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Interview with Anna Dorer Moeller on December 3, and December 12, 1991,, at her home at 160 Midway, Auburn. Interviewer, her niece, Barbara Dorer Van Riper.

BVR: Anna, would you tell me a little about your life, where you were born and information on your family.

AM: I was born on November 21, 1916 in Humbug Canyon (above Foresthill on the North Fork of the American River--bvr) My mother's name was Wilhelmina and by father's name was Leopold Richard. I was one of eleven children. The first baby the folks had died when she was only a couple of weeks old and my mother always said she raised ten children. I had seven brothers and three sisters that lived. I was only six years old when we left Humbug, but I do remember a few little things. I remember a creek running by the house and lots of butterflies flying around, which I always like to chase and catch. My folks had a big garden. I vaguely remember they had huge cabbages and high corn. It grew so tall my father said he couldn't reach the top standing and holding a hoe.

BVR: Could you give us the names of your brothers and sisters?

AM: My oldest brother was Richard. He passed away when he was about twenty-three years old. Then there was Wilhelmina, Lutie, Theresa, Raymond, Andy, Arnold, Fred, (who died when he was thirty-one ) myself and my youngest brother Blend who died at thirty-one in an automobile accident.

My mother's maiden name was Ebbert. My mother's father died a few months before she was born. She had an older brother, Louie, who died when he was about twenty-one. Not too long after her father died, her mother married his brother. Then my aunts and uncles were born from that union. Andy, Billy, August and Aunt Stella and Aunt Reka. Aunt Stella lived to be 105 years old passing away in 1991. (Stella Bowman is buried in the Jay Hawk Cemetery near Rescue--bvr)

I remember my father had mines. He worked in what was called the gravel mine just below the house. I vaguely remember that he took me down--it seemed to me it was very stormy--and he was working in the gravel. I remember huge rocks and water. He had a little shed there where he kept his tools and things where I stayed at the time. That's about all I remember about that part.

I remember somewhat the different areas where we used to walk. Like I said before, my folks had a big garden and I used to go down in the garden. I was always interested in growing things. They had a big barn, because we had cattle--a cow or two to milk --chickens. We were self sustaining almost. You had to be because it was so isolated. The folks had to go out to Towle, which was a seven mile trip by donkey across a very narrow trail above the river and bring back the staples like flour, sugar and cheese and things like that. My mother made sauerkraut. She canned all the vegetables and we had fruit trees. When we left there, I planted a little tree at the corner of what we called "the lane". Which is now the biggest thing you ever saw. They always told me afterwards that I had planted it. But I didn't remember doing it. It's a big spruce tree.

#### WALKED OUT TO TOWLE

We walked all the way out. Now my youngest brother, Blend was only about five years old. We had to walk clear out to Towle. Some of the older family had already gone out--Theresa, Lutie, and Richard. I don't remember if we rode some or not. It was a long ways, so I guess we did. Then we got on the train. That was told to me too. We came out to Auburn and my uncle Andy Ebbert had a big car, it was more like a stage. He picked us up and took us to his place. My aunt at that time had something for us to eat. I guess we stayed overnight there.

#### SUCH A BIG HOUSE

Then we went to where my folks has purchased property over off of Race Track Street. This house was so big compared to the little house in Humbug because we were used to the little one. There was a big orchard with a lot of plum trees. There was a cherry tree and grapes were growing there. The people who owned it before had planted them many years before we came there. There were about seven acres. Across from our property was what is now the Recreation Park.

#### AUBURN CITY CAMPGROUND

But it was the Auburn City Camp ground, which later on my father ran for the City. We met lots of people there. They came during the summer and pitched their tents. There weren't any cabins there at the time. A lot of them worked in the fruit here. There was one family that came up from Oakland every year. Their daughter was a few years older than myself and we became fast friends and we still are. We keep in contact. She used to live in Hawaii where we visited her once. Now she lives in San Diego. Her name

was Palmerine Cochran. It is now Outland. Her first husband died. His name was Anderson and was a Lt. Commander in the Navy. They had a girl about our son's age.

#### FREE TICKETS TO THE TENT SHOWS

Getting back to this park--my father used to run it. We used to go to the tent shows in Auburn. The men and the women that played there--the head of it was Harold Porter--used to camp at the campground and we would get free tickets to all the shows. We all went to most all of the tent shows. They had a different show each night usually held near the Catholic Church in a big open field where the highway goes through now. They had various things there. A carnival, a Chitacqua and these tent shows.

#### RACE TRACK AND BASEBALL

Speaking of the campground. Just beyond where they had all this now--the baseball diamonds, etc.--was what they called the race track. I understand, although it was before we moved here, they used to have horse races. It was a big circle. We used to walk around it. They had a ball diamond then, too. We would go up and watch some of the games. They had a team from Auburn. They would play Grass Valley teams, Placerville and I believe Roseville and Colfax. We used to go to all the games. There were a lot of well known people in Auburn that played on those teams. I remember Ray Neves, and the principal of our grammar school, Ben Welty and Doc James, who was a dentist and Benny Barnwell and Pat Hurley. There were quite a few others I can't remember now. They had two big grandstands where you could sit on either one. Its right there where they have the baseball field right now. It hasn't changed that much, but now they have the other fields close by.

#### MORE ABOUT OUR HOUSE ON DORER DRIVE

BVR: Could you give a little more information on your house in Auburn?

AM: The house we moved into in Auburn was off of Racetrack Street. The street is now called Dorer drive after my father. It was very big to us. It had five, nice big rooms. I remember the front room had a archway into the dining room, which seemed very elegant to us. Later on, there were so many of us, my father built on two more bedrooms and where the kitchen was, he expanded out and made the kitchen further on and had that as the dining room. And where the dining room originally was, he made a small bedroom. Next to the kitchen was another room that was used as a bedroom. At first it was used just to store a lot of things, but then it was made

into a bedroom too. My sister, Wilhelmina left Humbug long before we did because she was the oldest and she got married and left even before I was born. My sister Theresa married not long after we came out to Auburn. So it was mainly just my seven brothers and myself. My brothers slept two or three in one room. And then up the road, close to the house was an old building. I don't know what the people used it for before, but upstairs they had made it into a sort of a bedroom. My brother Richard and I think it must have been Lutie used to sleep up there. I don't know how they found it out, but the City came and said it was too dangerous for them. To think back on it now--steep little old steps that went clear up the top Down below, they had to store things, I guess.

#### CHICKEN POX, MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH

A doctor had to come out several times, because after we moved out from Humbug where we had no diseases whatsoever. I don't even think we had colds, we caught everything. We all came down with measles, chicken pox, whooping cough--the whole family all at once, even my mother and father. We had to have someone come out and help us and I think they checked on Richard and Lutie up in that tall building and decided it was too dangerous. So they made room for them in the house.

Right next to the house, they had built a garage. My brother Richard had an old Overland. He was the first one to have a car and they had about three spaces there. Next to it was a wood shed. My folks raised a lot of chickens and had several chicken houses on the place at that time. They had a cow down here in the field just below us. It wasn't our field, but the Robinsons owned it and allowed us to run the cow.

BVR: Do you remember who the property was purchased from originally?

AM: Yes, the Flemings. I don't remember if they were the original owner or not. My folks had to pay it off, which wasn't very much as we look at it now, but it was a lot to them. They paid it off right away. We had a nice home with lots of room to run around in. The field which is now where we live and is all full of houses, is where we ran around. When I was very young, my mother would take us up on the hill. She had a wheelbarrow where she would pick up pine cones and sticks for the wood stove. We had a wonderful big walnut tree. We sat out under it in the summer and right next to it was a well. We had the most wonderful, cool water from that well. Some of the people that stayed at the park, used to come over to get some of that water. My brother and I used to pick some

of the plums on the place, put them in a box and sell them to the campers. We'd make maybe ten cents or something like that, which was great because we could buy some candy or ice cream. My mother also, through the garden, would sell corn and tomatoes and eggs.

BVR: I remember the kerosene barrel and the kerosene stove. Mostly the wonderful chicken soup and fresh bread.

#### A NOSE FOR CHICKEN SOUP

AM: Barbara used to come when she was a little girl. I think she could smell it. My mother used to make chicken noodle soup. Her family lived right up the hill close by because my father had given Lutie a piece of the property to build on. My brother, Lutie had gotten very ill and he had to have a place to live. So, when he got a little better, they built this little house. Barbara used to come down and want some chicken noodle soup. I always can remember her sitting at the head of the table, my mother would dish her up a big plate of soup. So my younger brother, Blend, who was always pulling things and enjoying jokes. He made out a bill and had her take it up to her father for all the chicken soup she had eaten. They got a big kick out of that, of course.

She made about every type of soup under the sun. With a big family you had to spread things and soup went a long way. She made the best vegetable soup and cream soups and bean soup and of course the chicken noodle. Oyster stew, which was like a soup, which I loved. I never had seen it or heard of it since, but it was delicious. She was quite a cook, but she had to be. When she put things on the table, there wasn't just say, three or four ears of corn, there was a stack of about two dozen ears of corn that were fresh from the garden, which we husked and cooked right away. Of course, my brothers were in their teens and were always hungry. I can remember eating three or four a piece. We always had plenty to eat with the chickens, and garden and the cow. My mother would make butter and cottage cheese. She baked many loaves of bread at a time and pies, I don't know how many at a time--cakes and cookies. We had lots of vegetables fresh from the garden. She also made sauerkraut. There were some olive trees next to the house and she fixed those. They were the best olives. Another thing about my mother, my father too, but especially my mother--she loved flowers. From the house to the road, which is now Racetrack, she had rose bushes and bridal wreath. Close to the house were all kinds of flowers. I guess I inherited it from her. Before she passed away when we moved up here, she started me with quite a few plants and things. I remember she had chrysanthemums, sweet williams and

canterbury bells, which I still grow now and then. It always looked so nice. I never worked much in the garden then. I was so little a skinny, they never wanted me to do much work, but I was full of energy. I was a great reader. My brothers used to get after me telling me I was ruining my eyes. But I still love to read.

BVR: Did grandma bring any of the seeds from Humbug.

#### UNCLE BILLY BEANS

AM: No, I don't think so. They sent away for seeds. The government used to send these pamphlets and I think they still do. They used to have some bee hives and a booklet on how to raise bees. Then you could order seeds. But I suppose they got some in the stores too. I remember in the garden there was a certain kind of bean, a green bean. She got the seeds from my uncle Billy in Foresthill. For many, many years we always called them Uncle Billy's beans. I never see them anymore. They were kind of creamy. They were so good. My folks would save the beans to plant each year. He would also bring down the Christmas trees. I can remember in the front room, we'd have a great big Christmas tree. We had some beautiful ornaments. I still have a few. They brought them from Humbug. Someone must have given them to them, because they were expensive type at that time. We made some too. My younger brother and I, after we were old enough, used to decorate the tree.

#### MY PET CHICKEN

I was great for making pets out of the chickens. I had a pet Peetum chicken. I raised her from a little chick. She was a Jersey Black Giant. She was the runt of the litter, but she grew up to be the biggest black hen. She followed me around like a dog. She'd always want to sit in my lap. She lived to be ten years or so old. She laid eggs every year and wouldn't let anybody else near her but me. We had a beautiful police dog that one of my brothers brought home as a little puppy. King was his name. He was good with children. He died when he was about fourteen years old.

BVR: What were your favorite books?

AM: At that time, I just read anything--magazines or whatever. I loved mysteries and adventure books. Later on, people gave me books. I read quite a few of Dickens stories. I like Shakespeare, believe it or not. I like histories too.

BVR: When you went to high school, what do you remember about the school and about Auburn?

#### SCHOOL DAYS

AM: I went all through Auburn Union Grammar School that is now the Civic Center. We used to have to walk to school, which was quite a ways really. We walked down in the back of the school and up to the school yard. One of my teachers, Ida McClellan is now down in the Auburn Gardens Rest Home where I go every Thursday. She taught me in the third grade. I remember Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Heuberger. I did very well in school. I was very quiet and shy so I didn't cause any trouble--my brothers sometimes did. I loved to study and I enjoyed all my classes. Mr. Welty was the principal. When I graduated, I went into Placer High. They've torn down the main building where I had study hall and history. They had the library there too. It wasn't until later that they built the rooms on the side. When I went to school, they did have the buildings on the side where I took cooking and biology. My biology teacher, Ruth Wall, is in our garden club so I see her all the time too. School was always so interesting to me and I had a lot of good friends.

The Principal of the High School at that time was Doc Engle and Mr. Waldo was the Assistant Principal. I also had a nice Spanish teacher, Mr. Gregory. Mrs. Wolfe taught me cooking and Miss Baer taught typing and shorthand and Mr. Fox taught music. So we had a Wolfe, a Baer and a Fox. Mrs. Latimer taught history. Alegra was taught by Miss Kensley. I graduated in 1935 with Bob Robinson, Al White, Howard Federer and Bernice O'Conner Durham Henny Akers. We had the fiftieth and fifty-fifth class reunion and she was the head of it.

BVR: After you graduated, did you go right to work?

#### LOTS OF PART TIME WORK!!

AM: Well not long after. My folks were friends of the Lowells. Orrin was the District Attorney here. After he left the District Attorney's office, he and his brother Marsh had a law office and I went to work for them. They didn't really need anybody. Evelyn Harpham was their secretary and that was all they needed. But I guess my father asked them if they would let me work in the office, which I did. They were so nice they'd correct me and let me do things over until I learned. I guess I worked there six months and I got really good taking shorthand. In high school they just never dictated to you and it was kind of hard. From then on, I got lots of part time jobs in different law offices. Then I went to work steady for Bob McKellups and Fred Tuttle Sr. They had offices on

each side of me, where I took all their dictation. They used to loan me out because they didn't have that much work for me. Then I worked for Paul Claiborne for quite awhile in the Retail Credit Association. All of these offices only needed just someone to fill in when someone was on vacation.

But actually, I worked steadily because sometimes I would work in three offices in one day. The Lowells wanted me to come back and work one hour in the morning and then I'd go to my regular job with McKellups and Tuttle and then Paul Claiborne's office was right across the hall and he'd have me do some work. Walter Reynolds, the insurance man--when his secretary went on vacation, I worked a few weeks there. His brother Heinie Reynolds had me come once a month to make out the bills for him. Then I worked in the District Attorney's when Gladys Walker, then--Gladys Amaro--was on vacation. Lowell Sparks was District Attorney then, who later became Judge Sparks. I took the dictation and did their work for a couple of weeks. I also worked for K. D. Robinson for a week or so, when somebody was gone. So like I said, I worked practically steady. It was difficult because they all had different typewriters. The different touch--some had electric, some had the old type (which I still have) and other brands and it was kind of hard for awhile. I also worked for Ray Carlisle, the accountant for a few weeks. They always knew where to call and sometimes I would just as soon not because I thought, oh I just need a rest! Then I worked for the Donner Club. They had a little office up above the old fire house up by the Auburn Lumber Yard (the one moved to the corner of High and Lincoln Way). There was a room up there. They had a wood stove. They only needed me for a few weeks. I just really got around.

Then I had a real good job before I went to work for McKellups with the SRA. That was the relief organization during the depression. They had an office and about seven or eight of us secretaries, and seven or eight men that went out to make the interviews. The first name of the head of the department was Tilly. That's where I got paid pretty good money--I think it was eighty dollars a month. Sometimes I'd have to take dictation from four different men in one day. They'd come in with their cases. Mr. McKellups got into the District Attorney's office. I then got a job in the Welfare Office--well it was the Probation Office and Welfare Office, combined. Charley Allen was head of the Welfare Office and the Probation Officer.

#### EIGHT YEARS WITH THE WELFARE OFFICE

I worked there for eight years--a couple of years only with the Probation Office. They separated them, because it got too much to

do and Charley Allen became just the Probation Officer. Belle Wilson became the Welfare Director. I stayed with the Welfare Office--the pay was better. The Probation Office was alright, but you had to write out a lot of those probation reports which were really something. Mable Prewett and Lorraine Blake worked there. Mable was a Clerk and I was a Clerk Typist. After Mr. Allen left, we were on the top floor of the Court House next to the Judges Chambers. Mr. Landis was judge at that time. Then it was between the Judges Chamber and the County Clerk's Office. The court room was right up there too. I got good experience there alright.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Also the Board of Supervisors met in our room--it was a big room. Once I had to take their minutes, because Lillian Rechenmacher, the County Clerk couldn't be there. The members of the Board were William Haines from Auburn, Charles Boyington from Loomis, Shelley from Roseville and John McFadden from Foresthill. Mr. Shelly used to kid me and make me blush. I was pretty young and innocent. He was Irish with an Irish accent and he would call me his little sweetheart. So they'd all say, there's Shelley's little sweetheart. He was a great, big tall man. But they were all very nice to us and got a long very well with everyone. The Sheriff moved out of his office on the ground floor and moved into the new jail, that must have been in the early forties.

#### ENGAGED DECEMBER 6--PEARL HARBOR DECEMBER 7

It was before the war because I remember we were down there when Hans and I became engaged on December 6, 1941. The next day was Pearl Harbor and it was very strange. I was all excited to show everyone my ring and with Pearl Harbor it lost its interest!

#### MOVED TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

We moved down then to the Sheriff's office on the first floor. As you came in the front door, not under the side steps, but the main entrance you turn to the right and the office was on the left. Then to the right was the office, across from the Treasurer's office where they're going to have the museum. Sheriff Gum was sheriff then. We were there until I retired. They didn't have any elevators at the time and I when I was up on the top floor, I was up and down those steps to the first floor I don't know how many times a day. I had to bring papers down to the Auditors office or the Records Office. I had to check out a lot of things in the Records Office for property checks for people applying for Old Age Security. The didn't have Social Security and people that were

over sixty-five could apply for Old Age Security. They had to fill out all the forms also for Children's Aid and Weimar and the County Hospital and Blind Aid and I did most of the filling out. At first the only worker was Lorraine Blake and she had to go out and interview all these people. We did have a big case load. We also had Indigent Aid. I had to make out a pink slip for food for food at certain stores that they could go to. Each month, they each got a check. It wasn't much, but I guess enough at that time to keep people going. The stores that sold the food to them had to make out on a big piece of paper, what they had bought and I had to go over that and check that out. I did about everything, because I was at the front and was receptionist too and answered all the phones--did most of the filing. It was interesting because I didn't do just one thing all the time. Then I took dictation from the boss or one of the workers. We had the big folders that we had to put everything down. When I wrote a letter on this case I'd have to enter it into this case load. No computers--lots of carbon copies.

#### CLOTHES IN THE BIG WALK-IN SAFE

The big safe that used to be in the sheriff's office was used as a cloths closet to give out to the people. I don't know where we got them. There was diapers and underwear and I had to keep a record of that. When someone came in and we'd make up a package for them then I'd cross it off. Then I'd have to take inventory every once in a while in that big, old safe. It was a big walk in safe. I don't know what they used it for in the Sheriff's office.

BVR: Is that safe still there? It sounds too large to move.

AM: I don't know, I haven't been in there. It was more like a big room with a big safe door. Of course, we never locked it because what we had there wasn't that important. Mr. Dunton was the Treasurer and he would take us up town to eat or home. I always sat next to him, then there was Mabel Prewitt and then in the back was Phyllis Lardner and sometimes Ollie Campbell or some of the others. He'd come by and pick us up--sometimes we had to walk back. Bill Stephens was the Auditor. The men in the offices used to like to come by and kid us and tell us jokes. Mr. Goodpaster was the Recorder, his office was nearby too. Before I ever started work there, I worked for a little bit in the Superintendent of Schools Office cutting stencils. If you've ever done that, that's terrible. I had to cut them and run them off on the mimeograph. I had a lot of all around experience.

### EARL WHO?

When I worked for Lowell and Lowell, the regular secretary was Evelyn Harpham and she went on vacation for a couple of weeks and I was in charge of the office. A man came in one day and asked to see Orrin. I asked his name and he told me it was Earl Warren. It didn't dawn on me who he was. At that time he was Attorney General of the State. He and Orrin had gone to law school together and were very close friends. That was the time I was there alone in the office!

### DATES AND PLACES

BVR: You've been talking about all of the places you've worked. Do you have locations of these offices?

AM: I started work for the attorneys Lowell & Lowell on February 3, 1936 and I left July, 1936. They had an office over the State Theater. You went up the side by steps. After I'd been at work for only about a week I came down with the measles. Of course they kidded me about it because they thought it was a child's disease.

I went to work for the Retailers Credit Association for Paul Claiborne in August of 1936. They had moved from somewhere else and when I worked for them they were located across the alley from the Burns Drug Store. (Brownies Donuts is now in the Burns Drug Store--bvr) They had offices upstairs. I went to work for the Donner Trail Association in November, 1936 through December of '36. That was in the firehouse up by the lumber yard, upstairs. (the one that has been moved to the corner of High and Lincoln Way near the new Auburn Chamber of Commerce building--bvr) They had a little room and a wood stove that I had to keep going.

I went to work for Bob McKellips in September of 1937 and then Mr. Tuttle moved in the office right next to him. I started to work for Mr. Tuttle in December of 1937 and worked for both of them until 1939. Their offices were in the same building as the Retailers Credit, across the hall. While I was working for McKellips and Tuttle they would loan me out. When Gladys Amaro was on vacation from the District Attorney's Office I worked there about a week, November 15 through the 21, 1939. I worked for the SRA (Relief Administration) beginning in January of 1939 until May of '39. I worked in the Welfare and Probation office until they split up. I stayed with the Welfare Department until January 30, 1947 and our son was born two months later. They didn't want me to leave, but I said, I'd better! Mr. Dunton, who I mentioned we rode with, he used to be kind of nervous because I wasn't sure

whether or not he'd have to be a mid-wife along the way. I worked for others for awhile as extra help--Ray Carlisle, K. D. Robinson, Walter and L. H. Reynolds.

BVR: When did you and Hans get married?

AM: We were married August 16, 1942. Of course the war was on. They used to tell Hans that he couldn't get out of the service by getting married. Of course, we had planned to be married a long time before the war began. Actually, we were going to be engaged on my birthday, November 21, 1941 but I came down with the mumps. So, I didn't get well enough until December 6 and we went to Sacramento and Hans gave me my ring.

BVR: You made it official, then what?

#### MARRIED IN RENO

AM: Hans was working at Malcolm's Market at the time and he had vacation coming up in the middle of the summer. So we made arrangements to go to Reno to get married on August the 16. We went to the Methodist Church there. First we had to go the Court House to get our licences. A nice young couple were standing behind us. They didn't know where to go to get married, so we told them where we were going. They asked if they could go along with us. His name was Andy Lerrios and her name was Anna McDanial. They didn't have a car, they had come up on the bus from San Francisco. They stood up for us and we stood up for them--had our pictures taken together and went to a restaurant together. That was the last we saw them. However, we heard a great deal about them by reading in the paper. Lerrios was a flyer and was one that flew around the world and was in the service during the war. When he came back, he went into the travel business. He made millions. One day we saw a big headline, that he has committed suicide by jumping out of a window. Before that, he and Anna had gotten a divorce. We did go down once, when we wanted to go to Germany, we made arrangements through his travel agency, but he wasn't there.

Back to when we got married. We stayed in Reno for a couple of days and went out to Pyramid Lake. Then we went to Yosemite. It was beautiful there. When we first got there, it was hard to find a place to stay. They gave us a big old tent with five narrow cots. The next day we got a nicer one. The Mirror Lake was so beautiful--now its not in existence anymore. We walked up the falls and made various walks around the valley. Then we went on to Oakland to visit some friends there. They gave us things for our wedding. The folks, my parents, had a reception for us.

### PAUL JOINS THE FAMILY

BVR: Tell me about when Paul was born and school and his marriage, etc.

AM: Paul was born on March 31, 1947, in the Highland Hospital in Auburn. He always says, that we was glad he wasn't born one day later. It was a real blustery day. A strange day. There were beautiful clouds, and it rained and the sun came out--there was quite a mixture. He was born on a Monday and weighed 8lbs 2oz. He was the only boy born that day. There were about six of us in the room, and all the other babies were girls. We could hear the babies cry and we could always tell when it was Paul. It was a nice hospital and has been torn down now for years.

### MOVE TO MIDWAY

At the time we were living on Tennis Way. We moved into our new house on Midway on Awali Heights in 1949. The Clark brothers, who developed this subdivision were in different parts of the world during the war and named the streets after those places. One was on Miday; Awali means a high place in Arabic; Palmyra was another island one was on.

Up on this hill, was just big trees when we first bought the lot. Dr. Joy and his father had just built theirs and Mr. Bibby in back of us. That was all that was up here at the time. This used to be a great big field with oak and pine trees. We still have twelve oak trees on this lot. When we moved here, Paul was two years old. We started right in landscaping. It took a long time. It amazes me how much rock work we did. Every place we dug was full of rocks. Momma and Poppa lived right down below us, on which is now Dorer Drive. We walked down every day to see them. Of course, Barbara and her mother and father lived down there and my brother Fred and his wife Mary and their three little boys.

### PAUL, WHERE ARE YOU!!

Paul would play with the little ones. One day we missed Paul. I had just turned my back for a few minutes. I was always very careful, because we didn't have any fences around here at that time. If you went west down the hill, you'd come to the railroad tracks. We looked all over. We went down the street and all the neighbors would point to the direction he was going. We found him clear down at my folks. He said he just wanted to see grandma and grandpa!

When we lived in town, I took him shopping down town or walk every day. One day, I went into the store to shop and had my hands full.

I let go of his hand and the next minute I couldn't find him. We went out, and someone told me he had gone down the alley between the Bank of California and Lukens (now a dress shop) (we were on Lincoln Way and the alley leads down to High Street to where the Journal is now). He had gone across the street. He wanted to see his father. The PG&E garage used to be there and that's where Hans worked. That was another scary time, so I bought a little harness and used that for awhile until he got so he wouldn't leave me. He was usually very good though.

#### PAUL'S SCHOOL DAYS

When Paul went to grammar school, I was in the PTA and would go to the meetings. When he was small, he went to the buildings next to the old grammar school, then he went to E. V. Cain and did very well. In the Science Fair he won first place one year. He seems to have passed it on, because his son, Jeffery, also won in a Science Fair. He and a friend went together.

When Paul was in grammar school, he played trombone in the band. He carried it on through high school. They'd go to different cities. Oroville, Roseville, Colfax--we'd go to hear them and they would win awards. Paul graduated from High School with a 3.9 average. He was the Salutatorian.

#### SMILE, YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!!

We've taken movies ever since Paul was two years old of all the various trip and get togethers. They're a lot of fun to look back on.

#### VACATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Every year when Hans had a vacation we'd go by car to different parts of the country. ~~Paul~~<sup>Paul</sup> was a good traveler. The first trip was when he was about a year and a half old. We went to Los Angeles. Hans' mother was with us. We've gone to Colorado and up north and into Canada. Paul was very interested in geography. He sent all over to every country and state to get maps and information on what they grew, etc. After he graduated from high school he applied to Washington and UCLA. He was accepted by both, but preferred UCLA. He was a great Dodger fan, so of course LA is where he wanted to go. He graduated in 1965 from high school and in September we took him down to LA. He was on the top floor of one of the dormitories. When we left, we were almost crying to leave him. Afterwards he told us he was watching out of the window and he felt like crying too. But he made friends and finally got over it. I think we felt worse than he did.

### LINDA--WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!!

BVR: How did he meet Linda?

AM: When he was at the University, he joined a fraternity. He had a friend in the fraternity who had a girl friend, whose best friend was Linda Freidman. So they went out together on a blind date and from then on they went together. He met her folks and was quite impressed with them. Linda used to come up and spent a week or so with us. She was nervous and so were we. But she's just the kind of girl that you fall in love with right away. Right away, we thought she was just wonderful. When Paul was working during the summer we took her around the area to show her the sights.

### GARDEN WEDDING

They got married on August 9, 1970. They had a beautiful big wedding at Linda's parents at Pacific Palisades. They had a garden wedding. It was all catered and had flowers all the way down the aisle. It was a buffet. It was catered by the same caterer that Bob Hope used. A close friend of the Friedman's was a writer for Bob Hope, Mort Lockman. Larry Goodman and his wife were good friends also. He owns Larry's Poorboy Sandwiches. We went out to a wonderful dinner one night. They had fancy tables set up for about a dozen of us. It was very special. So many friends of their's had such wonderful dinners for us.

### LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION

After Paul graduated from UCLA, he went to Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. We went to his graduation. He and Linda were married then. The University had set up a big tent, where they had all sorts of things to eat and drink. But we couldn't get near it, there were so many people. But we were invited to the Beverly Hills Hotel for a luncheon with the family in the garden. We saw E. G. Marshall at one table.

Paul and Linda lived in West Los Angeles for awhile, and Santa Monica, then they moved out to the San Fernando Valley to Sherman Oaks and have lived there ever since in an apartment.

### JEFFREY MOELLER

Jeffery was born in Sherman Oaks on May 7, 1976. We went down when he was only a couple of days old. Linda had Uremic poisoning, but was soon alright. Mothers Day was a few days after they brought him home. We looked out the window at the hospital and saw them walking down the hall with the baby.

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We went down every year for his birthday parties, which we enjoyed a lot. He's now fifteen years old and has learned to drive. His mother and father have to be with him and are nervous like we were when Paul learned to drive. He goes to a private school and does well and is very active in sports. He's a pitcher and plays basketball. We've watched his games when we've been down there. All of the grandmas and grandpas go. The Friedmans are real nice grandparents to him and good friends to us.

#### COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

BVR: I know you belong to a lot of organizations and do a lot of things in the area.

AM: I belong to quite a few organizations, mainly the Auburn Garden Club which I've belong to for over thirty years. My sister Theresa, was president and talked me into joining. I was in PTA and the high school doings at the time, so I waited and joined in 1961.

I've been First Vice and Second Vice and I've conducted some meetings. They always wanted me to be President, but there was too much to it--I had enough to do as it was. They had at that time what they called Dirt Gardners, it was another combination of the garden club that met at a different time. I was Chairman of that for many years. Now I'm still active and do the Horticulture and Garden Therapy.

#### GARDEN THERAPY

I go down to the Auburn Gardens Convalescent Hospital every Thursday morning and bring flowers and visit with all the patients. Now that I don't have much help, the activity director and I do other things than gardening. For example, today they had a lady playing the piano and we sang Christmas songs. We had each one some little thing to make rhythm and they seem to enjoy that. Sometimes we put up puzzles with words. All kind of different puzzles, some like to name the different states. They're pretty good at it. Of course, my sister Wilhelmina is there. She doesn't participate much, but she does walk around with her walker. She stays in her room and likes to watch the contest shows on TV with her room mate from two to six each day.

I was Civic Beautification Chairman for a lot of years. We would plant different things at the fairgrounds and in different parts of the city. A lot of it has been destroyed by so called progress.

About a year and a half ago, we were asked to plant up at the Old Depot at the top of Lincoln Way, which is now the Chamber of Commerce. We planted a whole hillside. Several of us brought plants that are easily maintained and spread. We have to go out every so often to weed. We also weed around the the Chamber building and the statue. We also planted at the Civic Center which was the old grammar school where I went to school. We spent two or three Sunday mornings and planted well over 100 azaleas and camelias and several other types of plants. Of course, we have to weed down there from time to time too.

There are only a few in the club that do this. I'm the oldest one doing it.

Both Hans and I belong to the Sierra Mountain Railroad Club. He's a charter member. Ken Yeo and Hans are the only charter members left here in this area. We used to meet in the Auburn Hotel years ago. That's been about thirty-one years. Hans has been President and he was trip chairman for fifteen years. We made up a couple of trips every year for the club. He still helps on those, but its quite a hassel. I've been secretary of the club for a few years too and always help with the refreshments. The General Manager now takes care of bringing the coffee--a job we used to do too.

BVR: You were secretary of the Retired Public Employees?

AM: I do the publicity and have done it ever since it started. I keep trying to get out of it. I told Dan Higgins, who has been President off and on, that I wanted to get out. But, he turned around and gave me a certificate of appreciation, so what could I do!? Cal Kokila is now President. I've got more of those from the Garden Club, from the RPA. I was up for the Star Gardener. I didn't win, but I got a Congressional Certificate from Congressman Shumway. It was an honor just to be there.

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