

The Hudson House and Property by Dave Burgess Who Lived on the Hudson Farm for 9 Years Beginning in 1945

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I was raised on the Hudson farm from age 11 - 19. In 1945 my mother and I at the age of 11 moved into the Hudson house. My mother became the housekeeper, cook, gardener, etc. I attended school in Cloverdale, both grade school and high school at Nestucca Union High. I graduated in 1954.

The Hudson farm, now known as the Hudson House B & B is located south of Cloverdale about 4 miles south) on Hwy 101. Going south it is on the right hand side near the Y in the road leading to Pacific City.

The farm consisted of two sections of 160 acres each adjoining each other. The land was homesteaded by the Hudson family in approximately 1887. Their major task was to clear the land of trees and heavy brush and to create pastures. They built the house and barn in 1889. The house today is basically the same except for modern conveniences.

Mrs. Hudson was still living when I went to live there. She was 98 years old. She told me stories about coming to Oregon on the Oregon Trail from Indiana just after the Civil War was over in 1868. One story of many was the day when she went to a political gathering to hear Abraham Lincoln speak. He was elected president shortly thereafter. He stepped down from the train caboose and gave her a hug. He also held and kidded her younger sister who was a baby.

I can truly say the history of our country in that time really came alive to me because of her stories. I believe there may be pictures during the late 1800s and early 1900s in the Hudson House.

Sincerely,

Dave Burgess