

To The Glauthiers

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Dear Dr. Polos,

I want to add my applause to all the other you have been receiving for your latest book "San Dimas-Preserving the Western Spirit". I just finished reading it, and it brought back so many memories. There was a lot I had forgotten until you brought it back with your exceptional talent. I especially liked the way you divided the stages of development.

I was born in San Dimas in 1924 and moved to San Diego with my family in 1941. San Dimas has changed so much from the small town it was when I lived there. I only wish we could have been a part of the many changes.

If you ever write an addendum to the book, my Dad's name should be in it. His name was L.L. (Lee) Lindgreen. He was foreman of the San Dimas Orange Growers Association packing house from the early 1920's to 1939. He should have been on page 92 of your book, along with E.M. Wheeler and Ira J. Trimm. He worked at the packing house before he went into the army in 1917. When he was discharged in 1919, he returned to San Dimas and went back to work at the packing house. He and my mother, Pearl Marie McMullin, were married June 19, 1919. It wasn't long after that that he became foreman. They were both active in the American Legion, Masons, Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors. He died in San Diego in 1957, she in 1984.

You might be interested to know that my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis V. McMullin ran the Hotel that was previously the A.O. Lacey Hotel. A picture of it is on page 52 of your book. When they ran it it was called the Citrus Hotel and I think it was at 213 W. 1st St. They were in Lordsburg in 1910 where their youngest son died at the age of 17. From there they moved to San Dimas. Probably in 1911. My mother was in the seventh grade picture of the San Dimas Grammar School in 1912. (Teacher was W.M. Ramsey). So they were probably running the hotel at that time. His Club room is named on page 181 of your book. My grandfather died in San Dimas in 1923. In 1927 my grandmother married Samuel B. Clifton who was an early settler of the area.

You mentioned the WPA projects that were being built during that era. I remember that the auditorium at the San Dimas Elementary School and the gym at Bonita High School were built under that program.

Also you said that there were no Japanese families living in the San Dimas area at the beginning of WWII. There was a Japanese family in San Dimas. The Yamashitas. They worked for the Taylors. Their ranch was on Covina Blvd. and Cataract. One daughter, Marie, was in my class at school. We were in the class of 1942 at Bonita High School.

There was no mention in your book of a cemetery located there even now. When I lived there, some of our relatives were buried in the LaVerne Cemetery, and others in the Pomona Cemetery. Is there another that is near there now?

One of my sisters and I attended your book signing party at the San Dimas City Hall Annex last month. We enjoyed meeting some old school mate friends, and of course that is where I purchased your book. (We bought 3). You have given us many hours of pleasure while we have been reading it and reminiscing, and learning some things that we didn't know.

I see you are retired now, so I hope you spend many years enjoying your retirement. There was no address on the jacket of the book, so I am sending this to the University in LaVerne to be forwarded to you. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

David J. Smith