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Good Dams of Durham

Doris Lucas asked me to write a short history of my life.

I was born in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and was raised in Racine, Wisconsin. My father was a Chiropractor and my Mother was a Homemaker. I received all my education in Racine, Wisconsin. It was the second largest city in Wisconsin. I became a teacher and taught for 4 years. I met my first husband in Racine. We were married in 1940.

We moved to a ranch near Tracy, California. He had four children, Cathy, Bill, Jack Jr, and Steve. Jack (my first husband) died in 1959.

After being a widow for five years, I met Fred Wells. I was introduced to him by a mutual friend, at a dance.

We were married in 1964 and lived on the ranch for a while. We moved ^{in 1966} to Durham, California on a ranch, Jack and I had bought some years before he died. I sold the Tracy ranch in 1966.

My two oldest Boys were in the service. One in ^{Jack} Germany and one in ^{Bill} Vietnam. When they came home, the Boys started farming, too. Fred died of lung cancer in 1983. I sold the ranch to all my children after he passed away.

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Today the Chico State Farm is on one-half of the original ranch and my family is farming the other half of the ranch.

I now live in the Sierra Sunrise Complex, in a condo, which I enjoy.

I do miss the Durham Good Game, and all the fun we had. We took many wonderful weekend trips and all the members were such fun.

I still think about June & Orvis Brun, our dear friends, and how they, too, looked forward to going on the Durham Good Game outings.



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