

Oral Histories

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Abstract: Side A

00-25 Early history of parents. Father worked for the Black Bear Mine until it went broke and he lost all his money. Their mother did laundry for Sheridan Hotel and took in roomers. She kept the roomers money for them. They lived in Finn Town on Pacific Street.

25-53 School days. Wilho played the drums in the school band. Names different teachers and activities. They were raised as Lutherans and attended their classes every year during the summer.

53-67 Describes Mr. Sand (the grocer) taking orders for groceries in the morning, by going door to door and delivered them in the afternoon.

67-74 The two brothers took the train to Trout Lake and camped for 1 week every summer.

74-121 Describes the different communities of nationalities. Speaks of the baseball teams made up from the communities. Talks about the Midsummer picnics and the Christmas celebrations at Finn Hall. Describes the Christmas dinners and the tradition of telling fortunes every New Years Eve.

121-148 Winter coasting stories. Stories of young boys riding the miner's mules before returning them to the stable.

148-204 Describes Saturday night baths and the saunas.

204-232 Names the players on the town baseball teams. The teams traveled to other towns. Games were scheduled for every Sunday and every one in town attended.

232-262 They skated on ice ponds with clamp-on skates. They swam in Cornet Creek. They walked to Pandora and pulled a wagon to get groceries at the commissary.

262- 298 The train brought in the mail and groceries. Wilho worked at the post office at night. Arvo worked at Lorig's store in Rico and Wilho worked at Lorigs in Telluride. Story of cashing bad check when the bank closed.

298-406 Talks about the Lutheran religion in the summer time. Parents spoke the Finnish language at home. Memories of childhood games. Names different boyhood friends
School memories.

406-431 Memories of the trains.

431-462 Stories of Lon Remine. Speaks of the Chinese laundry in town. The brothers went there to read the comics in the newspapers.

462-499 Talks about the basketball games and the school plays that were held at the recreation hall.

499-533 Speaks of their old house that was moved from Pacific Street. Describes the lifestyle of the miners that stayed at their mother's rooming house.

533-600 Wilho worked at Tomboy during the summer and describes the process of ore being trammed down to the mill. Dad worked at the Black Bear Mine and the boys would go up with him during the summer.

Side B

07-60 History of Arvo's life, marriage, children and grandchildren. His years of employment, the war years, skiing years. Two of his children competed in the Olympics. Speaks of the Masonic Lodge and his wife's career.

60-89 History of Wilho's life, marriage, children and grandchildren. His years of employment, the war years. He belongs to the Drum and Bugle Corp with the American Legion. Stories of concerts.

89-129 Memories of the dances held in Telluride. Wilho played with the orchestra in Telluride at the Sheridan Hotel and also at Swede Hall. Speaks of Ernie Anderson.

129-190 Talks about the poor farm and Wichman's Brewery. Story of the murder of the druggist, Baisch. Red Light District stories. Speaks of the Lorig stores. Phillipine Lorig was their 6th grade teacher.

190-223 Describes the post office in the Miner's Union Building. Dr. Tidd operated on Arvo in the

223-254 Stories of playing basketball in High School. Speaks of the High School band.

254-305 Several Finnish families had cows and sold milk and cheese. Names different Finnish families. The Swedes and Finns traded at Gustafson's store. Names other stores in town on Main Street.

305-336 Talks about the Pekkarine family.

336-413 Many boyhood memories. Movies at the Sheridan Opera House. July 4th celebration. Names different men that boxed during the 4th . Dances at the recreation hall.

413-459 Describes the Pandora community. There was a school and post office at the Tomboy and also at the Smuggler.

459-543 Memories of youth activities. Speaks of the first airplane that landed at San Miguel.

543-602 Speaks of the Midsummer picnics and describes Finnish foods.

Description: sound cassette (90 minutes)

Subjects: Side A

Early history

School memories

Gustafson & Sands Grocery Store

Trout Lake

Finnish customs

Youth activities

Sauna

Baseball teams

Youth activities

Working at post office & Lorigs Store

Childhood memories

Train

Lon Remine

Basketball

Mother's rooming house

Mining

Side B

Arvo's life

Wilho's life

Dances

Telluride memories

High School

Finn Town

Pekkarine

Boyhood memories

Mining communities

Boyhood memories

Finnish Food