

Columbia College  
Oral History Series  
ROBERT BOOKER ON BLANKET CREEK

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SUMMARY OF TAPE

1. Grandfather Wm. H. Booker, overland journey to California.
2. Mining partnerships, Bullard's Bar, Indian Diggin's
3. Store Red Mountain Bar, Tuolumne County
4. Store Rough and Ready Creek, Tuolumne County
5. Ranching, garden produce shipped by wagon to Bodie, Booker Flat.
6. Grandfather on mother's side: Aaron Minners, migrated from Germany.
7. Robert Booker's childhood
8. Attended Sonora Elementary, Curtis Creek Schools
9. Ward's Ferry School at Pease ranch
10. Pigpen episode at Booker ranch
11. Riding horseback to Curtis Creek School, 2nd and 3rd grades, met Woodhams boys partway.
12. Description of two story house at Booker Ranch
13. Reservoir for garden irrigation water
14. Well for house at Booker Ranch
15. Father: Leslie Edward Booker
16. Time spent with the Hess family

17. Mary Mesante married Ed Minners
  18. Camping trip to Kennedy Meadows with mother
  19. Relief Dam, gravel supply for construction, reinforcement of curvature.
  20. Bob Edwards pack station
  21. Crops raised at Blanket Creek on Booker ranch
  22. Price fire in 1922, burned from Stent to Ward's Ferry Road.
  23. Stripper used for harvesting, unique piece of equipment
  24. Transportation by horse and buggy
  25. Purchase of first automobile from Charlie Goelz 1914 Model T Ford.
  26. Owens Valley regarding loss of water to Los Angeles.
  27. School system at Blanket Creek in early days.
  28. Wood contract to supply wood to County for three years.
  29. Movie making with team of horses
  30. Entertainment on long winter evenings at Blanket Creek
  31. Will Shipe rigged Model T. Ford generator with 6" pelton water wheel for household lights and power, 1922.
  32. Electricity and telephones in Blanket Creek
  33. McCullochs
  34. Charlie Spangenburg
  35. Booker Mountain
  36. Morgan Chapel and camp meetings
  37. McGinity homestead soddy, stone corral
  38. Home remedies, local midwife, malaria
  39. Building of bridge by Giorso ranch.
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