

Oral Histories

Number: OH 8

Date: August 9, 1988

Condition:
Fair

Holdings:
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Initials: DP

Interviewee: Harold & Grace Brewer

Interviewer: David Atkinson

Abstract: Side A

00-04 History of Grace's parents. Speaks of growing up in Ophir. Describes Ophir Loop. She moved to Telluride during the depression in 1935. Harold moved to Telluride in 1933. He placer mined along the San Miguel River.

04-83 Harold describes placer mining near Placerville. Grace speaks of going to school in Ophir Loop. Talks about the murder of the druggist, Basich and the arrest of his murderer. Grace's father was a deputy in Ophir. Describes Oberto's death.

83-102 Grace speaks of skiing at the Carbinero mine. Grace's father was the proprietor of a dance hall in Ophir. There were 3 schools in the Ophir district. She moved to Telluride and cooked at the American Legion Hospital for Dr. Parker for 3 years. Describes father's dance hall. Talks of prohibition and bootlegging. Speaks of her first marriage and her son, Francis Warner.

102-168 Grace started working at Roses Grocery Store in 1950 after her marriage to Harold and they bought the store from Troy and Ione Rose in 1957. Memories of working in the store. Describes life in the 50's and 60's. Harold was Purchasing Agent for the Idarado mine for many years. Speaks of social lodges in town. Describes the businesses in Ophir.

168-337 Memories of working at the hospital. Many stories of working in the store for 25 years. Speaks of the Idarado Mine closing. Talks of the party they had when they sold the store. Talks of all the parties and dances in Ophir and Rico and movies at the Nugget. Speaks of first husband's illness.

337-445 Speaks of World War 11. Tells story of Tom McMahn. More stories of the War. Talks about the Superintendent of Schools that married his student. Speaks of their own wedding.

445-587 Describes the many ranches on the mesas and the process of delivering milk to town. Describes and talks about the first cars they owned. Speaks of the fox farm on Turkey Creek. Mentions trapping beaver. Grace names her father's various jobs. . Describes the fire at the Silver Bell boarding house there. Grace speaks of various photos in her scrapbook.

Side B:

00-17 Names various grocery stores that were in town when they were in business.
History of Roses's store and the previous owners.

Description: sound cassette (50 minutes)

Subjects: Side A

History of parents and how they arrived in Telluride

Placer mining

Skiing, Dancing & School

Social Life

World War11

Various memories of life in Telluride

Side B:

Grocery stores in Telluride