

Telk, Charles Valentine**Tape Catalogue Card**

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Names & Places Subjects covered

History of Charlie's birth. Story of getting his Social Security number because of no birth certificate. He applied for Social Security at the age of 65, but continued to work until the age of 70. Worked 13 years for the Great West Sugar Co.. He helped automate all 13 of their plants. Describes process of plant and mill and how they worked after automating them. He retired at age of 70. Tells of bankruptcy of Great West Sugar Beet Co.

131-189

Charlie moved to Telluride from Central City in 1907. His father died in Telluride of Miner's Consumption. Charlie joining the navy when he was a Junior in High School, after his mother signed for him. Names areas stationed while in the service. Story of his discharge from the Navy. He went back to school in Telluride and graduated in 1919. His Navy uniform is on display in the Telluride Museum. He played on the basketball team in Telluride and was on the track team in college.

189-229

Mary McGenney

Relates story of meeting his wife at a dance at the Swede-Finn Hall. They were married in 1923. He worked at the Denver Tramway. Describes his work. He worked at the Tomboy Mine. Moved back to Telluride in 1929. Worked at the Gold Run and also for the US Smelting. Describes riding the train to Durango, Silverton and Eureka while working for US Smelting. His daughter was born in 1925 and son in 1930 in Montrose.

229-307

Bulkley Wells,
Nettleton,

He worked at various jobs during depression. Worked at Boulder Dam. Returned to Telluride and worked at various mines as an electrician. Worked for the Telluride Mines. Describes working there. Idarado bought Telluride Mines. Charlie drilled tunnels under Blue Lake and laid the pipe line to Bridal Veil Falls and started the power plant there. Story of Blue Lake being drained and how they started the plant up again. Speaks of the caretaker at Blue Lake and his job.

307-462

Nelson, J. Ferguson,
Reece, G. Ruffe,
Weaver, D.
Wunderlich, A.
Inama, C. Silva, B.
Deal

Story of working at Meldrum Tunnel after being laid off at the Idarado. He moved to Greeley and worked for Great West Sugar. Speaks of losing his wife in 1984. Wife was piano teacher, names pupils she taught. Speaks of the improvements he made on the house he bought in Telluride at 501 W, Columbia. Later moved to Greeley. Story of accident in his jeep on the Bridal Veil Falls road. Mentions people that worked at Bridal Veil Falls power plant. Tells the story of bringing Buck Deal from Blue Lake to the Doctor in town on a tobaggan. Describes the shift work at the plant.

462-535

Kelsey

Stories of power outage problems. Tells of snow slides at the Tomboy that took out transformer and mill and how they repaired them. Worked 92 hours before stopping, so he could repair transformer to get mill running again. Talks about working at Colorado Tramway after college. He moved to Tomboy later. Describes the trolley locomotive at the mill.

535-576

L.L. Nunn, G. Kovich

He met L.L. Nunn a couple of times. Ames power plant. Speaks of pictures he has. Charlie lived at Belmont Boarding house for awhile. Describes the mule trains that were stabled behind his house.

576-595	C. Longwell	Speaks of snow slides at the Liberty Bell. Thinks he has lived a great life and would like to write a book.
595-629	G. Waggoner, Woester, B. Wells	Stories of working at Alta Mine. The mill there burned in 1948. He also worked at Silver Bell and Ophir Lp. Talks of putting the power plant back in shape.
629-670		Wife's maiden name was Martha Rosie Taylor. Her family was from Meeker. Story of meeting wife and dating her. Took her to a dance at the Tomboy Club, rode up from town and back on horses. Story of the students from the manual training class at the high school building the floor in the Recreation Hall to have a place to play basket ball. Dances were also held there.
670-727	Joe Sexton, Dr. Tidds	Describes the boarding house fire at the Tomboy. Speaks of his wife, children and grandchildren.
SIDE B 00-21	Byers	Describes his pictures of Telluride.
21-132	L. Balliger, Diamond Tooth Lii, Big Billie	Describes buildings and businesses in Telluride that he remembers. Talks of gambling houses. Speaks of various buildings in town. Speaks of the ski area. Names various "houses" in the Red Light District and the madams that ran them. Charlie delivered papers in district.
132-177	C.D. Waggoner, H. Miller, Sweeney	Mentions the story of C.D. Waggoner and the bank scandal. Tells story of Miller and Sweeney and their barber shp.
177-318	Nardin	Speaks of his wrk in Mexico. Telk is Austrian name. Paul Nardin's first car was a Studebaker. Trip to Telluride for reunion. Describes trip to Imogene Pass on snow shoes when he worked at Tomboy. Memories of living at Tomboy and speaks of the lake at Sunnyside that broke and flooded Gladstone.
318-360		Talks of his life now.
360-460	E. Jacobson	Charlie joined Telluride Elks Lodge in 1921. Memories of his life. Talks of helping E. Jacobson getting Bridal Veil Power Plant started. Stories of previous plant