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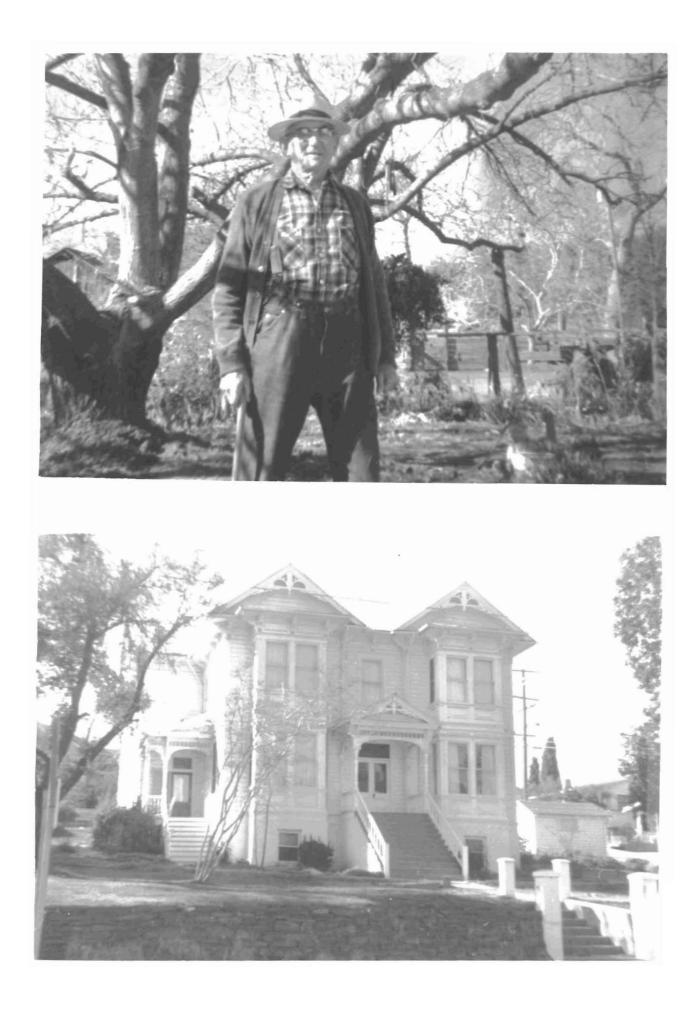
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SIDE 1

Early Family origins Grandmother came across Ismus during Civil War Early hotel Business in Sonora Father mined gold Depressed Area during WWI Social milieu during early 1900s Stagecoaches Early Automobiles Circuses, carnivels and theater Italian vegetable gardens Old 49r mystique Chinese community in Sonora Indian Community Worked for Forest Service 1919 Worked for Fickering at High Country logging camps in 20s

Side 2

Cattle Drives from oakdale to high country for summer grazing Sheep drives to Nevada side of pass Bought present cattle ranch in 1935 Economic, marketing, and health regulations affect local cattle industry Chicken ranching Sheep ranching Land prices and developers