

SAN DIMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Family History Questionnaire

Date 7-19-84

Name Lena Louise Callen

1. Family Background

Names of Parents Alvin and Katy Sorensen

Where did your family live previously? Texas

What brought them to San Dimas and date of arrival My parents came to California 1939 I came to San Dimas 1939

Where did you live in San Dimas? _____

Occupation of father/ mother/other family members Father worked in the Citrus Industry until he passed away May 1940

2. School

Names of Schools attended Corona High School

Teachers - Friends - Activities U

3. Church

Name - Location - Minister's Name San Dimas Methodist Church - Second St. S.D. Dr. Dan Thompson

Activities W.P.S. Womens group

4. Clubs

Memberships and recollections Charter member San Dimas Womens Club

5. Citrus Packing Houses

Did you have any contact? I packed oranges in La Verne Packing House

If so, what are your memories? That was prime work for men and women in the Valley

6. Early Recollections

What was San Dimas like when you arrived or first remember it?

Very much a small Country Town Surrounded by Citrus groves

What kind of transportation was there? Car, Buses

Who were your friends/neighbors/relatives? John & Madeline Wolf, Clarence & Haze Acres, Marm & Madeline Hill, Fred & Beba Trimmer, Anabel Woods

Where did they live? work? San Dimas

Are they still here? no

7. What is your most vivid memory of early San Dimas?

Charming, quiet friendly, lots of groves & Packing Houses

8. Historical Artifacts and Pictures

Do you have a collection of historical interest that we might display on a loan basis? _____

Do you have artifacts and/or pictures you wish to donate? _____

If you have pictures you do not wish to donate, may we copy? _____

Please fill in the blanks - or - write your story in narrative style. Then mail to the San Dimas Historical Society, P.O.Box 175, San Dimas.

If you prefer "talking" your family history, please call us and we'll bring out a tape recorder. Martha Glauthier, 599- 1092

Jack Carruthers, 599-1625

Jo Wright, 599-2984

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My - Family Data.

Maiden Name - Lena Louise Collins born in Proctor
Iowa Aug 29 - 1920. Came to Calif 1935 With Father
and Mother attended Conine High School - Married.

William C. Collins Jan 15, 1939. Lived on Gladstone
until July 4 1939. Moved to 135 West St San Dimas
which we still reside. Two Daughters - Janet Marie
Collins Rita Louise Collins - Janet married 1957 to
Erwin G. Midkiff - They have two children Deborah
Erwin & Brett Allen. Deborah Erwin married
Todd Duchesne. They have a daughter Jennifer Marie
born 1984. Brett still lives at home 445 Lincoln
Riverside.

Rita Louise, married Jim Falk in June 1966
They had two children Gina Louise, Bradley William
they were divorced in 1978. Rita married Jim
Buchman April 2 1983 They live in Campbell Ca.