

Franklin and Mary were both born in Texas. She was born March 21, 1885 at Doss Texas, and he lived nearby. They were married in 1910.

Franklin's brother Granville had settled in Tunk Valley, so the next year while Franklin was in the service and they were living in St. Paul, Minn. Granville invited them to come to Synarep, Washington. They left St. Paul June 4, 1911, and came to the Valley and started working for Granville June 12th. On October 15th 1913 they moved to the Spaulding place. They rented 100 acres, and raised grain and hay. They bought some cattle, raised turkeys and chickens, and sheep. A big garden supplemented their living. In 1915 some friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fridy, came from Reno Nevada. Together they bought the J. Smith Place and Sawtell place in Dec. 1916.

They sheared their own sheep and Mary carded and spun it into yarn. Her niece, Marie Carpenter, still has Mary's spinning wheel. What a treasure!!!

In 1934 They sold all of their livestock and rented their place. They went to Texas for their health. Frank came back in 1937 and Mary in 1938. They continued living on the place, raising chickens and turkeys, and a few cows. They rented the farm land to Clifford Hosheit. Frank's health began to decline in the spring of 1949 and he passed away in August. Mary continued to live on the place until the fall of 1951, when she and her sister, Margaret Swihart purchased some property in Omak. She and Margaret lived in Omak and she sold her Synarep property to Marvin and Esma Dodge, in Aug. 1969.

Mary enjoyed sewing and made many Quilts. She also cared for elderly people in her home. She and her husband had cared for Mr. Spaulding until his death, in 1928.

Mary passed away in Aug. 1974, in Omak at the age of 89. Their home and windmill are still standing, on the hillside overlooking Tunk Valley. Mr. Spaulding, Frank and Mary, and Granville and his wife, Caroline, are all buried in the Tunk Valley Cemetery.



Hay crew at the Brown's; Bob Jobe, Maude Jobe, Frank Brown & Mary Brown. 1930. C.W. Spaulding, Frank Brown, Andrew Anderson, E.D. Thomas... C.W Spaulding on Mollie. A. Anderson on Daisy, Brentlinger on Fred, E.D. Thomas on Beauty, Franklin Brown on Stormy.



A nostalgic old shoe almost lost among the leaves and debris. Did it belong to Mary ?

If these walls could talk they would give us the stories of the pioneers.

Two views of the Franklin and Mary Brown house. Their windmill is the only one left standing in the valley. There is a hand dug well still on the property, now owned by the Fitzgeralds.

Another silent sentinel is this house on Hosheit road. Most believe it was the old Harrah house. Chinking is out of the cracks so you can see daylight through, any place you look. Russ Arndt owns the property

