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[Note: As the tape starts we are driving down Main St. from Coupeville to Prairie Center]

Mrs. Charles Oliver Barrett lived in the house just south of the Video Store.

[Note: this video store is on the east side of Main St. just past highway 20.]

No one lived at 302 Main St. as there was no house there in earlier days. At 304 Main St. is a home where *Wallace Ferris* and *James Pagauni* lived.

[**Note:** See 96. 1. 23A, stop 120.]

On the SW corner of Terry and Main St., where the school gym now sits, was the house of *Tony Kohne* who married *Ed Jenne's* sister, *Tillie*.

[Mickey has a picture of the house.]

Susie Sill had a house on the east side of Engle Rd. where the school bus yard now sits, right where a red barn is. Next door to her lived *Mrs. Abigail Morrill*.

Neither house stands now. The next house south was *Pearl Wanamaker's*.

[**Note:** Wanamaker house address: 607 Engle Rd. A photo of the *Morrill* house is found in the appendix of the *Dorothy Sherman* interview photos.]

On the west side of Engle Rd. is *Will Jenne's* house. [508 Engle Rd.]

Just south of him was *Vern Coates* house who Mickey thought was the son of *Pop Coates*. South of that was *Vene Fisher's* house, father of *Vene Fisher* who was killed in the avalanche on Baker. [Address of Fisher house: 608 Engle Rd.]

The next house, at 702 Engle Rd., was "*Andrew's*" house who was "*Houghtling's*" grandfather. The next house south was Will Terry's house at 704 Engle Rd. Across the street, on the east side of Engle Rd., was *Charlie Bearus's* home at 707 Engle Rd.

054-120

Just south of the *Bearus* home was where the road would flood during the winter so that the road was impassable. Children had to come across this by rowboat. On the west side of Engle, at 302 Engle Rd., was the *Schreck* place where *Al Sherman* now lives. *Schreck* used to raise chickens and had big chicken coops out there. Later the house was rented to a lot of different families.¹

On the east side of Engle was the house of *Sam Hancock* at 395 Engle Rd. Later this was *Jut Hancock's*. Mickey points out the *Ed Jenne* house where *Eldon Jenne* lived at 538 Engle Rd. He won a second place medal at the Olympics in Amsterdam. *Eldon* learned to jump by jumping over the farm gate.

¹ 1910 US Census, Sheet 5B, line 60. Schreck, W. C. and Annie [38, 33] poultry farm.

We continue south on Engle toward Ft. Casey. Mickey points out where a row of houses were on the left or east side of Engle Rd., just as Engle curves around to the left. *"Reubels lived in there, and George Hammonds lived in there."* Mickey recalled the old *Hancock* house that used to be on the west side of Engle Rd after it curves. Mickey said that when he was young and his family lived at Ft. Casey his family socialized with the *E. J. Hancock* family.

"And when something was going on at Casey, they'd (the E. J. Hancock family) come down here and go down to the ballgame or whatever and go over to my grandmother's place and they'd get cookies and milk or something, and when it was the other way around and something was going on over there, the Clark kids would go into Hancocks and get it."

121-160

We head out Ft. Casey Rd. We go by the sheds that housed the amphibious tanks, and just past where the main gates of Casey used to be is a green house [1018 Ft. Casey Rd.] where *Ferris* and *Pagauni* lived, and later on, *Ray Matthews* lived. Mickey pointed out where *Howard English* and his family lived, a house west of the stone gates. *Howard's* father was stationed at Ft. Casey and was killed during WWI.² Mickey went to school with *Howard*.

[Note: *Howard* was the son of *Matthew* and *Mary English*.]

We go by the *Crockett Farm* and the blockhouse that stands by the road. Mickey said that there used to be four blockhouses and one was sent to the Alaska Yukon Exposition. Afterwards they wanted to send it back but *Coupeville* didn't want it. So it was sent to Pt. Defiance Park in Tacoma.

Mickey points out where the *Pat's* [*Partridges*] used to live at 776 Ft. Casey Rd. *Teddy Boyer* lives there now and it is the same house that the *Pat's* lived in. Mickey thought *Pete Erickson*, a carpenter, built the house and he was killed by a bull at the *Reubel's* house.³ ✖

He'd go over to Reubels to eat dinner and he'd always harassing that bull. They told him not to do it, it'd get him someday but..... oh no. It did.

Mrs. Jack Anderson lived next.⁴

² 1910 US Census, sheet 11A, line 46: *English, Matthew and Mary Alice* [29, 18] Soldier, US Army.

³ ✖ In a later session with Mickey on 1-22-97, which was not recorded, Mickey said he thought *Pete Erickson* built the *Reubel* home next door as well as his own. He also built the *Sloth* home on Highway 20.

1910 US Census: Sheet 8A-line 24. *Erickson, Pete and Rachel*. [52, 53] Carpenter. *Erickson* was Swedish.

⁴ 1920 US Census: sheet 10A, line 34. *Anderson, John* [48] and *Esther* [35]. Farmer.

[**Note:** Mickey later confirmed her first name was *Esther* and said, "She could make the best pies." Address 711 Ft. Casey Road.]

Mrs. Jack Anderson lived there and the road used to run back in around there, instead of going straight through like it does here. And there was a saloon over there. It went up around there and come back about two blocks behind us.....

Jack Anderson yes. An old Swede. He went back to Sweden and died over there. It went around by that saloon and came out behind us here. It was crooked. All these roads were crooked.

T: You told me that the roads used to have real square corners down in here too, didn't you?

M: No, out on the prairie.

161-198

We turn east onto Patmore Road. Prior to the *Patmores* living at the NE corner of Ft. Casey Road and Patmore Road [593 Ft. Casey Road], the *Gillespies* lived there.⁵

[**Note:** A later discussion with Mickey that was not recorded on 10-3-96 confirmed that the *Gillespie* family that lived there "when Mickey was a little kid," was *Jim* and *Toodie Gillespie*. *John LeSourd* also lived in that home for about 6 months to one year.]

M: We used to walk right through from there, we lived down below, we'd walk through there and out through the trail here and go out to [*Herman*] *Wanamakers* there. And I'd hitch up the horses and drive them on the thrashing machine.

T: Okay. This is where you saw a **bear** once in here and some cubs?

M: Bear? I've seen them all through here. Not heavy, but in different places, different times. We were down in the bottom end of that place there picking blackberries, and that's what the bears were doing too, and my mother said, "Stay away from them. That old bear'll hit you with one paw and you'll be gone."

T: You know the *Gillespies* back there? Do you know where *Mary Gillespie* lived?

M: I don't know any *Mary Gillespie*.

⁵ Census record for the **Gillespie** family may be found in the **1900 US Census**, sheet 4A, line 13. It appears that at this time they were enumerated in the town of Coupeville, not out on Ft. Casey Rd.

T: I think she's kind of a San de Fuca person actually.

M: Well there was a *Gillespie* over in San de Fuca. *Jim Gillespie*. They lived on the beach road.... Penn Cove Road. The old road to Oak Harbor.

We discuss old road from Monroe's Landing to Oak Harbor. Patmore Road used to be Kaehler Road and is an older road... back in the 1920s Mickey thought. We pass Rhododendron Park. We pass sign that warns us to watch out for low flying aircraft as we come out alongside the Navy airfield.

199-238

T: Where was **Doc Kellogg's** house from here?

M: It was right over in here. Right in there. I think *Margaret Rosenfield Wanamaker* lived in there.

[**Note:** *Margaret Wanamaker* roomed with the *Kellogg's* as a child while she attended school at Smith Prairie. This site is on the south side of Patmore Road just west from the intersection of Patmore with Keystone Road. The old **Smith Prairie schoolhouse** was on the north side of Patmore Rd. immediately west of this intersection.]

Mickey tells me about his aunt, *Emma Rosenfield Clark* who used to room with *Captain Henry Melbourne Race* and his wife, from where she walked to school. They named the room she stayed in, "Emma's room. "

M: They'd come in on this road and they'd go that way into Coupeville and this way down the Kaehler Road.

[Navy jet passes overhead.]

T: And is that the tree where you had a picnic when your dad was engineer?

M: No. There used to be a tree there but that isn't it. The leany one that comes right out over here... on the old road.

T: So this is the old road.

M: Yes. Came right out and met this one right down here. Down here and another square corner. A lot of the corners were the end of the field. Here's where *Tas Race*, I thought it was *Tas*.... One of the *Race* family where *Emma* stayed.

[**Note:** This was actually *Henry Melbourne Race*'s home where Emma Rosenfield stayed during the school week.]

T: Right here on the left.

M: Well the house is gone, but....

T: The house is gone but it was in here.

M: Yes. I think they used to come in on a road over here [Off of what is now Welcher Road] and go there. And we're going to go down this way on the next corner. This is what we call **Dad Eaton's corner**.
[Corner of Highway 20 and Welcher Road.]

239-292

T: And *Dad Eaton*'s place was to the right there?
[On the SE corner of Hwy. 20 and Welcher.]

M: Right over in there, yes. Out around here, I think Hobe is wrong, I think there were about ten families living in there.
[Mickey is referring to the Smith Prairie area.]

We turn onto Welcher Road and proceed east. Mickey said the road used to be crooked and had been straightened out. **Welcher Road** was an "old road."

[**Note:** Mickey later told me in a conversation on 10-3-96, that the house situated on the airstrip side, directly west of the Welcher Road intersection with Highway 20 used to belong to a *Nienhuis*. It used to be situated in Oak Harbor where the airstrip was put in. It was then moved over to the Smith Prairie site.

M: You see lots of places here you wouldn't have seen twenty years ago.

As we proceed down Welcher Road toward its intersection with Harrington Road, Mickey points out the area where the road to the actual Race farm used to be. The *Race* property was reached via this road. "***You used to be able to see right down to their place.***"

M: We're getting awful close to *Hobe Race*'s place.

T: When was the last time you were here to visit?

M: Oh, a couple years ago I visited *Hobe* down here. I think that's his road. I think that's his house.

T: All right, here we are.

M: We're in the right country.

293-355

We are back in the car after our visit with Hobe Race. (See Tape 96. 8. 3, and 96. 8. 4 for a tape recording of that visit.). We drive over to the old Race farmstead and up to the property from Race Road, directly across from Race Lagoon.

M: They had a big farm, a big place. His dad [Hobart's dad, *Ronald*] told him he could take his choice and I think *Frances*, his sister, too. She's got a place down there next to him. That's the one he took, down there, instead of living over here where his folks did, he built down there.

We look at the Race property. Mickey recalled the big barn that used to be there. We head north on Harrington Road toward Harrington's Lagoon. Mickey recalls delivering mail down in this area. Mickey said that Lawanna Beach stood *for Lemuel A. Wanamaker*. "***He owned a lot of this beach in here, and sold a lot of it, and she has, and they're both dead now.***"

356-429

We pass the intersection of Morris Road and Harrington's Lagoon and head down toward the lagoon. Mickey said that the Norwegian consulate from Seattle lived on the beach at **Harrington's Lagoon**.

Harrington's house no longer stands. It stood on the south or left side of Harrington Lagoon Road as you come down the road directly across from 109 E. Harrington Road.

[**Note:** For additional information on the *Harringtons*, see the *David Engle* interview, tape **95. 3. 2A**, stop 237. During a later conversation with Mickey Clark on 10-3-96 that was not recorded, Mickey said that *Pearl Harrington* was the one that lived at the Lagoon.]

Mickey said there were two or three families that lived down in the Lagoon area from the days when he delivered mail. One was *Curly Johnson*. Another was *Les Patmore*. There is a gravel pit down on the left side of the Lagoon Road which the Lions used to put in the gravel track at the high school.⁶

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Side B: Tape 96. 1. 24

000-067

T: Did he farm?

M: *Harrington*? No, no. He was a contractor. He built that Mariner's Court in Coupeville and that kind of stuff.

T: I thought *Bob Cushen* built that.

M: *Charlie Cushen*. Well, he paid for it but *Harrington* built it.

We drive up **Morris Road**. We pass a fire hall, and then **Morris Farm** on the left side, now a Bed and Breakfast. The **Kineth farm** comes next on the left hand side, SE of the intersection of Hwy. 20 and Morris Road. Between the Kineth farmhouse, which faces Highway 20, and Morris Road is a Jehovah Witness Church. The **shooting range** is straight west of where Morris Road joins Highway 20. We turn right from Morris Road on to Highway 20 and head west.

Mickey said *Neil Mulder* lived on the south end of the airstrip on Smith Prairie. *Henry Verigan* also lived down that way as did *Ed Hires*. Mickey recounts the story of the Kellogg house burning down when *John*, *Alma*, and *Dorothy LeSourd* lived there.

We continue to head west on Highway 20. *Frank Waumbaugh* lived where the hotel now is on the south side of Highway 20. We go past Island Disposal. Washington State DOT shop, which is the site of where *Vern Streets* lived. Recycling Center. Animal Control shelter. The road to Rhododendron Park. Former site of the garbage dump on north side of highway.

M: I think the old road either went in there or right close.

⁶ **1910 US Census**: Sheet 7B, line 85. Harrington, John [69] enumerated with daughter Ethel Dremolski [35] and her children: Vernie, Beryl, Forest, Louie[?]

T: At Jacobs Road there?

M: Wait a minute, it's farther up this way. Here's *Willard's* place.
[Note: This is on the north side of Highway 20 at 862 Highway 20. *Dick* and *Sis Willard* lived there. *Sis* was *Leone Willard*, *Dick's* daughter.]

T: This place on the right here?

M: Yes. The [old highway] road went in right there, and the road used to go around there and behind these trees and down past those houses, there's a bunch of houses back in there. They got *Youderian's* workshop there. And the road came out down here, right here and went across the road and down there and came out at Prairie Center.

[Note: the road crossed what is now Highway 20 and proceeded along Terry Rd. We turn left onto Terry.]

068-099

T: So the *Youderians* lived... that was their property back there?

M: No, no it wasn't. It was their workshop there. They haul dirt and manure and everything else in there right now. This is the old highway. We used to go out from Snakelum Point and come around by those places and go down here to Prairie Center. There's a house right in here.

T: Now whose was that.

M: It belongs to *Vin [?] Sherman* right now. He's trying to sell it.

T: And whose barn was this on the right?

M: That was *Ralph Strong's*.

T: That was *Ralph Strong's* place. The undertaker? No, that was *Mark Strong*.

M: Well, he was related to him. Here's the county shed. The road used to go right around there and come out at the bottom of this hill. Pretty soon you'll be able to find your way all the way around here. That's *Engle's* farm right ahead here.

T: And *Mulder* used to live on the corner here?

M: Yes.

T: After he lived up on Smith Prairie.

M: Yes, long time after. Hobe said *Bob Engle* had the best artifacts that he'd ever seen? Well I think both *Wilbur Sherman* and *Edwin Sherman* had better ones. They had arrowheads and they had agate ones and all that, and they had big ones. I may be wrong but I don't think *Bob Engle* had near that. *Bob Engle's* his brother-in-law, so I didn't say anything.

T: So *Bob Engle* lived here right?

M: *Carl Engle* lived in there and they grew up there, all those kids.

T: Was *Bob Engle*, *Carl's* son?

M: Yes.

T: Where did *Bob* live after he left home?

M: He's got the dairy farm on the other side going out the [Fort] Casey Rd.

T: Okay, that's where he lived.

M: And this pond [Engle Pond] used to be right up to the road here. No bushes, no anything. We used to skate on there. And there was a water hole right there where we got water for the thrashing machines.

T: What was here... did this all used to be the school?

M: Well, it was tennis courts and they took that out and put the school in here. And here's Prairie Center and we go right here.

T: If you don't mind I'm going to go straight ahead real quick and check one more thing out with you.

M: Well, you're driving.

T: Okay. [Laughs.] Prairie Center.

100-165

- M:** 1916. They used to have an electric shop and a garage back here.
- T:** And *Perry Grove* lived here too.
- M:** He lived here after that.
- T:** Up here on the left we've got....
- M:** *Burton Engle*. There's a little house down there back there in the trees.
- T:** That's where *Burton Engle* lived?
- M:** He did live there for a long time, then he moved in over here and then he died. And his kid lives in there now and his kids a minister.
- T:** Oh that's *David* right?
- M:** *David*, sure.
- T:** He's the one that read that for us.
- M:** That's right, that's his kid. *Margaret [Clark]* thought he was all right that kid.
- T:** Who lived at the intersection of Terry Road here? Who lived in that house.
- M:** Which house? That one there on the right?
- T:** Yes.
- M:** *Dale Sherman*. And they used to have the Terry House right here and they moved it out of here and across the road.
- T:** Did it sit right by the road?
- M:** Yes, right over here.
- T:** At 46 S. Terry.
- M:** *Herman Wanamaker* used to say *Old Man Terry* would go down with a team of horses and get a big log and pull it up here and put it in the fireplace and light it on

fire. When he'd want to move it, it'd pry it ahead a little more and burn off some more and that's the way he did it. He didn't chop any wood, he just burned it off.

T: Who lived here?

M: That's the old *Herrett* house. I don't know who lives there now.
[**Note:** the *Herrett*'s lived here after living at the Ferry House above Ebey's Landing. See 96. 9. 2B-220Notes.]

T: 82 Ebey Road.

M: And this is where *David Engle* lives. He's got too many bushes around. This is all grown up. When I was delivering mail this wasn't even here. It's all grown since then.

T: And how about this house on the right here, this red one.

M: This one was *David Herald*'s place and *Knight Smith*'s and I don't know who lives here now.

T: That's 140 Ebey Road.

M: And this is the old *Franzen* house.

T: 154 Ebey Road. Were they the ones that were at the Academy or took care of it.

M: Yes, that's the same people.

T: That's where they lived?

M: Yes. They lived there and their folks did and then they got married and moved over there. And this has been moved in.

T: This building on the left?

M: Yes, that's been moved in. This is *Jean Sherman*. [NW corner of Ebey and Cook Road.] And that's *John LeSourd* and the LeSourd dairy. And you heard about the lady running over the kid and the bicycle.

T: Where was that?

M: Over at Monroe's Landing.

T: Oh yes, I saw that... in fact I went by that.

M: She [*Mrs. Walker*] lives right there.

T: In this house? [The old *LeSourd* home.]

M: She feels real bad about it but the kid rode right out in front of her.

T: Doesn't sound like she could've done anything about it. Where does *Dorothy Sherman* live?

M: See the house up on the hill there? Well this one is her grandson and this is her son, and this is hers. The *Shermans* own that house too. That's the old *Cook* house there.

T: Which one?

M: The big one.

T: The second one up.

M: Yup. *Win Cook*.

T: And that was the *Cook* farm?

M: Well, I don't know whether he had a farm or not but out in back there *Clark Sherman* cleared land back in there and they got an 80 acre field back behind. This is *Don Sherman's*, that's *Roger Sherman's*...

T: So that's the *Cook* House in between up in the back.

M: Yup, yup. Look up on the hill and you'll see another house up here. That's *Dorothy Sherman*. And this next old house up here is *Billy Sherman's* house and that's the one that had the thrashing machine and all that. He had nine kids or ten. When he was not working on that thrashing machine, he worked on a sawmill, he worked every place he could get a job in those days. These people here are engineers from Boeing. They bought this and built it and then built another house for their daughter back on the other side.

[We drive up driveway between the *Billy Sherman* house and the two modern houses north of that house, at the end of the hill before highway 20.]

166-213

T: So this is where you did thrashing up in here?

M: Oh yes, there's a lot of farmland back in there.

T: Whose barn is that one...?

M: That's *Shermans*. They used to have turkeys in there.

T: So Sherman Road ended here at one time you said?

M: Well **Black Hill Road** came up there. See that road there, the freeway, it wasn't even in.

T: So Black Hill Road came up and went away.

M: It might have ended here, I don't know. It came up from the waterfront this way. When they changed it and took Black Hill Road off of running over to the water there, they run it down this way where those cars run over the other side. I'll show you in a minute.

This here is Sherman Road here all the way to the water. It never used to be, used to be Black Hill Road. And I think it used to turn and go down the other side there.

T: So you used to not be able to drive through here?

M: No road here!

T: There was no road. Okay, well that makes sense.

[We cross Highway 20 heading north.]

M: Here. This is where the **Black Hill Road** is.

T: Okay... the *Blacks* lived.....?

M: The *Blacks* lived over here where the cherry trees are. These are all no good cherry trees anymore.

[**Note:** The Blacks lived on the east side of Sherman Road just north of it's intersection with Black Rd. The Black farm occupied the entire NE corner of Sherman Rd. and Black Rd.]

T: And they lived back by this barn here?

M: They used to live right back in... oh, about here someplace they had a house, and they had this barn.

T: Okay... so just before the barn, about twenty, thirty feet.

M: And this goes down to *Doc Bishop's* House.

T: He lives there now?

M: No, he's dead.

T: Okay, that's where he used to live.

M: This was Black Hill Road, now they call it Sherman Rd. You had a hard time steering the *Shermans* off it... it was *LeSourds* and *Shermans* and when they decided they were going to change it they changed it and that's it. These are *Herb Pickard's* cows. They used to own that over there and sold it to somebody else. He lives down at Snakelum Point. *Jean* wants to buy our lots and build next to them but the kids don't want to sell them. I got to call her up and tell her too.

T: *Jean*?

M: *Jean Sherman*. She's a buddy of *Muriel Pickard*.

214-243

[We turn right off of Sherman Road and head east on Madrona Way.]

T: Who used to live right here?

M: *Doctor White* lived there and *Milo Sherwood* lived there...

T: Who?

M: *Milo Sherwood*. *Carl Dean's* dad used to own that place.
[502 Madrona Way. NW Corner of Broadway and Madrona Way.]

- T:** On the left there.
[We turn right onto Broadway and head south.]
- M:** Going back up to Prairie Center.
- T:** No, I'm not. I'm just going to go halfway down here. I want to ask you one quick place. I wanted you to show me where *Dick Hastie* used to live.
- M:** I can tell you that pretty easy. *Dick Hastie* used to live right in here. Either one side or another of those trees. He lived right there.
- [**Note:** this was the west side of Broadway, just south of NW 4th Street, just before the road starts to go up a small hill.]
- T:** So right across from a grey house... 207 Broadway.

244-298

- T:** This place looks like an old house.
- M:** That is. That's the old *Edmundson* place.
[**Note:** Address is 502 Broadway. Mickey later confirmed that this house was the home of *William and Mary Dean Edmundson*, the sister of *Carl Dean*.]
- T:** *Edmundson*?
- M:** Yes. *Clarence Edmundson* rowed for the University of Washington on the crew.
- T:** Oh... The red place on the left side of the road.
- M:** And here's the land we sold.
- T:** This one?
- M:** Both of them... that one there and behind it too.
- T:** Oh, at (602 Broadway.) So you owned that, eh?.
- M:** We owned that land.

T: This looks like an old place too here.

M: That little one? It is. That's *Kramers*. He was in WWII, and the Japanese had him in the horse manure and all that stuff. He was a colonel and retired. He's dead now. *Pat Wanamaker's* brother in law.

T: Do you remember what his first name might have been?

M: *Joe Kramer*.

[Note: address of the *Kramer* house is 608 Broadway. Judge *Joe Kramer* was married to *Anne Wanamaker*.]

T: Well there we go!

M: Well, we got that done.

T: You are quite the knowledgeable person about where everybody was.

M: Well, I sometimes think I don't.

T: Well, you do! And the house they built for *Aleck Kettle* is up there on the corner. [407 Coveland. SE Corner of Broadway and Coveland.]

M: Yup. Right straight up.

T: *Carl Johnson* lives there now.

M: Yup, that's right.

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T: Is this where *Tom* used to live? That house right there?
[Note: This was *Tommy Clark*, Mickey's brother.]

M: Yes, he used to live in there. When I was on the council, this road we're backing into [9th Street] was not here. We put this through here. This was solid farm. This road [Front Street] used to go in front of that walnut tree, then go down through there on planking.

T: So *Tom* lived on 9th Street at 505. Right there.

M: He lived there. Lived there for a long time, raised his kids there, that's where

- Dorothy [Clark Keefe] grew up and everything.*
- T:** *Lillian Huffstetler* told me her grandfather built these two little houses right here... [Houses on the corner of 9th and Kinney] CHECK
- M:** Where?
- T:** These houses.
- M:** Oh did he?
- T:** That's what she said.
- M:** Oh he probably did. Over here, the *Kinney* house was her grandmother's, on the other side of the road.
[Note: the Kinney house is on the corner of Front and Kinney.]
- T:** And we know who lives here.
- M:** That's old slowpoke. [*Rob Harbour*.] When he's coming back?
- T:** July 25th.

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Note: In a later session, 10-3-96, which was not taped, Mickey said that the *Powell* family lived on the NW corner of Sherman Road and Highway 20. At the time they lived there, it was Black Hill Road which came up from Madrona Way and ended at the top of the hill. Mickey said that this house was later known as the "Nuthouse." A man lived there from a rich family in Seattle and was mentally unbalanced. There was a high fence all the way around the property and every so often the man would climb over the fence and escape and go to Seattle. He couldn't recall the man's name.

1920 US Census: Sheet 11B-Line 51, *Powell, Thomas and Elizabeth*, [58, 50] farmer. Children: *Ivar* [23-farm laborer], *Margaret* [21-schoolteacher], *Gwelyn* [19], *Alice* [15], *Arthur* [13], *William* [11].

Note: The following information was obtained from Mickey Clark on 10-25-96. He and I went out to visit Hobart Race who was very ill and on the way back, Theresa drove Mickey out to show her where the *Rosenfields* actually lived and the site of *Doc Sargent's* farm. She had a small hand held tape recorder that she taped some of these recollections on and she subsequently transferred them to the end of this tape. Mickey pointed out where a *Lamphere* family lived at 1834 Highway 525. *Peggy O'Neil*, who recently died, was a cousin of *Bill Lamphere* who lived there and was a teacher at Coupeville. He would give *Peggy* a ride to school. *Bill* was a brother of *Ernie Lamphere* and their mother cooked at the state hotel. Mickey also mentioned during this session, a former Fort Casey soldier who lived just south of Houston Road. His name was *Meadors*. After he was discharged he came down here and built. "There's guys from Casey (that settled) from here clear down to Clinton."

That same day, Mickey and Hobe talked about the "Reverse Curve" of the Langley Road. Hobe said, "They had a hell of a big storm, the trees were all blanketed in the reverse curve. And I took my *Uncle Puget* and drove him down there to see that. And he used to talk about that for years. Went up and picked him up and took him down there and prettiest sight he ever saw." Mickey said they straightened it; "It has a big curve in it now but it had an S in it and when it snowed on there, gosh it was beautiful." The "Reverse Curve" was on Highway 525 and began just north of Houston Road as you head south.

We drove to the site where the *Rosenfields* lived, proceeding south on Highway 525 to **Graymayre Road** where we turned right. We proceeded down the hill to the Teronda West development on the bluff. As we drove down the road, Mickey stated, "*This is where Fort Casey used to get the water from. They used to get down here on the waterfront. They came down here with a barge and fill the barrels. It's been changed since I was down here.*"

Mickey thought the house had been torn down and could not remember exactly where it was because the area had changed so much since he had last been there.

"Now I can't tell you where *Rosenfields* were. They were right along the beach here somewheres. But all these houses have been built since and changed, and the roads have been blacktopped, and the trees been taken off... I think their house is gone." He said that Mr. *Rosenfield*, "Used to grow vegetables here and he'd go in a skiff from here to Port Townsend and sell

*them over there and trade them for food, butter and lard and stuff like that. He was a ship builder, and a good one."*⁷

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T: Down on the bluff then.

M: Oh yeah. Right down there. The barn was on the way down there.

T: And where was the barn at?

M: It was down below the windmill there.

T: Then when *Doc Sargent* was here then, did this road go straight ahead or..?

M: Just like it is now. We're on the same place only it was mud and slop and ruts and dragging bottom and all that. This is much better than what we used to go on. You'd come here a little ways and either right there or somewhere here, we'd go right straight up through Admiral's Cove [development.]

T: So when the *Rosenfields* came, the road from the *Rosenfields* went by *Doc Sargent*?

M: It went right through his place.

T: It did.

M: Yeah.

T: And then it came up this way.

M: They walked up this way and when you get up there... do you know where my brother lives out there?

T: Nope.... *Shy?* [*Sharlock Clark.*]

M: Yeah.

T: No, where does he live.

M: He lives out on Wanamaker Road.

We then drove from the *Sargent* farm driveway back up to the Highway, and then down through Admiral's Cove to Wanamaker Road to where a old chain/cable crosses the old road that used to come from *Doc Sargent's* to Smith Prairie. This chain is on the north side of Wanamaker Road, directly across the street from 125 West Wanamaker Road.

M: “The road went right up through there, between those trees, where that chain is.”

[Theresa takes a photo of this site.]

The following information was not taped.

We then drove up Keystone Road. We passed the water supply location for the town of Coupeville and just past that, on the east side is where Mickey said the road used to come out. It was this corner that *Charlie Dixon* used to jump after having a bit too much beer at the local beer parlour. The road then went up through the woods at that corner. It came out on the present Keystone Road just south of where the woods end along the east side of Keystone Road and Smith Prairie begins.

Mickey then pointed out where the homes were on Smith Prairie. We pulled into the driveway of the old *Brewster* farm.⁸ and he pointed out the general area where *Neil Mulder*, and *Jap Sill* used to live. “***There were about ten houses up here.***” Mickey said that *Mulder* and *Sill*’s homes, and others, were out in the open part of the airstrip. “***They were farming.***”

The *John LeSourd*, *Jake Beach*, *Walt Sherwood* was on the southeast corner of the Patmore Road, at the corner of Keystone and Patmore, across the street from the old site of the Smith Prairie School. This corner was the Jake Beach Farm. [Note: house This was the same house. These people lived there at different times.]

End of Side B: Tape 96. 1. 24

End of Interview 24 with Mickey Clark

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⁸ **1920 US Census:** Sheet 10B-line 68. Brewster, Ora and Olive, [50, 42] farmer. Children: Carl [21], Glenn, [7]. Son Chester, [24] and his wife, Esther Boyer Brewster, and their son Robert, are enumerated directly after Ora and Olive’s family, although renting at a separate residence.