My Family’s Manifest Destiny
This is the story of my Family’s manifest destiny to Idaho...

The story will be told through my father’s perspective on his journey to where we are.
Growing Up

I was born in Elko, Nevada on May 13, 1976. It’s approximately about 4 hours from where we are here in Idaho. My mom grew up in Elko and my dad on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on the Idaho and Nevada Border. They had dated for some time and before you knew it, I was born. I was the first born child of Thedornia and Ted. Growing up, I grew up in a broken house. I never knew what it would feel like to just be settled down in one place. I had always wanted to live in one place, either in Elko or Owyhee preferably. I did end up shifting that last time and now, with baby boy, I’m in Idaho.
The changes

I attended X High School from my freshman year to when I graduated. I had a lot of crazy memories growing up there, I had left to college for a couple years. In college, I had gotten scholarship for football and was honestly really good. If I would’ve kept my grades up, I think I could have been in the NFL. But I let things slip away from me. That summer, I had come back from college and was staying with my dad. I was messing around with my best friend, when someone new in town had caught my eye. Her name was X and...
Moving

We had gotten married on August 21, 1999. But we didn’t get married in the city. I went back home to the reservation and we had our ceremony there. Most of my family lives there anyway so it made it convenient for everyone. It was also a special place because I’m full Shoshone-Paiute and your mom (X) is half. That sacred land lies within our blood and means a lot to both of us. Then after we had our big celebration of starting our lives together, we made the big plans to have a house build together. Once the house was built, we decided to start a family. We were finally able to be together and the
Whenever I first moved here, the streets were so open! People were well mannered and respected you both on and off the road. There were tons and tons of farming land. Just like back in Owyhee, but also city life and buildings just like Elko. It was the environment that I was used to growing up in. It almost felt like home. I was working at Lloyd Lumber for some years and your mom was working at Mervins. But then when stuff went down with my boss, I quit my job. Your sister was on the way and so we decided to sell our house and moved into my parents' house and lived there until you were born. Sounds like an adventure, doesn't it?
Our BloodLine

Being Native, our bloodline has always been here in North America for thousands of years. Being enrolled to the Shoshone Paiute Tribe of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, we have always lived in Idaho, Nevada, and some parts of Oregon. It all depended on the time of year and the seasons. That’s when our people migrated. But whenever the Europeans came over, we were confined and put on reservations. Our reservation is located on the Idaho and Nevada border. So as a family, our bloodline has never really moved and has remained constant. Even till today, we are still trying to live our lives just as they always have.
Interview Questions

★ What has changed since you have been living here in Idaho?
★ When did you move to Idaho?
★ Why did you “migrate” to Nampa, from where you were living before?
★ Did you have any regrets moving here?
★ What was your journey like to move to somewhere that you didn’t grow up in?
★ Do you like living here better or no? Explain.

1. There definitely are a lot more people. Farm lands are slowly going away and more roads and buildings are being built.
2. I moved to Nampa, in 98’.
3. I came to live with my fiance. We had been dating for 2 years and we were gonna seal the deal.
4. I really don’t have any regrets. I like the area and I have a good job. My life and family is here now.
5. My journey was pretty simple. The driver doesn’t take that long. I didn’t need much stuff to make my new start.
6. It depends, I like living here half the time. It’s really crowded and polluted. I like Owyhee just because it’s open and I love the country and nature.