

## Helen Louise Dietert Orr

In this story, Helen Orr talks about her early life in Kerrville and of her love for ranch life on her grandfather Dietert's ranch in Mt. Home. Helen first went to the ranch at the age of 8. It was, as she describes it, like going to heaven. She loved everything about ranch life —exploring the land, the horses, cows and goats. However, at summer's end, she'd come back to Kerrville to attend school and she talks about what life was like in Kerrville during her girlhood years. Not only did everyone know everyone else, she says, "but you even knew who all the dogs belonged to!" She remembers learning to dance at Pampell's Hall and her first adventures of driving up Tivy Mountain. She recalls her life on her own ranch with her husband, William Stewart Orr, and her enduring love for the land.

### Cross References:

Early Kerr County History  
Early Kerrville  
Dietert Ranch & Family  
Bietel Lumberyard  
Dietert Store  
Campyards in Kerrville  
Kerrville Fair

Union Church  
Presbyterian Church  
Tivy Hotel  
First Automobiles  
Train in Kerrville  
Pampell's Hall  
Tuberculosis

### Names:

William Stewart Orr  
Elizabeth Seffel  
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