

**Group Interview With Lee, Bernice and
Verna (Lund) Mattielli**

- I. Introductions. Birth; how long in the area? Origins of your names? Any ethnic background history?

- II. What do you know about the Lee Lund family history at Nelson Siding?
 - A. Why locate at Nelson Siding area?

 - B. Describe the operation of the Lee Lund farm. What was produced? For whom was production intended? How much was produced?

 - C. Other *- why locate*

- III. What do you know about K.O Lund and life in the Nelson area?
 - A. What do you know about K.O. Lunds childhood years.
 1. Level of literacy.

 - B. When and whom did he marry?
 1. Focus on family- wife from Nebraska
 2. Focus on KO and wife tenting at Skookum

 - C. Describe what life was like during your childhood years.
 1. Focus on schooling in the area. - Fowler Creek School; Nelson School; Easton School. (Bring out teachers; getting to school; length of school;

school boards-KO serves; boarding of teachers;
class size; school activities; discipline; etc.)
8th test exam. School rivalry between Easton & Keokuk/Ole Elmer.

a. Cemetery behind Nelson School.

2. Focus on family organization- How was work organized? Who made the decisions? Spinning wheel; making clothing and shoes. Keeping warm in winter. Water source.

3. Focus on important holidays and family events.

4. Focus on how weather conditions influenced life on the farm.

a. Big Snow of 1916.

5. Focus on home remedies in treating illness.

a. Flu epidemic c. 1919.

b. Iodine; lysol; bag balm; Medicine wagon

c. K.O. no medicines to stop pain.

d. K.O. works to stop TB among dairy cows.
No milk when visiting the Andersons.

7. Focus on recreation on the farm. -- sliding from the barn to the manure pile. Family visits to the Andersons; Majuga (sp) family; Diners; Markeson (Charlie killed in accident); Nelsons; Pless; Chartrands

8. Focus on using the woods as a food supply-
Comments on mushrooming; hunting; fishing.
wildlife in general.

- a. Comment on recipes and gardening; *bury cabbage*
Food preservation.
- b. Indians and huckleberry season.

D. Describe KO Lund's farm operations in the Nelson Siding area.

1. Focus on the connections to the local coal mining economy. *Lee worked in NO 9/5/3*

a. Comment on breaking mules; cut mine props; buying powder to clear stumps.

b. Comment on the establishment of Lund's Dairy ----Henry Olson

2. Focus on transportation developments in the Nelson Siding area.

a. Comment on travel by train --flagging the train for Cle Elum.

b. Where was the Nelson Siding Depot? Thalmadge Siding?

c. Comment on saw mills in the Nelson Siding area. Nelson's mill. Cabin Creek Mill.

d. Comment on KO logging/freighting in the Teanaway. Also Teanaway river drives. Yakima River drives.

e. Comment on KO freighting from Vantage mill for the Milwaukee.

f. Comment on road developments and the Pless Stage Line to Lake Keechelus. Keechelus Inn; Summit Inn; Doughnut Inn. Bring out how the auto changed the area.

g. Comment on the Seattle Walla Walla Wagon and Trail Road-- Road House at Swans farm? Pioneer Road; Yellowstone Trail; McGinnes toll gate. County road system. Place names in the Nelson Siding area.

h. Other

3. Discuss livestock and crops produced in the Nelson siding area.

a. KO buys Welcome Star's Night for \$125. Comment on rodeoing at the Lunds.

b. Comment on crops and market.

4. Discuss how the Highline Canal changed life in the Nelson Siding area.

a. Comment on Keechelus Dam and settlement by the dam.

5. Discuss KOs efforts to clear the land.

a. Comment on hauling dynamite.

6. Discuss the impact of national events on farm operations in the Nelson Siding area.

a. Comment on World War I and II.

b. Comment on Prohibition

c. Comment on the Great Depression

d. Comment on the decline of coal mining

e. Other-- Airplane, electricity, phone

IV. What do you know about Easton?

A. Discuss what you know about the following.

1. Comment on saloons (13).
2. Milwaukee RR. and NP Operations.- roundhouse, bunkhouse, helper engines, telegraph.
3. Johnson Bros. store.
4. Post Office; Medical; Legal; Photo; Barber etc.
5. Movies, dances, lodges, Forest Service and lookouts, Church, livery stables, blacksmith, bank
6. Sports and community events.

V. What do you know about the Cle Elum area?

A. Comment on the business activity--- A&B Saloon, Royal Hotel, Meat market owned by Tom Lambert, *Perchen Hardware*

1. Other

B. Comment on Cle Elum Ski Tournaments.

C. Comment on how the decline of coal mining changed life in the Cle Elum area.- Verna's house part of Independent Mine. *Lee worked in 1903/5/9/*

VI. Closing-