

EVA SAGERT SHABER 1990 OR 1991 AUGUST

Interviewed by Loyce Martinazzi

I am interviewing a relative of mine. What is your name?

ES My name's Eva Schaber and I used to be Eva Sagert and I was born and raised on the Sagert road where the folks had a farm and we enjoyed our farm life and the family life there for many years until I was married in 1938. We just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary about 2 years ago.

LM And you look so young!

fES Oh thank you. We had kind of a family gathering for our celebration. My husband wasn't really feeling too well at that time so we didn't go out too far with invitations and all. But we've always enjoyed Tualatin. Tualatin is my love, because I remember the people on the farms who were friendly and helped each other. This is the one thing that meant a lot to me and I still have that love for Tualatin. so, I've got a few pictures here. We're just going to talk over a few memories.

LM Now tell me, what house is this?

ES This is the farm house.

LM That is?

ES Uh huh.

LM Oh that's a different view than I've seen of it. This must have been the west side or the east side?

ES It was the north side as you came down the road.

LM. Oh! That's what you saw when you came down the road? OK.

ES um hm it's not really the picture I wanted to bring but...

LM I remember the house being as real tall and I don't remember all these side buildings by it.

ES Mom and dad had the porch built on. It was an enclosed porch and this was the bathroom.

LM It was put on later?

ES Yes, and this is the woodshed here.

LM Do you know when the house was built?

ES No I don't. I don't know. Wish I did, I don't know.

LM. Tell me, who were your grandparents?

ES Frederick Sagert and his wife Caroline Jurgens. I understand that they came to Oregon in 1873 and lived with the Jurgens family for a period of time when they were getting the land and building a home. However, I believe that Frederick Sagert, my grandfather had a small home already built on the Sagert property. And then as they could Lou Sagert built our home.

LM It was Lou that built the big house?

ES Yes. And a Lou a part of his family lived in the Tualatin area. He had 2 sisters Lena and Mary and 3 brothers, Bill and Charles and Lou.

LM Now Lena, did she move away from Tualatin?

ES Yes she did. She married and moved to the Hillsboro area or Laurel which is out of Hillsboro. And she married a Whitmore.

LM I've seen the Whitore name coming up a lot but I've never known them or anything about them, but apparently they lived here at one time. Did you know the Whitmores?

ES No, I just remember their children. They were really older than I was too. I suppose Roy and Elsie and Fred would have been associated with them more than I was, 'cause I was the youngest in the family and uh, anyway his sister married into the Orondolph family from Hillsboro so they must have lived in the Laurel area for quite some time and still do.

LM You don't have any contact with them?

ES No I don't have any contact with them. I imagine that they're both deceased by now.

LM Bill Sagert...I remember hearing a lot about Bill Sagert and he lived down here [Pointing north.] I don't remember ever seeing him but I must have. Funny, I don't remember ever seeing Lou, your father, I must have but I don't remember him. Is this a picture of your parents?

ES Yes, that's their golden wedding.

LM Oh Oh really?

ES Jan 31, 1943.

LM They are a very handsome couple.

ES Wonderful too. They were nice.

LM Now Lou was your father...What was he like?

ES Well, he was seemingly a friend to everybody. A lot of the people called him "grandpa" from the Tualatin area, and everyone was always so kind to him on Saturday night. Of course he would go down to Tualatin to have a shave or haircut or just to be there with people.

LM He was a social person?

ES Yes, he was. They would bring him home at night because he never really in his later years drove a car.

LM Did he in his earlier years?

ES Yes, he had a car. He taught me to drive and I was with him a lot.

LM Was he a gentle father?

ES Oh yes, he was very gentle.

LM What was your mother like? Your mother's name was?

ES Delker, Mary Delker. I don't know the year that they were married, but anyway she came down and she lived with the family, that would be Frederick and Caroline and they lived together and mother said Caroline Jurgens was a great help to her with the children. Her health wasn't just too good at that time  
She said she was very kind and good to her. And she was a religious person also.

LM Everything I've ever heard about the Jurgens is they were gentle.

ES I think that's true. I knew the Jurgens family when they lived up near Roamer's Rest.

LM John and ...

ES Yes, John and Pauline.

LM John was a gentle person.

ES Yes, he was very kind and nice.

LM I guess that Mary and my grandmother Nettie, of course they lived close together, were very good friends.

ES Yes, they were.

LM They used to visit back and forth?

ES They did. They visited back and forth about their family and their gardens and their life on the farm in general. They had things in common.

LM Now, this must be the famous picture of the flying expedition.

ES That's true.

LM Is this Lou?

ES That's Lou and Fred and Virgil Meyers.

LM It's a nice picture.

ES I found out since I talked with you that they called themselves the "Flying Farmers".

ES There were six families or six of them went together and it was called the Flying Farmers when they made this trip. They had a wonderful time, of course. It was an experience for them. Always being on the farm and going someplace in the airplane at that time.

LM Um hm Um Hm and what year was this?

ES I don't know what year that was but anyway they surely enjoyed that trip. On the way back they were coming up flying up the Columbia Gorge and the wind; it was such such a down pull that it dropped them down quite close to the water but Virgil got it out and under control.

LM This was really a small plane, wasn't it?

ES Yes.

LM It held 6 people? Did 6 go or?

ES No, just the 3 of them went and there were other planes.

LM Oh, I see. I see. So 6 people went all together or there were 6 people involved in the Flying Farmers?

ES There were 6 families. And I believe they were farmers, all of them.

LM Hm>

Phone rings. Oh, excuse me

LM Now these men of the Flying Farmers they went to Cuba? Havana Cuba?

ES Yes, Havana Cuba. I believe that was right.

LM And how long did they stay?

ES I think perhaps they came home the second week.

LM Really?

ES I think so.

LM That must have been quite an experience for your father, you know, having grown up with horses and wagons and here he was flying clear across the country!

ES Yes, he was.

LM He must have been really impressed.

ES He was impressed. He was very impressed. I remember as a kid he brought me back the prettiest pair of earrings just kind of dangly there and uh, I always appreciated them. But he did enjoy his trip very much. Fred of course, we were glad Fred was with him. And also there was another family that sort of took him under their wing and watched out for him.

LM How old was he then?

ES I would say between 75 and 80.

LM He must have been a little on the short side, was he?

ES He was. When I first knew my father of course he was straight? much taller person but as the years came on he got shorter.

LM Sure.

ES I guess we all do, yeah, I think that's true.

LM Well now, his cousins would have been the Jurgens, like Bill Jurgens and Henry and so on. Did he ever have much to do with them?

ES Well, I think he did whenever he could. I remember we used to go when he drove the car to see the Jurgens family and they talked about them...you said Henry, especially Bill.

LM Bill stayed on the old place and John of course was up at Jurgens Park. Well I always wanted to see a picture of Lou Sagert. Larry, my husband knew him but I must have been pretty young and didn't pay much attention you know. You know when you're a kid all the old people tend to look alike and you don't differentiate much unless they're your grandparents you don't think much about them. What was your childhood like in Tualatin?

ES My childhood in Tualatin. I remember going to the old Tualatin school and the teacher. I have pictures of all the grades. I dearly loved the teachers, it just seemed like they were a second mother when you were at school. We had that good relationship. And uh, I remember a lot of these kids that we went to school with too... Sometimes I get out the old pictures and try to think of their names and of course it's getting harder and harder.

LM Was there a school bus when you were in school?

ES Oh no, we walked to school and from school and you know we didn't really notice the distance. It would have been about a good mile there.

LM I often wondered why Lou built the house way down that long drive way.

ES I don't know. It must have been because there is a slope from the road down and then you come up and he evidently wanted it on the higher side of that ground.

LM Larry [Lee] said that when he went to school on the bus that the bus would stop there and Donna Johnson would always run up the long driveway.

ES Oh, she was probably late.

LM When my sister Joanne graduated from grade school there was Donna Andrews, no not Donna Andrews, Donna Johnson in the class who was related, I mean a distant cousin and Marian Andrews who was a second cousin.

ES Oh, that's right.

LM There were the 3 of them all from the original family. My sister Toni is doing a family history and she is trying to find out... She has got a lot of information on William Jurgens who was Caroline's brother because he was in the service.

ES Oh, is that right?

LM They keep all the service records so she found out quite a bit about him, but she's going to try to find out where they came from in Germany. She's going to write up a little story about the whole family you know, including my mother's side. She's really doing a lot of research. She's gone over to Italy last summer and she's going to try to go to Czechoslovakia where Wm Jurgens

first wife came from...Bohemia. And somewhere, either on a census or one of grandpa Jurgens military papers it tells the town he was born in in Germany.

ES Eventually you will have a little more information.

LM Um hm um hm. Interesting how fascinated we are with the past.

ES Isn't it true, and when you're a kid it's you could care less.

LM What I could have found out from my grandmother Nettie, you know...and grandpa...even dad. Dad talked to me a lot and I was basically the only one who listened to him when he talked about the old times. I always liked it and asked him a lot of questions and he had a lot of information. I could have gotten out of him if I'd realized.

ES If he was only here today, we sure could use it.

LM Couldn't we, couldn't we? He would be so interested in the stuff that I'm researching and finding out about. Things that he didn't even know about. There's so much available. So if he did go to school here do you know what school he went to?

ES No I sure don't remember the name of the school

LM It would have been probably called the little Red School, wouldn't it?

ES It would have been,

What year was your father born?

ES Uh...

LM Was he born before they came to Oregon?

ES Yes, they travelled from Michigan and I used to remember him talking about a boat and they got smallpox on the boat.

LM Oh.

ES And he said they were just terribly sick. Some died. I don't know. I think about this. Did they come down the United States side or did they go around...

LM Now it's possible, I don't know if he mentioned it but it's possible that they came up from San Francisco on a boat.

ES That's probably it. Just from San Francisco up here. I'm glad you told me that.

LM Now you know mosther wrote a history of Tualatin in 1959.

ES I'd like to see that again, I'm looking for what I think I saved.

LM Um hm, um hm.

ES But through the years, I um, I don't think I have it.

LM Well, we will be putting that all together and publishing it. Now in the book that we're going to write we're not going to use mom's writing verbatim, we're going to pull out things from it because it only gives a partial history although she did a marvelous job and you know she must have talked to your mother. Do you remember my mother?

ES Oh yes, yes.

LM Uh huh.

ES Yes, I do.

LM She mentioned your mother. That your dad apparently worked on the Lursman house which would have been the Viane house when they were building it.

ES Uh huh.

LM And that...I can't remember exactly, she would...anyway I'll find that for you and copy it off.

ES I heard mama mention that Lursman...

LM Oh she did?

ES Name. Yes.

LM Can you remember anything she said about them?

Es No, I can't. Other than the fact that they were nice people. They were hard working people. And uh, I had forgotten but she did say that dad helped with the house.

LM The house is still standing, it's kind of in real poor condition, But it's still standing.

ES Houses do wear outtoo.

LM They sure do, they're only built ot last 50 or 100 years.

ES That's right.

LM Well, your dad had lots of hair.

ES Yes he did and ..

LM And Fred had lots of hair. Fred had real nice hair as I recall.

ES Uh hm.

LM Did allof your folks hair turn grey at an early age?

ES Yes.

LM I thought maybe...and where did you get that from, your mother's side?

ES They say you get that from your mother.

LM But your mother's hair was still dark and your fathers was grey.

ES Well...

LM Your mother didn't color her hair did she? Did she really?

ES Uh hm.

LM Well bless her heart. Good for her.

ES I can remember going home and when I'd go home you know, she'd have me color her hair.

LM Good for her.

ES It was more like a rinse. You know.

LM Yeah, uh huh uh huh. I'm glad she did that. She looks very nice there.

ES She didn't haver her glasses on...

LM Did she wear glasses?

ES A little I guess he didn't very much thought.

LM Well now, tell me about his business, the cutom farm business.

ES The farm business,I can remember as a kid all summer dad was usually gone because they didn't even come home much because of the threshing. And where they went people would

always...and they stayed overnight and perhaps slept on the hay or whatever they were doing at that time but most everyone had them come in the house and they had meals for them.

LM Um hm.. Well I understand from what my mother wrote that your dad bought his first threshing machine from Foney Shipley.. Do you ever remember hearing that name?

ES No. No.

LM I'm real interested (unintelligible) according to what my mother wrote, and that your dad also had a business of carting produce into Portland and hauling things out from Portland. A kind of early truckers.

ES Well my (phone rings)

LM Do you remember anything about that? ES the only thing I remember about the produce . Mama said that a, of course they had a wagon and horses and would load their produce onto that and they rode up over Oswego over the hill.

LM Um hm.

ES And at times it was just almost impassable to get up over that hill to go into Portland. And but they usually got there except maybe in extremem bad weather in the winter.

LM Um hm.

ES And they'd always bring home things that they needed. And they'd shop like uh 100 pounds of flour and sugar cereals and things. I think the cereal was usually ground in the local area they had someone who had a chopper or grinder or something.

LM Oh really, who would that be?

ES The years that I remember it was Schaber and uh

LM Sure, sure.

ES Leonard Schaber.

LM So they would grind like oatmeal or grind the wheat to make their own flour?

ES Uh huh. That the flour and sugar in larger quantities but it would be in quantities and they would so often bring it back. Mama baked her own bread and ..

LM They worked hard.

ES They did, they did. I can still see that bread rising behind the wood stove in a larger container and she would have it covered up with a blanket actually to keep the temperature right. And we had a stove that had a water heater on the side it heated the water. Then if you wanted to wash of course it had to be wash water on the stove heating water and carrying it to the porch and washing in wash tubs and a wash board.

LM So your mother didn't have a washing machine?

ES She did, as soon as possible.

LM So your mother had modern things as they came along?

ES Yes. That's one thing that was good.

LM Now how many kids did your mother have?

ES Well altogether I would say 7.

LM Oh 7?

ES But you see there was 2 deaths in the family. And then there was Fred and Roy and Elsie and myself.

LM Uh hm uh um. Now Mable Sagert, who was Mable?

ES Mable Sagert. I believe she was the one who the wagon wheel ran over, I believe, and uh ..

LM That must have been awfully hard on both your parents.

ES It was very hard. I understood that that was a real hard time for mama. And of course dad too. Of course he was driving the wagon and she was a toddler and a I thought she fell off of the wagon under the wheel and someone told me that she just fell under the wheel.

LM It would be easy to do for a toddler.

ES Yes.

LM And Minnie, ther was a Minnie. Was that one of the children too?

ES Ummm.

LM Maybe not (unintelligible sounds) I'm sorry I brought that up. I didn't mea ... I know it's painful. I wonder if Fred built his house then that he and Orphah lived in?

ES I, I have no idea really?

LM Or did he build that house?

ES He must have, he must have.

LM Now daddy said something about there was a sawmill there on Fred's place.

ES Hm...don't know.

LM Now, where did your mother live as a child?

ES She lived on the Wilhelm place.

LM In the house where the Wilhelms live? Or the

ES The Wilhelm house has been made over but it was part of it.

LM I see, I see. The were close to each other then. Now where did your mother do to school?

ES She went to Stafford.

LM Oh. Now was it where it is nos, Stafford school on Stafford Road?

ES I might be wrong about that uh, there was a school down towards ?

LM Frog Pond?

ES Yeah, down in that area there was a ...I know there was a church there and my mothers father of course my mother's mother died when she was quite young. I'm not sure but I think perhaps early teens or even earlier.

LM Hm.

ES And she said that a the ladies from the neighborhood around her would come and teach her how to do anything about the house, baking and cooking and things like that. And that's one thing that she did talk about and she did always walk away to her home cause it was all solid woods and she'd walk a ways with a person who had or she would go to there house and she would walk a ways to get back home

LM Uhm. Where were your parents married, do you remember? Did they ever say?

ES Uh...

LM Were they married in a church?

ES That I don't know.

LM I'm curious. It seems from the records that a lot of people were married in their home.

ES I'm sure they were.

LM Now where were you married?

ES I was married in the Tualatin Methodist church.

LM Oh were you, Oh golly how nice.

ES Ha ha. And at the time I was living in Portland. It just seemed that the church meant a lot. I did work in town for a while before I was married and then of course the family helped with the wedding,

LM Uhm Uhm.

ES The reception was in the Tualatin gym

LM Oh for gosh sakes.. That was before there was a basement in the Tualatin church? later I think they put a basement in.

ES I've never seen it but I understand they did that.

LM Uhm hm uhm hm. Well golly did Elsie always live there, Elsie and John, Jim always live there with your mother?

ES Well, not always. When they were first married they were in Kansas. That's where his folks were.

LM Uhm Hm.

ES So they were there a few years, I can remember and when Betty was born they came back to mom and dad's so they lived there all the time I was growing up.

LM So when did your mother pass away?

ES Mama passed away in 1961. And dad in 1951. there was 10 years difference in their age and so there was 10 years difference in their deaths. And dad was 86 when he passed away and mama said "I want to live to be 86 too," And she did

LM Hm... that's a good??? Were they a happy couple, would you think?

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ES Yes I would say they were.

LM My grandmother and Julius were not happy so I always think it's wonderful when people lived together that long are happy.

ES I kind of felt that they weren't as happy as they could be but you know...

LM You are such a gentle person yourself, you really are a lady.

ES Thank you.

LM Well I really mean that. You always say just nice things. I feel like..I'm kind of the way we grew up we grew up kind of rough in that we yelled a lot and fought a lot and stuff.

ES Well, Hah,hah you're perfect.

LM Hardly, hardly. Well it's kind of nice that in your property is being saved for a park, is that what you got there on the corner that's going to be a park?

ES That's going to be a park. Yes.

LM That's really nice.

ES That a is sold a few years back, I can't remember the date right now but it was kind of a hard thing to give up in a way, each of us kids had quite a decision to make because it was old.

LM Sure.

*End of side 1*

ES And uh I'm glad there's going to be a park there. *End of side 1* | Somedays I'll take a lunch and go back home.

LM Sure, go back home. Well which part did Roy get?

ES That was Roy's.

LM Oh that was Roys? I thought that was yours.

ES No, that was Roys. And then the next was mine and the house was Elsie's and over was Fred's.

LM I see. So your folks, you don't know who they bought that property from?

ES No, I don't know.

LM I think it was the Robbins, Bill Robbins estate..

ES I suppose.

LM Dad said that this Robbins, you know where the Robbins lived?

ES Yes.

LM He died Bill Robbins in about 1856, he was out hunting somewhere. Hunting a bear was what we heard, and shot himself by accident and then dad said that the heirs sold and Sagerts bought. that's an interesting little tidbit.

ES Yes, I'm glad to hear that.

LM Uh hm. Well how did Lou and my grandfather Julius get along?

ES Well I think they got along alright. I can't remember that they visited much together. It seems like each one of them in their own way was kind of busy. on their farms.

LM They must have been. Your grandfather, father especially must have been a busy person.

ES He was, he was real, like I said he left in the summer and was gone most of the fall. And then lots of times he would even go clover seed threshing which was about the last of the season for threshing. But anyway as I remember him he was busy.. And of course when he would go away the animals and the chickens and everything around the farm why we'd kind of take care of them too. Us kids never had any spare time.

LM No, there must have been lots to do.

ES We'd come home from school, change our clothes and go to work!

LM Always Change your clothes I remember that when I was a kid too. I think it's a good thing too. Now people are so careless. It's a throwaway society.

ES Terrible.

LM Did your mother make your clothes?

ES Mama just sewed a little bit for herself. She would make a certain type of dress with long sleeves and usually a collar and maybe button down to the waist. But she and she made all of her aprons and lots of times in the morning she would put on a clean apron and always swept the kitchen and something like that so that if someone would come she would always say, "I have a clean apron"...that was important.

LM That was important. I can remember my grandmother ...in fact my grandmother would sometimes wear 2 aprons.

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ES Yes.

LM She would have the dirty one on first and slip it off.

ES Yes. slip it off! Ha ha, I'm sure my mother did too, we had so many dirty things to go to. In those days they didn't wear pants or slacks or anything. It would have been practical.

LM Now did the ladies wear like nylon stockings or cotton stockings?

ES Well I thin more cotton in that time.

LM UH hm. Did they wear girdles with those what do you call them?

ES Fasteners?

LM Yeah fasteners or garters.

ES Yeah, garters.

LM Is that what they word? It seems to me that my grandmother used to roll her stockings.

ES Some people did that. Just twirl them on the side and kind of roll them in. But I don't think mama did roll hers like that. I can't remembrer but I think it was garters. It's strange how you have to think hard sometimes to thin how different...

LM Now when you were a child, how did you wear your hair?

Es I wore my hair parted and usually I think in the middle or on the side and just straight down and quite a short bob

Lm Oh it was the days of the bob...20's and 30's?

ES Uh hm.

Lm You didn't have curls?

ES No.

LM Was your hair straight or was it curly?

ES I had a little curl on the sides.

LM Uh hm. and how did your mother fix her hair okay when you were a little child. Did she wear long hair?

ES Yes, mama had long hair and sometime I think it was ??? she gave it quite a bob to give up her long hair. I don't know if it was something towards the Bible religious part of it or not. It was a little hard for her to give up her hair but she still wanted to have short hair too.

LM Uh hm Cause everybody else was.

ES Yes. And I don't blame her, it was so much easier with all that work and all.

LM Uh hm.

ES She kind of wore it up in the back and then a roll on top and then had bangs.

LM Oh, she had bangs?

ES Yes.

LM When you were a child did you have running water in the house?

ES Not for a while. We walked down to the spring which was on the other side...

LM Close to the creek?

ES Close to the creek. And we carried water up and for the cows of course they went out in the pasture and there were times in the winter after we got running water dad would thaw out the pipes and water each cow individually if they had to stay in the barn, or the horses.

LM Uh hm.

ES And that was a big job.

LM It must have been a lot of work. Did your dad have a lot of horses?

ES Well he had about 4. And in the later years, just at the last giving up horses he had a team of mules and you know at his age why would he want a team of mules. And that was the nicest team of mules. So calm and he liked them

LM Seems like I heard about that.

ES He liked them very much. So that's kind of how???

LM Did he have a lot of cows?

ES We had perhaps about 11 or 12.

LM Milk cows?

ES Yes.

LM What did you do with the milk? When you were a little child?

ES Do you remember hearing about Red Rock Dairy?

LM Uh hm.

ES Well we put our milk in cans and then the truck would come down every morning and pick the milk up. And when it was hot in the summer time before the truck would get there which would be maybe between 8 and 9 in the morning why they would have a big tub that they filled with cold water set the cans in that.

LM Uh hm.. So the truck came all the way down the driveway.

ES Yes. There were times in the winter of course when dad would put the milk on a sled and take it up the hill. And I remember Earl Zuver at that time was driving the truck and he picked up the milk. We had a driver before that and he always came down to the house and turned around and then go back up the hill.

LM Uh hm. Well, who milked the cows?

ES Well my mother really took more in charge of the cows.

LM She did?

ES Yes, she did. And like I say Elsie and Jimmy helped with the milking.

LM Did your mother actually milk?

ES Oh yes, she did. And Elsie could milk and so did Jimmy. He had to go to work in the mornings and lots of times they would finish up all the milking, but it wasn't a whole lot of cows.

LM No, if it was only 12.

ES Uh hm

LM Well did your mother go out there in a dress to milk?

ES Everyday, she always wore a dress. But she had warm stockings and she had a warm slip. She would make these warm flannel slips too. And sweaters and coats too to go out in the barn. And always something warm on her head.

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LM I remember I used to milk cows too and we always wore a scarf on our head so we wouldn't get that cow smell on our hair. Cause in those days, now everybody washes their hair everyday or showers [retty much but in those days we washed it once a week.

ES Once a week. That was a big thing to do.

LM Think how hard it must have been for these ladies who had real long hair to wash their hair before they had running water. And they didn't wash it every week, did they?

ES Mama washed her hair about once a week.

LM Oh she did, when it was long? Your mother was clean and neat then, she was a good housekeeper?

ES Yes, mama was.

LM Uh hm. My grandmother wasn't so good. She liked to be outdoors. And she didn't have any of the modern conveniences at all

ES I used to talk to her on the way home from school.

LM I'm sure she enjoyed that.

ES Yes, she was, I enjoyed it myself. Uhm sometimes when what was it called chestnut tree and she would be out there picking up chestnuts and I would pick up a few and then eat them from her house to our house.

LM Yeah, you know the peeling, kind of a layer off the chestnut it was real bitter, if you could get beyond that the chestnut was fun to eat. It was sweet.

ES It was alright...laugh. Times things that you can remember about your neighbors...

LM Seems like dad told me that uh Lou and grandpa got into some kind of a big argument about the fence line and somebody burned the fence. You know they used to have those snake fences

ES Oh yes. Rail?

LM Yes, rail. One of them I heard burned the fence. Here's a story I want to ask you about if you ever heard about. You may not have because your parents probably weren't particularly involved in it. But did you ever hear about the Oregon Iron and Steel Company putting a dam on the river and the river backing up and the farmers blowing the dam up?

ES No. No I didn't hear about it.

LM That was quite a bit before your time and your dad wasn't actually on the river but I know my grandfather was involved in it because it affected the Jurgens property. And of course my grandfather married a Jurgens girl. And Burl Ladd also married a Jurgens girl, married Emma. And they were involved.

ES Well uh was it near Tualatin?

LM No it was down on the Tualatin river close to Willamette.

ES I can remember the dam being there,

LM Oh uh huh.

ES Jiggs was telling about a something about the dam, his parents lived near there.

LM Yes, they did. Now who was it then?

ES Uh Fred and Mary Schaber. Uh now they went to the Stafford area for school.

LM Uh hm. Now Fred was Leonard's children?

ES No they were ??? And then there's a Lewis Schaber and a John Schaber and a George Schaber. They all lived kind of down near the river where the dam would have been.

LM Ummm.

ES And Lewis, I mean uh :Leonard Schaber lived more where you probably know where it is now.

LM Uh hm. Where you think of as being the Schabers.

ES Yes.

LM Well now the Schabers were related to the Atheys, weren't they?

ES Well they must have been. Anyway Leonard Schaber I believe married an Athey.

LM Oh that's it. I see.

ES That's what mama told me.

LM You know it's just hard to talk to anybody who even remembers anything. Over a generation???

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ES There's much much on this that I wouldn't know if it wasn't for you, I wouldn't know. Because I ask Roy, he doesn't know, I ask Earl, he doesn't know and Fred's gone.

LM Uh hm uhm.

ES So I really appreciate you.

LM Well I'll dig up all I can. I'm digging back into my memory to remember the things my dad told me and it's just precious. It's precious because the things that he told me I'm finding out about, I'm researching and finding out more about. And how I wish he was here---he would have enjoyed it so much. You know he never he never he went to California for a short time he worked down there on a telephone line or something. Most of his life he spent in Tualatin. And he knew all the old timers and he farmed and he didn't have any big interest anywhere else. He just made it his hobby...

ES To know people. He was very nice.

LM He liked the old days he liked to see people ???

ES I remember the last time Roy and Marge and Jiggs and I went to his hime. There was something about the cemetery or something I don't know anymore ....unintelligible sounds.

LM Now how old is Roy now?

ES Well Roy must be 80.

LM Well dad really liked Margie Viane, and I don't know if they had a little romance going on.

ES And Marge and uh was very interested, you know in the Nyberg family. As young kids growning up they were together a lot. And she laughs lots of times and tells the things that Mrs. Nyberg put up with you know all the kids were there a lot and she was patient and they would get loud and sing and play the piano and you know just like kids like to do and

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## Eva D. Schaber

Oct. 4, 1914—April 20, 2003

Native Oregonian Eva D. Schaber died Sunday at age 88.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Young's Funeral Home, 11831 S.W. Pacific Highway in Tigard.

Mrs. Schaber, whose maiden name was Sagert, was born Oct. 4, 1914, in Tualatin.

In 1938 she married Elmer Schaber and they lived in Tigard for many years. They and their daughter were active members of the Family Baptist Church, where Mrs. Schaber taught Sunday school. Mr. Schaber died in 1991.

Surviving are daughter Janice Kane; plus grandson Kevin Kane, granddaughter Michelle Specht and great-grandchildren Ashley and Gregory Specht.

Donations in memory of Eva D. Schaber may be sent to the Tualatin Historical Society, P.O. Box 1055, Tualatin 97062.