

ARCHIE STEVENOT - "MR. LOTHER LCDE"  
81st BIRTHDAY INTERVIEW.

Interviewed by Dorothy Firebaugh

September, 1963

Archie Stevenot - "Mr. Mother Lode"  
Birthday Interview

Two cassettes - Total length: 2½ hrs.

Topics Introduced:

Side 1:

Opening birthday cards

"Archie Stevenot - The Pumper" story

Story about Donner Monument dedication

"Stevenot Journal" - Archie's publication at age 16

Boyhood memories (trade school, carpentry, selling candles to mines)

Grandfather, "Angel Gabriel" Stevenot

Description of family portrait - discussion of family, homestead  
in Carson Hill (1850)

Reminiscences of California governors, Teddy Roosevelt, Horace  
Albright

Indian pow-wows in Yosemite

Discussion of Bodie, Ella Cain

Tales of brother Fred in politics

Side 2:

Passage of Point of Origin Water Bill

Comments on Governor C.C. Young

Stories about Carson Hill - school in Carson Hill (1870)  
Archie as postmaster  
Carson Hill Mine

Hotel business in Merced

Begin story about King of Sweden - ends abruptly

(continued on Side #3)

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Side 3:

Reminiscences & stories of the period when Stevenot owned Tioga & El Capitan Hotels in Merced.

Stories about: Crown Prince of Sweden (continued from Side 2)  
President of Philippines  
President & Mrs. Roosevelt  
Sir Vincent Marcey (Canadian)  
Lester Rowle - editorialist, Pres. of Pacific Conference  
Pearl Harbor attack  
Ray Lehman Wilber  
Hoover's nomination at Kansas City - John Quinn

Moving elk out of Yosemite

Don Trusto - horse-riding companion

Nellie Dixie

Discusses homesteading on Bear Mountain and in Carson Hill;  
mining Carson Hill Mine with brother

Side 4:

Early memories - 1888 trip to S.F. with father

Story about yancy, friend from Redding, and his windmill airplane

Story about Frank Gallison, rice planting by airplane in Valley (1932)

Story about Arthur Dudley and mine exhibit at 49er Fair Exposition in Sacramento (1922)

Brother, Joe Stevenot, and long distance telephone service in South Pacific

Discussion of Stevenot's book collection; authors he has known and provided resource material for, esp:

The Golden Highway  
Covered Bridges of the West  
Great State of California

Story of being officially named "Mr. Mother Lode"

Discusses politics, talks about wife, her nursing experience in Tuolumne County