

MR. PRIMUS' EARLY LIFE:

(What about your early life--after your father died in 1910 and you had to quit. You got Jim Crowned out of Wekuskey what did you do then, Mr. Dean?)

That's when I went to work for Chilly Fish.

(How long did you work for Chilly then?)

Oh, some four or five years, I guess. They even evicted my mother out of her home. Walter Ferguson he hadn't sold them houses. He's superintendent there, you see, and he was gobbling up all the lands round through the country down there.

(Did your mother have a mortgage on her allotment?)

I think so, 'fore my father died, they must have mortgaged it or something. But she was working there at the Mission, gettin' some \$60 a month, something like that.

(What she was cooking and washing--)

Cookin' and washin' and she was supposed to let Ferguson have them paychecks and he was paid. I remember they bought a big team of horses, dandy team.

(Your father and mother?)

Yeah, uhuh, and that's the way they got them. But my 'nother older brother, one older than I am, he drove 'em to Wekuskey Mission one closing day and got I and Dick and brought us home, we didn't have to come home on a train. He drove us cross country and got us, drove us home. Nice team--of horses, you know. I think musta been the way they got 'em, they musta mortgaged the home for 'em. But anyhow, later on, after Father died, Ferguson evicted her out of the home, took it way from her. And she was livin' over there on Chilly Fish's place. I quit it way from her. And she was livin' over there on Chilly Fish's place. I quit school in 1910 then, and went right on to work for Chilly Fish. I guess I worked for him four or five years or longer. Fact, I guess I grew up with them. 'Til I got to be pretty much of a mind myself--got out on my own. Leave away from home, went up here and found me a girl up in Lima, got married 19 years old. Had a girl up there--

(Just a minute now, you were 19 years old, 'bout 1915 when you were married?)

Yeah, somewhere around there, cause my boy born in 1916, October 18, first child, and only one I've ever had.