

Aleen Ledford  
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PERSONAL CONTACTS

--DOROTHY O'NEAL SHERMAN, 3024 E. Carmen, Fresno, Calif.

Dorothy is a daughter of William Spenser O'Neal, the youngest son of Charles O'Neal. She is in her mid-fifties and is married to a Western Mono Indian (Sherman) who worked on her grandfathers ranch when he was young and is familiar with the Experimental Range. Dorothy attended Spring Valley School from the 5th through the 8th grades (9-14 years of age). At that time they were living on her grandfathers ranch in O'Neals. She said her grandfather had a large house--rooms had been built on to us for use as a "hotel" for people traveling on the stages coming from Friant and going to North Fork, Fresno Flats (Oakhurst) and Sugar Pine. When Dorothys father lost his Kirchoff job they moved into these rooms.

Dorothy has a brother-in-law named Kenneth Wagnon (Married her sister Katherine) who worked on the Experimental Range for many years. He is very interested in Valley history and has written a number of researched and documented papers on the area and its families. His address:

Kenneth Wagnon  
1118 Chestnut Lane  
Davis, Ca.  
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Several of his articles written for the Madera County Historical Society are included in this folder.

Lisenby Ranch: She never heard it referred to as a dude ranch. The people who owned it and lived in the buildings in the area of the ranch headquarters just before the U.S. Government purchased it were the DUVALL WILLIAMS FAMILY. It was still called the Lisenby place by the area people.

MINERALS AND WESTERN RAILWAY: Said it came across "Cap hill" (located by O'Neals and below Bellview) Could this be another name for Berry Hill? After leaving Bellview and on the way to Sugar Pine you can see the old bed along Finegold Creek on the other side of the road.

Indian Springs: Doesn't know much about them other than they were a mineral spring. They would pass the road-sign for them when traveling the Bellview to Madera Rd. to high school in Madera.

Evans and Sontag: Her father discussed them. They may have been in the area around Lower Table Mt. ie, Bettie Jamisons land--but no higher up.