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Subjects covered
 History of Marina's parents. Both were born in Tyrol, Italy, but different regions. Father came to the U.S. in 1904 and mother arrived in 1912. Mother worked in the San Juan Hotel for a few months and later worked as a cooks assistant at the Sheridan Cross Cut Mine, where she met her husband, who was the foreman there. They were married in 1914 at St. Patrick's Church, with a large picnic afterwards at Cushman Lake. They rode the train to Glenwood Springs for their honeymoon.

58-85 Yisintins
 They worked at the mine after they were married. Marina was born at the Smuggler Mine in 1915. Describes why she was born at the mine rather than in the hospital in Telluride. The family lived there until she was 3 years old, then moved to various places.

85-117 Yisintin, Pengrszi
 Marina's aunt & uncle came from the old country to Matterhorn, so the family moved there so her father could teach her uncle how to mine. They all lived in a small cabin there. When she was old enough to attend school, she would have had to walk to Ophir, so her parents sent her to Telluride to live with the Yisintins, the first year. The second year she was in school, her folks moved to Ophir, where they operated a large boarding house, so she attended school in Ophir until she started high school. Describes living with the Yisintins.

117-158 Olson, Dr. Parker, Yisintin, Rose Sand
 Describes going to kindergarten in the church basement when she and her folks lived at the San Juan Hotel in Telluride. She could not speak English. When she started high school, she lived with the Yisintins again for 2 years until her mother moved back to Telluride. After graduating from high school she attended nurses training in Denver. She returned to Telluride after graduating from nursing school and worked for Dr. Parker at the American Legion Hospital.

158-168
 Talks about meeting her husband at a dance. Speaks of their life together.

168-287 Davis, Bill Lines
 Spellman, Roberts
 Leighton was born in Cedaredge in 1909. He was raised in Delta, graduated from high school there, and then moved with his family to Norwood. Father was a bee keeper. Speaks of working in various mines and was laid off when stock market crashed. He worked in Bisbee, Arizona for a few months. Returned to Norwood and worked with his folks in the honey business for a couple of years. He worked at the Mayflower mine in Silverton in 1933 and got some mining experience. Came to Telluride in 1934 and leased the Pennsylvania Tunnell with Hary Davis. After he injured his foot, he quit the lease and went to Butte Montana for a few weeks, then returned to Norwood to help his folks. Names various mines he worked in until 1939, when he took over his father's business while his father was the County

Douglas Aircraft after World War II. Started a shop and manufactured kits for crop dusters. Describes the business. Later he worked at Northrup Aircraft, moving on to Hughes Aircraft, where he worked until

he retired in 1974.

287-353 Nardin, Visintin, Montonsti, Gallo, Hullion, R. Bishop, Worley, R. Belisle, Richards, Pengrazi
Father was partner with Bill Nardin in the San Juan Boarding House in Telluride for a few years. Describes living at Matterhorn. There were no stores there, so they walked to Ophir for supplies. Describes the schools at Ophir, names teachers and classmates at Ophir. She walked to school in winter through heavy, deep snow. Speaks of the businesses in Ophir. Mother had a boarding house there. Describes stopping the train to send bank bag into town with the engineer to deposit at the bank. She and her mother rode the evening train to Town and stayed with the Visintins, then caught the 6 o'clock morning train back to Ophir.

353-390 E.L. Morgan, Reece, Richard
Two communities —one at Old Ophir and one at Ophir Loop. Leighton talks about visiting Ophir with the County Superintendent of schools. Describes Old Ophir. There were no stores or post offices there. Describes Richards dance hall at Ophir. Dances were the main social life. Speaks of the Christmas programs at school in Ophir.

390-412
Describes her mother's life at the boarding house in Ophir. She worked very hard. Mother fed children of poor family after boarders ate. Her mother helped a lot of people during her life.

412-450
There were a lot of snow slides in the Ophir area. Marina helped her mother with the boarding house as a child. Summer activities. Talks about riding the train to Lizard Head to pick mushrooms. Describes process of cleaning the mushrooms, and how they canned them and dried them for winter use.

450-478 Visintin, E. Spillman, K. Ferguson, Pilcher, Bishop, J. Lowe, Lee
Talks about attending high school in Telluride. She was on the girl's basketball team. Names the girls on the team, that travelled to other towns to compete. They stayed overnight on long trips to Nucla and Ridgeway.

478-500
Marina's mother worked at odd jobs in Telluride. The Italians had lots of picnics with Italian food and lots of music from accordion and guitars. They seemed to relate to the Old Country with their music. Speaks of various ethnic groups in town.

500-541 Dr. Parker, Mr. Ward, Rose Sand
Describes working for Dr. Parker at the hospital. She travelled with him to do Public Health work. She worked 12 or 14 hours a day. Dr. Parker did a lot of emergency surgeries and delivered lots of babies. She and Rose Sand did lots of work that was not usually done at hospitals. Not many epidemics. Speaks of 1918 flu epidemic.

541-552
Leighton talks about the County Poor Farm, was later moved to Norwood.

552-597
Leighton describes father honey business. Had 40 or 50 hives in one bunch. Describes the method of removing honey from combs. Stored honey in 5 gal. nails and traded to stores for groceries. They sold

money to surrounding towns, but most was shipped out in 5 gal. cans in carload lots.

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Tony Rella, Dr. Parker

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Describes their wedding. Rode the Galloping Goose to Durango for their honeymoon. Left the area in 1941 to move to California.

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Dr. Bronson, E. Yemon

Marina talks about working for Dr. Bronson in Norwood. Leighton's father was the County Assesor for 2 years, so they ran his father's business for him. Both sons were born at the American Legion Hospital. Leighton talks about the cost of sons birth—\$40 each.

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Memories and warm feelings of Dr. Parker.

113-189

Joe Clementi, Kate Mulvey, C.D. Waggoner

Marina talks about her mother's life after she was married. Mother and husband moved to Ophir and operated a boarding house. Later moved back to Telluride and ran a liquor store. Mother worked for Kate Mulvey at the Roma as a cook. Later spent winters in California with the Pattersons, and summers in Telluride after her husband died. Mother planned to go back to Italy, but lost all her money in the bank scandal.

189-204

They speak of coming to Telluride the summer they retired and fixed up her mother's house.

Visintin

Marina speaks of her close relationship with the Visintin sisters.

204-228

228-36

Ben Grimes, K. Salminen

Leighton describes his work in the mine. Talks about leasing at the mine from Grimes after it was reopened. Describes leasing procedure.

Tals about the depression years and the way it affected Telluride.

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* Pengrazi, Visintin

They speak of their family and grandchildren and their 55th wedding celebration.

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396-416

W. Pera

Leighton tells story of brother Wes and Walter Pera working at Smuggler-Union—near escape from death.