

Oral Histories

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Interviewee: Hedlund, Perina

Interviewer: Davine Pera

Abstract: Side A

00-43 History of parents arrival in Telluride. Rena was born in 1926 and her mother died the same year. She also lost both a brother and sister the same year before her mother's death. She lived with a friend of her fathers for 2 or 3 years after her mother died. Her father ran a rooming house behind the Masonic Lodge. After her father's death when she was 14, she was placed in a foster home for Catholic children in Grand Junction and her sister was placed in an NYA school for girls. She also lived with Lena Blixt at different times during her growing up years. Story of meeting her husband.

43-103 She lived with Rita and Barney Gabardi for a short time while her father was in jail for bootlegging. Tells the history of their marriage and their life in Telluride. Speaks of different madams and "girls on the line" that she remembers. Relates different stories about the Gabardis and tells of Rita's death. Mentions old letters to different prostitutes that Rena found in a trunk after her death.

103-189 Mentions different friends she had in Telluride when she was growing up. Tells stories about the escapades they had as children. Names different businesses in town and talks about working at Pilcher's Market and Pekkarines. Describes the Pekkarine family. Mentions the Boyer family.

189-243 Names several teachers. Memories of playing basketball in the recreation hall, which was originally, a Methodist Church. Speaks of the Presbyterian Church burning.

243-282 As children they used coal shovels to coast down Oak Street. Talks about the picnics at the old golf course. Father picked and dried mushrooms to use. Speaks of her best friend, Margareta Haglin who moved here to help at the Dahl House.

282-330 Talks about buying the L.L. Nunn after she and her family moved back to Telluride when Tom was mine manager at the Idarado Mine. Speaks of the Telluride Institute that L.L. Nunn formed that was housed in the building next door.

330-417 Tom speaks of the professional gamblers in town. Talks about different people that owned or worked at the Sheridan Hotel. Mentions the many dances at Swede-Finn and Finn Hall. The Sweeney Band and the Whitson Band played at all the dances. There was a bowling alley above the drug store and later, one across the street on the corner.

417-446 Speaks of the early ski runs in town. Tom helped put one of the early rope tows in., in 1948.

446-487 Mentions riding the Galloping Goose to pick raspberries in Ophir. Other stories of the Galloping Goose.

487-585 Describes the large picnic the Italians held every year. Speaks of different Swede-Finns in town.

585-607 Speaks of living in Telluride after her marriage. Mentions special friends.

Side B

00-134 Memories and stories of many of the town characters. Stories of the Dahl House and Aldasoros. Speaks of her half brother Charlie. Talks about Marie Scott.

Description: sound cassette (62 minutes)

Subjects: Side A

Early history

Red Light District

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Teachers

Childhood Memories

L.L. Nunn House

Dances

Early ski runs

Galloping Goose

Nationalities

Side B

Town characters