

# Woods, Dave MU 22 GO

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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-18		Introduction
18-47		1876--Colorado celebrates 1st year of statehood. Description of packing, freighting and staging.
47-70	Otto Mears	Dave Wood was born in Ohio, August 25, 1851. Hes enlisted as an orderly in the Union Army at the age of 10. He grew up on a farm and became an expert on packing and driving freight. He arrived in Pueblo, Colorado in 1876 with car load of horses. Description of toll road over Pueblo to Lake City built by Otto Mears.
70-90	Dave Wood Jr.	Dave Wood Jr. (last surviving son of Dave Wood) of Montrose, Colorado recalls one of father's many jouneys--trip from Gunnison to the railroad compound on Ciro Summit.
90-104		Description of land before freighting began. more memories from Dave Wood Jr. The only time he was ever held by bandits or robbers was on trip from Telluride to Montrose. Describes incident.
104-135	Col. D. Hodge. G. Palmer, T. Walsh	Description of freight lines. Dave Woods first stage line was from to Lake City to Ouray in 1877. The stage line was much quicker than the train at that time. The president of the D&RG railroad talked to Dave about working in cooperation with the railroad. A lasting freindship was made. As the D&RG railroad moved westward, Dave Wood and his stage line moved with it. He dined with Tom Walsh in Leadville.
145-218	Chief Ouray, Chipeta	September 6, 1881, the Utes were moved to Utah from reservation in Colorado. The settlers moved close to reservation and chased them out. Dave Woods made friends with Chief Ouray and his wife Chipeta which lasted all their lives. Dave Woods Jr. recalls memory of the Utes visiting his father's ranch on Dallas. Dave Wood Jr. recalls many memories of his work with the Ute Indian in Ignacio. Tells stories of that time.
218-253		Coming of the railroad to Gunnison. Woods was sole forwarding agent for the railroad. Description of the freight team and how they were cntrolled. Roads are described, summer and winter. Wood shipped the machinery for the stamp mill to Telluride. Dave Woods Jrs. description of Old Dallas (the town)
253-274	F.L. Stewart, Marshall, D. Hartwell	Woods started frighting to Telluride in 1883. Established the Dave Woods Transportation lines. The railroad completed to Ouray. Woods freighted in and out of Telluride and Ouray. Woods freight lines always were full to capacity, but he never raised his rates.
274-284	Otto Mears	Otto Mears built 3 small rail road lines out of Silverton . In 1890 he began to build the Rio Grande Southern which ran from Ridgeway to Durango via Telluride and Rico. The railroad quickly took precedence over freight lines. Silver crash in 1893 wafinal blow to Woods

enterprise. The banks closed on notes Woods had written. All of his property and livestock on the ranch in Dallas were seized, totaling \$250, 000 in losses.

Music from song "Telluride"

284-297

Dave Woods many silver investments were worthless. The wealthy freighter was demoted to lowly farmer. Dave Wood Jr. describes life on the farm.

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Dave Wood Jr. talks about father's views on hunting and fishing.

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Conclusion of freight history. Description of Dave Wood Road.

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Music and credits

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