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Names & Places Subjects covered

- 00-187 Kanta, Bartin, Gustafson Bill's earliest memories. Lived in boarding house owned by mother on Pacific St. Describes the house and talks about his life as a young boy. Family also ran a public sauna, built out of lumber from a house that was torn down in the red light district. Describes the sauna. People from the train ate at the boarding house. Mother fixed big meals for the Holidays. Kitchen was open for people to drop in for coffee. Describes the kitchen. Talks about the special breads and crackers they ate with their coffee.
- 187-347 Paavo Nurmi (The Flying Finn), Cronquist, Gustafson Bill's parents separated during the depression. Bill stayed with his mother. History of mother's parents coming from Finland. His mother arrived here in 1892. Her first job was cooking at the American House. She also worked at the Miners Union Hospital during the time of the strike in 1902-1903. Story of mother meeting with the manager of the Tomboy during strike to get the men back to work. Mother's cousin was Paavo Nurmi, the "Flying Finn". Relates story of his mother's and stepfather's wedding in 1894. Talks about his older step-sister, Auria Sophis Rose.
- 347-380 Kesti, Kanta, Earl Pond Names different houses that mother owned and describes Kanta house. Memories of going to school with special friends, the Kesti girls across the street.
- 380-430 Wm. Anderson, W. Snideman, Erickson, Baisch, Quine Talks about the different trains, their schedules and the freight they carried in and out. Station masters, conductors and engineers were all friendly to him. The Sheridan Hotel ran horse drawn bus to the train depot every day, and the 2 drug stores had a race to get the papers from Denver.
- 430-480 J.F. Quine, Lorig, Spencer, Elscamp, Guy Warrick, Byers Photography Shop Describes the location of the 2 drug stores and different businesses on main street. Speaks of the shiny wagon and beautiful horses owned by the Railway Express.
- 480-507 Dr. Brown, E. Ranta, D.O'Rourke Relates the story of his birth in the house on Pacific Street on July 28, 1914. Speaks of the 1914 flood the same day Bill was born.
- 507-587 Leino, Hampton Hog Farm, Dempsey Mr. Reider Memories of going to the sauna with parents in the winter. Picnics during the early years and going different places in hired horse and buggy. Speaks of the many hay ranches on the mesas. Describes the blacksmith shop and livery barn on corner across from Leino House. Recalls the foundry and describes the location.
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 12-181 E. Bartin, G. Swan, Lillestrom, Simons, Sackett, Beard Describes the boundaries of Finn Town and Sweede Town. Names different people that lived in those areas. Mentions nick-names of Finnish people and describes local characters. Names some of the

men that boarded with his mother.

- 181-400 A.Gustafson, A. Humo Recalls story of the plane that landed on the race track one July 4th. Describes Finns midsummer picnics celebrating St. Johns Day on June 24 every year. Some were held at Trout Lake and people rode the train over to attend. They were also held at Bear Creek and Grizzley Gulch. Describes Finnish Christmas celebrations and talks about the local people (Finnish) who played the violin, accordion and cornet at the Finn dances held at Finn Hall. Story of Santa Claus at their Christmas party. Mother told fortunes on New Years Day, and describes procedure.
- 400-458 Beslax, H. Johnson, Rose Johnson Mother quit running the boarding house in 1925 and went to Matterhorn to cook in the boarding house at the mine there in 1926. They shipped their cows and livestock over on the train. Bill stayed in town with his sisters to attend school and rode train to Ophir on week-ends to visit mother. Mines started to close in 1927.
- 458-531 H. Johnson, Lavendar Cowboys Tells story of Harry Johnsons trip to Chama, N.M. in 1919 to buy whiskey for July 4th celebration and the problems they had getting home. Speaks of bootlegging in Telluride.
- 531-590 E.B. Adams, Babe Schuler, Wichman, Wunderlich, Keith Recalls different early cars in town and the first car his mother owned.

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