

Mosquero 1908!

Mollie Pittman:

HAD A DESIRE TO OWN A PIANO AND BE ABLE TO PLAY THE PIANO. THEY WERE NEW HOMESTEADERS — VERY POOR — HAD 1 GIRL + 2 BOYS. A NEW HOMESTEAD TO IMPROVE SO SHE PRAYED, LOOKED THE HOMESTEAD OVER, SELECTED 1 SMOOTH 1" x 12" PINE BOARD OVER — SAWED THE BOARD THE LENGTH OF A PIANO KEYS BOARD. SHE DREW AND PAINTED ALL NOTES ON HER PLANK KEY BOARD. SOME TIME EVERY DAY SHE WOULD PRACTICE UNTIL SHE KNEW HER KEY BOARD BY HEART.

IN A FEW YEARS SHE ORDERED A PIANO FROM SEARS ROEBUCK. IT CAME TO MOSQUERO ON "THE POLLY" TRAIN. WHAT A HAPPY WOMAN!

WHEN HOMESTEADERS FIRST CAME THERE WERE NO CHURCHES SO YOU HAD SERVICES IN HOMES. MEN WOULD LOAD HER LITTLE PIANO IN A WAGON AND SHE WOULD PLAY FOR SERVICES — ANYWHERE THEY HAD CHURCH SERVICES.

THIS YOUNG LADY WAS STILL HERE WHEN I MOVED TO HARDING COUNTY. LATE (60'S)
I CERTAINLY ENJOYED VISITING WITH HER.
I WONDER WHERE THAT LITTLE PIANO IS TODAY?

"IF IT COULD JUST TALK!"

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