

Reece, Goldie Porterfield**Tape Catalogue Card**

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E. Mathews, B.
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History of parents birth and their move to Telluride. Father ran a string of mules to mine at age 18. Grandfather on mother's side was race horse man. Mother was married young and had her first child at age 16. She tells the story of her parents elopment. Father built a large log house on Wilson Mersa in 1905. Goldie was born in 1906. Her father ran a freight line to the lower country. She speaks of her mother's death. Her mother left 7 children, the oldest 12. She speaks of spending many nights alone after her mothers death, and mentions incidents that happened. Father remarried after a few years and he and his 2nd wife had 8 children.

190-300

M. Hastings,
 Gustafson

Goldie rode a saddle horse down the hill to catch the train to town. She attended school on the mesa. Speaks of different schools on mesa. Her brother burned to death in fire that burned their large barn. Her parents homesteaded in 1904. She attended school in the summer. Describes shocking hay for the Finns to feed their cows. Talks about her husband moving a cabin from the back of the mill to Trout Lake for Mr. Gustafson.

300-355

Oscar Mine, Dr. Lyle

Goldie was married at the age of 19. She started to school in Telluride when she was 16 when she moved off the mesa. She worked in a cafe for Oscar Mine on main street. Describes working for him and how they made soap there to wash the dishes. Speaks of her warm feelings for Oscar and his family. Speaks of Dr. Lyle, the dentist.

355-412

J. Finnegan, Babe
 Schuler, J. Sand,
 Mrs. Thomas

Goldie moved to Durango with her husband and 2 sons during the depression. Husband was under sheriff for John Finnegan when Goldie met him. He also served as town marshal, and was a mechanic for Babe Schuler at the Telluride Transfer. Describes riding to the Tomboy on horseback to attend dances with her husband. Jim Sands drive the school bus to Pandora. She lived at the Tomboy one winter and worked for Mrs. Thomas and attended school there. She rode back and forth to town on the tram. Her brother was the foreman on the tram.

412-497

John Reece

Her family moved off the ranch on the mesa and father went to work in town. She describes how she hurt her hip feeding cattle on the ranch for her father in the winter. John (her husband) helped build the road through Cortez. Goldie and children lived in a large tent during that time. John did a lot of road construction work in the area. Speaks of husbands surgery in Grand Junction. They moved to Cedar Hill, New Mexico after John came home from the service during the depression. John worked for the PWA with a team of horses making \$3 a week. Memories of how they survived by raising own fruit and vegetables and trading produce to neighbors.

*John
 Schuler
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497-523 Speaks of raising John's daughter as her own. Husband was marshal and deputy sheriff for many years. Describes when their house burned after they moved back to Telluride.

523-571 Speaks of driving a load of hay with 4 head of horses in sleigh down the hill in the winter as a young girl. At bottom of the hill (Bilk Creek) they transferred the hay to the truck from Telluride Transfer to transfer into town.

SIDE B
33-200

She lived at the the old Picard Place on Wilson Mesa for a while. Father owned lots of property on the mesa, but had to mortgage it to a bank in Denver and lost most of it. Goldie and her sister cut wood to sell to school for \$4 a cord. Names different children she attended school with on the mesa. At that time there were 3 school houses on Wilson Mesa. Lots of box socials and all the people from all over the mesa would come. She rode horses to dances at school on the Cline Schmids, Champlins, place and then would dance all night. Ellises lived on Deep Creek Ross, Campbell, Mesa. Her cousin Pearl Thompson was 9 years old when she started Ellis, Pearl riding her horse to school in town from home on Deep Creek Mesa. Thompson, Cline, She did this every day until she graduated from high school. Breckenridge

200-297

Memeories of her parents moving the children out to sleep in a tent when her stepmother had a baby. Goldie had a hard life. Her husband worked for the Wagner Brothers, when they owned the Cimmaron. He also worked at the Alta before they were married. John kept books for George Wagner when George was sheriff. John was water comissioner for 30 years. He plowed the roads all night, so the school buses would get out the next morning. Speaks of her son being in the service.

G. Wagner, M.
Wright

297-385

John and Goldie held square dances in their home. Memories of dances at the recreation hall, with people going to their house for breakfast. They belonged to 5 square dance clubs and went to lots of different places for dances. Goldie joined the Rebeccah Lodge in 1924. The social lodges were an imprtant part of their lives.

385-490

H. Wright Names different teachers she had over the years. Talks about ther interest in church now. Speaks of her son Fred's death. Talks about her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Lamb, Jewett,
Leino Girls