

**Baker, Mary****Tape Catalogue Card**

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- 00-59 Early history of parents who arrived in the US around the turn of the century. They lived in Ophir for a few years. There were seven children in family, but only 2 survived, the rest died in infancy.
- 59-160 Grace Brewer, Montinetti Boys, Tonniolli, Hawks, Tewksbury, Cline Mary's father worked in various mines around Ophir. Mary attended school in Ophir through the 8th grade. Location of school. Mary walked from her home in Ophir to school, over a mile. Describes the school chores, such as chopping wood for the stove, hauling water and etc. Stories of school days and names classmates.
- 160-217 Mrs. majors, Regina Pochi, Lena Blixt Mother took in washing for the miners. She did it all by hand for years, until they got a washing machine. Father died in 1929. Mary boarded with a family in Telluride to attend 2 years of high school. Speaks of high school classes. She rode the train back and forth from town to Ophir on week-ends.
- 301-385 Swan, Nardine, Big Billie, D. O'Rourke. L.L. Nunn Mary and husband bought the house that L.L. Nunn had used for the Telluride Institute. It had been vacant for many years and was in bad shape. She and husband owned a 2nd hand store and also The Corner Cafe. They later sold it to Big Billie. Speaks of depression days and the places she worked. Worked for 32 1/2 years at the City Clerk's office in Grand Junction.
- 385-424 Richards, Deiti, Dr. Parker She speaks of the many dances at Old Ophir on Saturday nights at the Richard's Dance Hall. Speaks of sister's husband that was killed on Armistice Day in the Butterfly mine.
- 424-478 Oscar Blixt, Buck Deal, H. Blixt, G. Blixt, Dave Wood Oscars Blixt's mine above Blue Lake. Mentions the men who operated the power plant at Bridal Veil Falls. Describes trip to mine above Blue Lake in the jeep. Mentions the book written by Dave Wood's girls.
- 478-597 Montenettti, Pengrazzi, Clementi, Evans Speaks of the friends that lived at Pandora. Discusses some of the older traditions and customs. Speaks of Italian foods that were special when she was growing up. They picked mushrooms at Lizard Head and dried them. Recalls celebrating Santa Lucia on December 13th, an Italian tradition. Christmas programs were held at the school. Ophir families had their own picnics on July 4th. Memorial-Day picnics were held at the Ophir cemetery. Speaks of families that lived at Matterhorn and Ophir. Mat Evans had one of the first cars.
- SIDE B  
00-183 Blackburn, Visney, McKnight, Adams, Cassagrande Mentions the many dairies in the area. Speaks of being homesick when she attended business college in Grand Junction. Talks about her sister, Lena, and mentions the Penasa relatives and other friends. Talks about the Cassagrande family.
- 183-235 Snodgrass, T.McMahn, Story of Mr. Snodgrass disappearance. Tom McMahn stories.

- 235-340 Elscamp, Grosso,  
 Frank Wilson, Names various businesses in town. Speaks of the Pekkarine family.  
 Peterson, McIntosh, Memories of the movies she saw at the Sheridan Opera House.  
 Pekkarines, Roses, Describes the Finnish bath house at Ophir. Talks of the family that  
 Jaspers owned it.  
 Big Billie, Pilchers
- 340-436 Tonniolli, Clementi,  
 Matrix, Montinetti, Pengrazzis and the Matrix. Memories of their party phone line and the  
 Richards, Hawkins first electric utility bill they received. Names the children that attended  
 school with her in Ophir.
- 430-460 Jimmie Noise, Carlo  
 Girrardo Stories of Jimmie Noise, an old miner that lived in Ophir. Describes  
 Carlo Girrardo who owned the Carbinerro Mine.
- 460-524 Gabardi  
 Describes the Gabardis. Stories of Rita and the property they owned  
 on Pacific Street.
- 524-561 Warrick, Irene  
 Wichan, L.L. Nunn Mentions Irene Wichman and Viola Warrick's shops. Describes Irene  
 Wichman and her parents brewery. Talks of all the building in Telluride  
 today and prices of property. Speaks of the university that L.L. Nunn  
 started.

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