

Jeanette (Jan) Roll Oral History

Jan was married to Neal Roll. She was born in 1944 in Oceanside and moved to De Luz as a young six year old girl. She lived in Los Angeles but had a bad reaction to smog and a doctor recommended they move to De Luz for her health. She attended De Luz School from 1949 -1957.

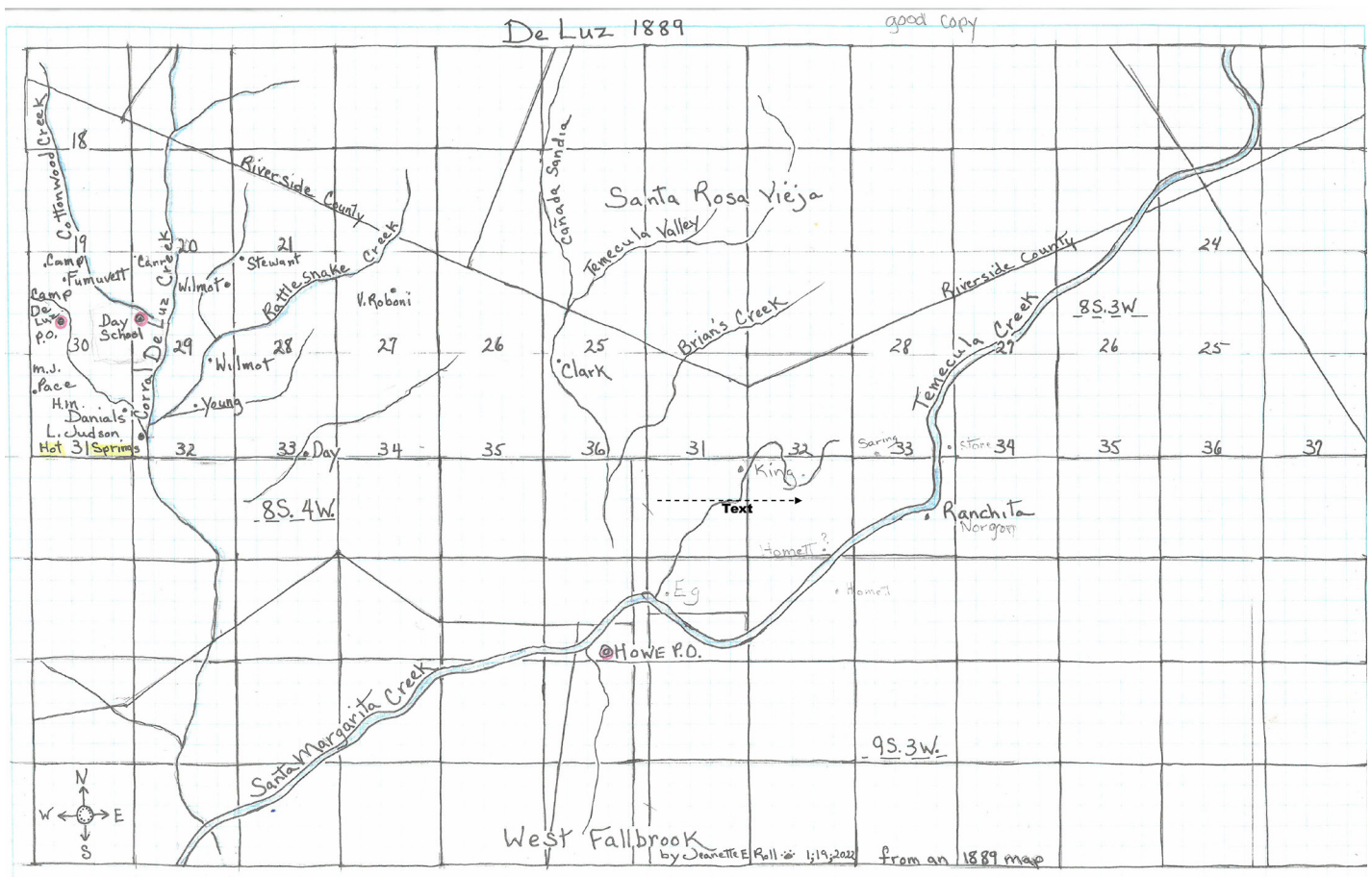


Below this document in the next section there are several .mp4 files. The first one is titled [12-9 Jan history.mp4](#). Here is a synopsis of it and some photos that go along with it.

Jan's father, Gene Brain, bought the property from a Mr. York. One of the first De Luz settler's name was Bleecker. Jan lived in the Bleecker two story house in 1979. Her husband Neal Roll helped to fix up the house. The house was accidentally burned it down later.

I brought up that I had a plat map from 1899 and that it would be great if she could draw a more legible map as she is such a fine artist. My plan was to draw in many of the original settlers on the map. I was studying the first people who lived in the De Luz area and wanted a way for people to see where they lived. Here is the map she drew. Bleeckers place was first owned by the Wilmot's in section 29 on the map below. Teddy Garnsey and other old timers always referred to it as the Bleecker place and it was later owned by the Dykehouses', recently the hemp growers and then the Patel's.

Her grandmother was Edith Parker who was a Clerk of the Fallbrook School Board along with Teddy



Garnsey. Edith, her grandmother, was a foster parent to many boys who were the wards of San Diego county. Many of these boys went to the De Luz School and Jan knew several of them.

Gene Brain bought the house and 150 acres for \$1,700 in 1942.



Brain house 1944



Gene Brain - Jan's dad



Catwalker Gallery 1942 It was used as a family dwelling.

Alice Hetler Parker Brain - Jan's mom



Catwalker Gallery in 2026 where Jan sold her artwork and fine silver jewelry.

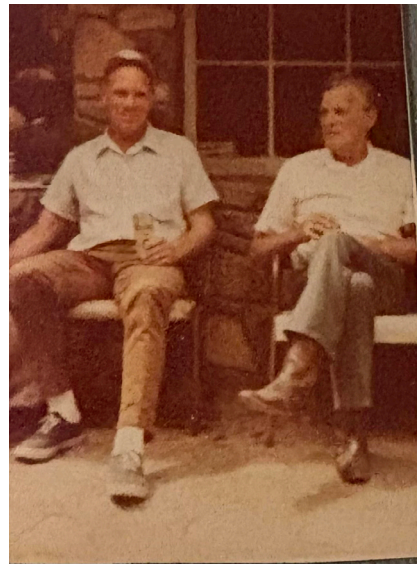


Jan, a talented artist, learned how to paint from her mother. Listen to the story [mother painting Jan learning how to paint. mp4](#) that is below this document in the next section.

Gene and Alice Brain 55th wedding anniversary



Jan's brother and her dad Gene Brain



Alan Brain with steelhead trout he caught in Rattlesnake Creek now called De Luz Creek. Listen to Jan's story [Fish with Alan.mp4](#) that is below this document in the next section.



In our interview Jan told a story about herself when she was two years old. She was missing and Alan went to find her. Listen to the story [Two years old Jan.mp4](#) that is below this document in the next section.

In our interview Jan told a story about a house in 1939 and her parents taking care of 15 foster county boys. Listen to the story [1939 house 15 county boys.mp4](#) that is below this document in the next section.

This is Jan's house around 1944 looking down at it from the top of the hill.



In our interview Jan told a story about rocks on the property above on a hill that was supposed to be the property line. Years later Riverside county caused everyone to lose 100 feet from their property when Vail Ranch was sold to Kaiser Aluminum. Listen to the story [house story.mp4](#) that is below this document in the next section.