

Columbia College

Oral History Series

HONORA BAUMAN, LIFELONG TUOLUMNE COUNTY RESIDENT

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SUMMARY OF TAPE

1. First members of Bauman family in Tuolumne County, California.
2. Location of Grandfather Bauman's home and Brewery in Sonora.
3. Mary Williston, Miss Bauman's mother, born in the Williston house at the corner of Cowan and Washington Streets, Sonora, California.
4. Honora Bauman's childhood; (playmate later identified as Roy Bergson.)
5. Attended school at the Sonora Dome.
6. Graduated from Sonora High School, 1924. Passed teacher's examination immediately following graduation.
7. Taught at Tuttle town one year; boarded there.
8. Taught next at Ward's Ferry School in the Blanket Creek area. Location of school at that time. Walked to school with some of her students.
9. Christmas celebration at the Ward's Ferry School with lighted candles.
10. Play presentation by students of "Little Black Sambo", costumes made by teacher.
11. Description of Minners' ranch house where Miss Bauman boarded during the week.
12. Boarded at Fitzgerald Ranch during second year at Ward's Ferry School with Jim Musante and Mrs. Annie Crane; April Fool's Day trick on the teacher. Transportation to the school by car part way.

13. Students listed for second year: Will McColloch, Margaret McColloch, Everett Hodge, Chester Hodge, Lydabelle Richards, Everett Richards, Roberta Mayhall, Helen Mayhall.
 14. Students walked or road horseback to get to school.
 15. Identification of picture; left to right: Will McColloch, Ray Minners, Lydabelle Richards, David Eastman, Chester Hodge, Everett Richards, Everett Hodge, Miss Bauman, Margaret McColloch standing, taken about 1926.
 16. Outdoor activities of students.
 17. Music in the classroom with handcrank phonograph.
 18. Ray Minners graduated.
 19. Curriculum for the year; many grades represented; students helping students.
 20. Water for use at the school; bucket and dipper.
 21. Cleaning the schoolhouse; student responsibilities.
 22. Measles at Ward's Ferry School; school closed several weeks.
 23. Ed Minners took teacher and his family for a ride in the car.
 24. Taught at Curtis Creek School in Standard, California for three.
 25. Depression times, Curtis Creek enrollment declined.
 26. Worked at Berthold's Bakery in Sonora; Drabkin's Furniture store 40 years.
 27. Electricity in Sonora; available for hookup in 1890.
 28. Cultural events in Sonora: Chitaqua, 8-10 days, singing and dancing, lectures; movies; dances in open-air pavilion in Columbia; Opera Hall garage used as a fair site.
 29. Gift of last doll from Burden family, neighbors. (Miss Bauman still has the doll.) Description of the house owned by the Burdens.
 30. Fourth of July celebrations in Sonora.
 31. Memorial Day activities for school children in Sonora. March from Dome to the Old City Cemetery.
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32. Catholic Picnic at the Sylva Ranch.
33. Camp Meeting/ religious revival held near present fairgrounds.
34. Rodeos held at high school grounds originally. Bull escaped and ran by their home. Rodeo later moved to Race Track Road site.
35. Cattle drives passed the Williston home where Miss Bauman lived as a child.
36. Medical care; folk remedies; early doctors. Dr. Bromily's Sanitarium located. Dr. Gould's hospital on Columbia Way. Mrs. Proctor administered the Columbia Way Hospital, Cleeta Marsh successor. Sierra Hospital built by Cleeta Marsh.



WARDS FERRY SCHOOL, 1926

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