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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-98	A.R.Gustafson, Pera, Matis	<u>History of grandparents and parents on father's side. Grandparents came to Telluride from Finland. Father was born in Telluride. Speaks of group of Finnish men that started the Black Bear Mine. History of the mine.</u>
98-166		Story of parents meeting. Mother was from Mancos. Mother taught in country schools in Mancos and Placerville. Speaks of brothers and sisters.
166-221	C.D. Waggoner	<u>Speaks of his fathers stores in Telluride and Ophir. He had to close the stores when the bank failed. Parents moved to Mancos and back to Telluride when Elbert was in 6th grade. Father worked for Western Colorado Power Co. for many years.</u>
221-350	J.J. Parker, Dr. Taylor, Rose Sand	Talks of Dr. Parker and Dr. Taylor the dentist. They were both exceptional doctors. Many stories of Dr. Parkers life and practice in Telluride.
350-367	Telluride Iron Works	Speaks of people leaving town during the depression. A lot of families moved to Durango to work at Telluride Iron Works Foundry.
376-441	Sand, Elscamps, Pilchers	Speaks of the segregation of nationalities in town. Described the areas they lived in. Most Finnish people did not speak English at home, so kids grew up speaking both languages. <u>Memories of trapping muskrats in the fall and selling to Sears and Roebuck.</u> Fathers store was located on Main Street. Names other stores in town at that time. Father was Mason and also was involved in politics. He was mayor a couple of times. Elbert names various political positions he has held in in his life.
441-473	Pera, John Hamil	Memories of the Finnish saunas in town. Family did not celebrate Finnish customs, but Elbert enjoyed the Christmas party at Finn Hall.
473-511	Dr. Parker	Story of the first "talkie movie" shown at the the Sheridan Opera House. Stage hand was burned when he tried to repair the electric cable that had shorted out.
511-516	E. Ranta, Reyno Sand, J. Hamel, August Sand	Memories of the Ajax snow slide that killed the 2 ladies. Story of the big snow storm on April 15, 1938. Speaks of going to fish at Trout Lake that same year on the 25th of May. Ice still on lake and was so cold, water froze on the line. Describes land marks at Trout Lake.
576-584		Speaks of years of logging in the La Platas and the land marks there.
SIDE B 00-139	E. Ranta, J. Hamel	Continues discussion about land marks being miss- identified. Speaks of Ingram Falls, Cornet Creek Fall, Needle Rock, Camels Garden and

Lovers Lane. Stories of sliding down the hill on spruce boughs in the winter time. Memories of skiing. Describes skis and where they skied. Describes cross country skiing when they trapped weasels.

- 139-261 August Pera, August Sand, John Hamel Story of hunting rabbits on Deep Creek Mesa. Speaks of August Pera trapping coyotes and keeping them in basement of house. Memories of setting traps for coyotes on Deep Creek Mesa in the winter. Stories of trapping. Describes catching a beautiful lynx cat and recalls how he hated to kill it. Spent all of his spare time outdoors. Speaks of his best friend, John Hamel and all the fun they shared.
- 261-358 Sand, Koenig Memories of his fathers stores. Memories of his dog "Old Nig". Speaks of fishing at Trout Lake and walking to Ophir on the railroad tracks. Memories of riding the passenger train to Mancos to visit grandparents when he was in first grade. Speaks of working for uncle on his fox farm in Mancos in the summer and riding the Galloping Goose back and forth between Mancos and Telluride.
- 358-424 J. White After graduating from college, he worked for uncle a year, then went back to Telluride to work for Western Colorado Power Company. Speaks of repair crew taking pack train of mules over Imogene Pass to repair power lines.
- 424-467 Moved to Golden to be caretaker for fox farm. Married while there. Speaks of hearing the news about Peal Harbor on the radio. Speaks of his years in the service.
- 467-498 Byron Brown Moved back to Mancos after the war and bought property from Uncle. Worked as logger for years. Speaks of relatives on both sides of family.
- 498-550 C. Albin, Pilchers, E. Ranta, Dr. Parker, Bill Ranta He left Telluride in 1938. Talks of his fathers cabin at Trout Lake. Names various families that had the first cabins there. Describes how Elmer Ranta got his boat.
- 550-598 Telluride was the best place in the world for kids to grow up. Many childhood memories. Speaks of many pranks and experiences as a young boy. Recites how they would steal gas for their Model T's so they could go fishing. Used caboose at depot as club house. Played basketball in the hall of the Foundry building.

Pilcher, Sand*