

## Oral Histories

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Interviewee: Lazzerino, Henry

Interviewer: Davine Pera

Abstract: Side A

00-73 Early history of Henry and his parents. Both mother and father were born in Italy. Father worked in mines most of his life. Henry started school in Telluride and moved to Vanadium for two or three years. Moved back to Telluride in 1918. Recites story of seeing Kaiser burn in effigy on CourtHouse steps as a young child.

73-110 Father owned a saloon in Telluride on Main Street. Mother ran a boarding house. Recites story of driving his first car when he was 14 years old. His mother moved to Rico in 1936 after his father died. Henry was bartender in saloon there.

110-191 Many stories of bootlegging.

191-311 Story of his pet burro, Julie and other childhood stories. Names childhood friends.

311-349 He left schools in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and went to work in Ophir at the mine driving truck, hauling concentrate to train. Story of working at sawmill in Rico for \$2.50 for 10-hour day.

349-582 Recalls story of being arrested for selling bootleg whiskey. The fire department bought a siren for the town of Rico with the \$300 he was fined. Stories of living in Rico during the bootlegging days. Mentions the bank robbery 2 doors from his saloon. Speaks of the many dances.

Side B:

00- 173 Hank was a member of the Telluride Fire Department for 25 years and was the chief in 1941. Story of preparing the barbecue for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Describes the activities held on the celebration. Story of acquiring recreation hall for dances. History of remodeling army truck to be used as a fire truck for the Fire District for out of town fires. Stories of out town fires.

173-197 History of bringing the Galloping Goose to town for display.

197-268 Story of the log house on corner across from Miner's Union. Henry built it out of an old house he tore down.

268-325 Years of working for the county with big equipment to keep road open during the winter from the top of Lizard Head Pass through the canyon to Ilium and also the Alta Mines. Describes the fire at the mill at the Alta Mine during the 40's. His sister was born at the Smuggle Mine.

325-432 Talks about the snow slides that ran when he was working at Meldrum Tunnel. Describes snow slide that killed the 2 women but spared a baby. Talks about various slides that ran while he worked there.

432-494 Boyhood activities, skiing, basketball, baseball and the log cabin built by group of friends. Played games with a group of kids from different nationalities in town.

494-561 Christmas story about the time he was arrested for stealing decorations from community tree. Recites story of his pet dog finding a \$5 gold piece.

561-612 Memories of medals he won in track meet in Norwood while in high school.

Description: sound cassette (90 minutes)

Subjects: Side A

Early history

Bootlegging

Childhood stories

Working at Rico sawmill

Arrested for bootlegging

Side B

Fire Dept.

Galloping Goose

Log House

Alta Mill fire

Avalanches

Boyhood sports

Christmas story

High School sports