

INFORMANT: CLARA BRENNALS (MRS. HENRY) TERRAULT

SUBJECT: autobiography

PERIOD: 1903 -

LENGTH OF TAPE: 1 hour, 20 mins.

INTERVIEWED BY: Ruth Horne

April 6th, 1976

- 000 - 006 Born Humphrey, Nebraska, Septamber 1st, 1903. Father was born in Germany, mother in Nebraska. Family came to Morinville area, 1905 on sister's recommendation. *3 brothers, 3 sisters (Clara was youngest)*
- 060 - 096 Clearing of farmland, starting of the farm. *Mostly poplar*
- 097 - 139 First car, other means of transportation. *Plow, harrow, disc, etc. Bucks, geese, cows (10-12), chickens, sold butter*
- 140 - 153 Crops planted by her father. *Went to Edmonton when sick or to shop - used horses for farming, steam engines, gas used very little*
- 154 - 201 Attended Rose Ridge School, location of school and home. School subjects. 35 students. All male teachers. Taught in English, *convent school in French.*
- 202 - 254 A typical school day. *3 mi. walk. Sept-June*
- 255 - 284 Clothing worn by the children at that time. *said coyotes, bears, horses, snakes*
- 285 - 291 Family of 11 children. *3 additional died. 6 or 7 born in Canada.*
- 292 - 409 Completion of school; went to work. Employment with the Hogan's, description of the family, her impressions of them. *Age 21, worked 2 months. Did housework for Mrs Hogan. Large house, woke at 6am. v. kind.*
- 410 - 419 Hat making with Mrs Hogan who would ask to stay home & make hats with Clara. *Common activity.*
- 420 - 433 Some biography of Mr. Hogan, taught at Bellrose school. *Mayor 30 yrs.*
- 434 - 474 Married Henry Terraault in 1926; farmed two miles south & two miles west of her father. Use of the new tractors. *Livestock.*
- 475 - 509 Farming in the early years of their marriage. *1/4 land. Tractors used soon after marriage, bought a tractor. Thrashing machine steam powered.*
- End of Side I
- Side II
- 000 - 027 Entertainment for the young people, sports etc. At 16 they attended dances. *in hay lofts when they were empty.*
- 028 - 049 Winter pasttimes; hooking rugs, etc. *sleigh rides, hide-a-ek, cards. bed by 9pm.*
- 050 - 075 First years of their marriage; heating the house, getting coal from Cardiff, carrying water. *wood + coal.*
- 076 - 103 Preparing and preserving food. *saw kraut, canned chicken, brining, smoke house, beef was always winter b/c it could be frozen - summer = preserved pork & poultry.*
- 104 - 117 Washing and ironing clothes.
- 118 - 144 Modernizing the farm, electricity, gas and water in the house. *Running water come later*
- 145 - 176 Birth of her children, Nurse Maloney and Dr. Giroux. *All born at home. 3 children. Couldn't drive car in winter b/c roads were bad*
- 177 - 187 Trip to Edmonton by ambulance, telephone installed by 1927. *Nearest hospital in Edmonton, needed to go once during pregnancy*

loud noise
Geography
Arithmetic
Grammar
Reading
Writing.

phonering
interrupt. child
then silent

After Hogans
worked at a
store, then
odd jobs,
then married
& couldn't work

END side I

- 188 - 201 Newspapers: Edmonton Journal and Winnipeg Free Press received through the mail. Mail collected at St. Albert in early years.
- warp cuts in > 202 - 260 Christmas concerts at the Rose Ridge School, recitation by one of her sisters. No piano, boys had mouth organs.
- 261 - 335 Basket Socials and other dances. Dances were planned, orchestra played. lasted until 3am - no dancing Sunday
- 336 - 343 Music for dances provided by boys and farmers: mouth organs, violins, accordians.
- 344 - 405 ^{HER} Children attended Volmer school. Transportation to school, subjects. 1 teacher for 10 grades. 25-40 students. some subjects, but more difficult
- 406 - 448 Comparison of farming over the years. Things got more commercial, easier
- 449 - 483 Impressions of early St. Albert: houses few and scattered, Blacksmith shop, lumber yard, butcher shop, and the Lambert Store.
- 484 - 502 Shopping in St. Albert. Bought groceries, ^{Reasons} work clothes. Roast beef sugar, most stuff came off the farm
- 503 - 522 Introduction of coffee percolators, recieved 16 for wedding gifts.
- 523 - 555 Embroidering etc. for cedar chest before marriage. House linens
- 556 Played baseball all her life, girls baseball teams.

8 yrs to 2 after marriage
~ 61 yrs.

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Change in
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Additional photos available from Mrs. Clara Terrault.

Mr. Terrault in car (c. 1930's) in front of farmhouse.

Assorted farming pictures: Treashing machine at work
harrow being pulled by horses
hay rack being loaded
steam engine and threshing machine
hay rack being loaded
milking cows (very dark)
some machine being pulled by horses

Group picture in front of old car (Brennais?)

Terrault Brothers and Brennais sisters at marriage

small photo of float in Edm. parade

Brennais home with many people (2 different photos)

Float in parade

Convent in Morinville

Church in Morinville

Statue of St. Francis at Cochrane

Home on the farm

Girl riding horse (small)

Clara Brennais with lawnmower

Five old cars with many people

Old car with four people

Car and driver (Mr. Brennais?) 1921

Henry Terrault