

## REMEMBRANCES OF ERVINS AND WELSH (Welch) COULEES

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### ERVIN COULEE ( Towns of Lincoln and Preston )

There was a man by the name of Ervin that had the farm that Speerstra bought, that's where the coulee got its name. There was a man by the name of Sweet who had the farm that Charles Anderson later bought. All the rest were Norwegians. A W Anderson, Christian Everson and Nels Hestekind had the land that Ole Thorson bought which now belongs to Eversons. Elling Dolven and Lars Davidson had the farm that Mrs Claude Everson now has. Ever K Lien, Peter Hia, Ever Hanson had the farm that Mahlum later bought. There was a man by name of Peder Pederson that had the farm that Bennett Anderson now has. Andy Anderson had the land that Theodore Nelson later bought and there was Gudbrand Broten or Jordet. These were the first settlers in Ervin Coulee. These people were there before the railroads came.

### WELSH(WELCH) COULEE (Town of Preston)

Here are some of the first settlers there was a man by the name of Welsh and that was where the coulee got its name. All the rest were Norwegians. Beginning from (the) lower end of the coulee( east) there were Gullick Olson, Ole Bergum, Gunder Meistad, Arnie Stutlien, Paul Thompson, Hans Jahr, Gudbran Smesrud-father of P H Hanson-Jon Tennes, Knudt Jodalen, Knudt Gardalen, Ole Moe, Knudt Smalland, Mathias Moen, and Ole Fagernes on top of the church hill. They were all Norwegian--the first settlers, all from Norway. I think you can find most of these names at the Register of Deeds at the Courthouse in Whitehall. This is all written from memory in 1962.