

I WROTE THIS AS JESSE TOLD ME - I'M HIS WIFE ^{Virginia}

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JESSE'S LIFE AS HE REMEMBERS IT.

I CAN REMEMBER BACK YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS A YOUNGSTER - A COLORED LADY HELPED TO DELIVER MY SISTER BERTIE, I REMEMBER SHE KISSED THE BOTTOM OF HER FEET. I BELIEVE THE DR WAS DR HORNBACK AND WHEN MY YOUNGER BROTHER WAS BORN, A FRIEND OF OURS MRS BIGGS HELPED DELIVER (SKEET) WHOSE REAL NAME WAS JACK. WE WERE A BIG FAMILY, 10 GIRLS AND 3 BOYS. OUR HOUSE BURNED WHEN I WAS 5 - WE HAD TO LIVE ACROSS THE STREET TO THE SOUTH IN A 3 ROOM SHACK WE WERE A LARGE FAMILY & AT HOME AT THE TIME. WE LIVED THERE UNTIL WE GOT ANOTHER HOUSE UNTIL THE OLD HOUSE BURNT FROM A KEROSENE LAMP NEAR A WINDOW THAT CAUGHT THE CURTAINS ON FIRE. THE OLD HOUSE WAS BOUGHT WITH A DOWN PAYMENT BEING A GOLD POCKET WATCH THAT MY DAD FOUND IN THE BOTTOM OF A TRAIN CAR WHERE THEY HAILED COAL. I KEEP THINKING MY DAD GAVE \$900.⁰⁰ DOLLARS FOR THE PROPERTY THERE ON THE CORNER OF ^ECHERRY + N. ALMA I BELIEVE THE PMTS WERE 3 OR 4 DOLLARS A MONTH. HE BOUGHT THIS PROPERTY WHEN MY MOM + DAD AND TWO OLDEST SISTERS DELORES + NELL CAME BACK FROM LEANSWORTH KS. WHERE THEY HAD BEEN LIVING. MY PARENTS HAD LIVED IN NEVADA PRIOR TO THAT. THIRTEEN KIDS IN ALL - DELORES, NELL, RUBEN, ALVA, JIM, HELEN, PAZ MARGARET, MARCIE (TWINS) MILDRED ME, BERTIE AND

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SKEET, MY MOM'S NAME WAS BERTHA RACHEL LOVE-BAKER, MY DAD JAMES OTIS BAKER THEIR PROPERTY LAID SOUTH & WEST OF KATY AVENUE LAKE - WHICH MY DAD HELPED DIG FOR WATER FOR THE TRAINS. THERE WAS A PUMP HOUSE. I BELIEVE THE FIRST PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE WERE NAMED PRICE, AND LATER A FAMILY NAMED GEMMAN THE PUMP HOUSE PUMPED WATER FROM THE LAKE FOR THE STEAM ENGINES, THERE USED TO BE A MEDICINE SHOP WHERE THE BY LIVE STOCK SALE BARN IS NOW. IT WAS HELD ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WHERE THE BUILDING SETS NOW, THERE USED TO BE BOXING MATCHES BACK IN THE 30'S AT CAMP CRACK ON HWY 71 SOUTH THERE WAS A STATION AND A GROCERY STORE ACROSS TO THE WEST OF CAMP CRACK. MY DAD HAD AN OLD CHEVY YEARS AGO. I DON'T REMEMBER HIM DRIVING IT, HE LATER HAD A MODEL T FORD. HE WAS INVOLVED IN A ACCIDENT WHICH DONE \$2.50 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO THE CAR HE HIT. I DON'T REMEMBER HIM DRIVING ANYMORE AFTER THAT IN 1939 YOU COULD BUY A LONG BASE TON & 1/2 FORD TRUCK FOR \$900.00 NEW MY BROTHER JIM PURCHASED ONE. I DROVE IT AT AGE NINE, AND I SMOKED. I SWORE ALAT WHEN I WAS A KID. I ROLLED MY OWN CIGARETTES WHEN I WAS 7 YEARS OLD. I GOT MY 1ST CARTON OF CIGGS AT CHRISTMAS FROM AN OLDER SISTER AND

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HER HUSBAND BUS. WHEN I WAS 10 OR 11 YEARS OLD. I REMEMBER MY 4th GRADE TEACHERS NAME WAS ROXIE MOORE, I WOULD SPIT TOBACCO JUICE IN MY INK WELL BOTTLE ON MY DESK

I WAS CHEWING TOBACCO AT 7 OR 8 YEARS OLD. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN THERE WERE 4 FILLING STATIONS ON THE OLD 54 HWY THAT WERE IN ABOUT A BLOCK AND 1/2. THIS HWY IS NOW SUBWAY BLVD. A SKELLY - A PHILLIPS, A FINA AND A SHEPLEY STATION. THERE WERE GROCERY STORES BILL SHEETS, SULLIVANS, FRANK PEAR LATER A VICKERS WAS IN WHERE THE SULLIVANS HAD BEEN LATER JOE CAROLS AND BELTS GROCERY AND WIMMIE REED. THERE WAS A CHAT & CHEW CAFE. (ALSO A BEER JOINT) SEVEN FILLING STATIONS TONY URNER, DREW TODDS STATION, HUDSON OIL CO. THERE WAS A LARGE DAIRY BARN AND THE BLUE BIRD CABINS ON AUSTIN BEING 10 IN A TOURIST COURT WHICH WAS ALSO KNOWN AS A WITORE HOUSE. I REMEMBER WHEN THERE WAS 3 MOON SHINE STILLS HERE ON EAST WALNUT ST.

I HAD OPRAL CAMPBELL IN 5th GRADE. MRS YOAKUM TAUGHT ME TO TAP DANCE I SPENT 2 YEARS IN THE 5th GRADE. IN THE 6th GRADE WE HAD BOYS FROM AGES 16 TO 21 YRS OLD.

I CAN REMEMBER THE OLD ICE PLANT WAS LOCATED ON N. CEDAR ST BUT THEY USED TO CUT

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ICE OFF THE RAY ALLEN LAKE AND HAULED IT BY HORSE AND WAGON TO THE OLD VANDERBORD CREAMERY AND PRODUCE TO KEEP THE PRODUCTS COLD. THIS WAS STORED IN A BUILDING AND WAS USED IN SUMMER MONTHS TO KEEP STUFF COLD. THERE WERE NO STREET LIGHTS AND ONLY DIRT STREETS, NO CITY WATER NO ELECTRICITY IN EAST NEVADA UNTIL I WAS 6, I THINK I WAS ABOUT 11 WHEN WE GOT NATURAL GAS, THE CITY WATER CAME WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER- MY MOM DIDN'T HAVE CITY WATER IN HER HOME TILL I WAS ABOUT 22. WE HAD A WELL WHERE WE GOT OUR WATER UP TO THAT TIME. IT WAS GOOD WATER AND REAL COLD WHEN DRAWN UP WITH A ROPE IN A BUCKET. MY MOM WASHED ON A WASH BOARD AND TUBS FOR YEARS. SHE DIDN'T GET A WASHER TILL ABOUT 1936 OR 1937. MOM HAD BEEN USING A GASOLINE WASHER BY MAYTAG. IT HAD A ROLLER YOU TURNED BY HAND SHE USED 2 RINSE TUBS, MY MOM NEVER LOVED TO HAVE AN AUTOMATIC WASHER. SHE MADE HER OWN SOAP FOR LAUNDRY MADE FROM FAT AND LYE SHE COOKED ON A WOOD COOK STOVE, SHE BAKED BREAD EVERY WEEK TO LAST FOR THE FAMILY. SHE HAD HER FIRST KEROSENE COOK STOVE ABOUT 1934 WHICH IT BURNT IN THE FIRE IN 1935 SHE HAD BOUGHT IT FROM HOMER ELLIS'S DAD.

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MY 5th GRADE TEACHER'S NAME WAS MARY DALE
 SHE WAS NICE. MY 1ST GRADE TEACHER WAS
 MADYLN PRYOR. SHE LATER MARRIED AMOS WRIGHT.
 I WAS ALWAYS TELLING MY MOM WHAT PRETTY
 CLOTHES MRS PRYOR WORE. SHE WAS A TINGY
 AND Dainty WOMAN. GENE SHULK LOVED BY
 JEFFERSON SCHOOL TO THE SOUTH. FROM JEFFERSON
 SCHOOL HE RAISED TURKEYS THERE HE SOLD THEM
 TO VANDERFORDS PRODUCE. THEY WERE BUTCHERED
 THERE. THE FIRST ICE DELIVERED IN NEUMOHARS
 ON A COAGON DRAWN BY A HORSE THE SMALL
 CREEK AND BRIDGE BELOW OUR PLACE BECAME
 THE BAKER BRIDGE - AND IS STILL CALLED THAT
 TO THIS DAY. MY TWO OLDEST SISTERS EACH
 HAD 2 CHILDREN EACH - ONE DIED FROM T.B
 THE OTHER FROM CHILD BIRTH - WE KEPT OUR
 TWO NEPHEWS AT OUR HOUSE QUITE A BIT -
 THEIR MOM WAS DELORES ROGERS. THE BOYS NAMES
 WERE BOB & DON ROGERS. THEY WERE OLDER
 THEN ME. THEIR DAD WAS A NICE GUY -
 I BELIEVE MOM & DAD KEPT NELLS TWO
 CHILDREN SOME TOO - A GIRL AND A BOY -
 THE BOY LATER DIED THE GIRL LEFT AND WE DON'T
 KNOW WHERE SHE IS. HER NAME IS JOY. WE
 SAW HER LAST IN 1960. BOB ROGERS STILL ALIVING
 HE AND HIS WIFE LIVE IN ^{SO ANN} WICHITA KANSAS
 DON'T CAROL ROGERS LIVE IN SALEM OREGON

I USED TO GO HUNTING ALOT, I WOULD COME HOME WITH LOTS OF RABBITS, AND HAD ENOUGH TO GIVE TO OUR NEIGHBORS, AND STILL HAD PLENTY FOR OURSELVES. EVERYONE WAS POOR THEN. I WAS QUITE YOUNG WHEN I USE TO GO TO A JUNK YARD TYPE PLACE OVER SOUTH FROM OUR HOUSE I WOULD REACH MY ARM UNDER THE FENCE AND GET PIECES OF IRON + METAL, TO SELL TO GET MONEY FOR FLOUR OR LARD AND STUFF FOR MY MOM TO MAKE BREAD. ONE DAY I SWIMK OVER TO GET MORE, AND I GUESS SOMEONE WHO WORKED THERE, HAD SEEN ME GETTING THE STUFF AND HE HAD RAISED THE FENCE AND PLACED BIGGER PIECES OF IRON AND METAL CLOSE. SO I COULD REACH IT. THEN I WOULD GO SELL IT AT THE JUNK YD TOO, TO GET MORE MONEY, I GUESS THE FELLA FELT SORRY FOR ME - WE WERE POOR - BUT HAPPY - THERE'S MORE TO MY LIFE BUT I'LL STOP HERE -

Virginia

(MOM'S PART) JESSE AND I MET IN FRONT OF THE APT BUILDING WHERE I LIVED WITH MY DAD, STEP MOM, STEP BROTHER + HALF SISTER I GOT A JOB WASHING DISHES AT POP + MOM'S CAFE) IT USED TO SET IN THE MIDDLE OF WHERE THE HWY IS NOW. CLOSE TO WHERE RAMEY'S GROCERY STORE IS NOW, I WASHED DISHES GOT 10:00 A WEEK - I ONLY WORKED THERE A SHORT TIME AFTER I MET JESSE - I WAS 16 - HE WAS 20, WE DATED ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AND MY DAD LET ME MARRY JESSE - WE STAYED AT JESSE'S MOM'S PLACE FOR AWHILE, HE MADE ME QUIT MY JOB. HE WORKED AT MCKAY LUMBER. HE TOOK CARE OF US, I LOVED HIM SO MUCH - AND SO TO THIS DAY - I WAS PROUD TO BE A BAKER - AND LATER HAD A LOVELY FAMILY OF 6 KIDS

AS JESSE REMEMBERED-

PEOPLE AND PLACES IN EAST NEVADA-

HENRY
CRAMER

RAMSEY

COPELAND

VAN

SCOTT

PAUL MILLER

RAY STEWART

FULLER CONSTRUCTION CO.

BAKER JIM

BAKERS - JESSE'S FOLKS

RILEY ON CORNER OF ALMA & CHERRY

W. LANDELS

ROY WRIGHT

MACHANEYS W. OF BRANDBRIDGE

GAALANDS

RICHARDS - N. ALMA.

WHERE JESSE TOOK THE TOWN
AND HOTEL TO SELL.

RAMSEY'S MOTEL
ST HIGHWAY DEPT.
LOCALS PIKE.

DALE SHERMAN FISH SHOP
BACONS -
FACINA RESTAURANT
SHEETS STORE. & JUNK & C.

CHORANS - BLUE BIRD CRANES

SPHORES

TONY TURNER STATION

HATTIE VICKERS

BELTS DRIVEY. ↓

CHAM CHOW
CONOCO STAM.
SAW MILL

DON LIGHTNER OLENTUWARE HOUSES
KELLEY

M & Co's