

SAN DIMAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Family History Questionnaire

Date July 19, 1984

Name WILLIAMS- Yoder, Roberta

1. Family Background WILLIAMS, Robert O. - Fayette County, Tennessee 1883-1965  
Names of Parents HUMPHREYS, Maggie Lee - Paducah, Kentucky 1888-

Where did your family live previously? \_\_\_\_\_

What brought them to San Dimas and date of arrival, 1918 - they came to California to join my father's brother and my mother's sister (also married) who lived in Riverside in hopes of finding a better life than the one they had known.

Where did you live in San Dimas? Born on West Arrow Highway  
From 1937 - 428 West Second St.

Occupation of father/ mother/other family members, My father worked in Citrus groves during the time he lived in Calif. - for Ernest Reister (Ernest Richter he later became) and Mrs. Busse. My mother worked in the Packing houses for a few years during W.W.II

2. School San Dimas Grammar School - 1927 - 1935  
Names of Schools attended Bonita High School - 1935 - 1939  
Loretta Bradley (now Loretta Embree of Chelan Washington) and Hazel Stone (now Jo Messenger of Glendora). Teachers: Miss Arma Shull, Miss Rice, Miss Kirknavy, Mrs. Sheldon  
Principal: Mr. Ekstrand eighth grade - Miss Tipton

3. Church  
Name - Location - Minister's Name Mr. Abbey Methodist Church  
Sunday School Teacher: Vivian Soder. Sunday School class: Hazel Stone, Alfred Batchel.  
Trueman Groendyke, Shirley Soder, Larry, Russell & Glenn Johnson, Ruth Torrey

Activities \_\_\_\_\_

4. Clubs  
Memberships and recollections - 0 -

5. Citrus Packing Houses  
Did you have any contact? I walked thru the Lemon House yard to school for many years  
If so, what are your memories? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Early Recollections  
What was San Dimas like when you arrived or first remember it?  
Not too much different from what it is now

What kind of transportation was there? Model "T's" - tho my Dad usually had a Studebaker

Who were your ~~friends~~/neighbors/~~relatives~~? Martin , Shannon , Sapp Wurtz, Morgan, Caffey, Royster, Humphries, Adams

Where did they live? work? Neighbors - most worked in the Packing Houses - Glen Morgan was the ice-man

Are they still here? Some of them are -

7. What is your most vivid memory of early San Dimas? \_\_\_\_\_  
My school years

8. Historical Artifacts and Pictures  
Do you have a collection of historical interest that we might display on a loan basis? We have given almost everything to our daughter.

Do you have artifacts and/or pictures you wish to donate? Enclosed are copies of five pictured I had that might be of interest.

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

Dear Roberta:

Write about anything you can remember, good, bad or indifferent. We want family information, stories of any kind. There is no hurry about this so you may want to talk to members of your family. I remember about the old Tent meetings, Steam Trains, S. D. Grammer School, funerals, Orange & Lemon groves, etc.

With loving thoughts,

*Madeline*