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Legend- Human Condition

Informant: Stephen Robb (LDS) was born in Neola, Utah he is the second eldest in his family of 4 children. His father is Theron Robb and his Mother Carma Robb who passed away in 2007. He runs his father’s painting business along with his brothers Derek and Mike Robb. He has many past times, but one of his favorites is wood making he can make many things but loves making bowls, pens, tables. He is married to Terri Robb and has 3 children all which they adopted. He has many great family stories, and he loves to tell them to anyone who will hear them.

Context: We were sitting at the dinner table eating when I asked him to tell us this story, he found it weird to be recorded and didn’t tell it as good as he usually does but you can still get the gist of the story from his explanation. He normally only likes telling it in social situations, and where people that haven’t heard the story already are around and when he tells it in that situation it is much funnier, he tells it with a lot more detail. Regardless this is a great family legend and we as a family fully believe that it happened as do the towns people who say they witnessed it.

Text: So, legend has it, my grandpa Christensen when he was a teenager about 15 or 16 years old, that on a dare from a bunch of his friends while they were out riding horses in the small town of Neola, Utah, [ A little distracted, begins this part again.] that on a dare he rode his horse through the chapel on Sunday during church, and then rode it back out again, and that story has been confirmed by several old people who lived in the town of Neola.

Texture: When my dad told the story this time he said it very briefly and didn’t go into much detail it was also very flat and he didn’t put much emotion into the story telling. When he normally tells this legend, he will include the reactions of the towns people and some were laughing, some were disgusted that he would do that. He also included that he rode in with a fire lantern and that everyone thought he was going to burn the chapel down. But regardless this is a story that I hear him often tell, he thinks it is hilarious.