

June 1945

Kenneth Dana got out of the Army. He went to work in Pleasant Grove at a tomato factory. Grandpa Lee Dana owned a 1935 Dodge pick-up, with a new motor & new tires. Grandpa Lee Dana used it to haul peas on occasion. Grandpa Lee Dana was a farmer. Kenneth Dana took Grandpa Lee Dana's 1935 Dodge pick-up truck & turned it into a dump truck. Uncle Kenneth Dana & Grandpa Lee Dana used it & started delivering things & that's how they got the trucking business started. Uncle Kenneth Dana ran it in the summer. Every winter they had a plant that made concrete pipes, that were 4ft. in diameter. Grandpa Lee Dana was superintendant at Toole, Utah of the steel workers.

- Patty & Melba - Toole, Utah. They were pulling a trailer house behind the car & a drunk driver came along & hit them in the back & ended up on the bed inside the trailer house. The insurance would only cover for theft & fire, but not the accident.

- November 1941

- Grandpa Lee Dana was going to Los Vegas for work, & he was pulling a trailer house. It was foggy out. Grandpa Lee Dana hit

a car. He was driving a Pontiac. He took it to a Pontiac dealer & got a new 1942 Pontiac. The wrecked Pontiac was an 8 cylinder & the new one was a 6 cylinder.

- Dec. 7th 1941 - war broke out. Pearl Harbor. The war froze every car sales. The 1942 Pontiacs front fender was part of the passenger door.
- 1945 truck with a flatbed. Before it was made a dump truck. Carl Dana hauled logs with it.

Winter 1945 - 1946

- Grandpa Lee Dana worked at a cement plant in Pleasant Grove. They put water underground to go into the valley. Got sand gravel to make pipe from the Point of the Mountain to the plant during the winter. Uncle Kenneth Dana went to the boss & told him he wanted the job. He got the job. They needed two trucks. Uncle Kenneth Dana traded his Oldsmobile for a new GMC truck. That started the trucking business. They still couldn't keep up. They needed another dump truck so they hired Stan Arko. Stan lived around Draper, Utah. They needed him for the business of hauling.

April 1946 Simplot Ore haul.

- Hauled ore from a phosphate mine to Ft. Hall, Idaho & loaded it on freight trains. Max Dana went to work for Grandpa Lee Dana & Uncle Kenneth Dana in 1946. They spent the summer of 1946 in Pocatello, Idaho. They made 5 cents a ton. It was a 20 mile haul. The union wanted them to sign on. They quit. Went to Arvado, Wyoming in the fall of 1947 working for a contractor named Peter Kiewitt. Got to Arvado & there was no electricity. Camped by Clearmont River running into the Powder river into Montana. Went from Arvado to a town near Gillette, Wyoming, also hauled to Spotted Horse. Built houses out of wooden stakes & panel 10x12 & put canvas over it. Had a bad winter. Went to the store in Toby's car - it was a 1946 Oldsmobile & a blizzard came up. started to go back to the camp. Winter of 1947 - the road was closed, snow so hard couldn't move the car. Spent the whole night in the car, cold, snow & blowing. Ate soda crackers, bread, peanut butter & canned milk. For heat in the car used Coleman gas lanterns - cracked the windows. Also started the car once in awhile also for heat. The next morning the snow was at the top of the car. The passenger side was okay. Grandpa Lee Dana & Uncle Kenneth Dana walked to get the truck.

They chained it up. They couldn't use it the snow was too deep. They all walked back to camp. When they got to camp Lona Dana wasn't breathing, finally they got him to breathe he was okay. The scary part was the winter before three people ended up dying because they left their car & walked in the storm & they froze to death.

Went to Kemmer after the storm in Dec. Didn't find work because of a scam. Grandpa Lee Dana went down to Coleville & found a job tying steel. Uncle Kenneth Dana stayed in Kemmer with Max & Stan waiting for the mine to open.

Uncle Kenneth met Elsie in the summer of 1948 & married October of 48.

Winter 48-49

- Worst winter they ever had. Uncle Kenneth Dana & Aunt Elsie went to Las Vegas, Nevada to get work. Got a job, with company building power lines from Hoover Dam to Kingman, Arizona, & then the boss needed dump trucks for hauling sand & gravel. Uncle Kenneth Dana told the boss he had two. Uncle Kenneth Dana worked as a mechanic. Uncle Max & Grandpa Lee Dana brought the trucks down. They worked all winter of 1948-1949.

Melvin died in 1944.

May 1949

- It was really hot & Uncle Kenneth Dana & Aunt Elsie moved to South Pass, Wyoming. They spent the summer up there. Grandpa Lee Dana came up & drove truck. Uncle Kenneth Dana still worked as a mechanic. Mead Dana was born. Got done that fall, & moved to Ogden, & was doing mechanic work. The company bought Uncle Max Dana's truck, & Max bought a brand new car & trailer house.

Fall of 1949

- Come back to Utah.
- Uncle Max Dana loaned Uncle Kenneth Dana the money to buy a truck in 1950.

Meeteetse, Wyoming

Uncle Max Dana, Uncle Kenneth Dana & Aunt Elsie Dana left Ogden in the spring of 1950, to Meeteetse, Wyoming. Uncle Max Dana & Uncle Kenneth Dana heard of a job in Hordin, mt. & that's what brought Kenneth into Montana & has been here every since.