

Swan, Gusty/Lola**Tape Catalogue Card**

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 Interviewer Davine Pera
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 Time

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 Recorder Marantz
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Names & Places Subjects covered

- 00-125
 Levitz
 Studebaker
 S.Larson
 Lingo kids
 Rautio
 Peterson
 History of Gusty's parents moving to US from Finland. Father worked at Liberty Bell and Smuggler. He rode a horse from town to the mill at Smuggler. Father had a heart attack in the mine on the 1st day he was scheduled to work. Mother started boarding house on Pacific and rented rooms to miners that came to town on weekends.
- 125-215
 Judge Dill
 C.Pilcher
 Gusty was 2 years old when father died. Spent time with cousins at Tomboy in the summer. Mother remarried. Memories of gathering coal for fuel along the railroad bed as a child. Story about getting plumbing fixtures for house after marriage. Memories of working at the Telluride Transfer for 17 years.
- 215-336
 G.Pilcher
 Studebaker
 Tells story of playing in hay storage rooms at the Transfer when he was a child. Mentions friends he knew as a child. Gusty attended school in Telluride. Related many stories of childhood. Explains the difference between Finns and Swede Finns. His parents were Swede Finns, but spoke Finnish, although his parents insisted the children speak English. Mother's second husband's death. Describes the saunas.
- 336-418
 Lola give history of parents and their arrival in Telluride. Father and cousins owned meat market which was located east of drug store on Main St. She grew up in Telluride and graduated as valedictorian of her class. After graduating she kept books for her father.
- 418-490
 E.Rella
 E.Pess
 B.Nardine
 R.Sand
 W. Whitson
 Gusty worked for railroad part time, then moved to California and worked in the shipyards before moving back to Telluride to care for his mother. History of owning the S&S Cafe. History of his years working at the Telluride Transfer and later at Telluride Mines. They moved to Montrose in December 1977.
- 490-513
 Lola talks about the dairy her father owned 2 miles out of town. Father butchered beef at building on Slaughter House Hill on Lason Hill.
- 513-578
 Swede Marie
 T.McMahn
 Snodgrass
 Hew Fanny
 Big Billie
 Gusty played in a band called the Foot Warmers. Many memories of playing in the Foot Warmers and also in a band called the Harmonizers. Other dance band memories. Speaks of the basketball games held at the recreation hall and of the Commonweal Club dances.
- 578-600
 Gusty has been Elks member for 57 years. He worked for the mortuary that was once in the old Elks Building.

SIDE B
00-122

Memories of the Swede's midsummer picnic held every year at Bear Creek, with dancing in the evening at the Swede-Finn Hall. Describes Christmas celebrations and the lukefish that was served for dinner.

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122-214

Mentions Swede Marie and T. McMahn and Snodgrass. Tells story of Christmas Tree John. Gusty's mother did laundry for the ladies on the line in the Red Light District and Gusty delivered papers to them. Names different ladies that worked there.

214-278

Speaks of working while young. Talks about his love of music, and playing in the High School band. Mentions the operetta he performed in.

278-361

Lolas memories of working in her fathers shop. More memories of the operetta.

361-435

Speaks of running the S&S Cafe for several years. Speaks of children and grandchildren.

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