

Oral Histories

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Interviewee: Jenny Rousch, Ruby King Gray, Gusti Swan, Alta Cassietto

Interviewer: John Stevens

Abstract: Side A only

00-01 Introduction by John Stevens.

01-16 Jennie Rousch's family history. She speaks of the miner's strike.

16- 40 Ruby Gray's family history. Father worked at Liberty Bell Mine and then later at Liberty Bell Mill. Speaks of living across the river in the community there.

40-64Alta Cassietto's family history. Speaks of her parents living at the Alta Mine. Talks of her family's life. Tells of starting school in Telluride when she could not speak English.

64-87 Gusti Swan's family history. Gusti was born in Telluride July 4, 1913. Father was a miner at the Smuggler Mine. He planned to move to Uncle, but had a heart attack on his last day of work at the mine when Gusti was 2 years old. Speaks of where the Swedes and Finns lived.

87-162 Memories of going to grade school in Telluride. Morning and afternoon kindergarten classes were held in the grade school. Describes locations of classrooms. Names various teachers. Gusti names siblings. They speak of the Depression. Gusti played in several dance bands.

162-235 Jenny speaks of the murders at the Tomboy and the Baisch murder. Alta recites story of Chinese murder. Names mortuaries in town. Alta speaks of attending a circus at Stubbs & Jakeway Building, which later burned.

235-259 They talk of the Telluride school building and the classes they took.
Memories of the dances they attended.

Description: sound cassette (approximately 30 minutes)

Subjects:

- Family histories
- School memories
- Tomboy and Basich murders
- Dances