Kelly,
It was good talking to you yesterday, I don't have a lot to tell you about the Taylor family's migration to Washington. Maybe the starting point would be the courtship of Eva Nichols. John Nichols was in the Army at the end of WWI. While in the army his friend told John he might enjoy writing to one of his friends from Oklahoma my aunt Eva. John started writing her and at first Eva was not totally interested because he was a bit forward in his first few letters. But as time went on they became good friends. Of course back in those days communications were almost nonexistent except for the pen and paper. After a couple of years writing back and forth John felt it was time to see this person he became fond of. So in the late 1920's he and his brother Luke decided to work their way from Yakima to Oklahoma City. They drove a Model T Ford and worked all kinds of jobs along the way. Finally after months of effort they reached their destination and they finally met her at her work. Eva was working as a stenographer in downtown Oklahoma City. When they first met it was at the end of a working day for her. John thought he and Luke would surprise her when she left the office. Boy was she surprised. They were waiting in the hall leaning against the wall and she wondered who could those two country bumpkins be.

Well, after time went on they grew to love one another. But before they could think about marriage John needed money. So he and Luke continued working not only in Oklahoma but as far away as Kansas. Then when he felt he had enough money to meet the obligations of a married man he decided to ask her father for permission to marry. Her father, Jim Taylor, would not give his approval because John was not a Christian. Well because they were old enough to marry without approval, they went ahead and married anyway. In time grandfather approved of John and as the years went by they became very close.

The day came for Eva to say good by to her family and everything she had known in Oklahoma and take that long trip with her husband and brother in- law to Yakima. Grandpa and Grandma were not to excited about this. So decided to send her brother Oscar with them. So here is the picture, husband and wife leaving on their honeymoon with each of their brothers. No motels along the way as we have today, so they would stop along the road at night and put up a lean-to on either side of the Model T. One side for Eva and John and the other side for Luke and Oscar.

They finally made it home to Yakima and a new life began for Eva and John Nichols. After staying with them for a few months Oscar thought it was time to leave for home. But before he left he told Eva,Yakima was no life for her and she should return with him to Oklahoma. She told Oscar she was now a married woman and her place was with her husband. So, Aunt Eva was the first Taylor to live in Washington. Some years later my father Olan and his brother Eulon moved up for a short period of time and worked building the Rim Rock Dam. And there were also periods when Granpa and Granda would come and live with Eva and John. So there were many times when worshipping The Lord on the first day of the week was done by the Taylor's in Washington.

Now turning the clock up a few years we find 1941 and America in WWII. The Taylor's have left Oklahoma for good and settled in California. All the children of Jim and Kate Taylor have married and begun their own families.

I'm not sure of Uncle Eulon's feelings about the war. But he did feel living in Washington would be a right place for him and his family.

So he moved Belle and the boys, John and Robert, from Southern California to Sunnyside Washington. The early years there were not that great. He bought a dairy farm and tried to make a living but it was difficult. He finally moved to town and started a janitorial business. During that time services were held at his home.

In 1942 my father mother and older brother moved to Outlook Wa. They bought the only store in Outlook. And I believe they met in a building in Outlook for church. John and Eva also lived in Outlook and were farmers raising sugar beets. Some of Johns brothers lived there also. In fact you will find a road named after the Nichols still in Outlook today. My father and mother were very successful with the store but my mother was terribly homesick, her and her mother were very close and she missed her dearly. So they moved back to California. But the venture started my father on the road to owning stores the rest of his life.

Moving into the late 40's and early 50's we find the McCay's moving to Washington and looking for a loyal church to worship with. Somewhere along the way they came into contact with Eulon's family and started driving to Sunnyside for worship. That is until they out grew meeting in Eulon's home and the church was moved to Yakima.

Your dad can fill you in on the dates better then I can. Hope this helps.

Your Brother Bill Taylor