

A Letter to Gerry Hysmith, Writer for the Headlight Herald by

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Dear Gerry,

(Note that the first several paragraphs were friends and relatives both Clyde and Gerry knew and are not included here. db

The town of Dolph was about a quarter of a mile up the hill from the sulphur spring and Baxter toll gate. The road forked at Dolph where the toll gate was for the Three Rivers Road. The road to Dolph started up the hill maybe a mile this side of the sulphur spring and came down the hill at the old Bee Ranch.

In 1908 I took pictures all over the county for Rollie Watson of the Tillamook Herald. I was at Dolph and Carl Shortridge walked with me about three miles down Little Nestucca River to some beautiful waterfalls as I wanted a picture of them.

I believe there was a store and a hotel at Dolph.

In the summer of 1915, my wife and i left Cloverdale around ten o'clock at night. It was very foggy going up Three Rivers. I noticed I couldn't see the road ahead of us. I got out to investigate, and there was no road ahead. It turned sharply to the left.

We got to the toll gate and had to wake up the gatekeeper to get through. We got to Sheridan and needed oil. I yelled at the telephone operator after having pounded on the door until she awake. Then she called the garage man to come to the garage and let me have some oil. Why I didn't have oil with me I'll never know. It was hours after midnight then. When we got almost to Rickreall we met a man with a cow. It was after daylight then. We had seen only two persons since leaving Cloverdale until we met the man with the cow. We got to my wife's uncle's at Albany at about 8:00 A.M.

Rollie Watson took me to Nehalem in his little car. A picture of it was in the paper a few months back. It was the first automobile ever in Nehalem. Some men were hauling gravel from the river. Four of us loaded the automobile onto a gravel wagon and hauled it across the river.

(Note that there are several paragraphs of random visiting that are not included in this copy. db

Sincerely,

Clyde