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Pioneer Museum.

After reading the Emery County Progress and the interesting write up of the slide layoff that was donated to the museum. I thought I could lighten some more factors to the story.

I have an original picture of my Grandfather's foundry and blacksmith shop located in Oranville which I have copies made and sending you one.

On the back of the picture (the original) it reads Joseph Kranger foundry which shows Ed Coy and my grandfather pictured with some of the layoffs they were making.

I was told in my younger days that a flood of water came down the river and flooded out the foundry area.

I believe this is when a consolidation was made up and the foundry was set up in Castle Dale.

and working as needed.

The brick house that stands south of the apartments where the foundry was as I was told was also built by my Grandfather.

As a young boy before the domestic water piping was put in I remember going to the river with my Grandfather John Snow with a what some people called a slide drawn by horses with barrels to get water for domestic use.

Grandad Orange had a cistern which lots of the people had at that time and were usually filled with irrigation water. Some had hand operated pumps out side all carried water to the house with buckets. Grandad had his Grandad Orange had his piped inside the house where it used to be fun to pump the pump for a drunk of water.

There is a lot of interesting stories and history of the pioneers and good people of Emery County.

As a youngster I recall the area where the flood took out the foundation. It was sort of a blow with pasture grass where my Grandfather grazed his milk cow. Apartment complex now covers the same land.

I have by many old timers stories of the craftsmen my father & Grandfather were. I still remember Ed Cox visiting the blacksmith shop my father Frank Grange had in Orangeville and some of the stories told when I was a youngster.

One was that he made up a small steam engine that ran on a track.

I do remember a miniature buggy that my Grandfather made, duplicated just like the large horse drawn buggy with a canvas top and all to be pulled by a small horse or goat.

It was interesting to go to his orchard & garden. Some of the fruit trees had grafts that grew several different types of fruit. Also fruit & vegetable stands for shipping.

I remember the mill dam for
swimming built to flow water to the
Taylor flour mill & electric power plant.

On the evenings of two many
people turned on their lights you better
put out your candles or lamps to see
in the dark.

I did have some items stored at
my father's old place in Orangeville
that my father & Granddaddy had that you
may be interested in.

My storage shed had been broken in
several times. Lock & Key don't seem to keep
them out.

If there is any thing left I will try
to get them to you

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