

DATE January 19, 1990

BIOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

Museum of Western Colorado Archives
and
Mesa County Oral History Project

Please fill out this survey as completely as possible and insert additional sheets if needed.

FULL NAME RETTA MAE VELA NICKNAME _____

Address 11 Nimbus Drive, Last Dollar Development Telluride Colorado 81435
St., Apt., Box number City State Zip

Telephone no. 728-4221 Date of Birth Sept. 19, 1905 Location Ochiltree County, TX

Father's full name Levi Horn Date of birth March 13, 1875

Place of birth Bloomfield, Iowa Date of marriage Dec. 18, 1902

Place of marriage Paul's Valley, Iowa Date of death March 1971

Place of death Marsing, Idaho

Mother's full name Maude E. (Blodgett) Horn Date of birth March 24, 1877
(include maiden)

Place of birth St. Paul, Minnesota Date of death October 16, 1928

Place of death Eckert, Colorado

Children of this marriage Retta Mae Vela, Moad M. Horn and Esther W. Coons

Other comments _____

Interviewee's first marriage: Full name of spouse Francis L. Vela

Date of birth August 31, 1905 Place of birth Eckert, Colorado

Date and place of this marriage November 11, 1925 at Delta, Colorado

Children of this marriage Jack Duane Vela and Sherry Mae (Vela) Rose

Date and place of death _____

Interviewee's second marriage (if applicable):

Full name of spouse _____

Date and place of birth _____

Children of this marriage _____

Date and place of death _____

Other comments _____

Date and place of arrival in Colorado January 20, 1919

Reason for coming to Western Colorado Parents moved to Delta, Colorado

Reason for leaving Western Colorado _____

Locations & dates of residency in Western Colorado _____

Early memories & recollections of Western Colorado _____

EDUCATION:

Grammar School	Clayton Elementary	Clayton, New Mexico	6
	Delta Elementary	Delta, Colorado	2
High School	Cedaredge High School	Cedaredge, Colorado	2
	Eckert High School	Eckert, Colorado	2
College			

Educational honors	Name	Place	Years
	High School Salutatorian		

MILITARY SERVICE:

Enlistment date & place _____ Branch _____

Stations of service _____ Rank attained _____

Date of discharge _____ Decorations _____

Occupations with locations and approx. dates Cashier at Nugget Theatre and Opera House Theatre for 14 years; worked as a metallurgist for The Telluride Mines from 1951-1953

Political offices held & approx. dates _____

Organizations & offices held Commonweal Club, Lady Elks, Telluride Women's Baseball Team

Most memorable event _____