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**Brief Information about Cloverdale, Oregon, and the Landingham/  
Burke Families**

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My mother, Alma LANDINGHAM Burke, inherited her farm across from Cloverdale from her parents. Her parents' property at one time included the corner that the Presbyterian Church now sits. It was 160 acres from the bridge to the Dee Sanders' farm. At the death of my mother's parents the property was divided in almost equal parts between 2 brothers and 2 sisters. The first quarter went to Everett Landingham, the 2nd to Lester Landingham, the 3rd to Alma Landingham, and the 4th to Ina LANDINGHAM Burke who also inherited her 5 year-old sister, Alma.

Ina and James Burke raised Alma and took care of her property until Alma was 18 years old. Alma married Henry Burke who was a nephew of James.

Random information:

There was an active mill above Cloverdale, hence the Old Mill Road just south of Cloverdale.

Uncle Jim used to have a boat that he ran down and up the Nestucca River delivering supplies.

There was a small grade school, I believe, on or near the Nelson farm beyond Bailey's farm (on what is now Gist Road) that my mother went to. Later the school was built in Cloverdale and contained both grade and high school classes until the Nestucca Union High School was built around 1929.

Each town had a cheese factory, so with luck sometimes I could catch a ride to school; otherwise I walked. It seems about 1932 that the grade school had a bus.

Back when it was legal the Gilmans used to sell their catch door to door until the dory fleet came.

We used to dig buckets of clams and pick beach and mountain huckleberries. Of course blackberries were plentiful.

Yours truly,

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