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IN THE EARLY 1800'S THERE WAS A BIG FIRE THAT BURNED ALONG THE EAST HILLS FROM MONTPELIER ID TO SODA SPRINGS ID. SOME OF THE TREE TRUNKS WERE FIVE AND ONE-HALF FEET IN DIAMETER AND SOME WERE EIGHT FEET NINE INCHES IN DIAMETER. (GG)

Image #1A wagon train in the snowTHE FIRST LOGS WERE GOTTEN OUT OF THE CANYON IN THE WINTER OF 1869-1870 BY WAGON AND SLEIGH, IT WAS EASIER BECAUSE OF THE SNOW.(GG)

Image #2An illustration of a forest fireONE ACCOUNT STATED ON MONDAY THE 30TH WE ALL WENT TO THE CANYON. I FELL A TREE ON ONE OF THE HANSE'S HORSES. IT BROKE ACROSS THE STUMP, A THING SCARCELY EVER KNOWN TO HAPPEN WHEN A TREE STANDS STRAIGHT LIKE THIS ONE DID. BUT THE ONLY DAMAGE DONE WAS A BROKEN HAME AND A FEW SCRATCHES ON THE HORSE.(Jl)

THE TREES HERE ARE DOUGLAS FIR. THERE ARE ALSO THE UTAH JUNIPER AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIPER. THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN WAS USED AS THE FOUNDATIONS IN THE SOIL BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT ROT.(III)

WHEN THE SETTLERS CAME HERE TO TWIN CREEKS(GEORGETOWN) ID AND WENT TO THE CANYONS TO GET THE TIMBER FOR THEIR CABINS THE TREES HAD BEEN BURNED BUT HAD BEEN STANDING FOR SO LONG THAT THEY WERE ALREADY CURED. ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS TO

SAW THEM DOWN AND THEY COULD BE USED IMMEDIATELY.(GG)

WHEN THE DEPRESSION STRUCK WE DID NOT HAVE MONEY FOR COAL AND SO IT WAS NECESSARY FOR ME TO GO TO THE CANYON TO GET FIREWOOD. I DROVE A TEAM OF HORSES WITH A SLEIGH OR WAGON AND AN AXE AND RETURNED HOME MANY TIMES COLD AND WET. (H6)

MANY TIMES THE PLACES WE WENT WERE DANGEROUS. IT TOOK ALL THE ABILITY I AND THE HORSES COULD MUSTER TO GET THE WOOD OUT. MANY TIMES THE LOAD WAS SO HEAVY I HAD TO DRAG TREES BEHIND TO HOLD THE LOAD BACK WHILE GOING DOWN STEEP PLACES.(H6)