

BOB: When did your family come to North Dakota, Mrs. Correll?

MRS. CORRELL: My father came and my mother came in 1879.

~~BOB: Where did they come from?~~

~~MRS. CORRELL:~~ From Panama, New York. My mother was from Panama, New York.

Well, both of them really were. My father had been away from there for a time, but he had come back to Panama. ~~They came from Panama, New York.~~ He

came out as Superintendent of the Dalrymple Farms and he had charge of the Dalrymple Farm here and also used to ride horseback to **Kelso** and **Blanchard** where they had farms up there. Nephews of Oliver, the leader, took over those farms although I think the Dalrymples still own some land up there.

BOB: What was your parents' name?

MRS. CORRELL: Button, Henry Button, and I have a picture here of the home out here. ~~It had burned since it's on what it is now.~~ They built another

farm; it was called the ~~Cheney~~ ^{Cheney} Farm. You know the farms were divided up. The old family home was called the Alton Farm, A-l-t-o-n, and where we

lived was the ~~Cheney~~ ^{Cheney} Farm and then there was what they called the Cass

Farm and there was one other that was across from the elevators. ~~I can't~~

~~recall, but that was another.~~ There ~~was~~ ^{were} two families that lived there and

worked for Mr. Dalrymple at various times. See, my mother and Mrs.

Dalrymple were twin sisters.

~~BOB: Oh, I see.~~

~~MRS. CORRELL: That's why the close relationship. I stayed with them while~~

~~I went to school in Minneapolis and St. Paul.~~

BOB: Could you tell me where those four farms you mentioned were located in relation to Casselton or some other town?

MRS. CORRELL: Well, the Alton Farm is ~~the same place where Mary is living now.~~ It's southeast of Casselton, you know, about a mile and a half. ↗

~~BOB: Yes.~~

~~MRS. CORRELL:~~ And then the Cass Farm is beyond that. I think about a mile south of that. ~~is~~. There are still buildings on ~~it~~ ^{it}. The old barn is still on ~~that~~ ^{Cheney} that farm, but the house had been rebuilt. And then the ~~Cheney~~ ^{Cheney}

farm where we lived--~~I have a picture of that~~^{here} and I'll show you afterwards--
 is what is now the Bill Sinner farm. ~~Let's see, is~~^{that} ~~two miles east of~~
~~Casselton but that the buildings.~~ I think part of the barn is still there,
 but the rest are all new buildings and he has that extensive farm stock for
 him and all the buildings. The original house burned and some of the houses
 that were there originally were moved ~~apart~~^{over onto} by the elevator when they
 had that little community there. You see, when my father came out, there
 were all these various farms. I don't know whether all of 'em were establi-
 shed at that time, but were being established, you might say. But the office
 was there at the ~~Cheney~~^{Cheney} Farm where my dad was and he had a clerk and there
 was the big cook house and there was quite a lot of buildings there. ~~and that~~
~~way.~~ And that's where ~~when Mrs. Dalrymple wasn't here~~ when Aunt Mary
~~wasn't here~~ my mother entertained the guests that ~~was~~^[Mr. Oliver Dalrymple] brought from the East.

~~You know these men that came out here,~~ you know, railroad men and those that
 he was involved with. ~~my~~^{my} mother used to entertain them. The view from the
 picture shows how nicely they lived. The picture shows the maids standing
 out beside her with apron and cap, I think, that uncle always supplied the
 help, you know, because mother always did the entertaining. So there was a
 nursemaid and maids in the kitchen and all, so it wasn't so primitive as it
 might sound to some people. You know, coming out here that long ago, ~~but~~
 they really lived very nicely. Of course at that time they all, dad and
 uncle and all of 'em, had passes on the Northern Pacific to St. Paul. ~~and the~~
~~early passes that we used.~~ So it was not a bad life as I understand it!

~~BOB: No!~~

~~MRS. CORRELL:~~ You know, when you think of them coming out to this little
 town!! I know my grandmother says, "She'd ~~almost~~^{almost} as soon see her grand-
 daughter dead as come out here!" But afterwards she came out and lived with
 us and thought it was wonderful!

BOB: What position did your father occupy in the farming operation?

MRS. Correll: Well, he was superintendent.

~~BOB: Of the entire operation?~~

~~MRS. CORRELL:~~ Well, ~~That's~~ as I understand it--superintendent of the Dalrymple Farms. Of course Uncle Alfred was around all the time, you know, ~~and~~ ^[and] ~~was~~ everything was his. But look, as I say, he rode horseback; he went up to these farms up to Hillsboro and all that. And even after we moved into town and father bought land of his own he still, in the summer, had charge of the elevators during the harvest, threshing season, but then we had our own farm four miles east.

BOB: Can you describe for me the daily life in the household when you were ~~living with them as a girl?~~

MRS. CORRELL: Well, in St. Paul they lived in a very beautiful home on Summit Avenue and they always had one or two maids and a coachman. Later on, of course, he was a chauffeur; but at the time that I stayed with them they still had a carriage, a closed carriage, and we didn't go anywhere--oh, once in awhile I'd sneak off and get on a streetcar, but they didn't like it when I did. I was supposed to have the coachman take me everywhere I went. They lived a very nice life and entertained beautifully. Uncle was not really what you would call much of a society man! Of course he was getting pretty old when I was there. He may have been in his younger days. I wouldn't say that, but Aunt Mary was great. She loved to give dinners and card parties and all kinds of parties; but, as I say, now whether ^[Uncle] ~~he~~ did in his younger days, I don't know, but at that time I know he wouldn't go. I went with Aunt Mary when she went out for the evening and to dinners and things because he just didn't wanna go. He didn't wanna; he didn't! Now he was like that!

BOB: How was the household run here at the ^{Dalrymple} ~~farm?~~ ~~of the Dalrymple household?~~ Were there maids here too?

MRS. CORRELL: Oh, yes! Some years Aunt Mary brought up one of her maids from the city and usually hired a cook here and brought up the second maid, but they nearly always had two maids if they could find suitable help here. And she was here; she took part in all our ^{of} ~~doings~~ here. Mrs. Oliver Dalrymple did and so did Mrs. John Dalrymple. Mrs. John Dalrymple was one

of the head ones in the Red Cross during the First World War and Mrs. Oliver Dalrymple always took part in all of our Episcopalian church work here and entertained our guild. They joined in with all--well, even darling Mary! Mary belonged to our Bridge Club and different things here so they all have taken part in community affairs here, too.

BOB: What was the social life like around here when you were a young girl?

MRS. CORRELL: Very--there's so ^{much} ~~many~~ of it now--out where we lived, the farmers around there were nearly all people from the ~~East~~ and they were people that had lived a very social life, you know. They did everything so beautifully! The parties ^{that} they had! When I think of them now, you know, everything is buffet, ~~you know~~ now and then everything was--the tables spread out full length, white tablecloths, big napkins and everything done in courses. Beautifully! And out in part of the town each lady had her afternoon at home. ~~and~~ Once a week--that was during the summer when they could--they had open house. You went with your kid gloves and your best clothes and had a cup o' tea or lemonade or something like that and some cake. We ^{paid} ~~had~~ a very formal call and then went on. Mother and two other ladies there had the same so they would make those three places in one day and then they would go on farther ~~to~~ to this other group they had next. Mother had Thursday and we always had to be all dressed up on Thursday and meet all these ladies. They did everything very, very nicely! Of course they all had lovely things! They had brought their lovely silver and dishes from the East with 'em, you know, and had nice things to do with. ~~That coffee service was my grandmothers that my mother brought that I have!~~

BOB: Oh?

A ~~MRS. CORRELL.~~ I don't know whether Casselton was unusual ^{or} ~~not~~, but it seems to me it was! I don't think I ever knew any little town that was quite as really high-classed ^[in] social life. And they used to have at the Oxiden Hotel ~~they~~ they had a beautiful big dining room with the most gorgeous chandeliers. I think, I've ever seen in my life--dances and balls, ~~they called~~ there every so often.

~~BOB: Where was that hotel located?~~

~~MRS. CORRELL: Well, you know where the Printing Office is?~~

~~BOB: Yes.~~

MRS. CORRELL: Well, right south. In fact the Printing Office was ~~in the~~ ^[The hotel] ~~pretty~~ ^{It was a gorgeous} ~~inner~~ ^{home} up against the side of that Oxiden Hotel! ~~It~~ ^{was} there on that corner. A great big I say--I 'spose I'm thinking of it larger than what it was! Because I'll never forget my father telling about Grandmother Stewart's home in Panama, New York. He said, "The basement was as large as a race track!" Well, when I went East to see that, it didn't look like that to me! I think he was seeing it as ~~it~~ ^{he} saw it as a young boy! It wasn't very large! ~~It was a gorgeous~~ ^{that} home with the most beautiful pictures hung and illustrated I ever saw. One of the outstanding homes in the East! But his description was a little larger than it really was and I 'spose I'm the same with that hotel. It looked larger to me as a child than it would look now! You see things differently. But I remember we used to go there to dinners.

P Course I never got to the balls! By the time I was old enough to go to balls, why, they'd given that up, but I remember going there to balls.

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Bob: Who were some of the ladies that would pay formal calls and the people who might be at the balls?

MRS. CORRELL: Well, now as I'm thinking back, the ones I particularly remember were Mrs. Bartlett, he was a lawyer, and a Mrs. Young, another lawyer, and then the doctors' wives, Doctor Shanks, and the druggist, Mrs. Meredith. Oh, yes, and then there was the one that had a General Store here! I can see her, but I can't think of her name right now. There were two stores. Hunters was one store. Mrs. Hunter was a great friend of mother's and Aunt Mary's. Well, and the teachers! Of course there was always the Superintendent of Schools and the teachers were always at work. Oh, ya, and the ones that had the hotel! They always called him Captain May. I think that was a courtesy title. ~~name~~. I think he used to be on a boat on a river, the Mississippi River, and I think they always called him then 'cause they always called him Captain May. They had the hotel and he had

retired from that. They and their two daughters; they were great social people. And the dentist, Doctor Sprague, and his wife. People wonder how I can remember all the names of these people; but, you know, it's easier to remember their names than it is the people I meet nowadays. You know when you get older your mind works that way! It's easier to remember things back than it is present day!

~~BOB: Yes, I have difficulty remembering present-day things already!~~

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~~years~~

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~~20 years I've not changed a great deal just growing older you know.~~