

Oral Histories

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Interviewee: Sand, Reyno

Interviewer: Davine Pera

Abstract: Side A

00-128 History of birth dates of Reyno and his family. Father came to United States from Finland and worked in mines at Michigan at the time Ford came out with his first car. He bought stock in the Black Bear Mine, which was started by a group of Finnish financiers and miners. Tells history of his parents meeting and their marriage. They rode aerial tram from base of Black Bear to Smuggler mill to work. Father worked as carpenter at various mines during the war and after war he bought store in Finn Town with August Gustafson and Gustafson's sister in 1918. They also had store in Ophir. Gives history of both stores.

128-146 Describes the different business in Ophir Loop and speaks of how ore was shipped from the Alta Mines. Mentions various mines in the Ophir area.

146-172 Mentions the first AC current power plant at Ames that furnished power to the Alta mines. Speaks of L.L. Nunn.

172-192 Talks of driving Model T pickup from business in Telluride to Ophir when he was 13 years old, transporting supplies.

192-235 Speaks about riding the train to Trout Lake with father to fish. Talks of Trout Lake.

235-270 Talks about going to school in Telluride. In 1929 he represented the Western Slope in band contest in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Elk's Club. Mentions various sports offered in school.

270-440 Describes growing up in Finn Town. Describes the celebrations and holidays celebrated in Finn Hall. Speaks of Christmas trees being decorated with candles. Gives history of difference between Finns and Swede-Finns. Describes the Finnish saunas and speaks of his memories of them. Recites the story of the Finnish captain that escaped from the Finnish Army, traveled to the United States and became a ski instructor at Camp Hale.

440-537 Talks about his brother Gus and Bruce Palmer starting the first ski tow in Telluride. Describes how he and brother use to cross country ski and describes method of making their own skis.

537-601 After graduating from high school went to Ross Business College in Grand Junction. He had a contract with Express Co. and hauled supplies from stores to the depot at the railroad, then worked at grocery store. Speaks of his marriage, their move to Denver, his work at the Denver Industrial Bank for George Rock and his years of working at the Electrical Supply House.

Side B

05-40 Talks about his family. Tells of children's schooling and jobs they have had. Describes grandchildren's schooling and activities. His wife and sister-in-law were nurses for Dr. Parker at the American Legion Hospital. He and his wife were married by Rev. Ferguson in Mrs. Studebaker's home.

54-66 Memories of the Finnish Forest Scouts.

Description: sound cassette (55 minutes)

Subjects: Side A

Parent's history

Ophir

AC Power Line

Model T Pickup

Trout Lake

School memories

Finn Town

Skiing

Employment years

Side B

His family

Finnish Forest Scouts