

Laped Interview

Lillian Engler
on early Trullumme County

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Taped Interview

who: Lillian Engler - 91 years old
2nd generation born in the county.

what: Her life in this area

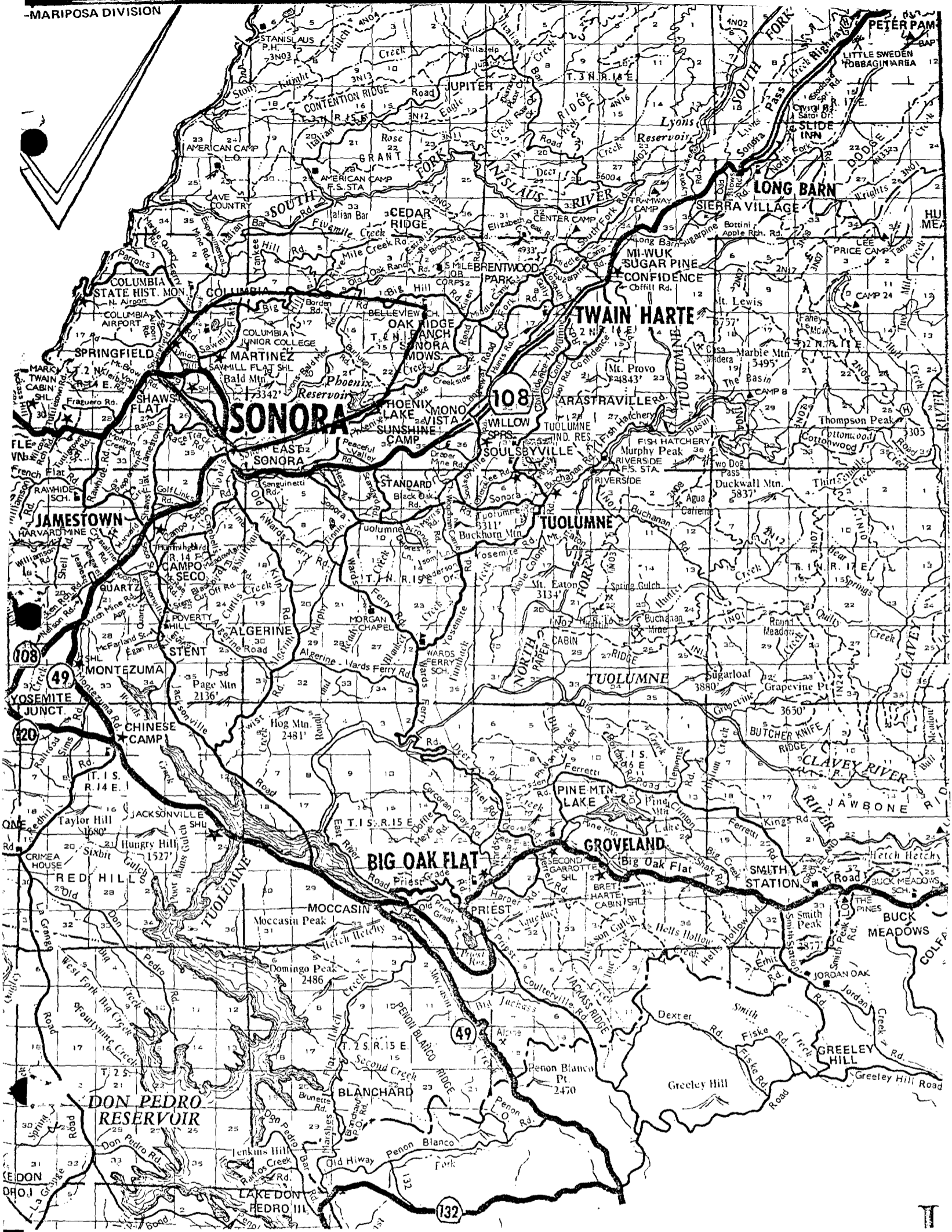
when: Late 1800's to the present time

where: Columbia - Bellview - Phoenix Lake -
Sonoma - Springfield

Lillian Engler - born 1882
at the Columbia Brewery, Columbia

Father: Charles Wambacher: Grandparents: John
and Barbara Wambacher

Mother: Louise Bixel: Grandfather: Antone Bixel
Uncles: Arthur Bixel
Paul Bixel



Names mentioned on the tape in addition to family

Side A

1st half

Reed, Mike
Siebert
O'Connell & McConnel
Commons (?)
Schottgen
Jasper
Hill - Verjick

Morgan, Phil
Eckles
Richards
Carr
Robinson, Charlie
Causter, Leo, Geo
Kirtsey

2nd half

McConnicks
Baer (Maui?)
Bromley
May

Smith (Father's Brother's
wife's Parents)
Hales & Symons

Side B

1st half

Sanguinetti
Lambacher, Jack
Gamen^(?), Hanny

Hail
Stievette's (?)
Harden

2nd half

Mattina^(sp)
Ferdricks
Pike
Lippical
Trask
Phil Morgan's uncle ?
and his son Ralph Morgan

Arthur Lee
Ah Fan
Rosie Smith
Charlie Smith
Carney, Johnny
Morgan

Identification of Tape: Lillian Engler

Side A 1st half

Birth - Date, parents, family
Biel (Brewery Columbia)

Columbia - 1880's - 1890's

Stores, Buildings, People

Gasper's Ice

Picnics

Celebrations - Parades

Queen - rode in Dump Cart from Brewery

School

Hill family -

Phil Morgan - teacher

Springfield

Early stores

Names of old timers from area

Dambacher

Beer place Yankee Hill

Nickerbocker Flat

Dambacher ranch (Telephone Co building there)
to her

Potatoes, Apples, wood

Bellmead and Phoenix Lake

father teamed

Engineer - Hoist

Cooked for teamsters

Baking

wood stove

Beer dough

General responsibilities during her teen and pre-teen years

Side A 2nd half

Sonora: As she remembers

Early stores

Dr. Bromley (Hospital)

Smith family - Flew mill

Ice - food lockers

Food Preparation

Meat - Hog's head

Custard Pie

Biscuits

Butter

Cottage cheese

Cheese

Meals served

Gardens:

Raised everything

Seeder bought from her

Canning

Responsibilities -

3-4 min. blur

Side B - 1st half

3-4 min. block

Marriages:

1907-09 Walter Knowland

1913- Jim White

1917(?) August Engler

Ranch life

Grand Children (5) Great grandchildren (9)

Travel-

Horses

Breaking of

Driving of

packasses while in Columbia

Buggy - Uncle (Tyler + Son Spier Co)

Automobile - her experiences

Out of the County

Airplane - (Ground for her)

Snow:

5 feet at Bellview

Law/crime:

Brewery - Big tree for hangings

Lumber:

Teams of 12-14 or 16 horses

Hailsville

Lumber yards

Brother - machinery to Relief

Sonora Pass and Yosemite

Side B 2nd half

The ranch:

white family
parcels of land
vineyards

Columbia Brewery: Late 1800's

Selling of beer

Making of beer

detailed description

Yeast-bread making

Columbia:

Town character

Dances and dance halls

Comparing towns / country / area

Winery:

Mr Engle's (husband's father) pre 1917

Only one in county

Other breweries

Changes in the County:

Roads

General

Picnic grounds - Columbia

Mines -

Chinese - sleice boxes

Housekeeping today -