

Northeast

William Jolly **Betty Lindman**

“We had a creek running in our front yard that we wanted to improve. So, we dug a pond with the guidance and technical service of the Soil Conservation Service. Six weeks later there was a forest fire on our place, in the timber. The fire crews pulled their trucks along the pond and filled their tanks and brought the fire under control. The only damage done was a small amount of acreage. The pond itself was for woodland protection, and that was valuable in itself. It was why we improved the creek and it was available to anybody in the area that needed water,” said Betty Lindman describing their only brush with fire on their 230-acre tree farm in Colville, Washington.

She and her husband, William (Bill) Jolly, purchased the property in 1950 after Bill left the Merchant Marines. Betty, “Moving from San Francisco back to Seattle was kind of overwhelming. We just wanted to get away from city life. There wasn’t anything we could really afford or really liked, so we went to the east side and looked. We fell in love with acreage west of Colville. It had, I think, 230 some acres, mostly in timber, and that’s where we settled.”

Settling into the hills of Colville, Bill immediately became involved with forestry. In 1951 he joined the Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA). Bill held the office of president at one time with the local Northeast Chapter and was membership chair for the state organization. In 1961, Betty took a job with the Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization Service (ASCS). Betty, “One of our practices was improving the timberland. I was the administrator of that practice. Of course, it was right down our alley to continue on improving our trees and timber, which we did. It was very rewarding.”

Bill and Betty’s jobs aligned with their interest in land improvement. They planted thousands of trees in grassy meadow areas and thinned diseased trees from old growth areas without harming the stand. Betty expresses her efforts to selectively cut overgrown and diseased areas to keep the forest healthy, “It’s been logged in such a way we didn’t disturb the old growth, which was mainly Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. We planted white pine, ponderosa pine and



larch-tamarack. Larch-tamarack is a beautiful tree, an evergreen that loses its needles in the winter time.”

William dedicated his life to forestry from the time they moved to Colville until he died in 1987. Betty continues to live on the farm and carry on Bill’s legacy. Her advice to future generations is a positive one. Betty, “Go for it. I think it’s something we all need to do. Trees are something that will be with us forever and there will always be a need for trees.”

"I can't just see cutting trees down to build buildings. I think areas that are leveled for new homes from a treed area is sad. Keep the trees growing. We need them for many different reasons." – Betty Lindman

JOLLY TREE FARM

Betty Lindman

William Jolly, 1919 - 1987

William: WFFA Chairman

Panorama Chapter Tree Farmer of the Year, 1980

President Northeast Farm Forestry, 1982

American Tree Farm System