Brown, Rodney/Elliott Tape Catalogue Card Phone 000-0000 Tape # **OH56** Address (Rodney)2621 2nd Ave. #1205 Seattle, Wa. 98121 Location OH File Date Sept. 9, 1990 Length 62 min. Place Viking Lodge, Telluride, Co. Sides 2 Interviewer Davine Pera Recorder Marantz Phone 728-3632 Sep Mike No Time Names & Places Subjects covered Mary Reade 00-111 History of parents arrival in Telluride. Uncle Frank P. Brown was with Henryetta Cloud the Hayden Survey party in 1870. Grandfather James L. Brown was on A.C.Brown first census in 1885, but arrived to stay in 1876. Father was born in Hayden 1898 and attended school in Telluride. Geronimo 111-224 Speaks of Geronimo and his friendship with Frank Brown. Speaks of Jenny Lind the wealth of early day residents. Grandfather was stockholder in 3 Otto Mears of the richest mines in area which led to being president of one of the first banks in Telluride. Describes solid gold pass presentd to grandfather by Otto Mears. C.D.Waggoner 224-317 Charles DeLoss Waggoner was cousin to Browns. History of bank crash of 1893 and grandfather's involvement. Courtship of Mary Reade by both grandfather and C.D. Waggoner. 317-411 Tells story of gold jewlery made from gold collected by grandfather as a child. History of grandparents living at the Alta Mine. Depression and grandmother selling her jewelry. Describes grandmother's beauty and grace. 411-465 History of Reade side of family. One of her relatives signed the Constitution. History of many relatives and their early lives. 465-515 Describes fathers fascination with railroads and automobiles. 515-590 Many stories of fathers years in Telluride growing up and spending a lot of time at Uncles ranch in San Miguel. History of fathers life after he moved to Boulder, SIDE B 00-84 Many stories of grandfather and his sister Alta during their childhood. Father returned to area in 1939 and picked out pieces of wire gold from old claim, which he made into jewelry for his children. Speaks of grandmother using gun to protect herself during the strike. Describes the many guns they had. Automobile manufactors and gun manufactors brought their wares to test in Telluride. Grandfather had 5 cadillacs in stoppage at one time. Describes the watch fob his grandfather had made from his wife's auborn hair.

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Tells may stories of people making their fortunes in mining. Speaks of ladies in the Red Light District. Memories of their grandfather, his friends and their cars.