

Letters, Penelope Bray

The Randy Perry Family Story

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The story takes place before I15 was put in and before Mesquite had a doctoe or horspittle. My grand peronts wer one of the first ambulents crew. It took place around the late 50s or 60s.

My grand peronts lived in Mesquite Navada before I15 was put in ther wern't anay doctors or horspittles so you had to go to St. Gorge or Los Vegas. Los Vegas is about 1 hour away and St. Gorge is about 1hour and 30de minuts. When Mesquite decided to get ambulents my grand peronts where one of the fercet crumembers.

They hade to spend time in the emergency room in Vagos to be sirtafide. The Telephone compony set up ther phone so in an emergancey the telephone rang one long ring ontell you piced it up. My grandpa never finisht his EMT. tranding so he was on the volunteer fire department.

Some times they wuold go out tgether becous grandpa drove the ambulents. One time they whent out on a run it was one of the first runs they made the guy in the rek was bleading externally and if the ambulents would have came from St. Gorge or Vagos they seid he would have den deid befor he got to the hostile.

Most of the runs wer people that they didn't know becaus they torists or something.Untel one time the telephone rand that werd ring right after school got out for summer. They ran for the door two hours later grandpa came home and told my mom that a 16 yearold girl was riding her bike acost the road were now stands a big cosinow. She was hit by a truk and was rushed to the hospittle.

About 12 hours later grandma came home and sied they took the girl Sonja to Vagos her brain was swelling so they did surgary to releve

the presher. Surgery took a couple of hours then they put her in ICU. and she died a couple of hours later.

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This story takes place whin I was a little kid in Lake Powell. I was a little kid stuped and not nowing not to run around in places I was told not to.

When I was about 6 years old we went to Lake Powell for Ester vackation. The trip up was long and boring untle we stop at hole in the roke. We ran around and all the kids go kicked out and wernt aloud to come back in untle we wen't home. After we got kicked out we ran around out sied and climed on the stor wich is a hole in a rock which is why they call it hole in the rock.

When we got to Lake Powll we ran around the docks untle my stepdad Tony and my uncle Dave went and go the housbout and then we loded it whith all our junk. When we got our boat loded we started on our why to the canons were we spent a cople of days. While we were ther we swam and fished and a bunch of stof like that. After the canuns we went back to Bolfrog were we spent the rest of our vakation. While we were in Bulfrog me and my cousin Damin were runing around the boat and I got my two cout inbetwen a thing a magiger. I was siting ther bleiding when my mom ran up and grabed me and took off runing for the firstadd station. She ran with me for about 100yrds when we say my uncle Dave how hade ben runing for three miles runing down the beach tword us. He graded me and started runing tword the firstadd station. When we got back to the boat I hade stiches inbetween my twos and I was babied for the rest of the trip.

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One time long ago in my moms old house my uncl wint syco and trid to chop the door down whith the ax.

One day my grandparonts left and went somwer and told the kids to tern the TV off at a sertan time. My uncl Kim didn't wont to tern the TV off so the other kids took the TV cord away from him. They ran into the bathroom befor Kim could get them. He started to yell and then started to pount on the door. A fow minits later he left and then came back with a basball bat and stated pounding on the door. A fow minits later he left and came back with a cher and started pounding on the door agen. Then my uncl Michil yelled why dont you go get the AX so Kim wint and got the AX and started pounding on the door agen. Then Michil yelled why don't you us the sharp end and Kim yelled I am.

Oral History of Jeanette Bray Leffler

Collected by Randy Perry

History 6th hour

May 2, 1997



Oral History: Interview Release Form

In view of the historical value of this oral history interview, I Jeanette
knowingly and voluntarily permit Randy the full use of this
information for educational purposes.

Signature Jeanette Ruff Date 5-6-97

Randy' What is your full name?

Jeanette' Jeanette Bray Leffler.

Randy.' Is ther any reason why you wer named that?

Jeanette' Cuz my mom didn't want to name me Gloria. Ha ha ha.

Randy' Were you named hafter someone else?

Jeanette' No

Randy' Did you have a nick name when you were growing up?

Jeanette' JB, Jet, Just my famly and my friends called me JB, or Jet.

Randy ' Why?

Jeanette' JB because I started to sign my name JB in fith grade because I didn't want to write myname all the way out. Elizebeth Juba.

Randy' Ok. Bla bla bla. Wher and when were you born?

Jeanette' I was born in Monasello Utah, March 8th 1960.

Randy' Do you reamember hering your grandperrents discrib theirlife?

Jeanette' My Grandperrents, ya

Randy' And what did they say?

Jeanette' Hum, they talked about how they built the house they lived in and how they took care to the orcherd behind the house. How the milked the cow. Hum. I don't reamember a lot. I'm don.

Randy' Was their a chor that you hated doing or really hated doing when you were a child?

Jeanette' Dishes. Ha ha ha. Yep dishes was manly it and cleaning my bedroom.

Randy' How is the world now different from what it was when you were growing up?

Jeanette' Hum I don't know the close we wor are coming back in style so can't, the hair doos were awfle, in the oldin days. Hum people didn't get pade as much money things didn't cas as much ether, like gas was 25 cents a galan and bread was 25

but cents a lofe or hum I don't remember a hole lote. Ther wasn't so much truble I don't think, so much crime so much, if ther was I just didn't realize I didn't worry about it.

Randy' What were your favorite toys when you were growing up?

And what were they like?

Jeanette' Hum my brother tot me how to make a slingshot, we used to play with a slingshot a lot. Me and my sister sherd a trike, we used to push each other on the trike. We had, hafter we lived in Mesquite one of those spoolles, that the telephone company cep the wire on, we used to walk up and down the street on it.

Randy' What wer your school like?

Jeanette' Hum, Seater City was elaminty, I don't rememder a lot about that exep for it seemed like it had a huge huge playground. Hum that was when I was in the, Kendergarten to fourth grade. We had to stay down in the baby end the sixth sixth graders were big!!! Mesquite I was going into fourth grade and it was, it was a really small school. Ther was like Kendergarten to Twelth grade all in the same school it was just by diffent wings, by open hall corridors. Like on the first wing ther was the kendergarten, First, Second and theerd Grades. And the second wing ther was Forth, Fith, and Sixth Grades. And then ther was a lunch room and hum then ther was bigger, The High School and Junor High classes up tword the other end, the Gymnasium and the P.E. room and the locker rooms were at the

very end. We had a swimming pool, we got to swim most of the, most of the time during the warmer months we'd go for P.E. in the swimming pool. Hum the

Aditorium, it was pretty big we had a lot of plays and stuff there. But basically it was a pretty small school.

Randy' What was your favorite subject in school?

Jeanette' Hum, of course everybody's going to say P.E. I liked math, I had a really good math teacher, I really liked him. He helped me a lot in math. Hum I hated Home ec. I had a History class I really enjoyed.

Randy' Were you ever given any special awards for student or school activities?

Jeanette' I don't think so. I was on the drill team does that mean anything?

Randy' Yes.

Randy' Do you remember someone saying something to you that had a big impact on how you lived your life?

Jeanette' Hum, Well I had a History teacher tell me that it's easier to keep up, then catch up and I found that out the hard way when I got behind in some school assignments.

I tried to tell that to my kids and it doesn't, It doesn't make much difference to them. Hum actually there probably there was but I can't think of it right now.

Randy' What do you regularly do to relax?

Jeanette' I veg out on the couch and watch T.V.

Randy' Have you ever saved anyone else's life?

Jeanette' Hum I don't know?

Randy' What is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?

Jeanette' Thats hard to say, thers been a lot of scarry things happen to me. When I was a kid we whent to the Grand Cannon and my dad and mom was talking to some hippys and i was board so I ran up the trale and down the trale and back down the trale and for some reason I was walking backwords and I was the only one around I herd someone say stop and I stoped and looked over my sholder and it when strate down, I was right on the edge. And that was pritty scarry. When Velvet, reced on her bike and smashed up her face, that was pritty scarry. Randy reced on his bike and cut up his self that was pritty scarry.

Randy' Wich time?

Jeanette' Hum when Randy cut his foot that was pritty scarry, at lake pale.

Randy' Have you ever hade sergary?

Jeanette' I had my tonsles out when I was about nine or ten. I brock my caller bone does that count?

Randy' What do you usooally dream about?

Jeanette' As in what would i like for the futur or as in nightmears?

Randy' Hum whatever.

Jeanett' hum i would like, if it's a dream that, something I would like to have someday or do some day, I would like to have a house of my own and a big yard and lots, my kids close around me so I could pick on them all the time.

Randy' What did you usually wear to scchool? Can you discrib it?

Jeanette' Hum, tell about the time I hit sixth grade we had to wear dresses or collots. Hum then when i hit sixth grade they started letten us wear pants and shorts and so i started wearing blue jeans. They tryed to make us go back to wearing dresses at

one point in time but, so they would take everybody out of the class that was wearing pants and take them home and make them change. It only lasted for about a week and then they gave up. But we, we did wear these baggy close like the kides wear, bell botoms were enterduced to us then and, hum hip hugers and kids wore more buton up sherts with tyes then they wear now days.

Randy' Anything elts?

Jeanette' About the close or what?

Randy' What wise advice would you give to a granddechiled on their weddingday?

Jeanette' Long pos... well don't never go to bed made. Communication is really important if you can't communicate then your going to loose it. Don't expect everything to allways be peaches and cream cuz its not going to. Make the best out of everything you can.

Randy' How many kids did you have alltogether?

Jeanette' I had four, I have four. And three step kicds.

Randy' What is the most chalanging part about being a perant?

Jeanette' I think allot of, a big challenge is watching them make mistacks and not being able to, not being able to help them or not being able to keep them from making those mistacks ya got to jsut and hofaly they'll lern from it.

Randy' What is the most reawording part about being a perant?

Jeanette' Hum, the hand ful of dandylines the kids bring you and say look mom these flowers are for you or a I love you hug or coming home and finding a hose ful of baloons on your anavershery. Gest little things that the kids do, it means a lot.

Randy' What is you fivorite kined of music?

Jeanette' I like cuntry. Cuntry or light rock , oldys I guess you would call it.

Randy' What cherch if any do you atend regularly?

Jeanette' I don't atend regularly but LDS is the cherch I would atend.

Randy' Do you balive in the after life?

Jeanette' I do.

Randy' Discrib yor realiges baleafs.

Jeanette' I baleave that we were sent her for a reason. I baleave that you need to be as good as person as you can be and hofelly when you die you well go to heven and have your fammly all around you, and you don't like this subject, realigen bothers you.

Ha ha ha

Randy' What things have you made that others have enjoied?

Jeanette' I used to make some really good cookies that all of the Perrys loved. They used to fight over my cookies. I've made some dream catchers that I choose to baleave people have enjoied. I used to be a pritty good cook, not so much anymore but.

Randy' Hum deety domb deety bomb.

Jeanette' So do you want me to just starret telling you about my life.

Randy' ya

Jeanette' ok

Randy' Just go with it.

Jeanette' Ok um I was born in Monisellow. I guess it was pritty cold it was snow bank that I was almost born in. My mom was only in the hospitle for about 15 min when I was born. It was a pritty close call.

Soon after that mom got romatic feaver and my dad tock, I guess he took all of us, I had Four , Tree older then me at the time. I guess he took all of us to my grandna and grandpa in Sanagwin wile mama was in the haspitle. I don't think stade in Monisellow i think we left ther before i was six monts old. I don't reamember to much before SeaterCity. My dad work for the FFA, The Fedreal Aveation, the FAA, The Fedreal Aveation Administration. And he traveld alot. We lived in a big house in SeaterCity right next to the big rock cherch. That's were I got my tonsles out. That's were I got hit with the arrow. My brothers frieds were up in MY TREE! And they would get out and they wouldn't lett me come up. The told me "Go away, go away" and I said "No" and they droped and arrow and smaked me right by the eye. It was pritty scarry.

But hum we left SeaterCity when I was it must have been nine or ten cuz I was in the four grade. I whent and stade the summer at my ants. My ant Charly in WellsVill. I spent the summer their with her wille mom and dad whent to

Misquet and hum they bot a peace of property and started building the foundation and the basment for our hous. We lived in Misquet tell i was 15. Hum I really liked Misquet, I cryed when we left. Hum when do you want to here stuff about Misquet or do you just want me to go on?

Randy' Do you want to tell me about Mesquet or do you jsut want to go on?

Jeanette' I don't know what you all want, do you just want facks her and ther or what?

Jeanette' Hum Mesquet was just little then. Hum ther was a two lain freeway down , that was the only way through . We used to walk across the sreet get ice cream and before we could get back over to the hous, a cross the street the ice cream would

be melted, and that was after dark. Hum it was pritty hot ther. We spent a lot of time in the swimming pool. My perants bot use a swimmen pas so we was we grew up in the swimming pool. I guess I sould say I havd four brothers and five sisters so all to gether ther was ten of us. Hum I'm the fourth.

Randy' Wher did you live after Mesquet?

Jeanette' After Mesquet we moved to Sanagwin. We lived in Sanagwin for...

Randy' Sanagwin Utah?

Jeanette' Sanagwin Utah for the summer. And then we moved to Spanishfork and I started school in Spanishfork, I started 10nt grade in Spanishfork. And that were I met my fist husben. I married Mark Perry from Pason. And I moved to Pason and lived ther for a year and thats were my oldist was born, my oldist botter Jammie Perry . Then we moved to SpringVill and lived in SpringVill for about a year.

Then we moved to Oram. And wille I was living in Oram thats were my second was born. Randy Perry. I lived in Oram, I think I lived in Oram for two years.

Then I moved to, I moved to hum Castle Dale in 1980, we move january 1rst 1980. It was the end of 1980 that i got devorsed and hum I got my second job in my hole life. I worked at Tocko Time in Castle Dale huge job and then I whent to work for MTA it was a securaty garde at the power plant in Huntington. Hum then i met, I hade Lace first. I hade my therd child in 1983, Lacie Perry then, that's wille we were still living in Castle Dale. Then I met Tony and I married Tony Handkok in 1984 was it 84 or 85. It ws 84. And Velvet the yongest was born in 85 and we moved to Ferron. We lived in Ferron for two or three years.

Then wee moved to Salina. Lived in Salina for just less then two years and then

we moved back to Ferron. That's were Randy recked on his bick and got kicked out of school. Hum. Lets see I worked ...

Randy” What did you do wille you were in Ferron?

Jeanette’ That’s what I was just going to tell you. I worked at the Ferron Cafa, the Ferron Castle Contry Motel and Cafa. On and the hole time I lived in Ferron. All the times i lived in Ferron. I work of a flaging company on I70 for eaght months. I worked for a constuion company on the crusher for, for 5 or 6 months then I hum. I think it was 1990, ye 90 I got a devors and when back to school and took hevy equipment and truck driving and Graduated school and moved to Huntington. Right hafter i Graduated Schooll married Randy Leffler. We moved to CastleDale and I worked at Short Stop for, It’s a gas Station probly two years. Then I got working for Emery Contry Road Department. Hum any way I married Randy Leffler he had three children, Mandy, Mickle, and Genny. We moved Huntington in, when did we move? In 96 December.

Randy’ It was right after Crismess.

Jeanette’ No It was befor Crismess. It was before your berthday. So it was 95 when we moved over her. Cuz we’v been her for two years now. Thers not much to tell you now. My oldest is moved out and liven in Provo and working hard. And I would like to be an equipment oporator when I grow up. Right now I’m a truck driver I drive a water truck for Emery County Road Department. Hum my kids are good kids but, ha ha ha, I got good kids. They like to try ther mom alot and

far they can get. I don't know what else to tell ya.

Randy' Should we go back to the questions?

Jeanette' Lets go back to the Questions.

Randy' 'K' lets pick on. We'll go to the favorite list.

Jeanette' 'K'.

Randy' What is your favorite instrument? Tell us about that piccolo or flute that you played. Was that you?

Jeanette' My dad wouldn't let me play the drums so I wouldn't take band.

Randy' What is your favorite movie?

Jeanette' 'O' I got a hand full of favorite movies. I like Ghost, I like Sence and Senceability.

I don't know I have a bunch of them.

Randy' What's your favorite book?

Jeanette' Janer.

Randy' What is your favorite holiday?

Jeanette' Hum I like Christmas, I like Valentines and Christmas.

Randy' All right. We'r done

Randy' Guess what mom? We'r not done I need five more pages.

Jeanette' When we first moved to Mesquet, I had to be about nine because it was the summer, before I went into Fourth grade and we moved into the trailer court to start with while our basement was being poured and hum we had a grate big old army tent that we lived in. At that time there was eight of us kids and my mom and dad. I was so hot. In the middle of the summer we wate tell about ten o'clock at

night and walk across the street to the polar frezz and cet a cup of ice cream and by the time we got back across the street to the tent then it was melted. When we moved up onto our lot the basement was pord but it wasn't finished. So we were living in the camp trailer. And we had mounds of dirt were the basement was dug we used to play king of bunger hill on the dirt. Ther was more the one of us who ended up with a face full of dirt coming off that hill. We had to did a leach filled and a septic tank out ther. And haffer we pored the cement for the septic tank it was one of the coolest placeess that we had to go play. Was down ther in the septic tank.. We used to teas my little sister that she eat, that she used to sit in the bottom of it and eat dirt off the floor of the septic tank. I don't think she wants to reamimber that but.

Randy'

Did she?

Jeanette'

Ha ha ha she did.

Randy'

She sat in the bottom of it and ate dirt?

Jeanette'

Yep she was about a year old, year and a half, she was about a year old. And we went very happy when they took out play hours away when they decided we

needed to start using it. Ha ha ha. But hum I forgot what elts I was going to tell you. We used to play night games all the time cuz it was to hot to play during the day so we played, we played hide and seek and we would have almost three forths of the town come over. It was just, at that time Mesquet was two blocks wide each way of the freeway is all it was. We would have fifteen to twenty kids out ther playing hide and seek. And I had the best hiding and seek place we had a, our yard the back yard was fenced and the lights from the house and the lights

from the trailer court, If you got right in this corner of it there was a big shadow and you couldn't see. I would lay down there in that shadow and they could come and stand right next to me and they couldn't see me. Cuz it was, it was a big shadowy spot. I, they used to have to call ally all, ally ally axan free, cuz they could never find me. My brother had a good hidden place to and I never was able to find him. Seems like he told me years later he told me he was hiding inside of a garbage can. Ha ha.

Randy' Oh man.

Jeanette' I was glad then he didn't tell me cuz I might have tried it. But I used to fallow my brother around he hate me alot. Did I already tell you he how to d the ristrocet shooting the ristrocet and

Randy' Not on this one.

Jeanette' The bow and arrow and tot me how to shot a gun. Hum he got, hum he had some realoding equipment and i was helping him realod and jammed my finger in the equipment and cut it pritty good. I decided I didn't want to help him realod after that. I used to fallow him around for hours, int the desert. I don't know if we was really rabbit hunting or what. But we would tramp the dester with, I packed a gun and he packed a gun, but i think all we ever shot at was cans. Hum

Randy' Clos it up.

Jeanette' OK ha ha ha

Randy' Ok were done agen.

Jeanette' Ha ha ha .