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Herboldts came to the Harrison Flats in 1938

Ruby in 1953 and Pauline in 1954," Neita said.

This is where I met Arthur, and a few years later we got married.

THRESHING

Ed remained at Webb Creek until 1940 and then moved up here too. He lived with Mat's family for four years. During that time they farmed together, working as a team. Mat had one of only two threshing machines in this area at that time. Mat would move his threshing machine from farm to farm. Various neighbors formed the threshing crew during harvest time and they worked together. It was truly a cooperative effort among neighbors from Indian Springs to Hells Gulch. Much of the work was done with horses and bundle wagons, as load after load would be hauled in from the fields and pitched into the threshing machine.

This threshing operation produced huge straw piles as the straw and chaff were separated from the kernels. Mat controlled the flow of grain from the machine, as he bagged each gunny sack and sewed it shut. Then other men carried and stacked the sacked grain in barns or piles.

At noon the labor would cease, the dust would subside, and the hot, weary men would come to the farm house for a hearty meal. Several farm wives would have worked all morning preparing food, typically fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, coffee, homemade bread and pies.

W.W.II

In 1944 Ed Herboldt went off to Texas for his Army training. Later he was transferred to New York where he spent the rest of his time in the Army until the war ended. When Ed returned West, he lived on his own farm that he purchased from two elderly maiden ladies who had homesteaded there. He built a pond, barn, and raised Hereford cows. He also raised winter wheat and had a yield of 72 bushels per acre one year.

EARLY YEARS

One thing Neita said she enjoyed most those early years in this community was the fact that "it was a tight-knit community where neighbors helped each other and the farm wives enjoyed attending the You Go-I Go Home Demonstration Club that met once a month at a different home all over the Harrison Flats area. Neita also enjoyed her Sunday visits to Harrison

to attend the Baptist Church services.

FIRE

People on Harrison Flats always rally round to help when there is a need and so it was when a fire destroyed Mat and Neita's house in 1951. Neita's daughter Ruby Isaac wrote this account of the fire:

"On a very windy Friday morning in April, Neita was washing clothes and baking bread, so she kept the kitchen wood stove built up. Live sparks from the chimney were whipped up by the wind and deposited on the dry shingle roof, setting it on fire.

As Mat drove his tractor home for lunch, he saw the blazing roof from a distance and drove at full throttle speed to reach the house quickly. Neita heard the roar of the fire, realized what was happening, and hurried to get her sewing machine out of the house. Mat arrived and removed a dresser containing business records and important documents. That's all they got out. Nothing else. The wind fanned the flames so quickly that the building was reduced to a pile of twisted rubble in seemingly no time at all.

Many neighbors rallied together to help the Herboldts prepare a temporary place to live, which was an old farm house used to store hay on the adjoining land that Mat was leasing. With heartwarming good will the neighbors

Arthur worked at the St. Maries Lumber Co., but every year at haying time, he would take his vacation so he could help Mat and Ed put up the hay. He was still a farmer at heart.

Slowly Mat started building a small house on the home place. It was slow going, as he could only work on it in his spare time. A few years later they were able to move in.

EGG BUSINESS

Each spring Mat would buy 300 baby chicks. They sold the roosters for fryers and kept the pullets to lay eggs. They sold eggs to the local grocery stores in St. Maries. They continued to raise hay, cattle and grain. Both Mat and Neita were hard working people, also kind and helpful to their neighbors.

On Nov. 23, 1956 Arthur and I suffered the loss of our 19 month old daughter, Cleona Carolé. She was sick only four days. Mat had a pet turkey then Dale, only three years old, called him Grandpa Turkey, a name which stuck and all the great grandchildren still call Neita, Grandma Turkey.

MOVES

In 1963 Ed Herboldt, while on a trip to the Oregon coast, met a lady. Later they got married and Wilma came to live on Harrison Flats and Ed built a new house for her. Later they decided to move to Indiana, where they owned and operated a country farm



Mr. and Mrs. Ma anniversary party 1979.

Dad put up the hay each year.

Mat sold the 320 acre and bought a 20 acre 1 land that lays in front timberland, about on Northeast of their old. In 1972 Mat and Neita to their new land after had a new house and m shed built and a well drilled retired from active f about this time. He s about 15 acres of hay up, but he always sold



This is the way the Herboldts looked when they moved to the Harrison Flats. Left to right: Pauline, Neita, Arthur, Ruby and Mat in 1938.

worked all that weekend removing the hay, sweeping, scrubbing cupboards, windows and floors. They brought in a stove, beds, dressers, table and chairs and even dishes and groceries. Later the neighborhood held a pie social to raise enough money to buy a new refrigerator and cream separator to replace the ones lost in the fire."

supply store for years. Recently they moved back to Reedport, Oregon, where they retired. Ed died July 14, 1992.

In 1972 Arthur and I moved to Post Falls to live. Arthur was a good man and believed in family commitment. He would take his vacation time so he could help his



Ed Herboldt Arthur at five years

planted a lot of fruit trees and still had garden.

Mat and Neita celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Dec. of 1979 Baptist Church at H. There must have been neighbors and friends joining this festivity and pictures of it.