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History of parents arriving in Telluride. Mother's father arrived here from Iowa to work at Ptarmigan Lake above Tomboy Mine as a watchman. Mother came to visit her father and stayed to work in a restaurant. Father was born in Sweden, parents died when he was 7 years old. His oldest sister brought him to the United States when she traveled here to marry her fiancé. He could not speak English when he was in school. Went to Montana as a young man and did various things, including living with the Flathead Indians for a time. He travelled to Telluride to find his brothers who were here exploring for gold. He had a commissary at the Liberty Bell Mine, when he met her mother, married her, and sent her back to Iowa until he built a house for her. There were only 3 families living at Liberty Bell at that time. They had 3 children. Kay was youngest and was born at the American Legion Hospital. Father brought her mother down on a sleigh for her birth. They lived at the Liberty Bell until sister and brother were ready to start school and then moved to Telluride.

127-174

Dennison, J. Tell,
 Sweeney, Miller,
 Elscamp

Story of going to town by herself when she was 5 years old, visiting all the shops. She always got a reward of choosing a cookie when she paid the grocery bill at Elscamp's Grocery Store. This is when they lived on Oak St. in Telluride.

174-205

Waggoner,

Describes the house they lived in on Oak Street. Story of someone stealing her bag of Indian Pennies, she had collected. Speaks of Comet Creek Flood and the debris left in her back yard.

205-215

Memories of school activities.

215-241

Father moved his commissary to the Smuggler Mine when the family moved to town. She travelled with him to Denver to buy supplies for commissary. He was also sheriff of Telluride for a short time. Stories of miners coming to town to visit the Red Light District on pay days.

241-316

Swansons, Chester
 Lee, Peterson,
 Andersons,
 McCowans, Woys,
 Sullivan, F. Wilson,
 Sweeney's

Winter activities included coasting from the top of North Oak Street down across Main Street to the rail road tracks. Father skied down from the Smuggler to town on week-ends in the winter. She and sister gave dancing performances at the Elks Club. Sister spent winters in North Dakota, due to health. Names various neighbors they had. Describes Halloween tricks. Speaks of the Busy Corner Pharmacy.

The family moved to Durango when she was in the 7th grade so the

Wwann, R. Lingren, she had a wood tick in her hair. Describes Gibbs Gracious Girls, which

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Gibbs, J. Monroe was a gymnastic act. Group was formed by Mr. Gibbs and they travelled to other towns to perform. They practiced at the Recreation Hall.

361-390
Marcell She rode the tram to visit the mine in Silverton with her father. Speaks of walking to the Smuggler to visit with her father as a child. Always got a treat from his commissary at the soda fountain. Stayed over night at sister's house sometimes.

390-434
Elsowod Collins, H. Danielson The family moved to California where she graduated from High School. They kept a house in Telluride and would spend every summer here. Story of meeting her husband in Telluride. Her husband was in the Navy and they dated in California.

434-496
Yvonne Warnick, Cushman Lake Memories of fishing and camping at Trout Lake during the summer as a child. Story of riding to Telluride from Matterhorn on a motorcycle with friends. Rented a boat from the commissary at Trout Lake. Speaks of fishing conditions now, as compared to then.

496-593
Marcell, Sullivan, G. Swanney Childhood activities—picnics, coasting. Memories of attending movies at the Sheridan Opera House. Admission was 10 cents. They were silent movies. Recalls story of Grace Pierson saving her from falling at Comet Creek Falls. Lots of picnics sponsored by the Oddfellows and Rebecca Lodges. Speaks of swimming in "fish tanks" at the end of Main Street. Did lots of hiking at Bridal Veil Falls. Picked lots of raspberries in the summer. Picked mushrooms with friends and dried them.

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00-70
Memories of picking dandelions for father to keep the yard clean of them. She was paid 1 cent per hundred. Mother also made salad from dandelion greens. Describes heating and cooking stoves in their house.

70-189
Eiscamp, Pilcher Describes mothers life as housewife. She washed on the scrub board. Speaks of water system in the house and method of heating water for the bathrooms. No heat in the bedrooms. Dad grew a vegetable garden. Mother would call grocery stores to order groceries and store would deliver to the house. Parents belonged to Rebecca and Oddfellows Lodges. Parents lived very quiet social life. Mother born in Iowa, but because she married a Swedish man, she had to take out citizenship papers, although he had his papers. Describes mothers long hair; she had the first "bob" haircut in Telluride. Bought their clothes through ordering from catalogues. Kay rode the train a lot to Denver and North Dakota. Speaks of her mother being very lonely, as her father always worked away from home.

189-282
+ Barth and Clara Coolins, Chester Lee, Mc Cowan, Krabbie, Boyd Collins Keys's husband was born in Sawpit. History of grandparents. They lived on Deep Creek Mesa and owned a store in Yanadium. Their large house on Deep Creek Mesa burned, with everything in it. Clara (mother) was unhappy on the mesa so left husband and moved to Sawpit to help parents run their store. She later remarried and moved to Egnar. Husband had lots of relation on the mesas who were involved in dairy ranching. Husband attended school in Sawpit and graduated from High School in Telluride. He helped the custodian at

Memories of the many dances she attended as a young girl. Brother

Elscomp, played in dance bands.

309-338

M. Studabekdr, E.
Wunderlich

There were 3 students in husbands graduating class. Speaks of attending his High School reunions. Memories of dating her husband. Lived in California after her marriage.

338-386

Malcolm McDonald,
Roy Stone

Story of purchasing the stone house at Lime Kiln from Roy Stone. They came back every summer for 10 years and lived in a trailer, while they remodeled the old house. Story of dismantling the log house and and reassembling it, exactly as it was.

386-486

Malcolm McDonald,
Roy Stone

Talks about son Dan's art school at Deep Creek. Describes the school and how it functions. Speaks of her husbands death and the trustees of the property at Deep Creek. Continues to talk about children.

486-500

Ruby McKnight

Speaks of her friend, Ruby McKnight, and her death in the third grade.

500-512

Father was head of the baseball team at the Liberty Bell and the Smuggler. He was self-educated—only went through the 4th grade.

512-549

Dr. Agnes, C.D.
Waggoner

Describes July 4th celebrations. Many children were hurt by dangerous fire crackers. Speaks of C. D. Waggoner and the bank scandal. She attended Father-Daughter dinner at the Sheridon with C.D. Waggoner the night before the scandal. Father and husband lost all money in bank collapse.

549-568

Rutherfords

Describes the Christmas tree at home, decorated with candles. Town merchants had home made decorations. Churches had Christmas parties. Mother started Christian Scientist Church in Telluride, but it did not survive.

568-574

Describes the gold watch her father received for bravery in the Liberty Bell Mine fire.