Dear Waters,

Here is a genealogical sketch of the "Dunn" family -
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for all these stories -

"Among the forefathers of the
Yakama Valley, who settled in "Parker
Bottom" the name of Robert Dunn
ascended a place in the forefathers
records of Yakima County.

Mr. Dunn was born in Scotland
and at an early age came to the
United States.

The Civil War afforded him a field
to lead a company of Union Soldiers
and soon he was made a Captain.
He served with honor & distinction
throughout the war and laid down his
arms at Appomattox Court House.

Robert Dunn met Miss Annie Curry
of Harrisonburg, Penn. - and they were married
at Paducah, Kentucky, and later moved
to Missouri.

In 1876, the Dunn family consisting
of mother, father, Ella who married
Don, the Donald F. Donald. Bella who
became Mrs. F. J. Redmond. Phoebe, who
now is Mrs. Will Morgan of Yakima.
Maggie who became Mrs. Blake
McAlister of present-day Yokum
Lucy who became Mrs. D.C. McAleese
Sawyer—and Tharsa who is
Mrs. Charles Beale of Donald
After their arrival the son was
born—Sueann of George
The trip from Mendocino to Yokum
was made in a covered wagon—
many hardships were endured, and
in September they reached Red Bluff.
In October Mr. Dunn filed upon a
homestead of 160 acres along the river
bottom—the farm is now occupied
by several families.
The Dunn family lived on the homestead
until the “flood” of 1881—
Mrs. Dunn relates as follows:
“The flood that nearly cost us our lives
came on the evening. A warm wind
was blowing. The river broke from the banks
and floated back in one place where it
formed a ‘giant’ which backed the
water out of its banks with a rush.
Father had just started to go cut trees
from the Red Bluff ferry about a mile
up the river when he heard us scream
to turn back and found water running
through the home.”
We did not have time to get our personal effects out - I ran and opened the gates to let the cattle out for the got the horses and threw some bedding on them and he galloped through the cold running water to some high ground - darkness came and when morning dawned the place was covered with big areas of ice which remained for about a month. We lost one horse and everything at that time. The ferry boat was gone and there was no bridge. The people of Old Town got a canoe and brought the supplies and clothing which was very acceptable.

Father then looked up a desert claim which to this day is known as the Dunn Ranch.

In order to get money, father headed freight from the railroad to Estesville. It round trip took about 8 days. We went to school about 5 months during the year to a little log school house at the foot of the hill where my brother Devasis home now stands.

The playmates were Clara - Emma of Fannie Parker - Clara of Joe Burch, Geo. Mellor, Kate and Bet Shilt.
The 300 acres (desert claim) was divided among the 7 Boone children. Mrs. Polis, L. E. Smith and now living on their parts.

Facture raised his wife of 40 years. He was a merchant in Yuma for 8 years. During which time he managed his father's store, the help of a third man.

He bought one section of some tree in the first part of the Dallas - for his neighbors, Isaac Hunt, Harry Hunt, Eugene Hunt, David Murray,epsilon of Allen, John Goodwin and J. M. Patterson.

Some choppers of the Loafs.

The historic "Trends" house is still on the floor also the apple tree which Mr. French brought into the valley by each house.