

Interview by School Children 1980

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George Sheahan

George was born in San Miguel. Has lived in the Telluride area 67 years.

History of parents. His parents came to Telluride in 1880. Father came to sell meat and had a pack string of mules to haul the deer and elk into town.

George worked as a miner at the Telluride Mine and later at the Carbinero. Made \$3 a day.

Tells of the food they prepared. People had small gardens. Peddlers came up from lower country. They used coal and wood stoves. Speaks of different ways of storing food.

He was born in a log house at San Miguel.

Describes their washing machine and how they did their laundry. They got electricity at their house in 1920.

Names different restaurants in town and talks of the several grocery stores.

Mentions the trains. People snow shoed in winter. Mail came in on the train. There were two newspapers in town. They had a phone.

Their entertainment was movies, coasting, ice skating and parties.

Describes various gunfights and fist fights. Speaks of various Marshals.

Describes winter clothing. Girls did not wear slacks.

There were 1000 to 1200 people in town when he was growing up.

Most houses did not have bathrooms. Speaks of the furniture stores.

Miners died young from "Miners Consumption". Flu epidemic in 1918. There were 3 doctors, 2 dentists and one veterinarian, 2 hospitals.

They had no television or radio. Entertainment was playing games with neighbor kids.