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I was born Nov. 13, 1946. I moved to the land at 25249 and 25125 N. Hatch Road in the summer of 1950. My father milked a few cows. About the time I turned 7, he increased the herd, built a dairy barn and sold milk. The first winter he ran out of hay and I remember going with him to buy hay for the cows. Dad was an inventive man, and I am confident he decided he must irrigate to increase our hay crop in order to feed the cows properly over the winter. I remember the installation of the irrigation system and the salesperson teaching us how to use the pipes. I believe this happened about the time I was 8, or just prior to my 8th birthday. Therefore, the installation of the irrigation system probably happened in 1954.

This is also based on the fact that I was 8 my first year of taking a dairy heifer in 4-H. This heifer was born from a cow that we owned and was in our herd. The milk barn had been built for a couple of years and I was learning how to milk cows with machines rather than by hand. My mother and I also would assist with pipe changing by each carrying an end of the pipe.

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