

# Nestucca Valley Middle School

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NVMS is hoping to develop biographies of people who have been a part of our local history. We'd like to begin with you! We know it's a lot to ask, but we hope you'll be able to make the time to provide us with the following information. Students will write a biography about you based on the information you provide.

Also, we would love to have biographical information about others who were important in the history of the local area but may or may not be living today. We ask that you:

- A. Provide us with the names and addresses of others who are living so we can contact them, or
- B. Simply provide us with the names of people we should try to research if you don't know their addresses, and
- C. Provide us with as much information as you can on others who are not living.

Please write all the information about you! If you find you don't have enough room, feel free to write answers on another paper! **Also, if you are unable to write down comments, contact us to borrow a tape recorder or have a few students and staff come to your home to interview you.**

1. Your name? MILDRED BRODE WILKINS

2. When and where were you born? Lebanon, Oregon, Dec. 17, 1922  
August 1926 I was adopted by Beatrice and Lucius F. Brode.

3. What is your ancestry? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did your family live in one place, or did you move when you were growing up? Include in

your answer where you lived. Did not move. Lived on the farm in Sandlake  
Until I left for college in Portland.

5. Please tell about your education including the last grade you attended. \_\_\_\_\_

Graduated from Sandlake school 1936, From Nestucca High School - 1940  
Attended Cascade College in Portland. Then because of the War  
was not able to complete more than one year.

6. Describe any significant events that occurred during your childhood.

Growing up on the dairy ranch was such a wonderful experience.  
Learning to be self sufficient and how to solve problems, Made  
my life more interesting. I learned to drive the Model T pickup  
when I was 14. That was an accomplishment for a girl.. especially  
driving in the gravel!

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7. What were your chores or responsibilities as you were growing up? \_\_\_\_\_  
We raised chickens . It was my job to watch the brooder and besure they were warm, plenty of water and feed, That was a big job for 500 chicks. Also, my job was get the cows in and set up the milking machines .. Once when dad was gone I had to start the milking.. And I disliked getting that close to the cows!!!!
8. What did you want to be or do when you grew up? I wanted to be a nurse.  
Instead I ended up as a bookkeeper and office manager for 30 years!!
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9. What were your favorite games, sports, books, hobbies, or activities? My main interest was and still is, is Music. My daughter teaches music in a school in Astoria and my granddaughter taught music in the McMinnville schools
10. What do you remember most about your mother and your father? They were honest caring people. They did a lot for the community. Dad would butcher a cow and distribute it all to the neighbors.. He did many things like this especially during the depression. Their christian influence was most appreciated. I looked back on it and drew from it many times.
11. What was the best advice your mother and/or father ever gave you? The day I left for college my Dad came over, put his arm around me and said, "Wherever you go, always find a church, then you will have friends and someone to help you". That works, I know!!
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12. What is your favorite song? Too many to make a choice.
13. Whom do you most admire? Why? My husband. He is solid in his thinking. Doesn't waver in his beliefs or standards. A good Christian man.
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14. Please tell about any of the following subjects on another sheet of paper:
- Family members
  - Occupation and accomplishments
  - Special skills and interests
  - Community and religious activities
  - Other!