

Ladd-Reed ranch

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just explain your families relationship with the reed farm.

well our relationship with the reed farm was such that we handled their grain and in the early days and latter days too. stored grain and cleaned it and shipped it to town. and it wasn't bulk it was all saked.

your father ran the grainery.

yes my father ran the grainery. he didn't call it a grainery. he called it a warehouse.

and his name was

what kinds of crops did the farm produce.

well wheat was the principle thing in the early days and then they got to growing oats and then they raised considerable hay to feed horses and stock. and they

in 1871 reed imported 100 head of high quality sheep, goats ,horses ~~cattle~~ so on so forth wat was result of that

that i couldn't say. my recollection was the dairy and they did have sheep that i do recall. but i couldn't give you much information in regards to how successful they were i think they get pretty fed up on their dairy heards its hard to get proper help and their wasn't a great deal of profit in milking cows. and such

would that have been after the farm passed out of reed's hands

that i can't tell you cause i don't know when they separated it as far as all our dealing was ladd and reed

as far as you know they were co-owners.

as far as i know they were co-owner. but i don't know if i'm right or not they had an accountant martin wech that they brought out from the east and he had charge of their books and things for the farm.

see this was only one farm here they had 3,000 acres down in the valley that a very large farm. it was of amity or out of amity. i don't know what they eventurally did with theat i think they finacilly sold part of it off. but there was 3,000 acres in that particulat place. i've been down there.

it was a single holding.

it was a single hoding as far as i know.

how many rooms did the house itself have.

well there's two bedrooms downstairs and i think there's was four upstairs.
i wouldn't say possibly six or eight rooms

do you remember the layout of the building well enough to be able to describe it from the time you walked in the door. front

which rooms were where

well the front door opened into the livingroom and there were bedrooms on either end of the house. then the upstairs. i can't say whether there were four or six bedrooms upstairs i can't say. it was a nice house it has a big porch. a big porch on the front of it and

how was it considered in the community. was it a nice place.

very nice place. there's one place down here that you should get and that's the willowby house. that was an old hotel. they call it the century house. i can't remember the details of that house but it was built in a T-shape that was possibly by the same architect.

do you know when the reed house might have been built

no idea but i imagine by the in the 17'0 at least.
i'm sure of it.

where was the cremery.

cremery was west of the house. go back the kitchen door and come right out by the cremery it was 20 30 feet from the house.

and how was it built

it was built out of the finest kind of lumber and the walls were rilled with charcoal purposes of freezing well they kept their fruit and potatoes and in there. it wasn't concrete it wasn't concrete. i think it was brick and plaster.

and this was the building that was used upstairs as the dormitory.

yes

~~|||||the ladder years when they had the tractor|||~~

was the reed farm always considered the center of attraction at reedville.

oh i wouldn't say that of course it all depend on the foreman but i don't think so.

did reed spend much time at the farm/

no i never saw the man in my life.

by that you mean ladd-and reed?

was the farm generally known as the ladd farm or the ladd-reed farm.

the ladd-reed farm. far as i recall anyway always had been ladd-reed farm.

can you trace -the disposition of the farm land from the time it was bought by reed to the time the sister sof st. mary acquired the property.

just how to you lmean.

wel the differenct owners of the property.

well lthey weren't they were all formen some were good some of them weren' t good. id on't know whether they hired them by trial and error or what. sometimes i think it was by error. than it was trial. some of these fellows were pretty poor farmers in my opinion.

the ladd and reed bought the property in 1860 according to the records

i think thats very ~~property~~ possible. all of this was the nation land place.

do you know to whom the property passed after ladd-and red.'

passed to Pat kelly and pat was killed by a hold up man they came to hold him lup and he wouldn't be held up and they shot him.

when was thin

that was many -years ago. youd have to look the records up on that

would that have been around the 1900

no itwasn't that long ago. i would say around 1910 somewhere around that neighborhood. if it was even that long ago.

did mr. kelly axquire the property from ladd and reed.

yes, he did he traded hat property as west slope. they traded back to back land then they subdivided that.

and who would end up with the property after kelly was killed

well marry ross his sister inherited it and then she died. and then her brother-in-law con algasanger i -think i may be giving you the wrong information but it don't think so he was a big framer around here.

so they could throw that in just to be funny a couple of them would get rather ambitious and get to be throwing bundles a little too rapidly and choke the out

did you ever do any of that

no i haven't i've done farm work but never any of that

that was great work but now everything combines.
and both.

my nephew up at silvers. drilled pine sideds from leurope. that's fine a deal certified seeds that 's really something they go through the fields and roack out anything that iddn't look like anything good and ahead pull it

well the seed from the ladd-reed ranch was bought by your father.

that was hipped
there was grain oats and wheat some barley

how did the ladd reed farm rate compared to the other farms around this area?

how did it rate/ depended on the man who was running it some of these fellows up around farmington and you sjust couldn't beat. em for crops. this was a good farm and good land there was some wet land on it but not much.

what about equipment did the ladd people own oall their own equipment or did they have crews come it

they generally someone had a separtate and an engine. one guy went up and cid a lot of the thrasing. that was his living. he went and did 45 days of thatrasing.

what other buildings were around the reed ranch.

and then who got the property after her.

the sisters of st. marys

did he sonate it to them or sell it to them

well i think they got everything i think that was when he didd i think they got everything. im pretty sure of it thats the gossip anyway.

do you know what year it was that the property passed into the sisters. hands.

no but they8ve had it quite a few years.

theyre still operating it as a frmm?

there not operating it they're renting it.

what kind of position did the farm hold with the reedvill community

well it held quite a high position depending on the foreman they had. it was income for them for there summers work and they some of those felows that work there from spring to fall it was quite like a little -factory in the community all the work outside of the foreman worked generally hard locally thats about the lenght of it. it hink it was a very good place. we always enjoyed working there when we were kids. i remember when they hock yard in i drove the horse i pulled the wrie. that wasquite a job. it was quite a deal. drive an old horse sit in an old saddle. all day.

did laddreed put in the hock yard.

ah yes they had a 55 acre hock yard over there. -that was on the side of the road same side as the round barn they lused the round bard to house the people after that why they used to store hay.

what were the wages they used to pay

i got a bout a dollar and a half a day for 10 hours.

for what kind of work

manual labor farm work it -wasn't over that sometimes they didn't go that much. and the boys earned a dollor a day.

what kinds of that jobs were there.

oh bundle wagons go out in the field and pick up everything in the shops.

they go up and be a could of bundle pitchers and one fellw on the wagon and then they go into the machine and bring there wagon up to feed her and ni the early day they had bundle lcomver and laatter on they had self feeders.

the main house was occupied by the foreman.

yes

how much property did the farm entail

800 acres. there's still 500 and then there was 200 and this is 40 acres here and 50 acres.

and that was used primarily for what

that was used for grain and hay. i dont think there was much grazing grazing was on lthe other side of the road. railroad track would it be safe to say by 1895 the livestock had been pretty well eliminated from outside of the dairy yes.

Q you don't have any idea what the result was of the livestock.

A i ouldn't have any idea I wouldn't have been interest

Q does the reedville farm fairly wel represnt ed and county and stare fairs.

A i don't think so ot in the local ones. not locally. i don't recall the farm ever taking anything for the state fair. when you got the foremen running without things those aren't even thought of.

Q do you remember any of the foreman's names. and the periods in which they ~~was there~~ ^{what} oversaw the place

A well willis anderson was the last foreman on here and that was quite a few years ago. There was a man by the name of canstedley, ~~was~~ i don't know how many years he was there and then there was will macaldowney. looked after the bookkeeping etc. He was in forest grove. Mac was quite prominent farmers, successful farmers.

Q Who would macaldowney be responsible to?

He was responsible to martin winch or age mcowin, winch ~~was~~

I think they brought him from New England states. He was ^{just a weabit} 71-68 dybren ^{thru the ground here} he stayed in portland. ¹⁴⁶⁸ ^{MD 39} they had an office in portland

He didn't stay here

i read in one article on reedville that he owned 15 different farms.

oh he had a lot of maney and farms. great deal of money and land.

can you give me some idea of the physical layout of the buildings on the property.

well on the reedville property why they had a horse barn a cow barn a tank house a caremery and also pub barn. and there could have been more but that was all they had at one time. i used to separate the mild and fed the skim mild to the hogs. that wasn't a very profitable venture.

in relationship to the main farmhouse where were the other ~~buildings~~ farms.

went south and west the horse was south and east of the driveway through there. the end of the driveway and the others were south and west all back that way. round

what about the round barn.

the round barn was across the raildroud track due north of the driveway into the properties. and they at one time they had race horses there. but that was before my time. i don't even recall it futher than the judges stand out in the field. kids used to climb and get up there and think we were really something. by gosh we'd always thinking there were indians or and one thing or another around that was out in a fifty acre field that they used for race tracks. and what have you. don't know exactly what else was there. there wasn't anything else there out side of the round barn. and that was separate and that was over near the highway tualatin valley highway. it was a crossing from the ~~buildings~~ buildings. to the north of the road that was known as the portland road.

this is the ~~the~~ one that runs right past the gate

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you mettioned horse racing. was there any competition among the farm hand

that someting i don't know. i havent the slightest idea. it was gone before i was able to remember about that.

then the period you are speaking of would be around 1900.

oh that period would be around 1890. or even prior to that.

1890 for the horse racing or for the period that you remember.

that for the horse racing the period that i remember would be about 1900 on

would you describe the reed house for me

we ll it was a t shaped house and they treated with fireplaces of either end of the living quarters. they headted it from that but the kitchen i can't rembaber to much about what the iktchen was like i know it seated 30 to 40 men at a meal. cuase i'd eaten there a lot of times i used to sew sacks on the thrashing outfint.