

ALVA JACOBS [INCLUDING A DISCUSSION DRAWING FROM OTHER SOURCES]
Interview July 2005

Alva's Family

Alva's wife is Gladys Taylor Jacobs.

Alva Jacobs was born in March of 1923, the son of Dock Jacobs and Zera Jacobs.

Dock was born in 1892 in Mullins Flat. He was a soldier in World War I. Dock's brothers and sisters were George, Frank, James, Joe, Tarrie, Beulah, Charity, and Mildred, who died at a young age.

Dock's brother George Jacobs married Laura; their children were Elle, James, and Frank Jacobs.



Alva Jacobs in 2005.

Zera and Dock's children were Alva, Juanita, Nathaniel, Mildred, and Zena. Juanita was a half sister to Alva (different mothers). Juanita was born prior to Dock's marriage to Zera, and her mother was Bessie Ward.

Zera and Alva both had the family name of Jacobs. The fact is noted to avoid confusion in understanding the relationship between landowners. When asked if his parents were related, Alva said he was not certain.

Alva's maternal grandmother (Zera's mother) was Emily Walls Jacobs, who died "in the early 1930's when she was between 80 and 85 years old." Emily's sister Sophie was married to Yancy Horton. Zera's father was William Jacobs. Pearly Jacobs was William's sister.

Alva's paternal grandfather (Dock's father) was Isaac Jacob and his paternal grandmother was Elizabeth (Betty). They were married December 23, 1878

Dock and other family members of Isaac Jacobs are shown on the 1900 census index presented on the next page. The index shows that Elizabeth (Betty) was born in 1859 and was 40 years old when the census was taken. Her husband, Isaac, born in 1847, was a few years older than she. From this index we have the birthdates of their children: Frank (1879), James (1881), Elle (1884), George (1889), Joseph (1890), Dorothy (1892), Tyra (1895), and Charity Ann (1897). Alva listed a sister Beulah, who must have been born after 1900.