

# Yates, Charles, The Golden Oldies #MU9

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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-62	Woods	Charles was born October 10, 1906 in Nebraska. History of parents and siblings. Oldest brother's leg was shot off in World War I and is now confined to wheelchair in a nursing home. Youngest brother died, at the age of 59, from being gased in World War I. Family decided to move to Telluride from Nebraska because of the drought there. They arrived in San Miguel County in 1912, lived in Placerville until 1913—then moved to Wilson Mesa.
62-140	Sam Collins, L.C. Barth, Baily McDonald, F. Porterfield, McAdams, Elscamp	Describes the 1914 flood. He was 8 years old. Describes the settlement at Vanadium at that time. Brother-in-law brought a team and wagon from his home on Wilson Mesa to help clean up the flood debris. Speaks of the causes of the flood. Continues description of the damages of the flood. Wages were \$6 per day for the men and team of horses who worked cleaning it up.
140-237	Mrs. Wetherly, H. Knouz, M. Dahlberg, T. Welch, M. Dickey, M. McNeil, R. Lingrin, H. Niquist Z. Snoddy	He started school in Placerville. Attended 1 year there and then attended school on Wilson Mesa. Describes the schools on the mesa. Names various teachers on the mesa. They had summer school there because the snow was too deep for them to get to school in the winter. Describes the man teacher that was drunk all the time. They carried their lunch in round tin buckets to school. Describes the school schedule and the playground equipment. Speaks of wages paid teachers. Some of the teacher boarded with his parents.
237-291	Pullman, Etha Belle, J. McAdams	The family house is still standing on the mesa. Family would go to town on Saturday to shop and mother sold butter for 40 cents a pound, cottage cheese, and cream and eggs. She had lots of private customers. They drive a team and wagon to town and the trip took 1 1/2 to 2 hours, for a 11 mile trip. His mother also sold butter to J. McAdams who sent it to the boarding houses at various mines. Speaks of a few peddlers that sold to ranchers.
291-330	Kortis, Nelson Elam, A. Wise	Talks about rabbit hunting as a young child, sometimes selling them to families in town. Names the Swedish man who made skis and sold them. He gave Charlie his first pair. Describe the process of making skis. They used small quaking aspen trees for poles. Tells story of nailing skis together and several people would ride them down the hill.
330-350	C. Loebnitz, H. Wunderlich, Rogers, McMahn,	His father was a farmer, and raised hay to sell to the livery barns in town. Names various owners of livery barns. Also sold hay to Tom McMahn who owned a sawmill and the icehouse. Names other people they sold hay to.
350-400	?R. Stone, Alexander, E. Bronson, Kopplewaite, E. Spillman, H. Lines, C.F. Parker, H.	After finishing the 9th grade, he worked on the farm and then for the County road crew. Names wages he was paid. Also worked on constructing the flume from Ames to Illium for the Power Company. He worked at the Smuggler after the depression for a few years. He and his mother sold the family ranch in 1943 to Roy Stone who later sold to

	Woooster, J.J. Parker Alexander.	Names wages he was paid at the Smuggler, where he worked underground. Describes his work. Names various people he worked with. Speaks of being blasted in the mine and had to go to hospital. Names the bosses he had. Received some compensation for injuries received in the blast explosion.
SIDE B 00-95	M. Layman, S. Hopman, Dr. Taylor, E. Kroeker	Describes the National Club, a gambling house and restaurant. Description of one of the big stake games, using \$50 gold pieces which amounted to over \$1000. The game lasted 2 days. Speaks of saloons and gambling houses in town. They served great meals there for reasonable prices.
96-156	Jew Fennie, Madam Pauline, Mrs. Kercher, Big Billy, B. Mylander	Names several ladies that worked on the "line" in the Red Light District. Story of Madam Pauline from Salt Lake City who came here after her husband was killed. Two teenaged children stayed in Salt Lake City. She had 15 or 20 girls working for her. Mrs Kercher made a graduation dress for her daughter. She later sold her business to Big Billy and went back to Salt Lake City.
156-242	B. McDonald, H. Stone, J. Reid, Nickalino, Parsons, Etta Rella,, C. Gimado,	Speaks of the bootlegging days. Two of his friends made the best whiskey in the state of Colorado and sold it for \$40 a gallon. Speaks of the first big raid made by the Revenue men & some of the big arrests that were made. Names other people that had skills or were in the boot legging business. Tom Wilson from Georgia taught a lot of men how to make moonshine.
	Lezzarino, B. Gebardi, T. Wilson, W. Israel	
242-378	A. McDonald,, Billy J.	Describes his train trip back to Nebraska. Speaks of Alec McDonald who rode th train from the Line Kiln to Yarnadium for 50 cents.
378-409	E. Morgan	Speaks of the reason for leaving the area. He sold the ranch on mess. His wife was city clerk & County Superintendent of Schools. Talks of his sister-in-law's death in a fire. Story of how he met his wife. Speaks of other times they've been back to visit Telluride.