

Horace Willard Snodgrass
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My grandfather, Nelson B. Snodgrass came to California from Iowa in or about 1885. He bought 40 acres on the northwest corner of San Bernardino Road and Azusa Avenue, in later years selling to E. A. Cooper.

My father, Horace W. Snodgrass, had 12 acres on the south side of San Bernardino Road, next to Jacob Brunjes.

The Brunjes's were our closest friends and we spent many happy times together, especially at Christmas. I took piano lessons from Meta, Jacobs daughter. (Now Mrs. Chas. Hasshelder)

My mother's mother (Cleminson) came from Missouri in a covered wagon in 1851-1852, settling July 8 1852 in New San Diego, and later moving to El Monte, where my mother was born..

After my mother and father met and were married they retired to the ranch on San Bernardino Road which now had been planted to oranges. In 1896 my sister Viola was born and in 1899 I was born.

As a child, I rode a bicycle to Lark Ellen School. The girls of the school were taken twice a week on a flat bed truck with benches installed to attend cooking and sewing classes at the High School..

When attending High School I had to walk the almost 3 miles to school as you had to be 3 or more miles away to ride the bus..

In 1921 I was married to George W. Kerckhoff. We lived on Puente St. and had two sons, George Jr. and Richard who also attended the Covina schools.. I now live in Mt. San Antonio Gardens in Pomona.

We have kept the San Bernardino property through good times and bad, and it is now business property. (was Builder's Emporium, now Covina Technology Center, In-&-Out Burger, 31 Flavors)