

EARLY DAYS

Miller Sardella
Hubert Longeway
Joe Martin Sr.

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Sonora, California

EARLY DAYS in
Tuolumne County

Tape #1, Side A

Topics Introduced

Introduction: Miller Sardella
Born 1909 in Italy
Settled in Tuolumne County in 1912
Introduction: Hubert Longeway
Born 1911 in Sonora
Introduction: Joe Martin Sr.
Born 1895 in Soulsbyville

Bootleg days
"Honest people"
Young workers
Hoof and mouth Disease
Construction of the road across Sonora Pass

Side B

Belief Dam
"Montey"---a legend?
Weather conditions
Cattlemen at Coopers Meadow
Dairies
Cattle and horse drives to the high Sierra
Vegetable wagons to Bridgeport, Mono County

Tape #2, Side A

Making cheese
Mines
"Cousin Jack"
Walking to work
Schooling
Mining

(At this point the group examines old photos)

Side B

Law enforcement
The Grand Jury



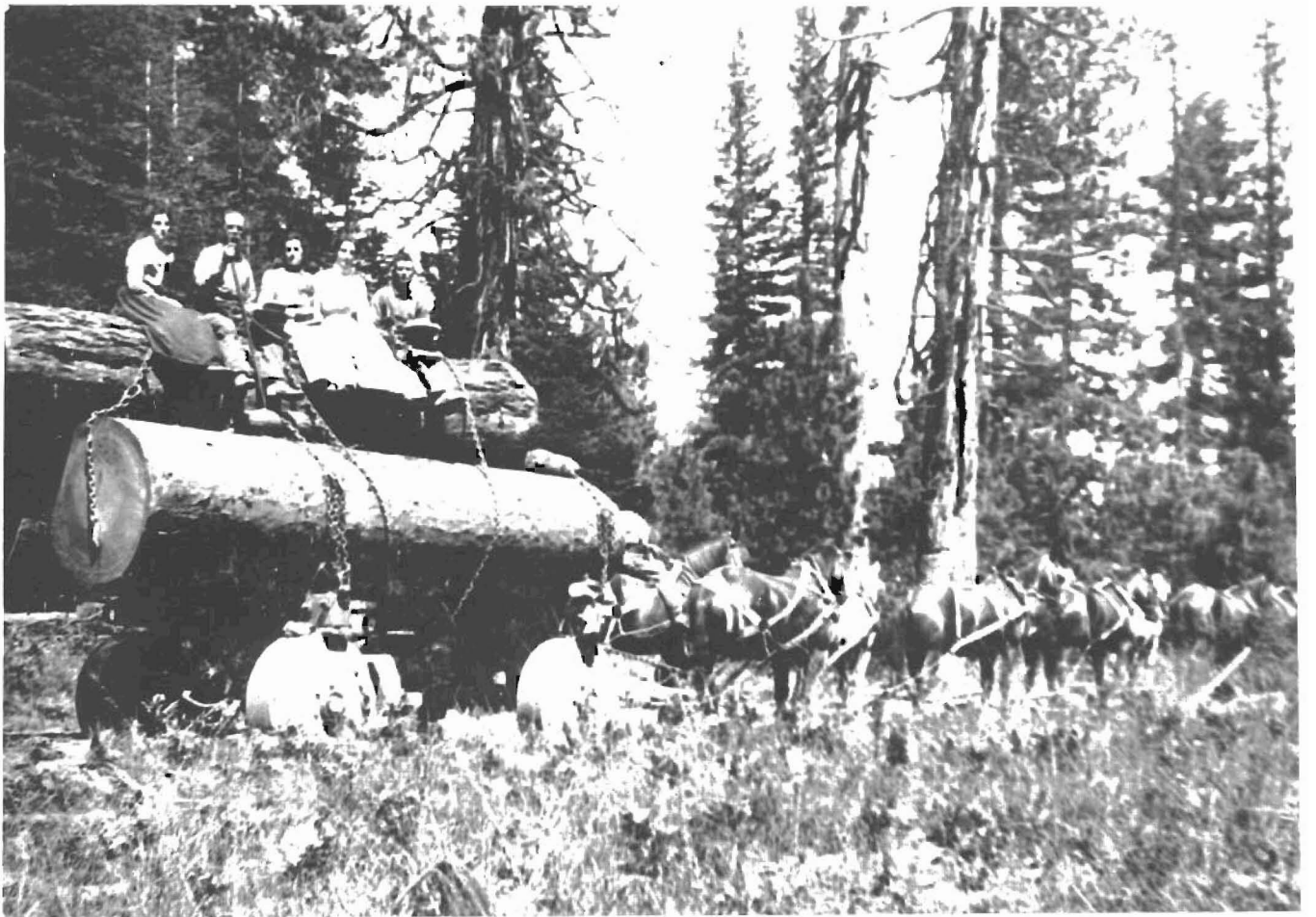
Gurney Teams going to Relief Dam with supplies. Teams had two Wagons on each outfit. Jim and Elisa "Lash" Gurney are buried in Sonora.



Looking From Face of Relief Dam - This is all under water now.



A Traction Engine "steam" crossing the South Fork of the Stanislaus going to South Fork Mill. The engineer is Charlie Addis.



The Browne family came from England and established Mountain Ranch and Empire Mill in what is now known as Browne's Meadow. The company was so big at one time they called it Empire. The Browne Family is shown here sitting on a load of logs. The teamster is Ike Miller.



Confidence Inn 1910.

First man on left is Ben Addis, a trapper and shake maker.

Next two men not known.

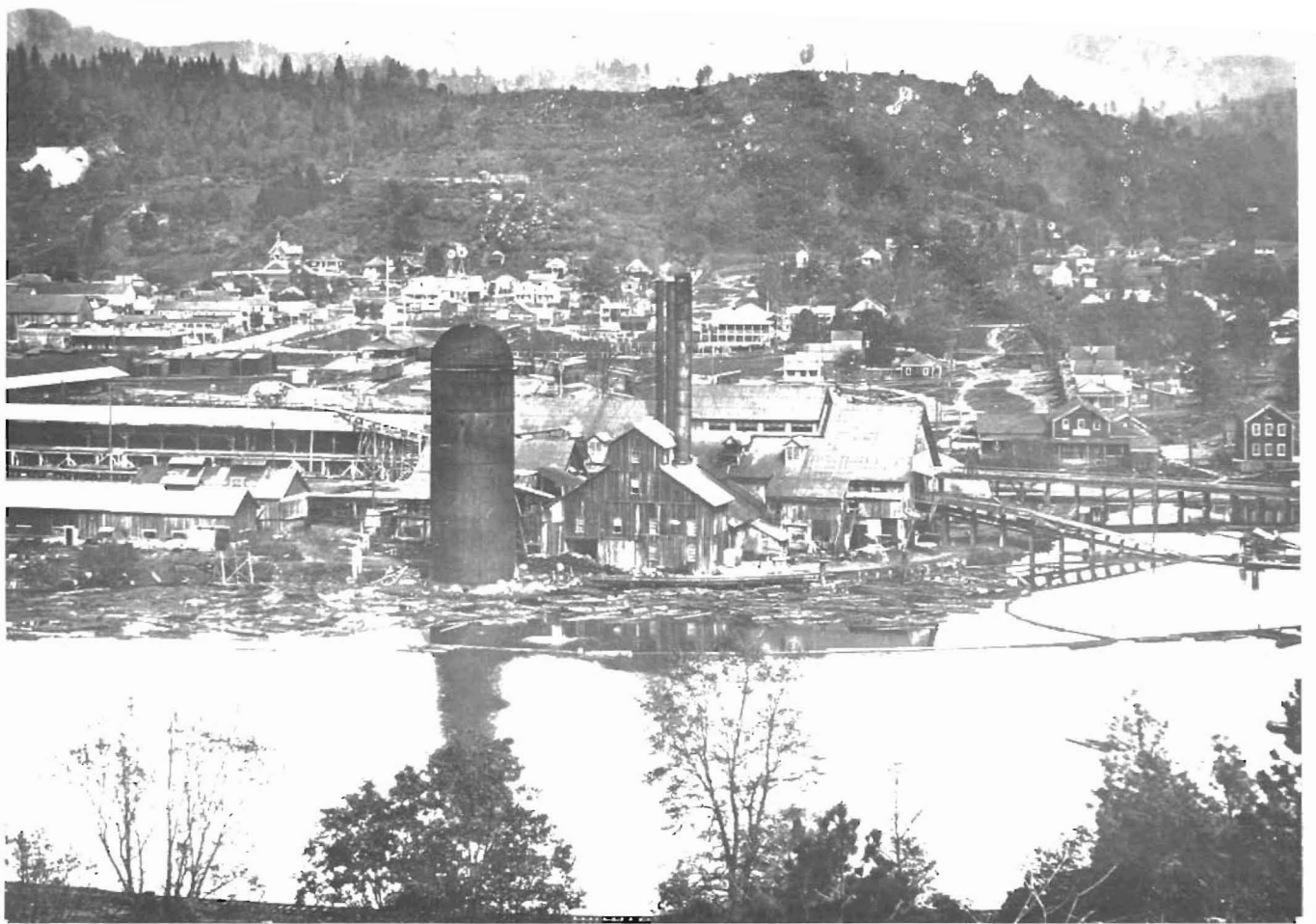
Fourth bigman is Jim Helms, a butcher and trapper.

Fifth man is thought to be Paul Green.

Confidence was owned by Tex Campbell until it burned down.



Cooper Meadow in 1900. Occupied by Father Guiren shown standing here. He ran cattle.



Tuolumne West Side Mill. This one burned down about 1920, and was rebuilt again. The town was known as Carters on the left and Summerville on the right.

It was quite an experience talking to these three "OLD TIMERS"
It was amazing to me the way they remembered names and dates. They
all have many more stories and facts to tell, the more I talk to
them the more I realize these tapes only touch the surface of their
very interesting and good lives.

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Most of the pictures were copied from originals taken by a man
named Grass.