

## Oral Histories

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Interviewee: Jean Bowers Moss, Annie Anderson, Elaine Moureaux, Ayers,  
Betty R. Goldsworthy Duncan

Interviewer: John Stevens

Abstract: Side A

0-18 John introduces interviewees. Jean Moss speaks of parent's arrival in Telluride in 1940. Father was a miner. Jean graduated from High School in Telluride.

18-28 Annie Anderson's family history and arrival in Telluride in 1935. They lived in Ouray in 1936 and 1937 moved back to Denver and then to Telluride in 1945.

28-34 Elaine Ayer's family history.

34-68 Betty Ruth Duncan's family history. Grandfather was killed in the Smuggler Mine. His family lived on Wilson Mesa. Father first had a bakery and then started a grocery store, which he owned and operated for 45 years. Speaks of her marriage.

68- 116 Jean Moss talks about living on the ranch after her marriage. Names all the ranches they purchased for the acreage. Describes ranch life. Speaks of the dairy that her husband's father owned.

116-133 Annie talks about her husband working on the aerial trams for the mines. Speaks of their life. Names various social lodges and clubs in town.

133- 208 Elaine talks about attending school in Telluride after she moved back from California. Mentions when the students went on strike. Jean talks about skiing while in school. Names different teachers they had. Most school activities were held in the recreation hall. They speak of the social

life—mostly dances during the war years. Annie remembers dances that were held at the Finn Hall and the Swede-Finn Hall.

208-232 Annie talks about various social events and dances that was held at the Finn Hall. Speaks of the Finnish community that ran the Finn Hall.

232-260 Jean describes shoveling snow to keep area clear at the ranch. They speak of how deep the snow was in the earlier days. The city plowed the middle of the street, which left deep drifts on the side. Talk about the drinking at the dances.

Description: sound cassette (approximately 20 minutes)

Subjects:

Family histories

Jean's ranch life

Elaine's school memories

Social events

Finn Hall