

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**MAIN ENTRY:** Rinker, Agnes Barnes

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** June 14, 2005

**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Lubbock, Texas

**INTERVIEWER:** David Marshall

**FORMAT:** CD

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** 3313 2117 5870

**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 1:08

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Agnes Barnes Rinker talks about her early life in Oklahoma and Pleasant Valley, Texas living on a farm. Also she shared her husband's cooking skills and their career in the restaurant. Lastly she speaks about her years in high school in Post, Texas.

### ABSTRACT:

#### CD ONE

#### TIME STAMP

Background biographical information

0:00

Born September 24, 1905

Place of birth Davidson, Oklahoma

Dad worked as a farmer

Main crop in Oklahoma was cotton

Vegetable garden and livestock

Learned how to cook early on

Tornado experience

Comparison of Oklahoma and Texas

0:06

Train ride from Oklahoma to Pleasant Valley, Texas

Cattle on the train

Type of cattle dad owned

Parents originally moved from Tennessee

Cotton farming in the countryside of Texas

School and church in town

Layout of the town

0:16

Favorite subjects in school	
Grassland	
Percentage of the land which was broken out into agriculture	
Water tanks and reservoirs	
Granddad finished building the house before moving	
The wood house built in 1915	
Old house	0:22
Cold in the winter time	
Pleasant to live in the summer time	
Had two porches	
Wood cook stoves	
Way to obtain and burn firewood	
Windmill by the house	
Depth and water temperature of the well	
Other crops	0:26
Rainmaking experiments	
Agricultural experiments	
Sunflowers and other unusually crops	
Maize crops	
Weather and historical events	0:30
Sandstorm in Oklahoma	
Prediction of sandstorm	
Thanksgiving Day sandstorm	
Flu epidemic in 1918	
Took care of the family during this time	
End of World War I	
Time in Pleasant Valley, Texas	0:35
Moved to Post, Texas	
Husband's name Allie Stephen "Pete" Rinker	
First met him in Pleasant Valley	
Got married in 1939	
Pete grew up cooking	
Learned cooking in the army	
Husband's transition to ranching career	0:41
Stayed in army until 1919	
Started cooking on the ranches	
Mr. Clayton liked desserts	
Pete's cooking skills	0:45
Always cooked potatoes	
Fried rice	

Did not slaughter the animals  
Served as a waitress in the café

Christmas in Pleasant Valley 0:49

School celebration  
Everybody got to participate  
Christmas trees at home  
Hung stockings at house  
Made most of candy on their own

Popularity of automobile in Pleasant Valley 0:51

Nobody owned automobile when first arrived  
People started having automobile in high school  
Fun car rides  
Pictures of a road trip  
Gas powered tractor  
Mom could not drive car but tractor  
Mom finally got drivers license after multiple failings

Years in high school 01:00

Transferred from Pleasant Valley to Post, Texas  
Size of the high school at Post, Texas  
Entertainment as kids  
Played ball  
Rival schools in sports

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** 1905

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Female

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**