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Cleveland was born in Kansas in 1893 and moved West with his parents at the age of 13. He has lived on Whidby Island since 1910 and before that lived in Seattle and Puyallup where he attended school. The Clevelands with their family of two children now live on their farm just out of Oak Harbor.

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