

Peter J. Reimer put these pictures in this album. Some are not in sequence, but we have left them as he put them. We have tried to put a commentary here, if anyone is interested in following through the history Peter J. was trying to preserve. The first few pages are devoted to pictures of the sternwheelers on the Arrow Lakes. This was how the people travelled to Renata (after coming as far as Robson by railroad), and what a romantic era it was! Peter J.'s parents moved to Renata from Saskatchewan (where they had a homestead) in Nov. 1911, and sailed to Renata on "The Rossland". It is interesting to note that Peter J. painted a picture of The Rossland when he was 82 years old..the only picture he ever painted, and his daughter Elsie (Nesbitt) has it. Peter J. went with his parents when they moved to Renata, to help them. He returned to the Sask. homestead. His Dad (Jacob P.) died in March 1912, in Renata..and Peter J. decided to go back to help his Mother Maria, and his 7 brothers and sisters in Renata. Before leaving Sask. he married Margaretha (Penner) in January 1913. They did go to Renata, but when Margaretha became pregnant, she wanted to return to Sask. as her Mother was a midwife. So Peter J. and Margaretha returned to the Sask. homestead. Peter J.'s Mother, Maria, married Diedrich Epp of Rosthern, Sask. February 16, 1914. After their marriage, Maria & Diedrich Epp & her children spent 5 years on his farm at Rosthern, but by 1919 had moved to Renata again. When Peter J.'s Margaretha died in 1919, Maria and Diedrich went to her funeral, and took Margaretha's 2 older children (Elsie & Peter) back to Renata. Both Elsie and Peter remember Renata vividly, even though they were just 7 and 5 years old. This album made up by their Dad, Peter J. brings back lots of memories for them. (Their young brother, Dick stayed with Margaretha's parents in Sask. when Margaretha died). Peter J. has numbered the pages in this book, and we will now comment on them in that way, for you to follow.

Pages 1-4..Paddlewheelers busy on the Arrow Lakes. Margaretha is pictured (page 3) on the picture where the men are sawing wood.

Page 5..Shows Deer Park..a community across from Renata. A small barge connected it with Renata in the 1940's.

Page 5..Peter (son of Peter J) remembers this Sawmill in operation when he stayed with his Grandma when he was age 5-6.

Page 8..The top 2 pictures are from a later trip that Peter J. and his (2nd) wife, Anna made to B.C. (Bottom)..the picture of the steam train is very important! Such an exciting way to travel! Peter has great memories of the train..and he returned in 1934 and again in 1935 (with his sister Elsie) to visit his relatives in Renata. By then he was 20.

Page 9 - 12..Peter wants me to note the collie dog on page 10. This was Peter's companion (& friend) when he was in Renata after his Mum died. Unfortunately, it bit people and had to be destroyed! How terrible for this sad little boy!..Diedrich Epp's daughter (Elisabeth) married Peter J.'s brother Jake of Renata. They had a fruit farm. Elisabeth and Jake had 5 children. Peter remembers these cousins well from his early visits to Renata. No picture on this page of Elisabeth, but there's one of Jake in his orchard. We (Peter & Lil Reimer, and our 3 sons) visited Uncle Jake's family in Renata in the 1950's (we saw the Russian Sputnik in the clear night sky..a first for space!) and slept in a school bus in the orchard..It was used for fruit pickers. By that time, Elisabeth had died and Jake had married Tina. Bottom: Maria (Mrs Jacob P. Reimer & Nettie, Lee, Carl, Annie..her children).

Page 13..Large picture is Peter J.'s Mother Maria, and the small round picture is of her (1st) husband, Jacob P. Reimer. After Jacob P died, Maria married Diedrich Epp, and they are pictured at bottom of page 13. It is interesting to note that both Maria and her husband Jacob P. were buried in Renata. When that area was flooded many years later (by the Keenlyside Dam) their graves were weighted down by concrete. Their names were inscribed on a plaque in the Robson Churchyard. Elisabeth Reimer (Mrs Jake) is also listed on that plaque.

Page 14..Frank Reimer is Peter J's brother.

Page 17..Group of 3 at the bottom of page..(right hand is Peter J). The picture sideways is of two of Jake and Elisabeth's daughters, with Elsie Reimer (daughter of Peter J)...1935.

Page 18..Top of page..3 of Peter J's sisters (Lee, Mettie, Annie). Also Elsie and Peter (children of Peter J) with the same 3..top, right.

Page 19..Peter J's son, Peter with his cousin Susie. And Peter in the tree. Bottom page..Peter J with his daughter, Elsie

Page 21..Color prints are out of place. The group were workmates of Peter J's at the Shipyards, and they came to his home in Surrey to help him celebrate his 70th birthday in 1959.

Page 22..Margaretha and Peter J. Reimer and their 3 children: Elsie, Peter & Diedrich (Dick).

Page 23..Margaretha's parents. They arrived in America May 3, 1903; stayed 3 years on his brother's farm in N. Dakota..then moved to a homestead in Sask..near Handsome Lake..near Herbert. They moved to Main Centre in 1914, and were there when their daughter Margaretha (Mrs Peter J. Reimer) died in 1919 (and kept baby Dick with them). They retired to the town of Herbert. Grandma's diary says "We bought the little house for \$600. in 1928". (It was still there in 1982).

Page 24..The 2 houses centre page belonged to Jacob P & Maria Reimer. The one on the left is their homestead house near Herbert.. Elsie (daughter of Peter J and Margaretha) was born there; the one on the right is of their house in Renata.

Page 26.."Peter Reimer's Family". This Peter is a brother of Jacob P (father of Peter J).

The centre group picture has Jacob P and Maria, as well as Mr & Mrs Peter Reimer (on picture on the right). This group picture is in Excelsior Echoes (we have) on page 576 and lists all the people. The farm (at the bottom re Frank Wiebe) belonged to his Mother and Dad. She was always "Auntie Wiebe" to the Peter J. Reimer family. Elsie, Peter & Dick remember her well, as she was always good to them when they were young. She helped look after her parents, also..as they were in their 70's when they came to America. She was about 102 when she died..Excelsior Echoes, page 999, has a good story about this lady in her last years. See Page 27, this album, for her picture taken when she was 101..with her sons, and Elsie Reimer Nesbitt, her great-niece .

Page 27..Frank Wiebe & his sister Annie (Mrs C. Klassen) taken in Herbert, Sask. in 1979 when Peter J & Anna visited. Frank's Mother (Auntie Wiebe) is in both lower pictures. Mrs Wiebe died the following year.

Page 28, 29..Threshing outfits. Peter J. was always interested in the steam outfits as he had run these several times..his favorite being the Rumley Oil outfits...see picture centre page 28; and if he had to haul sheaves, he preferred working with oxen..see his picture page 29.

Page 30..The Abram & Kath. Penner young people..Peter; his wife Susie; Jessie; Margaretha; Marie & John.

Page 31..Peter, son of Peter J. Reimer is in 3 of these pictures, as he spent time (when he quit school at 14), with his Dad & the road-building gang near St. Brieux (Northern Sask).

Page 32..near St Brieux. Page 33..South of Regina. Peter & Dick in the Chev 490. They spent time in the summer holidays with the road gang. Their Dad was foreman. In the Sedley, Milestone, Odessa, Francis districts.

Page 34..Top, right: Peter J. Reimer's children Elsie, Peter and Dick (Model "T"). Peter J's brother, Carl is on the tractor in 3 pictures. Centre: Peter J about 1923. He was moving back to Regina from Morden, Manitoba (where they lived just a couple of years). The group picture: Peter J's 3 children, Mr Gordon & Gerald of Colfax, Sask. Mrs Gordon was a cousin of Anna (Mrs Peter J)

Page 35..Top pictures: trip Peter J and Anna took to B.C. (from Regina). Bottom: Peter J & his brothers & sisters (Carl's missing), taken about 1953 at Peace Arch, at a Reimer gathering. Right..is the family of Peter J's brother Jake..Susie, Elisabeth, Marie, Jake and Frank.

Page 36..Centre of page: Peter J's brother Carl. He was missing from group on the previous page. The "sideways" picture is of an adventure Peter J & Anna had when they took a trip to B.C. during the winter of 37-38. They were caught by a snowstorm on their return trip (to Regina) in April. All the people caught with them, formed a "train"..with Peter J's Model "T" leading the way! Bottom, left: Elisabeth (Mrs Jake Reimer) is shown by front of the "Giant" at Renata.

Page 37..The 2 colored pictures were taken in 1979. Peter J was delighted to have a picture of the trees he and his parents had planted by their homestead in Sask in 1907..some of the trees still survived.

Page 38..The group is the family of Jacob Schmidt..nephew of Maria (Peter J's Mother). That family lived in Ontario (after coming to America)..and the 2 pictures bottom of this page show Erna Unrau and her husband Walter when they visited Peter J and Anna in Clearbrook in the early 1980's. Erna is in the group with her parents, brother Irwin and their families. Erna is our correspondent. The large photo is of Agnes Thiessen & her daughter Ericka. Agnes & Jacob Schmidt were children of Peter, (Maria's only brother).

Page 39..These homesteaders had a New Years Drum custom..they would dress up and go from house to house, singing, playing violin, accordion and drum (made from a square gas can). People would give them treats..cookies, sausage etc. The picture shows one group all dressed up! Lots of fun! The group of soldiers is from a Mennonite community in Russia. They were not compelled to serve in the Russian army, but had to serve 3 years in related duties..harness making; planting crops; policing the Czar's forests etc. Jacob P. Reimer is the soldier with the beard (father of Peter J).

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Bonnington, Loading at  
arrowhead.



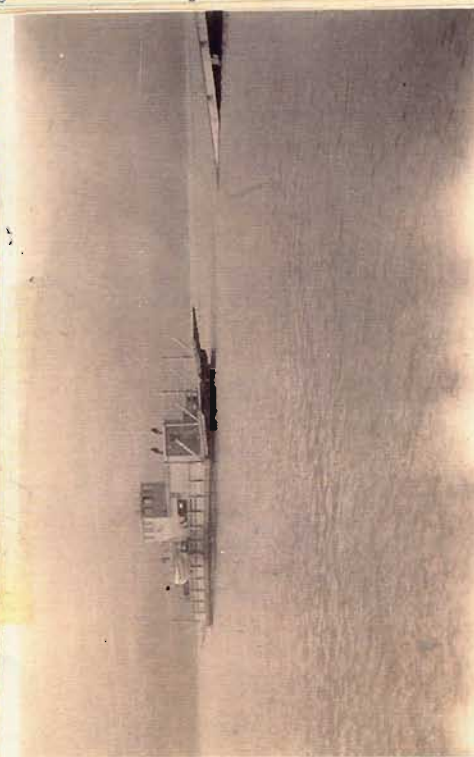
Bonnington Loading at Arrowhead B.C.



SS ~~ROSSLAND~~ <sup>BONNINGTON</sup> At the new Wharf at Renata 1914



P.O. Reimer A ROSSLAND + 1914

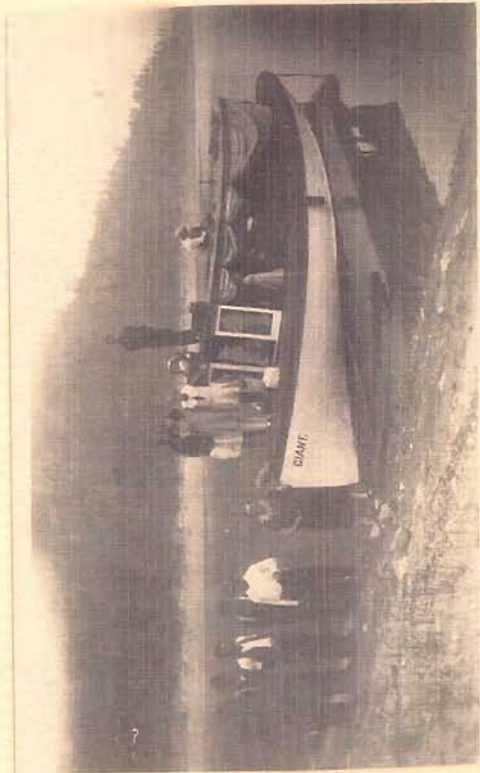


Renata B.C. Ferry

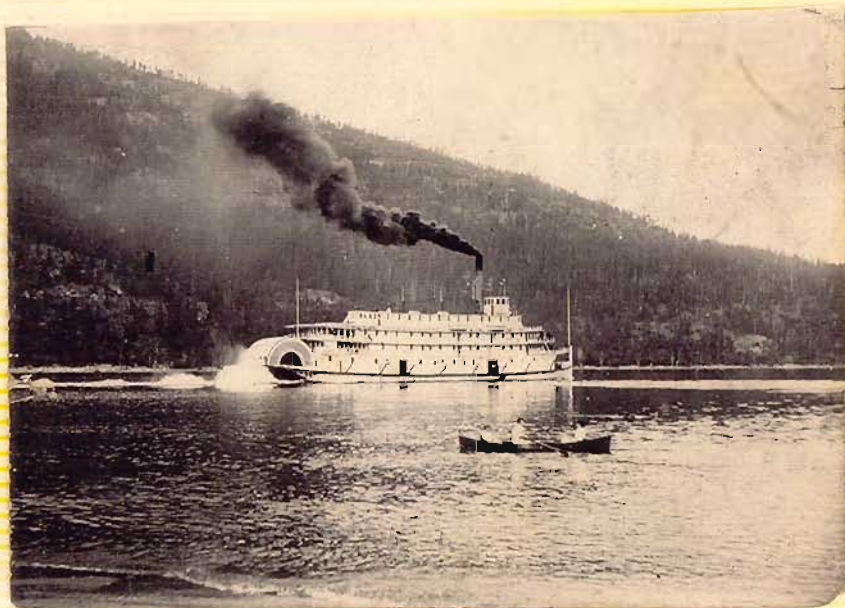
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S.S. Boat, is going to stop, at Remata B.C.



Comin' Home from a Picnic With the Giant, Remata



S.S. Bonnington Leaving Remata.



S.S. Laidlaw is Tipped at Remata on a Holy day.

2



C.P.R. BARGE PHAREMS going to load Cord Wood on it



S.S. Roseland And Barge Loadet with <sup>Benot</sup> Dynamite



*SS. Columbia at Renata.*



*SS. Columbia Leaving Renata 1912.*



*SS. Columbia Stopped at Renata 1912*



*Pet Harris making Cord Wood at Renata*



Sawing Firewood for P.J. Reimer Remble



Sawing Firewood for St. Michel Remble



P.J. Reimer is Lifting up the Timber



Sawing Wood, P.J. Reimer, Peter & Bill, Harmer

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From the East side the Lake, Looking  
Ct. Renata West

Looking west over the Arrow Lake



Renata & Arrow Lake.

Renata and Arrow Lake 034.



Renata and Arrow Lake

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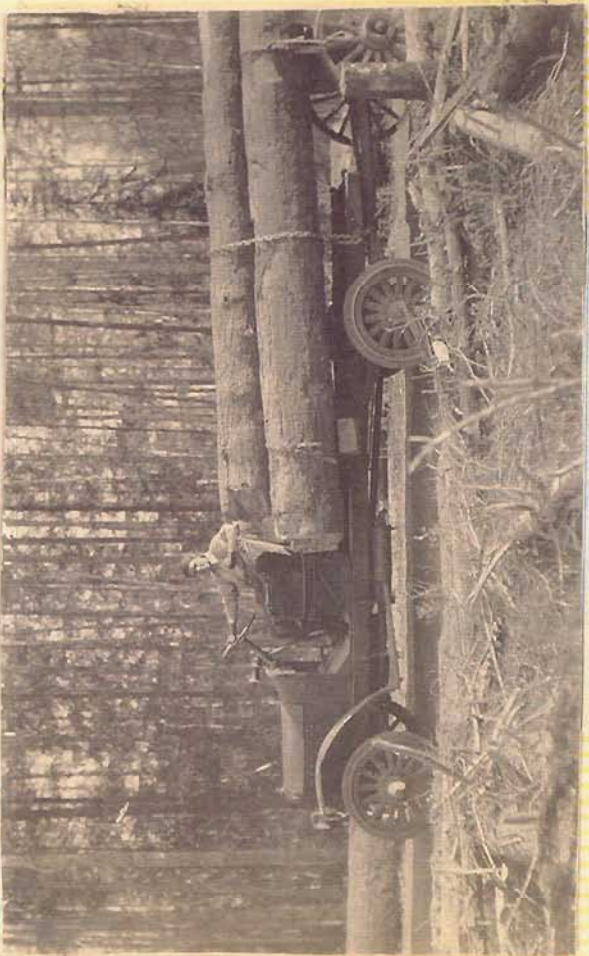
Jacob Reimer, Heavy Loper



The (three) Men, as Making Fire wood.



J. Abrams. Brothers at Remata B.C.



Handling Logs at Deer Park B.C.



At a Logging Camp at Deer Park B.C.

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In Reid, the Saw Mill at Renata



No. 1. Copper Mine at Renata



Saw Mill at Renata



No. 1. Copper Mine.

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Dog Creek. Frozen Water fall.



Dog Creek at Renata, B.C.



Renata coast with snow in winter.



Dog Creek water fall



Dog wood Creek, At Renata



A long Bridge at Kuskonook B.C.



Waiting for that Boat, at Kuskonook, B.C. Mrs. Reimer,



Train going to Creston B.C.

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Grand Pa Epp. Cutting Grass.



Spraying Fruit Trees.



They give the Horses a Bath too at Ruck.



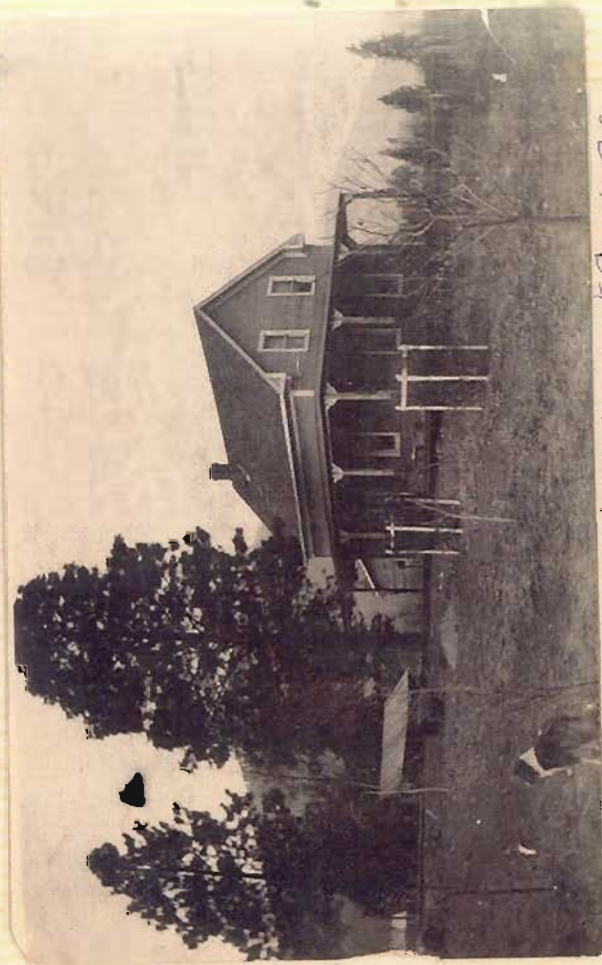
Peters from Saskatoon in Renata,



This is a hard worker fruit grower.



At the house in Renata B.C.



Jacks Reimer (first) house at Renata B.C.  
This is the house where Peter & Elsie stayed with Grandma Maria

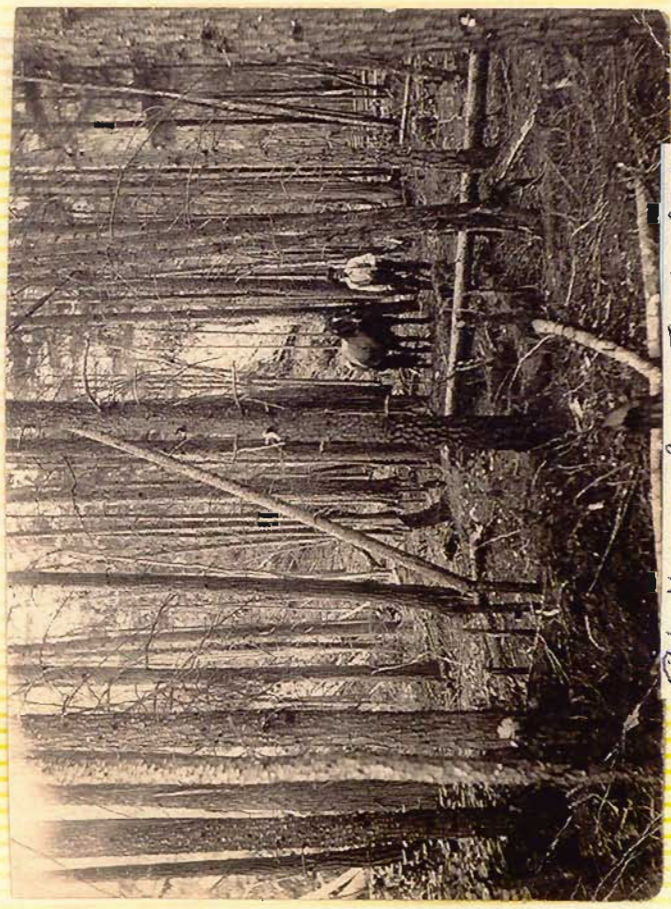
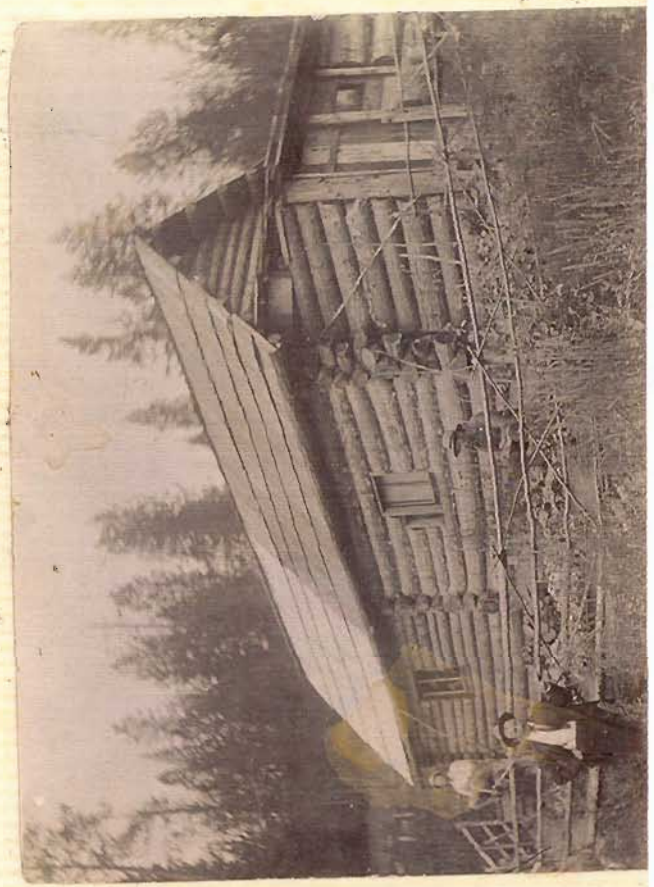


George Wick place at Renata.

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Mr. Siemura shot a Coyote Wolf



Pet. Harens in his Timber Lot



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2, Berry Pickers An On Strike.



9 ma Mrs Reimer, Pick, her Berries, The strikers dont Pick.  
MARIA



Jake Reimer Sr, Renata, B.C.



1912 Cheerful, Young, Base Ball Team Renata, B.C.



Eve given Adam an Apple, W & Mrs. J. T. Albrecht

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Maria Reimer & husband  
Jacob P. G. Parents of Peter.  
Elsie & Dick.  
He died in Renata. Both  
are buried there.

below:

Maria married Diedrich Epp  
of Rosthern, Sask. & Renata.



Mr. & Mrs. D. Epp.

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Cottonwood Lake, 6 miles west of Reno.



Frank Reimer



On the way, too Cottonwood Lake Fishery.



Jack Reimer, Henry, Aaron, John, Abram, and Reno



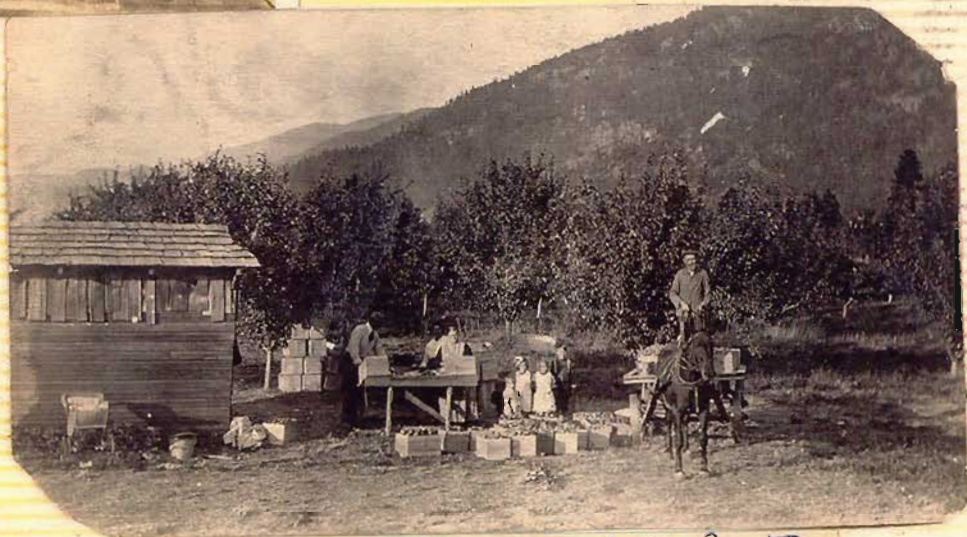
3. Renata seals.



Nettie



4. Lumber jacks, at Renata B.C.



Shop on ship, Pickin Apples in Renata.



Mr A. Epp & F. Reimer



No Fish in this Creek.

Note - violin below. That's  
here Frank Reimer playing.



L. Renata, Musicals: Epp & Reimer



There are inspecting this long Bridge for Safety.



This is a good Place. Tho. have a Picnic



What a nice, Pleasant, young People they Ar,



young People of Renata, in 1912.



Renata Young, Fry,



George W. Lieb, Pet Nasner, Pet Reimer,



3. Renata, Beantley,

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3. Sisters of Jack Reimers.



3. Sisters have Christmas Presents.



Peter, Elsie, Annie, Lena, Nettie Reimers



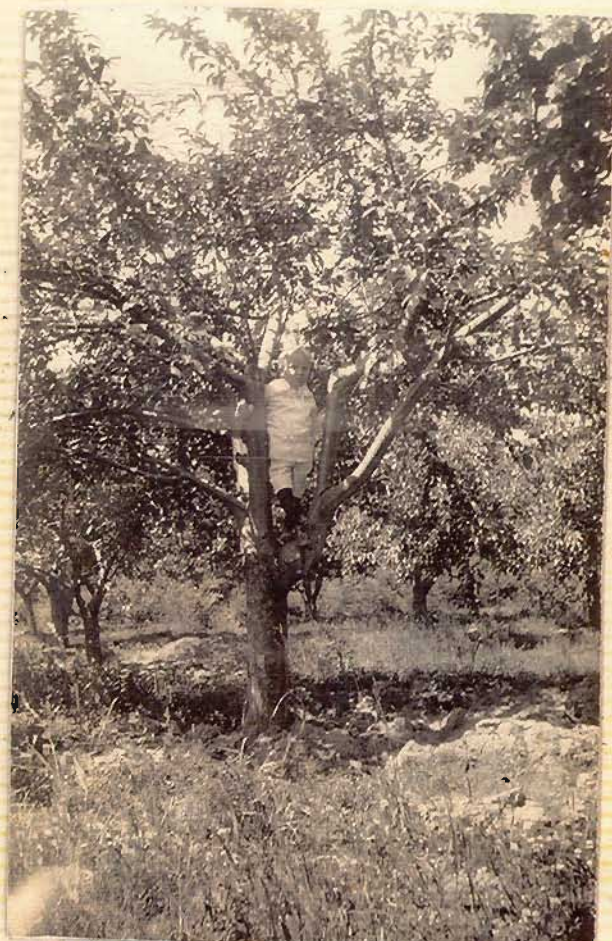
Jan. 1912. These Ladies were looking for man.



4. Remotely Beautiful Girls



Surren & Peter Reimer



Peter Reimer in the Apple Tree



Jacob, P. Reimer's Family



P. J. Reimer's Daughter Elsie

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All old settlers of Remata, from 1908



Remata Sunday school



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Here, are (10 ten) of the Ship Repair Machinists.  
They Remember Peter Reimer 70 Year Birthday.



1912. Renata, Singers



Building the School at Renata



Mr & Mrs Peter J Reimer, in Renata



V Margaret Penner,



Mr & Mrs. Peter J Reimer  
And Family, Peter, Dickrich, & Elsie.

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Gran Ma & Gran Pa Pennix,  
at Main Center Ark, 1909.



gran Pa & gran. Homestead. Place, 1908,



gran Ma. Pennix. At Herbert Clark.



Mrs & Mr. P. J. Penner. Brothers

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Picture below, sideways.  
Reimer homestead in Sask.  
Oliver born there.



Kocanics in Renata.



Exploring Stumps at Mother's Lot, at Renata.



Mother's Mrs. J. Reimer, Now Renata B.C.



Frank P. Reimer's Cleared Land.

