HANNA ANDERSON SANDELL

Moscow, Troy; b. 1891

nurse at Gritman Hospital.

minute page

Side A

00 Mother's birth in Sweden; Ruberg family migration to Cheney, Wash. then by wagon to Cordelia/Lenville area. Mother's death. Early Troy, Bohman's home, Lutheran Church services in Swedish and English.


11 Plenty to eat, kids sent with notes to invite neighbors to dinner. Visiting a family and catching head lice. She worked her way through college as housekeeper. The kind lady that gave her a salary and a music lesson each week.

15 Nurse training in Portland (1920-1923). Patients in the halls; giving x-ray treatments, a man with cancerous lips returns after his cure.

17 Married and moved to Troy 1924. The reasons for moving from hilltop home to Main Street apartment (1960). Some of the people the apartments were rented to.

21 Gritman Hospital work. Back to Portland for 60th class reunion. Being in charge at Gritman; firing the helper that lied.

25 Going to Moscow for Confirmation classes every Saturday and into Church for Sunday. Confirmations all in white dresses, described. 31 in class. Confirmed in Swedish except for Miss Jacobson, the top student.

29 Two boys and six girls in the family. Leap year - no leap year from 1900-1910.

Side B

00 Mud in Troy Main Street, public outhouse on Main Street; stores in Moscow, history of Creighton's. Mud so bad that horseback was easiest way to travel.
Today's folks couldn't make it if they had to go back to the early ways. Butchering, salted meats, pork and beef, preparing for cooking, chickens eaten fresh. Meat in the woodshed; hams stored in the grain after smoking.

First peaches - made into jam. Father's orchard. Vegetables, carrots, cabbage, potatoes. Milk, cream and butter. She, sister and brother each milked two cows twice a day, then walk to school. The nice warm fire when they got to school.

Benjamin Franklin story, Churchill speech.


Mother's work, berries. Government gave a gun to an uncle so he could shoot Indians. Lookout house in Moscow to spot Indians. Dad sleeps out on the way home because it was so dark. Snow and sleds; riding on the unbroken horses until caught by Dad.

Deep snow; dressing for cold weather.

Stories about Marshall Hays and Blalock in Cornwall. Working with Dr. Myers as operating nurse in Troy hospital on corner of 5th and Main.

Delivering babies, Mrs. Krier's hard delivery. Mother had Dr. Delaine, Gritman and Asbury attending for her children. Mrs. Sandell delivers three babies in one morning.

Delivering a baby in the parking lot; population control needed; in the old days - twin beds.

Dad brought home horehound candy; flies on the food and meat.

Moscow mud or dust for streets. Chores after school; school terms in spring and fall; school not too good, short classes; hearing other classes recite was good.
Hard work as x-ray supervisor; working at Gritman with old and new hospital wings; working with premature babies, one was her last case. Changes in medicine.

Penicillin; allergy of head nurse to pen-cillin. First cars in Moscow owned by Dr. Gritman and Mr. Green. Horses scared of cars. Accidents with her horse and buggy and someone's car.

First car she drove. The old Model T Fords; cousin started to drive car before he learned to stop it. drove in circles until the car was out of gas. Side curtains instead of windows. Storing cars for three months in the winter.

Snow in the winter, company in the summer only. Everyone walked in early Moscow. Using cars today.

Dogs came to school in Troy. In Moscow before Prohibition, drinking was bad. She was glad when drinking went out. About John Olson's tavern in Moscow and his family.

Saloons and stores in Troy. Lutheran Church history in Moscow. Mother worked as domestic in home near McConnell Mansion. Borah's death.

with Karen Purtee
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