

Burton Rawson Transcript 2

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SPEAKERS

Speaker 1, Speaker 2

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After a few years on that farm,

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you had your cows. After

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he got out of the dairy business, he was a great carpenter, and Clayton McLaughlin lived in Williston, and he was a great carpenter, that was his brother.

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He lived right there on Route 2A,

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they have the place to train people for the to be pastors or missionaries or whatever, you know, right beside the Christ Memorial Church, Clayton McLaughlin built that house.

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So McLaughlin's Roger,

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yeah, that was Clayton McLaughlin's son.

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There's a guy there's a Rawson that helps this guy named Seyza Pete Seyza. Do you know him?

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No, I don't.

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I'm not sure what Rawson he is,

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he said he came. They had the farm way down here, yeah,

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not sure who that is.

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There used to be some Rawsons in Hardwick too, in that

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area, and there was some south of here. There must have been some farther south was Rawsonville, Vermont.

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Is that right?

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Yeah.

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Where is that?

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You know where the old country store is in Weston.

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I know that store right Weston, right near Weston Vermont. That's Rawsonville. Yeah, they used to

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have the Rawson reunion there for years.

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Did you ever go? Yeah?

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Yeah. Lots a lot of people,

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A fair amount. They used to come from different states, Ohio, and

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it looks quite cool. I think Rawsons in Ohio,

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one of them even built a

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machine. I

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I think it was a Rawson No-till planter or something.

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When was this house built?

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Around 1850

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and it used to be a log cabin right here. They tore it down in the 40s, because originally they settled in this field down on the corner, and they had a log cabin that must have been really old, yeah, and they moved that log cabin up here when they were building this house,

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30 teams of oxen, I guess,

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yeah. And that building, right there was part of the shed. Here. That shed was part of the barn. You see where it's hooked on the side of that barn. There the original barn before this other barn. Oh, yeah, yeah, yep. And they moved that because the original barn used to be right in near the area where these hay wagons were,

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and they moved it over to there

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in their spare time. Yeah,

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it's funny, this part is not a post and beam bar, or is it?

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Yes, it is. It is, yeah, made out of beech because that was, it wasn't much value to to sell beech. So they saw it had a lot of beech with a lot of beech beams in there. I and then they used all the lumber that they could get from the old barn too,

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so there's some time locking

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different wood in there.

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Now the place where you live. Did that used to be Villeneuves, yeah, they farmed up there too. Did a lot of logging.

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You know what? He said, shaved paper so thin you could see through it. You.

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I mean, how did you do that?

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He just pretty much did what he wanted to, yeah,

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he had that that

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lane back in the house, yeah, that house is 1860 Yeah,

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that's amazing what they could do back in those days when they didn't have all these machines do. Isn't that true? Yeah, that

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barn, the the length of it is 100 feet. Yeah. The cross is 50, yeah.

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This one's about 55 I think. And yeah, 110

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one piece of wood, wow, for the 50 feet, yeah, sawn timber, yeah, yeah.

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And some of them used to use the ads too to trim the trees and make them square. Yep. I it.

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You've seen a broad axe, yeah? Like my father had to make the handle on one curve like that so you can cut your So, yeah, stand down the log like that. Yeah, yeah, go out in the woods and cut, cut a cord of wood or something with an ax.

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Wow, you must have been good at sharpening it too.

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You know the on did you keep going downhandling Lane? Remember that the want to say they moved over to New York State Farm, Miller,

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no, Mitchell, yeah, yeah, Mitchell's, yeah.

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That road just beyond Mitchell's to the left,

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we used to have a little wood lot in there, so I thought I was going to go in there and caught a quarter wood. Well, guess what?

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I'm not a I'm not a made of the same stuff you are.

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Quarter woodens. A

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lot of work. Oh yeah, my dad used to get pulp wood out. Sometimes, you know, take it and sell it with this two ton truck. I guess one time in the winter, the axle broke right in the woods, so they had to jack it up and repair it right in the woods.

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Yeah, it's amazing how much they did.

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They would milk in the morning, go over in the woods and come back at dark at night,

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start milking again,

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shovel all the manure out too. Somebody

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told me once that a square foot of granite weighs 100 pound. I don't know if

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that's true or not. Oh, I, I bet you, but the rocks

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they use for foundation the size of your truck,

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yeah, yeah. The the temple in Jerusalem

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had huge, huge pieces of

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rock. How did they ever get them all situated without any big machines? You know?

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different, yeah.

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Four o'clock

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Time to milk?

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I wonder if Rocky's back.

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I'll call him and see.