

Johnstone Family History MU31

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Lucy & Bob Laubscher & E. Wunderlich

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Names & Places

Subjects covered

00-33

Andrew Meldrum,
Lucille
Johnstone(Alberta
Erickson)

Lucille Johnstone was previously Alberta Erickson. She was found in a mud slide when she was 11 days old. Adopted by the Johnstone family, she later adopted a daughter (Lucy Laubscher). Lucille was brought up in the Johnstone Boardinghouse by Marie Johnstone. She attended school in Telluride. Andrew Meldrum, who owned the Meldrum Tunnel, admired her for working so hard and paid for her college education. Mr. Meldrum boarded at the Johnstone.

33-107

Marie Johnstone's husband left for Alaska to make his fortune and was never heard from again. Description of the Johnstone. Lucille and her mother did all the work. She worked hard, washing dishes, changing sheets, cleaning and etc. Talks about how cold the house was. Description of washing and stretching curtains. Coffee was used to dye them Talk about spring cleaning every year.

107-211

A. Meldrum

Describes pictures of Telluride that mother saved. Story of Andrew Meldrum's life. He died in 1937, willing Andrew Tunnel and mine holdings to her mother, which she let go for back taxes. Later \$10 million was taken out of the property in ore.

211-276

Hanson, VanAtta,
Lyle,

Speaks of the mines that Meldrum owned and his dreams for a connecting tunnel through the mine. More pictures and cards described. Describes Mrs. VanAtta and where they lived.

276-315

Baisch, Perino

Story of mother's trips to Baisch Drug Store and how her cat was killed. Elvera recites the story of Baisch's murder. More pictures described. Speaks of mother Johnstone's death. Johnstone Inn was sold to the Perino family. Description of furniture. Her brother, Roy became mining engineer, very wealthy, but lost everything in the depression and committed suicide. Mother paid for his daughters insurance, so they could live. Speaks of mother's mistrust of mining.

365-520

V. Blakely, G.
Wagner, Lorigs, G.
Miller, Elscamp,
Peterson, Litchfield,
C. Baker, Alexander.

Description of adoption documents dated 1896. Lucille was born December 13, 1895. More pictures of Johnstone Boarding House in 1918. Description of other houses in town. Story of Wunderlich's losses in the 1914 July flood. More pictures described. Stories about various people in town. Pictures of flood. More pictures. Mother taught school in Norwood in 1915.

520-593

Description of mother's room where she boarded while teaching the Norwood school. Description of picture of her on horse she rode to school. Speaks of the first car she owned. More pictures depicting her history of teaching for 50 1/2 years. Story of her education and her teaching career. Speaks of her last years and her illness.

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00-88

Barney Fuels,
Dennison, York,
D.Lavender

Story of hat shope in Telluride owned by Mrs. Barney Fuels. Description of scrapbook Lucy gave Elvera Wunderlich. Book about Telluride by Dennison and York mentioned. Talks about David Lavender's books.

88-154 Linda Mandell

Talk about museum staff and how helpful they were. Speak of their stay at the Johnstone Inn and how pleased they are. Describe the Johnstone Inn now.

154-335 Perino

Stories of Perino's Grocery stores. Speak of the furnishings in Johnstones. General conversation about the meseum, Telluride and how it is growing.

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