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like good stuff to raise, he would put them in a crate and ship them up on the Oregon Shortline Railroad. Then, of course, they would raise the calves up there. But as far as the finances and how that was handled, I never knew very much about that part during the time of growing up you might say of the family. He always saw that they were taken care of financially and that we were too.

G: When your father would drive the cattle up to Georgetown in the Spring, would he take the boys from the farm here and go up there and stay at Georgetown?

C: No, Aunt Alice had her home there. They would just drive the cattle up and turn them over to boys up there. They would take care of them and put them out on the range someplace. Then in the fall they would go up and come back. Father had two other brothers located in Georgetown. They would work somewhat together. They would drive their cattle together. My father told me, "I knew practically every house and family from here up to Georgetown at one time." Families were scarce at the time, and he would only drive cattle a few miles a day. Then he would have to put them in the corrals of the people along the way at night. He said that they used to take them two weeks or a little longer to drive them.

G: You mentioned Aunt Alice's visits occasionally down here to Farmington. Maybe you could describe more about her visits coming over to visit your mother.

C: I don't remember too much of that because she had her own folks there in Centerville. Quite a

number of the Willeys were her relatives. She would go to see them. Then there were some of the other Clarks. If the government authorities would get on the track, she could drop in on some of the others. They would never know where she was.

G: What was actual relationship between Aunt Alice and your mother. Were they what you might call close or distant?

C: These were not as close I would say as some women. My wife's father married two sisters. He would stay at one house one night and the other the next night. They had two houses close together. I don't know that my mother and Aunt Alice were very close. I don't know that there was any ill feeling or anything of that kind between them. I never heard my mother say a thing against Aunt Alice or any of her family, and I've never heard Aunt Alice say anything negative about my mother. That is what was good.

You wouldn't appreciate this like some of we older ones. Those polygamy days didn't end in 1900. Men that had wives had wives and families, and they had to take care of them. They manipulated around in caring for those families. It was caring for them and keeping out of the way of officers as long as they were on the track. Of course, that was in the earlier days...

G: Do you believe then that it was strictly because of the federal authori-