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Oral History Transcription with Arthur Anderson & Lillie Anderson

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Starts out he's talking about Albert Ericson, who's about 77, came from --??, Sweden. He's gone to Tenn. to see daughter. R-they (swedes) must have started settling Woodland about the same time as New Sweden.

A-yes. R-some of the Woodland farms had been cleaned and abandoned.
A-Leonard Anderson first started farming where McDoopin is, but he didn't like that farm and tried to buy the one up here. He went to Portland, came back up and then bought it. --G-one of the best farms in Woodland. old Holmquist place, that was his son,--the old man bought that farm too.

---Fredric Anderson (I can't type this part of tape, because there is a noise in the background and I can only catch about every 5th word)
Who owns Leonard Anderson place now? Someone from VanBuren Road, his wife is French. They had 13 kids. It's one of best farms in area.

# L-she was a cousin to me R-were they one of first settlers A-not one of 1st. The father and mother to Leonard Anderson lived up here on Bonderson farm. L-Arthurs parents lived in this place. My grandparents too. A-I think he came '71. He was a sailor. R-when did your parents come?
A-my father 1880, mother 1885. Her uncle went to Sweden 1885 and she came back with him. The whole family came the same time. They settled here on this farm. Father was Axel Anderson, Grandfather Anders Anderson. Father to Leonard Anderson had 2 boys and 2 girls, One of the boys lived in Ft Kent and married a girl from Canada. He went to school in Woodland.

R-this farm wasn't settled until your people came? A-yes, the people that settled it went to Minnesota. This house was built 1930. His name was Sven Mumford. R-a lot of the 1st settlers moved out? L-yes, the one's that had enough money, they could see there was no future. A-I think Mumford was married to Cedarholm's sister. Cedarholm was an old humped back fellow.

R-did they sell to your grandfather A-no, they just cleared some land and put up a log cabin, then they left. So I got a deed on it. They never got a deed on it. Grandfather got the original deed from the state.

(coffee again) talk about Albin Jacobson and his brother, who's in State Hosp.
Albin's father was a shoemaker in Sweden. His father never came over.

Albin had two brothers. The other one died many years ago. He was married. They had some children. They came from Westmanland. G—he came from Stockholm. (swedish) Looking at partridge out of window. Talking about Richard's book etc. Still drinking coffee, eating still. R—have you seen any more bear? L—not since last summer. R—have you ever heard of anyone seeing caribou around here L—no. A—when I was young, I saw three of them walking across here. They woke me up. R—did you ever hear of anyone shooting one? A—Oliverbaum shot 2 or 3 at once on their farm. L—I wonder if that's where the town of Caribou got it's name R—yes. It's supposed to be. R—how many people from around here have been in the State hospital A—Mrs Albert Oberg? who's been there about 50 yrs. Esther Hedman. (then trying to figure out who Ada Hedman was) Oh! she discovers tape recorder. Now you're looking at Caribou H.S. Year Book, I think 1920. L—There is Ruth Ada Hedman A—that's Walter's daughter. R—they call her Ruthie. G—Esther and Agnes were born the same year. R—who else was in the State hospital: Mrs J/P. just died there, VSS/Ø/ Orin Anderson's wife, who's 82 or 83, been there a couple of times, about 30 yrs. She's Fred Anderson's mother, Fred was married to Pauline Forsman

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