Celilo Falls. But that's gone now because of \mathbf{x} The Dalles Dam. Then he brought them down all the way around here came down through Sauvie Island Fort Vancouver.

It's 2:00 time to leave--you write for it at the capitol building. That's where I got it--Oregon State Capitol.

They published this just to show you where the Oregon Trail is in Oregon. Now they have this in every state in the union--did you know that. And at the Oregon Historical Society.

They went from Fort Bridger to here. and they had to do kaximie kaxime Laramie in between. There's Laramie. This one was put out by

You're asking how they knew the Trail--well they had landmarks. Here's Ayer's Rock Here's Courthouse rock--there it was, see it. God made it. Here's Ayer's Natural Bridge. They knew they were on the right trail because of these landmarks. They'd look for the landmarks and then also they stayed on the right trail because of the forts.

How much money did Ed say he got? He k gave more money than anybody else. The mountainmer. They'd been over here tracking. And the people of the fort

HANKE If I lived in New York City and I was clear out here at Fort ______ I would go back and see my mother then I'd come bace to For ______ wouldn't I? And on the may back I'd tell everybody what I saw on the way. So just by wexkxex word of xmeth mouth is what happened. He says here how much he paid which I think is very interesting. How much they paid for a man to be their pilot. Do you know what a pilot is? One of these boys and he was a young man, was going back to his post (that was at Fort Hall in Idaho, here) . Mr. Gant was going back to his post in Idaho. had been clear to St. Louis and these me people knew about it so they hired him. I don't know if they understand about mountain men but there was lots of people going back and forth tracking and they were called mountainmen.

Then they came back and told everybody, but some of the stories were a little bit bigger than they had been.

It's interesting

father was resting in his tent and monther and 4 f girls were taking it easy after an arduous week. Now the girls all had to wash the clothes and make the food and everything when several of the families around us we broke in impatiently on us and wanted to know at what hour we were going. How is it Captain Lennox said one of them that you are not xix up and off this fine morning. We are not going to travel today replied my father. This is the Lord's day. The cattle need rest, we need rest and your families need rest. And so then they said the KHMPSKNMM

we are going on. Well said Capt. Lennox I have no authority to xxx stop you, but you will find it to your interest to travel with a well guarded companyx rather than to go it alone. and Dr. Whitman, who was with them, he xxx had been to Washington D.C. trying to get more money for his missionaries. There was a community of churches, there wasn't thisz just methodist it was prodestant evidently. They needed money. So he has been back there to get money from the board (that's what they say in their little journal) and

Oregon Times and Trailsxhuput out by the Oregon Historical Soceity and it starts out with just a capsul of information about some of the pioneers. One of them is about Joe . What kind of a person he was. He became a sheriff and his word was law. Actually he could do about anything he wanted to. He was called the talker of the territory. In other words he talked people down. By that if you were really loud and if you were a Kxx French Canadian. They never talked loud... He was a big burly man, carried a gun.huxxhuxwax

Tells about Eastern Oregon, how he builds his barn. Talks about Mr. Lennox, you've seen his picture. That's the best picture he had. He had that taken in \$9x28 1843 Nov. 2, when he got to x The Dalles. The other two things I think are kind of interesting are right out here in this area. The Rock Creek directory.

I went to see him, talk to him for this. See Barnes it tells & all about him. This is what he has done is sold the property and wanted to know the history of this area. NOt only that a real estate man has to go to the courthouse andget all the facts about the lands. So he knew about it. He could have told me more--the donation of land payment tells you what it is. Now he has a place right out here--he married Janice

Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Probate Court of the County and a merchant 1874--selfish and generous person. This is what he wrote.

without ever knowing me. During the winterxxx severe winter of 1845-46, now he came here in 1843, and the winter would be in January 1844, and they had this log cabin that they got with their three mules, they traded. They brought is them all the way from Missouri and they still were here.

We drove the stock 15 miles down the river and swam over 2 at a time. That's at The Dalles. drove they to Ft. Vancouver where we crossed the

river again and so went on to Oregon City. And we call it Cornelius Pass today--that's the way they did it. Now I had to figure this out too. Where we arrived on the 26th of Nov. 1943 1843 our company had really disbanded at The Dalles making their way as fast as they could know down the Columbia River as the snow was ready to.... After father had about for some 3 weeks going as far as the Columbia River with a small company of his fellows (about 2 dozen of them) we he decided to settle about 22 miles out from Oregon City and that's wer where you're at right now, on the Tualatin Plains. We bought a house from two brothers by the name of Kelsey, trading his mules (3 mules). They took the mules and went to Lake County in Calif. and settled in the town of Kelseyville. Imz183218622

During the severe winter of $1845-46 \times he$ took into his small log house (18×22) a widow with three children, Rev. Ezereth Fisher (they had finally gotten a baptist minister) with his family of 6 along with the Lennox family of 10 (8 children and 2) with only one small bedroom and they cooked on a stick fireplace that was located at the end of the room. The fare was meager in those pioneer days consisting mostly of turnips, potatoes, dried peas and broiled meat to feed.... Taken from West Union...

The thing you have to remember when you read these books is that there are many many discrepancies. Do you know what I mean by that? It isn't always right. SOMMEXPEXEDEN You will think different from that book and you will think different and you will wright it down and then 125 years from now it will will will will will be same.

They didn't count the babies. When a man went out to count he always counted the men. That's what Ed says here. His father sent him out one night to count the people and here's the name's of the people. Names of the women--he finally did get some of them down, but they were the wives. The young girls might not of ever been in it. This is where your discrepancy comes--now you know what discrepancy means. It could be 200 or 300 people discrepancy.

A real nice man in Medford who was the vice president of PGE (now retired)...

He

through many hardships in crossing

mountains

When he rested due to religious convictions. At first this was resented by his followers but later appreciated. The train arrived in The Dalles on Nov. 2.

quoted on the Columbia River around the high cliffs and the valleys in smaller sections. There were probably more wagons that you had here but they split in 3 sections. You can't cross the river with that many people.

When they crossed the px plains they had to get single file--when you go out to plaay you get in 4's they when the teacher says get into single file one of them has to go back to #4 don't they? So everybody can't bem the leader. They didn't like that so the men were wanted to hurry up (they had been waiting for 2 weeks m for the ground to k get hard so their covered wagons could move--you can imagine how impatient they were@x). The children were impatient too-- they wanted to go. They got real angry (I'm going to be first, I'm going to be first....) and Burnett who had started this whole thing said(you ought to read about him, Peter Burnett), he went on to become the Govenor of Calif.--very interesting, he was the one that was a good talker. He was the one that talked these people into coming. They did some research on him just like I said--he lived real xm close to the army post here in Tualabin View. He had been delivering the grass or the hay to the army post for their animals and so here comes Peter Burnett out screaming about how great it was. I guess it really was quite and not too tall a man--made **inset** lots of expressions with his hands, They had the corner grocery store where they'd go and talk and. I know about the Burnetts because I have a friend whose mother is the daughter-in-law--her name is Mrs. I was at her house one day and she went over to her library and she said here I have the memories of Peter Burnett.

Because Mr. Lennox was the kind of man he was and so he did. I'm sure he only led part of it because there was too many.

And those people who wanted to go with him in his group would go and then this is where Ed came in.

Before he came to Missouri he came from Kentuckey. He was rich because he was an honest man (Q. Was he rich?) He was a very good manager because when he sold his property in the various places in ... he kept his money. When he finally got to--he came from New York, he went down to Kentuckey. What did he do in Ken. He was the plantation manager for Louise's parents. Whay with Why did they go in such did different ways? Why didn't they just go straight. Because you can't go across the U.S., you've got mountains. You have to go where there's a path.

The first move was to Illinois. They got married and that's where Ed was born was down here in Kentuckey. They got here to Illinois and her oldest brother had already come up to Illinois so they bought farms next to each other. He had saved his money working there and came up here and bought his ranch.

In 1829 my father and mother together with several members of the Swan family removed to the neighborhood of Rushville, Skyler County, Illinois. Here my father bought land some $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles out from town and there I lived until I was about 13 years old. He probably taught his children as well as his wife's family's children.

THENXINX 1839 It was May in 1839 when I went with my father to Rushville and there he had an experience with a man who had some bees.

One of my mothers sisters, Mrs. Joseph______, with her husband had removed from Illinois to ______, Missouri in 1940. So that's why he went on to Missouri. His wife's sister was there—she wanted to be with her **sixe** sister. My father having found MPREM opportunity to sell his land in Illinois at a good advance. The same locale in Missouri where he bought 80 z acres of land and he paid only \$5 an acre. And this land was rich with walnut, hickory, elm and other timber and he had to clear it. At Ft. Levenworth, Kansas. He cut his hay and took it in. In those days you didn't have all this machinery—you had horses. The horses had to have hay. So Mr. Lennox brought in hay to the horses.

Father went to Levenworth government KERTAX contract hay and corn. He z was allowed to cut the grass and he hired men to do this.

HEXWAXXMEXTRAXINALS Wash born in 1802 and he died in --he was 18 years old when he came to Kentuckey, so you can figure what time it was then--accoring to his story he was an orphan. He may have left home, he may have had a father & mother who couldn't support him--nobody ever knows what happened.

They left May 12--they organized their whole trip and they knew what they should take. They were supposed to take 100 lbs. of flour and they always have to have about 75 lbs. of bacon per person, and I can't remember how many lbs. of sugar per person. The **kens** Lennox' had 100 lbs. of sugar **MEXXMEXSON**, \mathbf{i} 100 lbs. of dried apples and coffee and so forth and what they told people before they started out was that they should have order list--they should have sugar, flour, bacon, and dried fruit and they had to take their salt with them and their lard and of course that's just to eat. Now remember they had to take things along for their animals to eat and they had to take along all the cooking utensils--. There were a lot of people who got out here and wished they hadn't come. Especially the Burnetts. He didn't stay here at all, he went to Calif. because he was an adventurer. He was looking for money and of course he went down to the gold rush. Everybody is differnet in this world, Mr. Lennox was a family man and I think that's very important. He's a christian family man and he wanted to raise his family and now of course David Lennox comes in who is 8 years old. He was married to a lady in this area and had a family you see and after he was about 44 years --hhb here he had been living with his father and mother all these years he just got up and left and went toGile Bend. And this is where my mother comes into the story. Because xx Sara died.

David Lennox, my step grandfather, was born Junex 9xx1899xandxhextixed

David Lennox, my step grandfather died June 9, 1899, he was 64 years old 2 months and 15 days. He was bornMarch 21