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FAMILY HISTORY
BURKHALTER

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THE BURKHALTERS

Copy to
Jim & Dot
July 1982

Notes on the

REVEAL FAMILY HISTORY (continues -)

The BURKHALTERS. Albert (Allie) A. Burkhalter was the husband of Lillian Cash Reese. They lived most of their life together on a farm one mile east of Squirrel, Fremont Co., Idaho. About 1947, they sold the farm and returned to Troy, KA. (or White Cloud?) where they both died after a period of illness associated with old age, Allie circa 1957 and Lill on 30 June, 1961, at age 85. Mary Cash Reese, the mother of Lill, and Jack L. Reveal, a nephew of Lill, spent a great deal of time with Allie and Lil Burkhalter, the farm being almost a second home for Jack especially.

1880 U.S. Census - Doniphan Co. Kansas, White Cloud
pages 37 & 38..(tape 48459 part 267)

* <u>Burkhalter</u> , Peter	age 47	Butcher	Born France
** Elizabeth	42	wife Fran ^{ce}	- Baden - Saxony
		born:(self)	(father) (mother)
George	22	Drygoods clerk	born Ohio ***
Lily	18		b. Ohio
			*** (Muskingum Co.)
Charles	15		b. Ohio
Albert	11		b. Ohio
Francis	13		b. Ohio
Blanch	4		b. KA
Smith, Jas.	38	boarder, butcher	b. Ohio

*Born near Strasberg, Alsayce, 1834

** nee Elizabeth Fisher

***All born near Taylorsville, Muskingum Co., Ohio

<u>Burkhalter, Charles</u>	age 40	Sheriff	Lorraine - Lor.-Lor.
Alvina E	33	wife	MO. - IND IND
Mabel	10		KA
Guy	6		KA
Gertrude	4?		KA
John	8 mos.		KA
Wagner, Joseph	33	boarder	Butcher

(Charles and Peter Burkhalter must be brothers.)

Burkhalter, George W. age 17 Clerk in grocery store
born Ohio; father-France;
mother-Ohio.

(No indication as to this person's relationship to
Peter or Charles Burkhalter.)

Notes of the
Reveal Family History (continues -)

The Burkhalter (continues -)

George Burkhalter married Kate Farncrook in White Cloud, Kansas on 22 July 1883. The 1880 census for Doniphan Co. as follows:

<u>BURKHALTER</u>	Farncrook, William H.	age 45	Postmaster	b. NY - NY - NY
	**Matilda W.	37	wife	PA PA PA
	Kate	17		
	May	16		
	Russell	11		
	Maud	13		

** nee Maquirken

See the following information on Charles and George Burkhalter from "Progressive men of Wyoming".

Albert A. (Allie) Burkhalter worked for his brothers George (Opal Supply Co.) and Charles (ranching - sheep raising) for a number of years before moving to Squirrel, Idaho to his own farm circa 1912. Prior to coming to Wyoming, he tried hog raising near White Cloud, Kansas, but was wiped out by an outbreak of hog cholera. He was ca. 45 years old when he married Lilly Reese; she was 38. They had no children. The second "A" in Allie's name was added by himself and does not represent a middle name.

Notes on some of Allie Burkhalter's friends around Opal and Fontenelle:

Elmer Rathburn (Shorty), a rancher at Fontenelle. His wife was a sister to George Burkhalter's wife, Katie Farncrook. The Farncrooks were from White Cloud, Kansas, and probably the Rathburn's were, too. The Rathburn's sold-out in 1940 to the Simms family. A daughter, Wanda Simms Vasey of La Barge, is a local historian and co-author of two books on local history.

Malcolm Anderson, a rancher whose place was about three and one-half miles east of Opal along Hams Fork of the Green. He sold out circa 1909-10 and moved to Squirrel, Idaho and bought a part of the Highland Ranch across the road from what was later the Burkhalter place--a parcel which was later acquired by the Orme family and still a part of their ranch. (The Anderson place at Opal is now the Lozier place.) Mal Anderson's son Arthur (Art), now in his 80's, has Aspen Acres, a farm-turned-gold course and trail park between Ashton and Squirrel. The Anderson place is

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still owned and farmed by the decedents of Mal. He was held in the greatest respect by everyone. (Art Anderson gave me much of the information contained here in the summer of 1978. Other information came from Aunt Nell Burrell.)

Charles Burrell came to Opal about the time Allie Burkhalter was working for brother George at his Opal Supply Co. Charles (Charlie) worked for Cosgriff's Store in Opal and I seem to remember that he worked for a time for the Opal Supply Co. He was from Philadelphia, and Aunt Nell Burrell told me that when he came west he stopped at Kemmerer, Wyoming, a fair-sized town in those days and an important railroad junction point. At Kemmerer he was offered a job in the J. C. Penny store--the very first J. C. Penny store-- but turned it down when he was offered more money in Opal. Later he was to speculate what might have become of him had gone to work for Mr. J. C. Penny in the first place. Charlie Burrell also worked for the Mountain Trading Co. in Diamondville, a short distance east of Kemmerer. Apparently at Kemmerer he met Josephine Carlson whose brother John worked with or for Chas. Their two girls were born there--Florence in Opal in 1906, Nellie in Diamondville in 1908. (Charles Jr., who I knew best, was born at Squirrel in 1913.)

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Charles knew a man by the name of Wankee who had a small country store 2 miles east of the Squirrel Cenetary. (The store is now used as a farm warehouse on the Gus Lenz place.) Somehow, Charles got the store from Wankee, who moved into Ashton and with a partner named Schroll, established a large mercantile in a new two-storied brick building--the Wankee & Schroll Merc. This must have happened about 1910. Charles kept the old Wankee store going for a while, but by 1913 had acquired the store at Squirrel, where Charles Jr. was born.

By 1913, Allie Burkhalter had come to Squirrel--and thus it was that three friends from around Opal, Wyoming, came to live at Squirrel within a couple of miles of each other. To these we might add a fourth, for I seem to remember that the Barker family who then lived on Squirrel Creek half way between the Squirrel Store and Allie's place, stopped for a while at Opal (Anderson's) on their wagon-trek west from Colorado. Old Malcolm Anderson may have influenced the Barkers to head for Squirrel.

Charles Burrell's wife Josephine died of influenza at Drummond in the great outbreak of 1918. Shortly thereafter, Charles acquired the Wankee & Schroll store in Ashton. A young lady whose father had come to Ashton as a carpenter to help build the town in its boom days before world war I, went to work for Charlie as a clerk and book-keeper. She married him in 1920 at the age of 31 and became thereafter "Aunt Nell" Burrell to the Burrell children and everyone else who came to know her.

Notes on the

Reveal Family History (continues--)

The Burkhalters (continued)

The Burrells

When I visited Ashton in 1978, the old Burrell Store was gone, having burned ca. 1967. I found Aunt Nell as spry and as lean as ever at 86--87 in only two months, she said.

I should add that Aunt Nell said that Josephine Burrell went up to Uncle Allie's place and gave it a good cleaning while Allie was enroute Pocatello to meet and marry Lill Reese.

BURKHALTERS A few more notes on Allie Burkhalter

(Continues)

Allie, as did Mal Anderson, bought a part of a sheep-raising outfit known as Campbell's Highland Ranch Company. The company divided up their holdings and sold them off as family-size farms--about 160 acres each. Evidently Malcomb bought the headquarters place on Squirrel Creek, now the Orme place. He was there only a few years before he moved to what became the home-place between Squirrel and Ashton. Allie's first home there was on the west side of Squirrel Creek about a half-mile upstream from the old iron bridge across the creek. The place consisted of a lodgepole pine log cabin (with two rooms, I believe,) a log barn and a small grainry made of lumber. There was a fine, cold spring nearby for water and a log bridge across Squirrel Creek to get to the pasture and grain fields to the east. I used to like to prowl around Uncle Allie's old cabins years ago now, but when I walked up to look at them in 1978 they were gone--all but the old board grainry. Where they once stood, a hundred yards or so back from the creek, is now part of a grain field, and there's hardly a shred of evidence that someones home once stood there. But out in the sagebrush near the creek there is an old single-bottom plow all tangled by the sagebrush; and Allie's old spring where Aunt Lil and my Grandmother Reese used to go for watercress, is still as cold and pure as ever. But there's no one there any more to gather the watercress.

By the time Allie and Aunt Lil were married, he'd moved out of the old log cabins to what was to become "the Burkhalter place" a mile east of Squirrel. This was about 1915. They lived there continually until they sold ca. 1947 and moved back to White Cloud or Troy (?). The Harringfelts (spelling ?) bought the place and "modernized" the old house. A few days after they turned on the electricity, it caught fire and burned to nothing. It always seemed so roomy and comfortable the way it was, but when I saw the empty rock foundations it seemed no bigger than a cracker-box. It was only intended to be what it was: the Burkhalter Place. As something else it died.

Notes on the

Reveal Family History (continues-)

The Burkhalters (continued)

It might be well to list for the record some of the Burkhalter's good friends around Squirrel:

Julius Warsany, whose place was a mile east of Allie's. Julius died in 1980. His children, Max and Hilda (Endicott) still live in the locality.

Silas Orme and sons John and Laurie had the ranch on Squirrel Creek a half-mile to the west. It's now farmed by Laurie's son.

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Charlie Barker ("Old Man Barker" to many) and family lived on Squirrel across the creek from the Orme place. Mrs. Barker was known for her soda biscuits and heaps of mountaineer food she served her family. There was a number of children of which two--Oakleaf and Idaho Belle--were my contemporaries. The Barker place was bought by

John Carlson in the late 1920's. John and Allie shared a lot of work and greatly admired each other. Mrs. Carlson only recently sold the place which she ran herself after John died circa early 1950's.

Axel Johnson had the Squirrel Store and post office which he bought when Charles Burrell moved into Ashton. Alex married the mother of Cliff and Vaughn Harsbarger. They ran the store together. Alex was probably Allie's closest friend. They were each others confidante and counselor. For quite a few years they each bought stock in gold mines, asbestos mines, and wild-cat oil well-drilling in Wyoming around Fontenelle and La Barge. In all their time, I don't believe they got a penny back. They never told a soul about all this, but finally Uncle Allie told me where he kept his stock certificates so they could be found quickly in event he died suddenly.

And besides the Burrells and the Andersons who have already been mentioned, there were the Otto Garz family, the Lenz family, Jim Jessen and family, the Harshbargers, the Harringfelts, the Sharps and the Marsdens. Last I must mention the gentle mis-fit from Great Britian via Australia-- J. Edgar Plume, a widower who farmed his little place a mile east and a quarter-mile north of Allie's where he lived frugally and alone. Plume came and spent the winter of 1933-34 with me when Allie and Lil went to Kansas. He played chess by mail. And he had a little crystal radio, and earphones with a long cord. On clear mid-winter nights he would listen to music from Denver and Los Angeles. Ed Plume married an Australian girl named Muriel deWill. In April, 1916, they lost their baby daughter. A few months later, in August, Muriel died at age 25. They buried Ed alongside them in the Squirrel Cemetary. He would have wanted it that way.

Allie A. Burkhalter

&
Lillie May Reese Burkhalter

- ① - a.a. Burkhalter to Jack & Arlene Reveal
Six letters - 19 July 1944 - to 30 April 1946
- ② Selected Pages - allie's Threshing Records
for 1921-1922-1923.
- ③ "Progressive men of Wyoming" -
Information about allie's brothers -
Chas. Burkhalter
George Burkhalter
- ④ Correspondence ref. a.a.B.'s Wyoming
photographs. Oct 1979
- ⑤ Correspondence w/ Wanda Vasey ref. Burkhaltes
etc. 1981 - 2 letters

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Idaho

Mont Lills handwriting



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From
A. A. Burkhalter
Arlon Idaho

J. Z. Reveal
1117. 14th

Santa Rosa
California



Soured. July. 19. 44

Jack. You & Tth need
and glad to hear from you
and thought I must just
write you few lines but
there is not so much to
write about. Lil has gone
over to Velma Andersons
this afternoon to talk with a
brunch of women to tell each
other the news. Things change
as time goes on. and this
war has done something to
all of us. that we will
never get back. Losing
my sister has done something

#1

Allie Burkhalter
to Jack & Arlene

①

to me that I cant seem
to realize yet. I guess you
never met Blanche. but
she certainly was a fine
person and me that was
worth knowing. Things are
quiet around here. but guess
it is that way every place
and you dont see the number
of people going by as we
used to. We do not know
where we are going yet. but
think that we will go back
to White Cloud for the winter
and stay with my sister-in-law
as she has a large house
and lives alone. We may
leave here sometime - Sep^r
but cant tell yet

I think the crops here are
the best that I ever saw
and if it does not freeze
or hail. Those potatoes of
the boys are fine looking
and I'll bet that Arlene
is proud of them. Some time
when you or Arlene is down
town I wish you would get
me two or three of those potato
peels. like the one she gave
to Lil and let me know
the amount and I will send
you the money for them. we
can't get that kind back
here. The kind I mean
works on a snivel. the
kind that we can get back

here. is like the knife
part. that Arline gave Lil.
but are driven in a wood
~~handle~~ handle, and are no
good. are are too stiff and
^{no} pling to them and do not
follow the form of what
you are speaking. Glad to
have you both ^{not} come if
you can. but if we can't
try to see you some time
Love Alie

Alie Berkhater

Ashton Idaho. July. 21-46

Dear Jack & Arlene,

I know this
will be a surprise to you
both but guess you will have
to take it. He arrived in
Ashton two weeks ago Monday
having been on the way
8 days. He stopped off in
Opal. His three night visitors
Helen & Elmer, Rachel also
the Payne brothers and
had a good visit with
them. and stopped in Lava
Hot. spring two nights
He enjoyed the trip out
especially through Neb.

#2

Allie Buckhalter

to Jack & Arlene.

(1)

there is some fine one try
between Lueder & York.
where we stopped there the
first night, out as we
did not leave while blind
until about 11-30 A M
Sunday. The land - Neb.
lays so nice that it made
me feel like I would like
to own some of it
We are in the Slivant-Apt.,
which is not so bad, but
I do not like apto but
guis nice have to stick
it out for awhile until
we can find a home
some place but it is

2.
almost impossible to find
a place to buy for near
what it is worth. I think
the best thing for me to
get a place near some good
place not too large! and
get an acre or two where
we could have a garden
and some chickens and a
cow if we wanted it. but
I don't want to live in a
city. Lil has a notion that
she wants to go to Washington
some place. some one has
been telling her what a nice
place it is. but it might
be different to her where there

Lil said to tell you that we
received the pictures and was
glad to get them and she
intended to write you. The
house that we were in White
Bluff was a large house
and had to heat. I bought
¹⁵160 worth of coal the time
we were there. Lil did not
enjoy her visit there after
Myrtle came back the spring
to live with us for a month.
We had fish to eat, anytime
we wanted it, at 16[¢] =
live weight, and they
were awful good, and fresh
just out of the water (Carp)

I was at Kansas City twice
 or three times and had a
 fine visit with the folks and
 Uncle Will. I was sorry that
 Will sold his place as he
 had a nice home and knew
 that he made a mistake
 as he had an income of
 something like 250 a month
 I should say I think that
 Sybil has the say of it.
 Jack I had a good visit
 with your father - K. C. but
 to tell you the truth he is
 failing and I do not think
 he will be around many more

years. We had him to come
up to White Bluffs and visit
us for a few days. and I
always did like him:

Write some time when you
have the time. Let me hear
from you. Hope you two
and the kids are all O.K.
and suppose you will be
moving some time soon

Wile Alice

From my Uncle Allie

Ashton. Aug. 1st 45

Jack,

Yours of July 24th

received. and glad to hear
from you. Am sorry to hear
that you have not the job
that you want. but you will
probably get what you want
some day. but I am glad
to hear that you are doing
as well as you are. I
never did get ~~what you~~
what you are getting now.
You folks try and save
some - as you go along. It
will come some time.

You spoke about the time

#3

Allie Burkhalter
to J. A. Reveal

(1)

will come when you and
Paul will have to help
your folks. but you are
the one that will have
to go ahead and see that
it is done. as Paul just
dont do anything that I know
of. It may not be Pauls
fault. as I think that he
lets Virginia be the boss
to much and believe she
is pretty tight, or selfish
one of the other. Lil tells
me that Paul is now
making ^{to} too far north or
better but he never told
me what he is getting

2.

Well. (The war is over. They say.) and maybe things will get back to normal again. but when. We have no idea what or where we will go. but it looks as though we may stay here for awhile and see how things go. I f. I thought you would stay here in Santa Rosa I might be interested (things I would.) but ~~to~~ I just do not know. I don't think I want to put more than 5,000 in a home and maybe after awhile things will be different. but ~~maybe~~ maybe not in Santa Rosa

I think that your Aunt Lill
the older she gets the harder
she is to please. and you know
that she is too extravagant
that she spends too much
that is she. buy more than
is really necessary. when she
can't get along without.

I don't think her mind is as
good as when you saw her
last. I am not trying to find
fault with Lill. but I just
want you to know

Lill has a letter from your
mother today and she is
getting along fine and I
am sure that she will ^{make}

a go of it ³ Mr Burrill has
not been in very good health
for some time and sold his
business last week and turned
it over the first of the week.
I helped him in some. As I
may never go back to White
Clones again I have the
land back there listed for sale
and hope to see it. I'll
& I went out to Earl Haushbayer
last week and stayed two
days and had a nice visit
Earl has got to be quite a
farmer and has two thousand
acres of wheat in this year
and if the frost hold off-

this year he should make
a killing. The crops are
all late this year.

Earl was telling me his
experience he had with a bull
moose he had last winter.
He went out to see the
moose in the yard and
he saw him back in the
house; if you remember the
back door opens off of a
porch that is about 2 1/2 feet
high. well Earl opened his
door and the moose tried
to get in after him Earl
held the door partly open
and slaped him in the

if
face. and he said the - snow
made him mad. the hair
on his back stood straight
up. and he would grit his
teeth and tried to get in the
house. Earl went in and got
a pail of water and threw in
his face. but did us good
so. he got a pail of boiling
water. and that did the
trick. and the moose went
down on Laurel creek.
and wintered there until the
snow left. I sure would
like to have been there
to have seen it.

Earl said he there was

a lot of moose down in
the fields last winter
Got to visit in with a while
at Squirrel. They are both
fine. and a₁ is just like
he always is. Well guess
this is all for this time
and glad to hear from you
when you have the time.
When you get through with
this letter wish you would
burn it. (don't forget it)
Best regards to Arlene and
hello to the kids

Uncle Albie

P.S.

The moose was an old
one and no horns.

Ashton Idaho Oct 10-45

Jack. I intended to write
long before this but did
not get at it. We arrived
home about 9.30 or 10
p.m. and had a nice
trip home. The car worked fine
except it uses too much
oil. We fooled around in
Logan, which is a nice place
and had dinner at the Blue
bird which is a nice
place. when we went in
there was just a place
left. and I think it must

#4

Allie Burkhalter
To Jack & Orlene

(1)

have been 45 miles
before we were served.
That sure is a fine valley
and we enjoyed driving
through it, and it is so
big. We stopped in Rexburg
for a lunch, and then on home
while we were gone they
had a wet snow with
a hard wind which layed
a lot of grain flat on
the ground, which will be
some loss, as some of it
they cant pick up, and
some of it will have to be
cut some way. I guess

2.
you know that fellow Richard
in St. Anthony. who claims
he takes off skin cancers
and if it is not cancer
the medicine will not take
hold. Well, this spot on
my face has been itching
some so I made up my
mind to try him. so a
week ago Monday. Well, and
I drove to St Anthony and
have him put some of
the same on it, and he
says it is. about an hour
after he put on the same
it started to work, and felt

like a strong mustard plaster
would burn well. after
three days he put on a
healing ointment, (he called it),
and the next day it broke
and since then it runs
quite a lot of pus. and
he says it is getting along
all O.K.. I have been taking
two treatments a day. on
the sixth day he pulled
out what he called the
cancer. I don't know if
it was a cancer or not
but I do know that a
lot of pus has come from
it and that was something

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wrong. He is not very
clear about treating it
as you know he is not a
doctor, and is not allowed
to charge for his services
but you pay him what you
want to. If I don't get
infected from his treatment
I think it will be healed
up in week or ten days.
Just one time you wrote
us that you had the
potato peeler for us, and
if you have them yet, you
can send them, as we have

lost. or misplaced me some
place. If you ~~have~~ don't
have them you get 2
some place if you can
the iron handle which is
marked. M.M. on handle
which is the best kind.
but do not get any other
kind. Tell Arlene and
the kids "hello".

Allie

P.S.

I am sending this
to Sevastopol as I can't
find your address.

Ashton, Idaho, Apr. 30-46
from Uncle Allie

Dear Jack,
It has been a long
time since we heard from you
and have wondered how you
are getting along. We are here in
Ashton, but I don't know why it is
but we somehow just don't like it
for some reason. You know. The area
has changed. Things so much one way
and another. The Squirrel country
in a way, has changed so much.
A lot of the farmers has moved away.
Some has come to Ashton and some
more of them say this is their last
time they are not going to winter
at Squirrel again. I suppose you
know that John Jessen passed away
and that Jack is going to farm the
place this year. An Johnson, Paul.

#6

Allie Barberhalter to
Jack + Allene

(1)

Washburn & Chas. Burwell are
about all of the friends that I have
left. and of course they are busy
and don't get to be with them except
C. Burwell. and he intends to leave
here soon if his health gets so he
can go. you know I guess, that he
sold out his business to C. L. Ashley.
and a Ashley. does not know much
about the business. Burwell told
him he would stay with him for
awhile and help him out. Will
Ashley. has been running the store
with Mr & Mrs Burwell's help. but
he found out it was too much for
him. and he (Ashley) sold out
to a. O. Harris. and he is to turn
over the business to Harris next
week. Mr & Mrs Burwell intend
to buy some tourist camp if they
can find something that suits them

and has heard of one in Tenie Falls
that is for sale. which they intend
to go. see us soon as Mr Burrall
is in shape and able to make the
trip. Mr Burrall is in poor health
and my opinion is that he will
not last very long. Jake Haushbarger
intended to farm with his father this
year so. Earl rented some land for him
to farm this year. and just about
two weeks ago. Jake made up his mind
that he did not want to farm so
he pulled out for South Carolina and
is working for some man that has a
string of chair stores in the south.
you know a lot of these boys that
have been in battle: when they
get home. are nervous. and
cant forget. Jake. so Earl told me
was right in the first in some
of the battles. and killed some japs

and it is steel in their minds
Earl had a 50000 wheat crop last
year and got a good price for it
and which put him in good shape
I trust. He is busy now putting in
spring crop. Horses here in Ashland
has been selling for twice what
they are worth. and you cant get
material to build. but somehow I
dont care about staying here now.

There is a home in White Bluffs that
is for sale. but I dont want to live
there so that that. Hope you all
are getting along, are O.K. & 'hills'
to believe. If you get time let
me hear from you
Aunt Allie

GEORGE H. BURKHALTER.

The popular and highly efficient president and general manager of the Opal Supply Co., whose name heads this article, is a native of Ohio and a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Fisher) Burkhalter, both parents being native of Germany. Peter Burkhalter was born near the city of Strasburg, province of Alsace, in 1834, the country at that time belonging to France. He was brought by his parents to the United States when young, the family settling in Muskingum county, Ohio. There he grew to maturity and married. Later in life he moved to Doniphan county, Kan., where he carried on a meat market until his retirement from business pursuits a few years ago. George H. Burkhalter himself was born in Taylorsville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on March 29, 1858, and, when a lad of nine years, he accompanied his parents to Kansas. His preliminary education, acquired in the common-schools of White Cloud, was supplemented by a full course of instruction at the University of Missouri, after which he engaged as clerk with a mercantile firm at White Cloud. Subsequently he opened a store of his own, which he conducted very successfully until 1899, when he disposed of his stock and came to Opal, Wyo. Here he was instrumental in organizing and incorporating the Opal Supply Co., the object of the company being to do a wholesale trade on an extensive scale and furnish a base of merchandising supplies for neighboring towns and remote interior points, Mr Burkhalter, being the leading spirit in bringing about the organization, was elected president of the company, a position he still most capably holds. He is also the largest stockholder of the corporation and, in the capacity of the chief executive and general manager, he has increased the business to such magnitude that it is now one of the largest and most important enterprises of its kind in the state. The company carries a much larger stock of general merchandise than is found in many leading wholesale houses in metropolitan cities, and from the beginning, the trade has grown in proportion, and extended in scope, until nearly all the outlying towns, within a radius of many miles, draw their supplies from this source. The management of this extensive and far-reaching busi-

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ness calls for abilities of a very high order, and Mr. Burkhalter has fully met the requirement. By sound methods and careful control, supplemented by close personal attention to details, he has won the unbounded confidence of all with whom he deals, and his prudent and eminently satisfactory course thus far insures the company's future growth and prosperity. He is an intensely practical and far-seeing business man, considering well the end from the beginning, and laying his plans in harmony therewith. In matters of business policy, his judgment is sel-

dom at fault, while his capacity for large enterprises has led him to venture, with every prospect of success, into undertakings before which the man of ordinary caliber would retire in defeat. His life has been exceedingly busy, if not eventful, and, that his efforts have been crowned with a much greater measure of success than falls to the average man, his present enviable position in the commercial world abundantly testifies. In his social relations, Mr. Burkhalter enjoys the esteem of all who know him. He takes a deep interest in the growth of his town and the development of the county's resources, and gives his influence and aid to all legitimate enterprises having these objects in view. He is regarded by his acquaintances as a genial neighbor, a sincere and loyal friend, and, as a citizen, his upright, manly conduct has won an abiding place in the confidence of the public. Mr. Burkhalter married at White Cloud, Kan., on July 22, 1883, with Miss Katie Farnbrook, a daughter of W. H. and Matilda (Maquirken) Farnbrook, of Pennsylvania, and they have these children, Paul, Ada, Dana and Catherine.

CHARLES C. BURKHALTER.

This representative farmer and stockman, who is now residing on Fontenelle Creek, Uinta county, Wyoming, thirty-two miles north and west from Opal, was born in Taylorsville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on September 9, 1864. Peter and Elizabeth (Fisher) Burkhalter, his parents, are respectively natives of Alsace, Germany, formerly a province of France, and of Ohio, and, at the present time, they reside in White Cloud, Kan.; whither the family moved when Charles C. was about eighteen months old. The elder Burkhalter came to America in 1834, when a youth, and grew to manhood

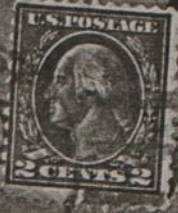
in Muskingum county, Ohio. For other information concerning the parents the reader is referred to the sketch of his older brother, George H. Burkhalter, which appears elsewhere in these pages. Of the seven children constituting the family of Peter and Mrs. Elizabeth Burkhalter, Charles C. is the fourth in the order of succession. Receiving a good education in the schools of White Cloud, he prepared himself for the practical duties of life by taking a course of bookkeeping in a business college at Omaha, Neb., after which he served as a clerk in his father's meat market until 1892. In that year he came to Wyoming and took up eighty acres of land on Fontenelle Creek for the purpose of engaging in sheepraising, which business he has since carried on with most gratifying financial results. Extending the area of his ranch, he has greatly enlarged the magnitude of his enterprise, running all the way from 3,000 to 8,000 sheep, besides devoting attention to cattle and agricultural pursuits, in both of which his success has been commensurate with the efforts he has made to carry them on. In addition to his business affairs, Mr. Burkhalter finds time to attend to the claims which any community has upon its citizens, taking a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the material growth and development of the country, bearing his full part in questions of a public character. He is enterprising and progressive, possesses that energy and perseverance which is ever characteristic of the men of the new West, and, by a straightforward manly course, he has now an enviable standing in the

community where he resides. Possessing a pleasing address and affable manners, he knows how to win warm personal friendships, and his loyalty to those who have gained his confidence and good will, is unshaken in its strength and steadfastness. What he considers worth doing, he does with all the intensity of his strong nature, and, being of an optimistic turn of mind, he is always looking on the bright, instead of the dark, side of life. Like the majority of western men, Mr. Burkhalter is accustomed to take large views of men and things, and there is nothing contracted, nar-

row or intolerant in his mental make-up. He has unbounded faith in the future prosperity of Wyoming and hesitates not to do everything within his power to promote the best interests of the state and its people. Mr. Burkhalter has a pleasant home, presided over with grace and womanly dignity by a companion eminently fitted to be the wife of a man of his position and sanguine temperament. She bore the maiden name of Myrtle Moore, and the ceremony, by which she was made Mrs. Burkhalter, was solemnized in White Cloud, Kan., on January 25, 1899. Mrs. Burkhalter is the daughter of Wiley and Melvine (Uts) Moore, and she has borne her husband one daughter, Elizabeth M. Burkhalter.



*A. A. Burkhalter,
Squirrel, Idaho.*



Farmers Receipt AND Account Book



COMPLIMENTS OF

The Spalsbury Co. Implements

Drummond, Idaho



For Thrushing
CASH RECEIVED

1921

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All money received by you should be entered here the day you receive it. It should also be on the sheet which shows for what product it was received.

Date	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	FOR WHAT	Amount
	Bice Miller	1110 bu Wheat @ 7	77 70
		(Nov 5 Paid)	
	E J Plumer	740 bu Oats 5 ^d	37 00
		324 Barley 6	19 44
		800 Wheat 7	56 00
			112 44
		(Paid Dec 17-21)	
	Julius Masana	1074 Wheat 7 ^d	75 18
		106 Barley 6	6 36
		484 Oats 5	24 20
			107 74
			295 88
	3 1/2 bags to E. J. Plumer		
	17 " " " " " "		
	5 " " " " " "		
	24 " " " " " "		

1921

CASH PAID OUT

All money paid out should be entered here the day it is paid. It should also be on the sheet which shows for what it was paid.

Date	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT	Amount
		1921	
	Expense for repairs & oil for Thresher		
Aug 17	10 Gal. B. Oil	15 ⁰⁰ 2 cans ¹⁰	16 00
18	Co. H & m. B. Oil		13 75
	2 feet Asbestos	✓	1 90
22	Knaps Grease	✓	1 20
24	5 Gall Steam Co Oil	✓	5 20
	Knaps Grease	✓	1 05
	Wood B. Oil	✓	2 85
	Face Leather	✓	3 00
	Spunk Plug	✓	4 -
	Belt Pulley	✓	7 5
	Blacksmith Bill	✓	7 5
	Hard Oil	✓	1 05
	1 Box Rivets	✓	50
			<u>52 00</u>
	3 1/2 D. E. J. Plume	Repairing Thresher By aac ✓	
	4 " Hasana	10 Days @ 5 ⁰⁰	50 -
	2 1/2 " B. Mitten		
			102 00

COST OF HORSES

Keep record here of horses, colts and mules on hand or bought during the year.

Date	OF WHOM BOUGHT	Kind	Number	Weight	Price	Value
	1922					
	Mr Ross					
Sept 25		1/2	Day			
26		1/2				
27		1/2				
28		1				
29		1				
30		1/2				
Oct 1		1				
2		1				
3		1/2				
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Cost of Labor						
Total Cost of Horses						

Value of Horse Labor for the year, (See Introduction, page 1.)

HORSES SOLD

Date	TO WHOM SOLD	Kind	Number	Weight	Price	Value
	Cliff Morn					
	27 Days @ 8 ⁰⁰				216 00	
	7 Days by Mr Ross				35 00	251 00
	Thinking Bill				111 00	
	44 Gal Gas				13 20	
	3 Days by aab				15 00	139 20
	Whiff					111 80
						251 00
Total Received for Horses						
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT						
Total Received for Horses						
Total Cost of Horses						
Profit or Loss						

Threshing for 1922
COST OF HOGS

Keep record here of hogs on hand or bought during the year.

Date	OF WHOM BOUGHT	Kind	Number	Weight	Price	Value
	Hogs on Hand or Bought					
	R. G. Maddell					
	Wheat 3712					
	Oats 2500					
	L. L. Mrow					
	1320 wheat 6				79 20	
	795 Oats		✓		31 80	111 00
	J. Harsany					
	1324 Oats 4				52 96	
	484 Barley 5		✓		24 20	
	1174 Wheat 6				70 44	147 60
	A. A. Bunkell					
	Cost of Feed and Pasture 2757 Wheat		✓			
	492 Oats					
	L. Holzman					
	198 Wheat 6				11 88	
	146 Oats 4		✓		5 84	17 72
	Insurance					
	Taxes					
	Interest on Investment					
	Cost of Labor					
	Total Cost of Hogs					

1922
Threshing Paid HOGS SOLD *Out*

Those on hand should be estimated at fair market value

Date	TO WHOM SOLD	Kind	Number	Weight	Price	Value
	Hogs Sold 5 Gal. White B	✓			625	
	5# loup Grean				120	
	Wobbling in Fan Belt				100	
	3 Belt	✓			2370	
	20 Gal. Mot. 3 Oil	✓			2400	
	Refrigerator, Fruit Cans	✓			100	
	4 Spark Plug	✓			400	
	30# loup Grean	✓			450	
	1 Box Rivets	✓			25	
	1 Knife				50	
	Speed Indicator	✓			175	
	Belt Lagging	✓			270	
	Drill Bit & Bolts	✓			90	
	Hogs on Hand at End of Year	✓			190	
	4 Rods	✓			100	
	4 Bolts	✓			20	
	1 Bottle Ether	✓			100	
	1 Battery				700	
	Rivets	✓			50	
	Bolts	✓			35	
	2 boxes Rosin	✓			90	
	1 Tray for Lard				435	
	Teeth for S. Cylinder				950	
	Spelling to Bill ^{with 100} ₆₂				1062	
					9977	
					177	
	Paid to Bill Moore 2700 800				21600	
	Total Received for Hogs					
	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT					
	Total Received for Hogs				31577	
	Total Cost of Hogs					
	Net Profit or Loss					

3843 Ingraham - Apt F309
San Diego Ca 92109
9 October 1979

Mr. Henry F. Chadey, Director
Sweetwater County Historical Museum
P.O. Box 25
Green River, Wyoming 82935

Dear Mr. Chadey:

I have my uncle's Fontenelle photos ready to mail. I find that about all I can do to make them more useful is to tell you something about the people involved. (Mailed 10-X-79)

My uncle was Albert (Allie) A. Burkhalter (circa 1875-1954). He was born and raised on a farm near Whitecloud, Kansas. About the turn of the century, he and a brother Charles (after being wiped out by hog cholera) came to Opal where they owned and operated the Opal Supply Co. After a few years they sold the store and got into the sheep business in the Fontenelle Creek locality. About 1913 they sold out. Brother Charles went home to Kansas where he became a well-to-do farmer and local banker. Allie, however, stayed in the west, moving to Squirrel, Fremont County, Idaho, to a dry farm which he operated until after WWII when the machine age caught up with him and he called it quits.

Allie's friends at Opal and on the Fontenelle were Elmer and Helen Rathburn and the Payne brothers. They were there still in July, 1945, when he visited them for the last time. Other friends were the Herschlers, who also were sheep growers, and the Malcomb Anderson's who had a ranch a mile or so down the Hams Fork from Opal. The Anderson's followed Uncle Allie to Fremont County and acquired a large farm near Squirrel. They remained life-long friends and I'm pleased to say that Mal Anderson's decendents are still there farming.

Yet another name from the Opal days is that of Charles Burrell. He came west from Philadelphia seeking a job in the merchantile business, and the story is that he passed up an offer from J. C. Penny in Kemmerer and took a job with the Burkhalters because it paid a little more. Burrell, also, moved to Squirrel where he built a little store with Mal Anderson's help, later moving to Ashton where he owned the town's leading merchantile for many years. I might say at this point that of the four stores where Burrell worked or owned, only the Squirrel store is yet running. The stores at Opal and at Ashton have burned and disappeared; the fourth is a vacant out-building.

I cannot recognize anyone in the photographs, and of course I regret now that I let ample opportunity to get good information pass me by. I am not even sure who made the pictures, but I believe it would have been Charles Burkhalter. I never knew Allie to

own a camera or take a photograph. He left that to my aunt who was with him after 1915. Who ever made these photos, whoever got the film processed, the prints made and carefully mounted in a black leather album--had more than a passing interest in photography. My guess is that Allie got the album when his brother Charles died ca. 1933.

If there is a central figure in the pictures, it is a bald-face horse which appears in at least three photos: crossing the Green River on page 2; knee deep in snow on page 10; and ridden by a young lady in the photo of the "Acorn School" on page 23.

The album in which the photos were mounted was falling apart. So I have cut out the individual pictures and put them in plastic album sheets. If you have no need for the plastic pages, you might send them back.

I'm also sending you the copy negatives I made of the pictures so I could get a set printed to put with my things.

I want to thank you for making a home for these old photos. I hope they will be useful and enjoyable, to someone, some day--even if just a little bit.

Sincerely yours,

Jack L. Reveal

Jack L. Reveal

Sweetwater County Museum

County Courthouse

Green River, Wyoming 82935

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Allie Burkhalter's Fontennell- Opal photographs
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PERTINENT INFORMATION OR HISTORY REGARDING COLLECTION. ALSO LIST CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY. DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION:

Photos:

- 2 - United States Mail wagon-stuck in snow-March 12, 1905
- 1 - Greyhound dogs
- 1 - Rock Monument
- 1 - Camp - tent
- 1 - Sheep camp
- 1 - Hunter's camp
- 3 - Herds cattle
- 1 - Freighter Team
- 2 - Kemmerer- early
- 1 - Students of Acorn school on horses
- 1 - Indian Wickiup
- 1 - Burro- two wheel cart - driver unknown
- 1 - Horse and wagon-driver unknown
- 9 - Wild game carcasses
- 27 - Herds of sheep and sheep camps
- 22 - Scenic - along Green River and Fontenelle area
- 2 - Opal, Wyoming -Store and saloon

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Thirty Seven - Negatives

Copy.

Copy
Negs included
of above original photos
I have copies in my family album.
JK.

? numbers wrong. - There are 36 in my collection

Returned 1 Nov. 79

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SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR

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Bon 54

LaBarge, Wyoming 83123

April 7, 1981

Dear Mr. Reveal,

Thank you so much for your letter of April 2. It was fun to see the old photo published in The American West. It was a picture that belonged to my parents Doc and Belle (Mahaffey) Sims. I have had people tell me the one doing the barbering in the picture is my uncle Arch Mahaffey but both of my parents have passed away and I have no way of knowing for sure.

History is one of my hobbies and I have a lot of books on local history that I have been looking through but can find no mention of an Acorn School. It seems to me I have seen the photo you mentioned but for the life of me I cannot remember where. When my Dad came to Wyoming as a young man he worked for and lived with the Herschler family on Fontenelle and went to school with the Herschler children. At different times there was small one room school houses all up and down the creek but I believe the one my Dad went to was within a mile or so of the Herschler ranch. I will keep looking and if I find out anything I will let you know.

While looking for information on the schools I came across several mentions of the Burkhalter family. I also remember my folks mentioning them when I was a child. In the book, "They made Wyoming their own" a May McAlister Sommers mentions that on the way to a school district meeting (she was a teacher) she passed the place where, "Charlie Burkhalter killed a large mountain lion". And in an old newspaper, The Wyoming Press 1902 it says " Mr. Burkhalter in connection with the Hon. C.W. Holden of Fontenelle was the prime mover and principle promoter of the Opal-Big Piney Telephone Co., whose line extends from Big Piney to Opal with branch lines running up Fontenelle, LaBarge and South Piney Valleys, the line now being leased to and operated by the Rocky Mountain Telephone Co."

w. Vasey to JLR

7 Apr 1981

In the second addition of "They made Wyoming their own" called "Wyoming's Own" Mrs. Helen Herschler Beck Tells about her father Jake Herschler building the house on Fontenelle ... In 1910 Dad bought and moved the Burkhalter house, and added it to the ~~old~~ East end of the original three rooms. The Burkhalter addition was a double-story structure consisting of four large rooms--two upstairs and two downstairs. Dad moved the house himself the one and a half miles from the Burkhalter place to ours and he used only one horse and a windlass..."

I just thought you might be interested in these little "tidbits".

I was born in 1928 on the Spur Ranch, so about all I remember of the "old timers" on Fontenelle is what I overheard in conversation later on and being not very interested in history at the time I have very little memory of any of them. I wish now I had payed more attention to what I overheard!

In 1976 two friends and I wrote a book about this area as a bicentennial project. We collected a lot of material that was very interesting and the book sold very well. So in 1979 we wrote a sequel to the book and it too is selling very well. It was fun to write the book and interview the people but I wish we had started much earlier as so many of the old timers had passed away by the time we got started.

Thanks again for your kind letter, and do write again if I can be of any further help. I will try to contact Mrs. Reta (Whitman) Carr who lives in Big Piney and is sort of a self-appointed historian of this area, she might have something on the schools.

Sincerely, *Wanda*

Wanda Vasey
Box 54

LaBarge, Wyoming 83123

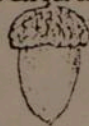
p.s. I suppose you are aware that Jake Herschlers grandson, Edgar Herschler is now the Governor of Wyoming and the family still live on the original ranch, that is Gov. Herschlers son and daughter live there, he of course lives in Cheyenne.

6983 Camino Pacheco
San Diego CA 92111
16 August, 1981

Dear Wanda:

I have been enjoying reading here and there in the two books you sent. They are indeed treasures, and I am so impressed with the number of names that the contributors have gotten into the record; for I am one of those people who can't remember the names of people I worked with five or ten years ago.

One thing for certain has come out of "Branches and Twigs" --the identity of the Acorn School. On page 23, the young people in the photo of the Fontenelle School--1906, are the very ones in the "Acorn School" photo in Allie Burkhalter's album. At least five of the children are wearing a \approx kind of a broad Scotch (?) tam. To old foresters like me (and perhaps to country-bred boys who came to Wyoming from the mid-west in the very early 1900's or before) these youngsters heads look for all the world like acorns, and especially the acorn of the White Oak which was abundant from southern Canada to the Gulf states. Its acorn looked sort of like this:



Now is it possible that the girl's tams brought forth the "acorn school"? I think there is a good chance it did.

Another thing I noticed: in the "Town of Opal about 1918," the white building on the right is the Opal Merc. Co. Inc. In a similar AB photo simply labeled "before the war" the same white building bore the word SALOON. Also, the telephone/telegraph pole is missing in the latter. And in the AB photo there is a long narrow board walk from the railroad tracks in the foreground to the Saloon, and another boardwalk connecting the Saloon with what I believe was the hotel--the "Commercial Hotel".

No doubt your father knew the Burkhalters. In the chapter you wrote about the Kid from Arkansas, the name Elmer Rathbun jumped out at me as a good friend of Uncle Allie's long after he left Wyoming. When I have a chance I would like to see where the Rathbun and the Charles Burkhalter places were--unless they are under the high-stand of the reservoir now.

Chances are you have seen the enclosed information from "Progressive Men of Wyoming", but thought I'd send it if you haven't. They surely had a way of making everyone look good in those days. (I guess we're still guilty of that?)

All's well. I hope you are having a good summer in spite of our crazy weather. More later, if anything comes to mind.

Sincerely

Jack.

JKL to
Wanda Vasey
16 Aug. 1981

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If your dealer cannot and will not supply you, mail orders will be filled by us at above prices, we paying delivery charges.

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Gentlemen:

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Now since using Bickmore Gall Salve I have healed up some of the worst galls I ever saw on a horse, and the team hasn't stood in the barn while I was doing it either. I don't believe there is anything on the market that will equal your gall salve.

Trusting your company will always be successful, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. D. HOUGHTALING.

San Luis Obispo, Calif., March 25, 1922.

Gentlemen:

Bickmore Gall Salve has been well and favorably known to us for some years. In 1914 Mrs. Bassett and I rode from New York to San Francisco on horseback, packing our camp outfit. Owing to the faulty construction of the pack saddle obtained in New York, our pack horse developed a bad galled place over the kidneys and also one on the withers.

We obtained a box of Bickmore Gall Salve, at the suggestion of a chance acquaintance, and used it on the galled places, continuing to pack the horse. We used only a portion of the box when the sores were entirely healed. . . .

Yours for the horse,

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Idaho, 5-24 1927

Load of 71 1/2 Wheat 4

From A Burkhalter

Gross 7280 Price Per Cwt.

Tare 3120 2% Total Value \$

Net 4160 Driver Waddell

Dockage 83 Weigher

Net 4077

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From A Burkhalter

Gross 7120 Price Per Cwt.

Tare 2940 2% Total Value \$

Net 4180 Driver

Dockage 83 Weigher

Net 4097

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THOMAS BROS., GRAIN, FEED AND SEEDS

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Idaho, 5-24 1927

Load of 71 1/2 Wheat #4

From A Burkhalter

Gross 7160 Price Per Cwt.

Tare 3120 2% Total Value \$

Net 4040 Driver Waddell

Dockage 80 Weigher Wrey

Net 3960

CHARLES C. BURKHALTER.

This representative farmer and stockman, who is now residing on Fontenelle Creek, Uinta county, Wyoming, thirty-two miles north and west from Opal, was born in Taylorsville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on September 9, 1864. Peter and Elizabeth (Fisher) Burkhalter, his parents, are respectively natives of Alsace, Germany, formerly a province of France, and of Ohio, and, at the present time, they reside in White Cloud, Kan., whither the family moved when Charles C. was about eighteen months old. The elder Burkhalter came to America in 1834, when a youth, and grew to manhood

in Muskingum county, Ohio. For other information concerning the parents the reader is referred to the sketch of his older brother, George H. Burkhalter, which appears elsewhere in these pages. Of the seven children constituting the family of Peter and Mrs. Elizabeth Burkhalter, Charles C. is the fourth in the order of succession. Receiving a good education in the schools of White Cloud, he prepared himself for the practical duties of life by taking a course of bookkeeping in a business college at Omaha, Neb., after which he served as a clerk in his father's meat market until 1892. In that year he came to Wyoming and took up eighty acres of land on Fontenelle Creek for the purpose of engaging in sheepraising, which business he has since carried on with most gratifying financial results. Extending the area of his ranch, he has greatly enlarged the magnitude of his enterprise, running all the way from 3,000 to 8,000 sheep, besides devoting attention to cattle and agricultural pursuits, in both of which his success has been commensurate with the efforts he has made to carry them on. In addition to his business affairs, Mr. Burkhalter finds time to attend to the claims which any community has upon its citizens, taking a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the material growth and development of the country, bearing his full part in questions of a public character. He is enterprising and progressive, possesses that energy and perseverance which is ever characteristic of the men of the new West, and, by a straightforward manly course, he has now an enviable standing in the

community where he resides. Possessing a pleasing address and affable manners, he knows how to win warm personal friendships, and his loyalty to those who have gained his confidence and good will, is unshaken in its strength and steadfastness. What he considers worth doing, he does with all the intensity of his strong nature, and, being of an optimistic turn of mind, he is always looking on the bright, instead of the dark, side of life. Like the majority of western men, Mr. Burkhalter is accustomed to take large views of men and things, and there is nothing contracted, nar-

row or intolerant in his mental make-up. He has unbounded faith in the future prosperity of Wyoming and hesitates not to do everything within his power to promote the best interests of the state and its people. Mr. Burkhalter has a pleasant home, presided over with grace and womanly dignity by a companion eminently fitted to be the wife of a man of his position and sanguine temperament. She bore the maiden name of Myrtle Moore, and the ceremony, by which she was made Mrs. Burkhalter, was solemnized in White Cloud, Kan., on January 25, 1899. Mrs. Burkhalter is the daughter of Wiley and Melvine (Uts) Moore, and she has borne her husband one daughter, Elizabeth M. Burkhalter.

GEORGE H. BURKHALTER.

The popular and highly efficient president and general manager of the Opal Supply Co., whose name heads this article, is a native of Ohio and a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Fisher) Burkhalter, both parents being native of Germany. Peter Burkhalter was born near the city of Strasburg, province of Alsace, in 1834, the country at that time belonging to France. He was brought by his parents to the United States when young, the family settling in Muskingum county, Ohio. There he grew to maturity and married. Later in life he moved to Doniphan county, Kan., where he carried on a meat market until his retirement from business pursuits a few

years ago. George H. Burkhalter himself was born in Taylorsville, Muskingum county, Ohio, on March 29, 1858, and, when a lad of nine years, he accompanied his parents to Kansas. His preliminary education, acquired in the common-schools of White Cloud, was supplemented by a full course of instruction at the University of Missouri, after which he engaged as clerk with a mercantile firm at White Cloud. Subsequently he opened a store of his own, which he conducted very successfully until 1899, when he disposed of his stock and came to Opal, Wyo. Here he was instrumental in organizing and incorporating the Opal Supply Co., the object of the company being to do a wholesale trade on an extensive scale and furnish a base of merchandising supplies for neighboring towns and remote interior points, Mr Burkhalter, being the leading spirit in bringing about the organization, was elected president of the company, a position he still most capably holds. He is also the largest stockholder of the corporation and, in the capacity of the chief executive and general manager, he has increased the business to such magnitude that it is now one of the largest and most important enterprises of its kind in the state. The company carries a much larger stock of general merchandise than is found in many leading wholesale houses in metropolitan cities, and from the beginning, the trade has grown in proportion, and extended in scope, until nearly all the outlying towns, within a radius of many miles, draw their supplies from this source. The management of this extensive and far-reaching busi-

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ness calls for abilities of a very high order, and Mr. Burkhalter has fully met the requirement. By sound methods and careful control, supplemented by close personal attention to details, he has won the unbounded confidence of all with whom he deals, and his prudent and eminently satisfactory course thus far insures the company's future growth and prosperity. He is an intensely practical and far-seeing business man, considering well the end from the beginning, and laying his plans in harmony therewith. In matters of business policy, his judgment is sel-

dom at fault, while his capacity for large enterprises has led him to venture, with every prospect of success, into undertakings before which the man of ordinary caliber would retire in defeat. His life has been exceedingly busy, if not eventful, and, that his efforts have been crowned with a much greater measure of success than falls to the average man, his present enviable position in the commercial world abundantly testifies. In his social relations, Mr. Burkhalter enjoys the esteem of all who know him. He takes a deep interest in the growth of his town and the development of the county's resources, and gives his influence and aid to all legitimate enterprises having these objects in view. He is regarded by his acquaintances as a genial neighbor, a sincere and loyal friend, and, as a citizen, his upright, manly conduct has won an abiding place in the confidence of the public. Mr. Burkhalter married at White Cloud, Kan., on July 22, 1883, with Miss Katie Farncrook, a daughter of W. H. and Matilda (Maquirken) Farncrook, of Pennsylvania, and they have these children, Paul, Ada, Dana and Catherine.

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9 October 1979

Mr. Henry F. Chadey, Director
Sweetwater County Historical Museum
P.O. Box 25
Green River, Wyoming 82935

Dear Mr. Chadey:

I have my uncle's Fontenelle photos ready to mail. I find that about all I can do to make them more useful is to tell you something about the people involved. (Mailed 10-X-79)

My uncle was Albert (Allie) A. Burkhalter (circa 1875-1954). He was born and raised on a farm near Whitecloud, Kansas. About the turn of the century, he and a brother Charles (after being wiped out by hog cholera) came to Opal where they owned and operated the Opal Supply Co. After a few years they sold the store and got into the sheep business in the Fontenelle Creek locality. About 1913 they sold out. Brother Charles went home to Kansas where he became a well-to-do farmer and local banker. Allie, however, stayed in the west, moving to Squirrel, Fremont County, Idaho, to a dry farm which he operated until after WWII when the machine age caught up with him and he called it quits.

Allie's friends at Opal and on the Fontenelle were Elmer and Helen Rathburn and the Payne brothers. They were there still in July, 1945, when he visited them for the last time. Other friends were the Herschlers, who also were sheep growers, and the Malcomb Anderson's who had a ranch a mile or so down the Hams Fork from Opal. The Anderson's followed Uncle Allie to Fremont County and acquired a large farm near Squirrel. They remained life-long friends and I'm pleased to say that Mal Anderson's decendents are still there farming.

Yet another name from the Opal days is that of Charles Burrell. He came west from Philadelphia seeking a job in the merchantile business, and the story is that he passed up an offer from J. C. Penny in Kemmerer and took a job with the Burkhalters because it paid a little more. Burrell, also, moved to Squirrel where he built a little store with Mal Anderson's help, later moving to Ashton where he owned the town's leading merchantile for many years. I might say at this point that of the four stores where Burrell worked or owned, only the Squirrel store is yet running. The stores at Opal and at Ashton have burned and disappeared; the fourth is a vacant out-building.

I cannot recognize anyone in the photographs, and of course I regret now that I let ample opportunity to get good information pass me by. I am not even sure who made the pictures, but I believe it would have been Charles Burkhalter. I never knew Allie to

own a camera or take a photograph. He left that to my aunt who was with him after 1915. Who ever made these photos, whoever got the film processed, the prints made and carefully mounted in a black leather album---had more than a passing interest in photography. My guess is that Allie got the album when his brother Charles died ca. 1933.

If there is a central figure in the pictures, it is a bald-face horse which appears in at least three photos: crossing the Green River on page 2; knee deep in snow on page 10; and ridden by a young lady in the photo of the "Acorn School" on page 23.

The album in which the photos were mounted was falling apart. So I have cut out the individual pictures and put them in plastic album sheets. If you have no need for the plastic pages, you might send them back.

I'm also sending you the copy negatives I made of the pictures so I could get a set printed to put with my things.

I want to thank you for making a home for these old photos. I hope they will be useful and enjoyable, to someone, some day--even if just a little bit.

Sincerely yours,

Jack L. Reveal

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Sweetwater County Museum

County Courthouse

Green River, Wyoming 82935

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PERTINENT INFORMATION OR HISTORY REGARDING COLLECTION. ALSO LIST CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY. DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION:

Photos:

- 2 - United States Mail wagon-stuck in snow-March 12, 1905
- 1 - Greyhound dogs
- 1 - Rock Monument
- 1 - Camp - tent
- 1 - Sheep camp
- 1 - Hunter's camp
- 3 - Herds cattle
- 1 - Freighter Team
- 2 - Kemmerer- early
- 1 - Students of Acorn school on horses
- 1 - Indian Wickiup
- 1 - Burro- two wheel cart - driver unknown
- 1 - Horse and wagon-driver unknown
- 9 - Wild game carcasses
- 27 - Herds of sheep and sheep camps
- 22 - Scenic - along Green River and Fontenelle area
- 2 - Opal, Wyoming -Store and saloon

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Thirty Seven - Negatives

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of above original photos
I have copies in my family album.
JK.

? numbers wrong - There are 36 in my collection

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SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR

The Sweetwater County Museum Board reserves the right to accept or reject any item as stated in the museum policy. All gifts become the property of Sweetwater County and the museum director is authorized to accept gifts for the county with the permission of the Board of County Commissioners.

Box 54

LaBarge, Wyoming 83123

April 7, 1981

Dear Mr. Reveal,

Thank you so much for your letter of April 2. It was fun to see the old photo published in The American West. It was a picture that belonged to my parents Doc and Belle (Mahaffey) Sims. I have had people tell me the one doing the barbering in the picture is my uncle Arch Mahaffey but both of my parents have passed away and I have no way of knowing for sure.

History is one of my hobbies and I have a lot of books on local history that I have been looking through but can find no mention of an Acorn School. It seems to me I have seen the photo you mentioned but for the life of me I cannot remember where. When my Dad came to Wyoming as a young man he worked for and lived with the Herschler family on Fontenelle and went to school with the Herschler children. At different times there was small one room school houses all up and down the creek but I believe the one my Dad went to was within a mile or so of the Herschler ranch. I will keep looking and if I find out anything I will let you know.

While looking for information on the schools I came across several mentions of the Burkhalter family. I also remember my folks mentioning them when I was a child. In the book, "They made Wyoming their own" a May McAlister Sommers mentions that on the way to a school district meeting (she was a teacher) she passed the place where, "Charlie Burkhalter killed a large mountain lion". And in an old newspaper, The Wyoming Press 1902 it says " Mr. Burkhalter in connection with the Hon. C.W. Holden of Fontenelle was the prime mover and principle promoter of the Opal-Big Piney Telephone Co., whose line extends from Big Piney to Opal with branch lines running up Fontenelle, LaBarge and South Piney Valleys, the line now being leased to and operated by the Rocky Mountain Telephone Co."

In the second addition of "They made Wyoming their own" called "Wyoming's Own" Mrs. Helen Herschler Beck Tells about her father Jake Herschler building the house on Fontenelle ... " In 1910 Dad bought and moved the Burkhalter house, and added it to the ~~part~~ East end of the original three rooms. The Burkhalter addition was a double-story structure consisting of four large rooms--two upstairs and two downstairs. Dad moved the house himself the one and a half miles from the Burkhalter place to ours and he used only one horse and a windlass..."

I just thought you might be interested in these little "tidbits".

I was born in 1928 on the Spur Ranch, so about all I remember of the "old timers" on Fontenelle is what I overheard in conversation later on and being not very interested in history at the time I have very little memory of any of them. I wish now I had payed more attention to what I overheard!

In 1976 two friends and I wrote a book about this area as a bicentennial project. We collected a lot of material that was very interesting and the book sold very well. So in 1979 we wrote a sequel to the book and it too is selling very well. It was fun to write the book and interview the people but I wish we had started much earlier as so many of the old timers had passed away by the time we got started.

Thanks again for your kind letter, and do write again if I can be of any further help. I will try to contact Mrs. Reta (Whitman) Carr who lives in Big Piney and is sort of a self-appointed historian of this area, she might have something on the schools.

Sincerely, 

Wanda Vasey
Box 54

LaBarge, Wyoming 83123

p.s. I suppose you are aware that Jake Herschlers grandson, Edgar Herschler is now the Governor of Wyoming and the family still live on the original ranch, that is Gov. Herschlers son and daughter live there, he of course lives in Cheyenne.

6983 Camino Pacheco
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16 August, 1981

Dear Wanda:

I have been enjoying reading here and there in the two books you sent. They are indeed treasures, and I am so impressed with the number of names that the contributors have gotten into the record; for I am one of those people who can't remember the names of people I worked with five or ten years ago.

One thing for certain has come out of "Branches and Twigs" --the identity of the Acorn School. On page 23, the young people in the photo of the Fontenelle School--1906, are the very ones in the "Acorn School" photo in Allie Burkhalter's album. At least five of the children are wearing a \neq kind of a broad Scotch (?) tam. To old foresters like me (and perhaps to country-bred boys who came to Wyoming from the mid-west in the very early 1900's or before) these youngsters heads look for all the world like acorns, and especially the acorn of the White Oak which was abundant from southern Canada to the Gulf states. Its acorn looked sort of like this:



Now is it possible that the girl's tams brought forth the "acorn school"? I think there is a good chance it did.

Another thing I noticed: in the "Town of Opal about 1918," the white building on the right is the Opal Merc. Co. Inc. In a similar AB photo simply labeled "before the war" the same white building bore the word SALOON. Also, the telephone/telegraph pole is missing in the latter. And in the AB photo there is a long narrow board walk from the railroad tracks in the foreground to the Saloon, and another boardwalk connecting the Saloon with what I believe was the hotel--the "Commercial Hotel".

No doubt your father knew the Burkhalters. In the chapter you wrote about the Kid from Arkansas, the name Elmer Rathbun jumped out at me as a good friend of Uncle Allie's long after he left Wyoming. When I have a chance I would like to see where the Rathbun and the Charles Burkhalter places were--unless they are under the high-stand of the reservoir now.

Chances are you have seen the enclosed information from "Progressive Men of Wyoming", but thought I'd send it if you haven't. They surely had a way of making everyone look good in those days. (I guess we're still guilty of that?)

All's well. I hope you are having a good summer in spite of our crazy weather. More later, if anything comes to mind.

Sincerely

Jach.

SWEETWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

HENRY F. CHADEY
DIRECTOR

October 25, 1979

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GREEN RIVER, WYO. 82935

Mr. Jack L. Reveal
Bldg. F - Apt. 309
3843 Ingraham St.
San Diego, Ca. 92109

Dear Mr. Reveal:

We received your pictures and are returning the folders to you under separate cover. Enclosed is a receipt for the pictures and negatives. Please sign the forms and return the original to us in the enclosed envelope. The duplicate is for your records. Also enclosed is a check to reimburse you for the cost of sending the pictures.

It still may be possible to find some old timers who might be able to give us some information about the photos. We have located several articles on your family and thought you might like a copy.

Your donation is appreciated by the museum. If you are out this way, stop and visit us. The museum is located on the ground floor of the county courthouse.

Sincerely,

Henry F. Chadey
Henry F. Chadey
Director

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HFC/mw

done 1 Nov 1979

LaBarge, Wyoming

April 27, 1981

Dear Jack,

I am sending you a copy of our local newspaper, it comes out once a week. A friend of mine and I write a little column each week with the news from LaBarge. It is a very small town so there is never any world-shaking news to write about, just what the local people have been doing. I thought by putting it in the paper you might get some leads on the acorn school but so far no one has called. On page 13 about a third of the way down in the LaBarge Briefs is the notice I put in. Just thought you might like to see it.

The next time I am in Green River (its about a 2 hour drive) I'll look up your photos. Thanks for the old photo you sent, do you want it returned? I'll ask some of the "old timers" around here if they recognize it.

The local history books you asked about can be ordered from me. We still have a few on hand. The first one "A Tale of Two Towns--Tulsa and LaBarge" sells for \$12.00 and the other, "Branches and Twigs" sells for \$17.95. We pay the postage. By the time the second one was ready for the press the price of printing and paper had gone "sky-high" and we had to charge more just to break even. The first book tells how the town came to be and the second one deals more with the people that settled the town and surrounding area. We have a lot of old pictures in both books and did a lot of interviews with the people. They had quite a sense of humor and we tried to convey that in the books by quoting them exactly as they spoke. I think you will enjoy them. I'll be looking forward to seeing you if you come this way in 1982. Be sure and give me a call. I ^{work} Tuesday and Wednesday at the little local grocery store in LaBarge. I'm sort of a "jack of all trades!" I drove school bus for 20 years but retired from that and found out I did not like staying home and cleaning house all the time so went back to work part time. My husband, Les, and I have three grown boys so now I have lots of time to play around with history.

Vasey

SWEETWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Sept. 10, 1979

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Mr. Jack Reveal
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San Diego, CA 92109

Dear Mr. Reveal:

In reviewing the materials in the museum I couldn't find anything about the Acorn school. With the removal of the office of county superintendent some years ago all records were sent to the state archives in Cheyenne, Wyoming. It might be possible to find out about the school from these records. Around the 1900's almost every ranch or two had a rural school but with consolidation and better transportation most of these rural schools disappeared.

The Sweetwater County Historical Museum would gladly welcome the pictures left to you by your uncle. These pictures fit into our collection area and of course would be available for display and reference. The museum would reimburse you for the postage in sending the pictures.

It was a pleasure to receive your letter this Monday morning and we'll be waiting to hear from you. Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely

Henry F. Chadey
Henry F. Chadey

Answered

17 Sept 1979.

follow up *Will send photos*
letter 6 Oct 79
2/ photos & negs
sent.