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ORAL HISTORY
CHARLES DAMBACHER

Interview

Charles A. "Doc" Dambacher

Peaceful Valley Near Sonora, California

-- TAPE RECORDED --

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Date of Interview: February 1973

Interviewee: C. A. "Doc" Dambacher, son of Charles Dambacher

Subject: Charles Dambacher
May 19, 1859 - April 12, 1948

Background to Interview:

The son of a Tuolumne County pioneer - both native sons -
is asked to recall the past.

Doc Dambacher, a truly understanding man and quite humble, consents to be interviewed. His memory is very remarkable and he does not begin to cover his vast range of knowledgeable information in this interview. It is recommended that anyone interested in a complete view of Tuolumne County history should include a talk with Mr. Dambacher. He is very colorful, very honest and very sincere.

TAPE:

Side #1

Dambacher origin - Germany to Columbia 1849.
Link with Miller - Lux Corporation.
Lust for gold.
Children of marriage.
First of California children.
Church.
Twins.
Birthplace - Columbia.
Homestead - Fig Hill.
Growing up.
Schooling.
Pelleview School at Haslam Ranch.
Development of Homestead.
Orchard - Truck gardening.
Produce throughout area.
Strongman story.
Confirmation of story.
Marriage of Charles and Louise.
Pixel Brewery.
Children.
 Lillian - Albert - Minnie - Joseph - Mabel
 Charlotte - Charles - Gladys - Garnet - Myrtle.
Days Work.
Family Life style.
Mining to lumbering.
Lower Pack woods.

Hales and Symons.
Picture (8 animals).
Teamster Jargon.
Wagons or trucks.
Father and son.
Doc and Albert as teamsters.
Relief Reservoir.

Side #2

Picture (construction at relief).
Teaming to Relief.
Tortuous journey.
Albert's team tragedy.
From the river to Relief.
Out of county work.
Homesites.
Folleview to Phoenix Lake.
La Casse Hill.
Peaceful Valley in 1912.
Mustached.
Picture (not in brochure).
Proud Family.
Brother Henry.
Twins to follow.
Hereditary speculation.
50th Wedding Anniversary.
Fallon House.
Family Tree.
Columbia - State Park.
World War II.
Passing at 89.

A proud family carries the Dambacher name and those of the family that do not carry the name are quick to relate to Charles Dambacher as their ancestral forefather.





Location: Clark's Ranch (Cedar Ridge)

Albert Dambacher (foreground)

Unknown (left)

Charles Dambacher, 1859-1948. (On wheel horse)



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