

Tape #5

Agri and Elva (Mauldin) Jones
 Mr. Louis Smith
 Tye and Olen Terrell
 Mrs. Inez (Medlock) Morrison
 Mrs. May Williams
 Mrs. Nellie (Trotter) Borden
 Mrs. Mamie (Guest) Tipton
 Mr. John Feland
 Mr. Clarence Thompson

Length: 90 min.

"Floyd Reunion at Floyd School"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
 August 5, 1972

- 003 Mr. Agri Jones
- 008 Parents and grandparents came here in 1904 from Monteig County, Texas (near Bowie) in covered wagon.
- 019 1910: went back to Texas in two covered wagons; he was about six and drove livestock.
- 027 From time they left Arch going east, didn't see another house for 75 miles - the Yellow House Headquarters.
- 031 1910: drought is what caused them to leave; went back to pick cotton for four years.
- 038 Had proved up on claims here so got to keep land.
- 045 From 1904-10 raised corn and sorghum crops; used for livestock-didn't sell anything.
- 053 Father would go up north of Floyd and cut fence posts; sell to newcomers for ten cents a piece.
- 058 Had to put up fences to keep cattlemen from "grazing you out".
- 065 Most cowboys were from Joe Lewis Ranch (Jack Co. Lake).
- 080 Jack County Lake named after foreman of ranch, Lawson K. "Jack County" Terrell who had been there since late 1800's.
- 093 Mr. Louis Smith came in 1915.
- 097 Grandfather, Andrew J. Smith, owned H-Bar Ranch.
- 102 His family came from Jeff Davis County, Texas (North East of El Paso) where after four years and improvements on a section one received the four adjoining sections.

- 112 Got mail at Orange, New Mexico.
- 135 His mother still gets oil royalties off of H-Bar Ranch.
- 138 1912: his uncle, Mr. Evan Smith, had an apparatus to locate an oil well.
- 170 1902: Mrs. Jones' parents (Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mauldin) and grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. Ike Guest) homesteaded north of Floyd.
- 183 Elva Mauldin Jones is her full name.
- 186 Began school at Lacy; eighth grade went to Langton; later went to Floyd when it consolidated.
- 197 1908: both men went to Tierra Blanca School; teacher was Sam J. Stinett; twenty-five students in class including: Jack Howard (later sheriff of county), Elmer Howard, and Joe Bailey.
- 216 Mentions Jack and Lindsey Harragan and Jack, Elmer, and Dick Howard serving in World War I.
- 230 Mrs. Jones' classmates at Lacy: Guy Boykin, Mamie Guest, Scott children, and Gregory children.
- 232 Fred Ore was one teacher - talks about his teaching.
- 287 1909: Ada Mae Ray was one of Mr. Jones' teachers; 60-70 students in one room school; had five month term - teacher earned \$30-\$40 a month and board.
- 350 Mr. Jones believes today's schools have almost no discipline as compared with old schools because of judges and lawyers who won't let teachers run school.
- 357 He retired from teaching in 1963.
- 376 Brothers and sisters: Pete Jones (Portales), Leona, and Eddy.
- 385 Taught eighth grade at Floyd in 1922-23; 40-45 students including Terrell and Chumbley children.
- 403 1922: graduated in spring from Floyd High School and in the fall began teaching there; attended three months at Normal University at Las Vegas.
- 420 Directors of school: Jack County, Phil Anderson, and R.E. McAlister.
- 431 G.L. Hatcher - janitor of Floyd High School.
- 445 Mr. Smith was farmer; raised corn, maize, and livestock.
- 462 1918: drove first school bus - 13 years old (born in 1905).

- 494 His father, Dan Smith, was instrumental in consolidation of
Floyd schools.
- 505 John Morgan, Mr. Jones' father, and Dan Smith carried petition
for consolidation.
- 517 Sam Stinett was County Superintendent; had County Board of Educa-
tion.
- 540 Talks about opposition to consolidation; Isaiah Jones mentioned.
- 592 Mr. Jones mentions living in nice dugout: 32 feet long, 16 feet
wide, 4 feet below and above ground; warm in winter - nice in summer.
- 608 Mr. Smith recalls living in a walled up tent - first 4 feet wood,
then canvas over the top.
- 705 By 1906-07 windmills were common.
- 723 Mrs. Jones' parents dug well by hand when came in 1902; was about
twenty feet (?).
- 753 Give credit to good pioneer parents for success of Floyd.

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- 004 Tye and Olen Terrell: father came here in 1884 from Jack County,
Texas and settled on Tierra Blanca Ranch.
- 014 Six children: Lewis, Willie, Wyonie, Tye, Olen, Roy.
- 019 Father's name on cornerstone of school building as one of the
directors - 1922.
- 025 When he was seventeen, dad came to Horseshoe Ranch owned by Joe Lane.
- 032 Was called Jack County and lake was named after him.
- 033 Married Nora Prine (born in 1881) who he met at dance.
- 043 Had dances in ranch houses: round dancing, square dancing, shoddish,
and ushoes (?).
- 058 Dances lasted all day and all night; usually in spring.
- 072 Father barbequed whole beef for dance; women brought dishes.
- 090 Started school in store building; teachers: Chumbley, Marson,
and Williams.
- 112 Sister Willie was nurse for Dr. Brasell in Portales.
- 120 Dr. Pearce mentioned.

- 127 Neighbors included Dan Smith and Charlie Dunlap (later sheriff at Ft. Sumner).
- 136 Both served four years in WWII in Europe.
- 141 Olen born in 1916 - Tye in 1913.
- 146 Father filed on homestead in 1908.
- 158 1901-1910: Father owned three saloons in Portales.
- 176 Believe church people and number of anglo people reason for Portales being dry.
- 193 First two irrigation wells were on their ranch (dug by hand); had 2,000 apple trees but didn't produce.
- 217 Sister Willie's husband, Fred Hinger, was Director of Athletics, coach, and referee in Portales; later went to work for state P.E. Department.
- 237 Mrs. Inez Medlock Morrison; came from Lubbock to Floyd in 1929.
- 244 Brother, Mr. Ray Medlock, had come in 1924.
- 250 She taught in Floyd school from 1929 to 1952.
- 259 One child: Mike Morrison.
- 264 She paints and donated picture to ENMU Library.
- 268 Mrs. May Williams; had school in home (two room half-dugout with cement floor and walls) in 1910; had 3-4 months of school.
- 284 Husband bought and sold cattle.
- 291 1908: Husband came from Oklahoma, Cebrin "Walt" Williams.
- 301 Went back to Texas 1911-12 and then returned here.
- 308 Taught school in Floyd ten years - 1921-31.
- 333 Had three daughters - one Madeline Stevenson.
- 346 Had six children in 1910 homestead school - Woods children.
- 396 Painted a board black for "blackboard".
- 412 She is 87 years old (1972).
- 434 Homestead was SW of Delphus.

- 437 1917: Filed on homestead north of Delphus.
- 478 Had nice grocery store at Delphus run by Mrs. Cummings.
- 487 Traded in Portales with C.V. Harris and Joyce Pruitt's.
- 530 Mrs. Nellie Trotter Borden; came in covered wagons to New Mexico from Hood County, Texas in 1903 with father and brother (Trotter's), grandparents (Huffstudlers), and aunt and uncle (Caltons); she was six years old and her brother four.
- 553 Filed on claim three miles north of Floyd; lived there until 1913 when married Bill Borden.
- 565 Children: R.L., Harley, Clifford, Tom, Amsil, Billie Nell (all live here).
- 594 Mrs. Mamie Guest Tipton; came in covered wagons in 1903 (she was one year old).
- 629 Went to school at Lacy.
- 639 1922: married.
- 641 Children: Franklin D., Wilburn, Joyce, Floyd Edward.
- 656 Mr. John Feland; father came in covered wagon in 1906 from Oklahoma. (He was two years old.)
- 672 Filed three miles west and two miles north of Floyd.
- 675 He still lives on claim.
- 683 Six children: Odeanel, Carol, Wayne, Calvin, Ruth, Ruby.
- 718 Uncle, W.A. Feland, 87 years old came with father.
- 729 Mr. Clarence Thompson (came in 1930) and Mr. Joe Thompson (came from Oklahoma in 1925).
- 800 Mrs. Burrough's comments.