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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-35		History of parents. Samia was born in Telluride in 1907. Father was a timberman at various mines.
35-135		Talks about her school years. She was sick a lot, so missed a lot of school and also was very shy. She quit school in high school. She and her sisters cleaned the Sheridan Opera House when it was a theater. Describes the canvas dance floor that was rolled out after the chairs were put away. Memories of cleaning the building. Describes the building. Mother worked in the laundry below the theater. Stories of her mother cleaning the stairs. Samia also clean the hotel annex where the help from the Sheridan lived. She quit school to work, so sisters could continue attending school.
135-188	Wheeler, Oscar Mines	Mother also did laundry for Oscar Mines restaurant. The girls picked it up and delivered it in a basket they carried. She also worked for Mrs. Wheeler. Stories of her mothers hard work. Father died at the age of 42 from miners consumption. Speaks of her father.
188-212	Lahti, Elscamp, Pekkarine	Describes house they lived in across the street from Swede-Finn Hall and the Lahti Grocery store. Speaks of her old house. Describes Finn Town and the areas various people lived in.
212-287	Kosky, Nastaja	Talks about the Finnish saunas. Mentions various Finnish families. Describes the public Finnish saunas. Speaks of holidays they celebrated at the Finn Hall. Describes method of telling fortunes on New Years Day. Lots of dances with accordion music. Talks about riding in a wagon or sleigh, pulled by horses to attend dances at the Tomboy Mine. All the young girls from town went.
287-314		Speaks of fathers gambling. They lived at the Tomboy at times, but would move back to town when father was laid off. Describes riding the wagon down as a young girl. Memories of coasting down the roofs of houses at Tomboy, because the snow was so deep. Speaks of games they played.
314-396	Pekkarine, Long, Wheeler	As a young girl she travelled to dances at Naturita and Ophir. The Finnish girls had their own club. Names various businesses in town. Talks about the "hot store" burning. Finnish people had cows and delivered milk to families. Mother picked up coal along the rail road tracks to heat the house. Describes the method the Finnish ladies used to carry the coal they collected. They did not have electricity in the house and remembers playing cards by candlelight.
396-412		Mother made coffee bread, but did not have the time cook a lot. They shopped at the Finnish grocery store across the street. Describes the fish dish Mother fixed for Christmas dinner. Speaks of other foods

Speaks of July 4th. Describes neighbor by the name of Mrs.

- 442-467 Backman, Martin, Backman. Names the four lady friends her mother played cards with Oho, Ranta, Nastaja on Sundays. Her family spoke Finnish at home. Her oldest daughter attended Finn school at the Finn Hall.
- 467-492 Pekkarine Speaks of meeting her husband. Describes trip to Salt Lake City with a friend. Married husband in Salt Lake City. Her two sister were married in Telluride.
- 496-521 Dr. Brown, Dr. Tidd, Mother used home remedies for illnesses. Names various doctors in town. She and family would come back to Telluride to spend the summers after she was married. Two oldest children were born in Telluride.
Dr. Parker
- 521-565 Mantella, I. Wichman Speaks more of her trip to Salt Lake City. Describes trip to Denver on the train as a young girl. The Sheridan Hotel ran a stage coach to the train depot to pick up passengers. She attended lots of dances at the Sheridan Opera House. Speaks of Commonweal club and the many dances they held.
- 565-590 Siegebert, Pekkarine Talks about being fired by Mr. Sigelbert when she worked at the Sheridan. Memories of cleaning rooms in the annex at the Sheridan. Speaks of working at Pekkarines store.