

Bardwell, George MU2 32

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Time Names & Places Subjects covered

- 00-75 Memories of living in a mining camp. Family moved to Tiger, Co. He attended school in 1 room school house.
- 75-165 Wellington Mine Speaks of living in Tiger, Co. Father was journalist. Highlight of the day was the mail truck arriving. Story of the doctor making a house call. The doctor was paid by having dinner with the family. Names various meals they had during the depression. Mother had electric washing machine; she took in washing to help with the income. Father did not work all the time.
- 165-189 More memories of school days.
- 189-288 The family moved to Breckenridge around 1932. Describes dredging operation at the mine. Story of father's friend freezing to death in accident at the dredging pond. Speaks of social life during the depression. Story of coal train--the townspeople helped themselves to coal from train, late at night. They carried it in gunnysacks from train to car.
- 288-318 Fridays were special, father gave kids a small present at dinner time. Father delivered groceries for grocery store, driving team and wagon. Made his own beer. Story of breaking his fathers glasses accidentally.
- 318-345 Describes Christmas customs. Brother was ill. Doctor made house calls at night.
- 345-400 Family moved to Telluride in 1934 to help Grandfather with the Beer Garden. Story of the candyman in Breckenridge. Mother started to work as typist. Childhood memories.
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00-132 Rella, Patterson Describes scenery surrounding Telluride. Population about 600. Speaks of mothers family in Telluride. Grandfather owned several saloons. Parents worked for grandfather. Describes Grandfather's appearance. Mother worked at Grandfather's Beer Garden and Diner. George spent most of his days there. Had nice house. He had a very carefree time durimng summer, swimming and hiking. Favorite pastime after school was playing marbles. Story of classmate's mother who made his marbles.
- 132-220 Joe Zadra George was special delivery boy for the post office. He worked after school. Also delivered the weekly newspaper for the Pueblo Chieftain. Stories of Joe Zadra. Sheriff picked him up when he was drunk and took him home. Never put them in jail. Miners would share a room in rooming houses.
- 220-280 Speaks of different ethnic groups in town. Describes Finnish baths. Talks about the "people on the other side of the tracks" or river.

Stories of various school mates. There were several Spanish and Indian families in town.

280-337

Not too many people unemployed. Story of father bringing in sacks of hi-grade ore from grandfather's mine. Grandfather's safe was full of jewelry and ore specimens that people used as collateral, when they borrowed money from him. Story of two men chopping wood for mother who fed them breakfast. Mother played the piano for honky-tonks in Alma and Breckenridge. George and his brother would sleep on the pool table.

337-379

Grandfather saved empty liquor bottles for George and his brother, who would drain the liquor out drop by drop, collect it and peddle it to school kids. George speaks of lathing bowling pins for 10 cents a pin. He set trap lines for muskrats when he was in 10th grade. Sold the skins.

379-384

John Hamel

San Miguel River was full of mine tailings. Many Finnish men were good trappers and supported their families this way.

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00-25 Description of trapper handling wild animals.

25-207 Describes being the projectionist for movie "Gone With The Wind". Special instructions were followed. Film would often break down at the movies. Describes miners working conditions. Rode tram buckets from mill area to mine. Describes Pennsylvania Tunnel. Spoke of times when the bucket would go off the track and men would try to go down hand over hand. Story of accident of his best friend and how he was saved. Describes various mining operations.

207-248 The Beer Garden was Socialist Center of City. There was no library in city. Uncle had books to check out at the Beer Garden. Speaks of politics and Roosevelt. Uncle wrote ads for the Beer Garden, always a poem. Speaks of the Telluride Strike and the after math of feelings in the community.