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Track1

Intro

Track2

Early history of father. Birth date and place.

Track3

Served 7 years in Germany in Army in World War I. Parents were married in 1919.

Track4

Plans were made to go to America. Arrived in Telluride Dec 1920.

Track5

After 1 month in Telluride, they moved to mining camp at Matterhorn, Colo.

Track6

Describes the many mines he worked in at Ophir and surrounding area during the 20's and early 30's.

Track7

Lost money during the depression on stock he had invested in a Company. Rode horse 6 miles to work.

Track8

Worked for San Miguel County Road crew and on the Ames plant flume for West. Colo. Power Co. in 1937.

Track9

Worked at Prospect Mine and later at Alta mine loading concentrates from railroad car to tramway at the depot. Joe Oberto.

Track10

Father moved family to Telluride in 1945 and started working at the Telluride mine. Worked as carpenter from 1950 to 1955, when he retired due to failing health. He died in 1959.

Track11

Memories of father's hard work. Mentions a young miner that visited with them and later died at their house. The wives were also very courageous.

Track12

Early history of mother, Speranza. Birth date and place.

Track13

History of their parents decision to come to U.S Describes journey here and mother's hard work the first years here.

Track14

Arrived 20Dec. 1920. Speaks of first home.

Track15

Speaks of mother learning English language from reading comics and learning to write the English language when her oldest daughter started school.

Track16

History of 3 daughters birth dates.

Track17

History of mother's activities in various groups.

Track18

Speaks of mothers early childhood years in Italy and how hard she worked.

Track19

Mother has lived in this area for 78 years.

Track20

Speaks of mothers love for Telluride.

Track21

She tells the story of mother cleaning the house in Ophir, originally a horse and chicken barn, to make it livable.

Track22

Describes original cabin parents lived in at Matterhorn. Mother was very shy, but very happy and a hard worker.

Track23

Sylvia describes homes that parents lived in as children in Italy. Houses are same now as when they lived there. Grandfather was a shoemaker.

Track24

Describes family life in Italy.

Track 25

Continues describing Italy and relatives there.

Track 26

Describes her mother and her mother's strict sisters.

Track 27

After they moved to Ophir, mother did washing by hand for miners.

Track28

Mother was beautiful seamstress and made all their clothes.

Track29

Sylvia's birth in Telluride. Lived in Ophir and attended school there.

Track 30

Describes childhood school in Ophir. Used skis or snowshoes to walk over a mile to school.

Track 31

Talks about how deep the snows fell.

Track32

Describes clothes they wore. Describes school. Merina Patterson.

Track 33

Eighth grade graduation, there were three. A. Penasa, M. Bishop, and herself. W. Pele gave a test to see if they were ready for H.S.

Track34

Husband, Keith Blackburn's background. His parents lived at Tonioli place and had butcher shop at Ames.

Track 35

Talks about Fred, their oldest son.

Track36

Grandmother was a Skien, and they had a dairy ranch at Alta.

Track37

Continues story of school life. Mentions when her sisters were born. Tells how parents learned the English language. Discusses the Italian dialect they spoke.

Track38

Childhood memories.

Track39

Holidays celebrated by family.

Track40

Memories of hardships during the depression.

Track41

Sylvia developed a love of nature.

Track42

Rode the train to Lizard Head to pick mushrooms.

Track43

Talks of visiting Telluride, and felt like it was going to the city.

Track44

Attended high school in Telluride and boarded in town; rode the Galloping Goose home on weekends.

Track45

Memories of the trains.

Track46

Describes working at boarding house at the Alta Mine after graduation, and talks about the delicious food there, and cockroach races.

Track47

Attended business school in Denver.

Track48

History of employment years and married years.

Track49

Memories of businesses, post office and etc. in Ophir. Names different people that lived there. L. Bishop, E. Waterman, G. Brewer

Track50

Community dances and picnics at Ophir.

Track51

Her father had a fear of cars.

Track52

Speaks of the many bachelors from Tyrol that boarded with their family.

Track53

Describes the summer picnics held in Ophir. Memories of growing up in Ophir. The Priest Brothers.

Track54

Talks about the bachelors. She enjoyed being in nature.

Track55

Names and describes the many Italian dishes mother cooked.

Track56

Dairy products were a part of their life.

Track57

Christmas dinner and customs.

Track58

Parents made their own wine. Describes process.

Track59

Santo Luchia and other Christmas memories.

Track60

High school memories and names students in her graduation class of 1940.

Track61

Sports at school.

Track62

Social life as a young couple after her marriage.

Track63

Mother taught the girls religion at home, but they were baptized in St. Patrick's Church in Telluride.

Track64

Many memories of childhood and school days.

Track65

Describes the Sweeney dance band.

Track66

There were two theaters in town.

Track67

Talks of her years boarding in town during high school

Track68

In Telluride and later in Denver while she attended business school.

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