

Oral History

Date: Oct. 6, 2004

Place: Columbia St., Telluride, Colo.

Interviewee: Rebecca J. Stowers and Jane Stowers Raddin

Interviewer: George Greenbank

Side A

00—91

Introduction of Rebecca Stowers and Jane S. Raddin. Rebecca speaks of the first time she heard of Telluride in 1949. Her husband filled the pulpit at Christ church in 1950.

Describes the church interior and the lady that sang at the service, Wilma Hancock. They lived in the church manse with little furniture. Jane was 5 years old. She and her sister and spent the month with her relatives in Arkansas. Rebecca remembers that Telluride was almost like a ghost town at that time.

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Rebecca talks of buying their house on Columbia and Willow and her husband painting it. It went through many colors, but finally settled on "Aspen Gold, as Arlene Reid called it. Speaks of what good neighbors the Reids were. Homer Reid owned a jewelry shop at the old Drug Store. Speaks of Frank and Gladys Wilson. George Greenbanks talks of his experience with Homer Reid.. Mrs. Reid ran the Museum and worked almost 24 hours a day. Talks about helping Mrs. Reid and Gladys Wilson clean the old hospital, in the early n the early 60's. to open the museum there. Fairlamb family owed the building and allowed it to become a museum after the hospital closed. Arlene was a nurse in the old hospital before it closed. Speaks of the people donating and how the collection grew. Describes some of the antiques. Describes antiques that were taken from house (Millers) across the street. Arlene never minded asking for things for the museum. And people were glad to donate. Talks of Betty McPhee's donations of dolls and toys. Betty McPhee started the Telluride Times

268—403

Rebecca speaks of the times she and Jane would come and stay at their house on "Mother-Daughter Jaunts". Jane and her husband honeymooned here in June 1967. This began a tradition as all her family honeymooned here. Talks about no heat being in the house in June. Jane speaks of her many memories of Dal Fullerton taking them snowmobileing and fishing in the high country. They bought their first jeep from Dal Fullerton and his wife Rosalie set up the papers. Speaks of the real estate in Telluride at that time. Talks about renovating their house. They bought the house for under \$2000. Rebecca worked in a men's department store in Albuquerque to help pay for the house. They hired a contractor to remodel the house while they lived in Albuquerque.

403-525

Mentions the people that she remembered at church. Talks of the mine that was operating in the early days they were here. Talks about going to the Tomboy with Mr. Hancock. Speaks of their neighbors the Lewises and their house. Talks about being in Telluride for the 4th of July. Jane mentions the beaver pond at the town park. Jane talks about Erben Hancock stocking the high mountain lakes. Rebecca speaks of the women in Christ church and the blue dishes she bought from them to start her collection. Jane talks about Erben Hancock and his beaver trapping.

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Talks of going to Montrose for lumber and paint when they remodeled their house. Speaks of the Sheridan Hotel. Drug store was a beautiful place. Pekkarine had the only dry good store. Roses was the grocery store and Mr. Rose was the butcher. Nancy Ward had a weaving and pottery shop. Elmer Ranta was the plumber. Mentions Leroy Padilla. Leroy was manager of the Telluride Lodge. They speak of Joe Zoline and the ski area.

Side B

00--160

Picnics up Bear Creek Canyon with Backmans and other friends. Jane talks about the show mobile trip Dal Fullerton took her on up Bear Creek. Hiking with Dallas Fullerton. They talk of the sheriff that lived in the log house. Speaks of polishing the old stoves.

160—496

Jane tells of their desire to buy property in the Telluride area. They bought a lot at Hidden Lake. The altitude bothered her husband, so sold it after 7 or 8 years. Hidden Lake was Dal's pet project. He intended to developed it and worked hard at it. Rebecca spoke of the new group of people that arrived in Telluride in the 70's. Talks about the license plate covered house owned by Otto Anderson. Speaks of Brother Al's children's sermons at the church. They talk about the "free box". Mentions the "Toggery". Talks about the Roma Café. Memories of stories about Dallas Fullerton and Frank Wilson. Praised Dallas Fullerton for his work for the town. Arlene Reid was such a caring person at the museum. Mentions Betty McPhee and her husband. Mentions Helen Newel. Describes he picture of the trestle at Trout Lake. Mentions the many photos she and her husband took from their front porch. They planted the trees in their front yard. Rebecca and Jane love Telluride. Speaks of neighbors, Shorty Long and his niece.

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Speaks of her husband's love for the house and the lazy susan table he made her. Talk about wall papering and remodeling their house.

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0-91-----Wilma Hancock

91-268---Arlene and Homer Reid

91-268---Frank & Gladys Wilson

91-268---Fairlamb Family

91-268---Arlene Reid

91-268---Betty McPhee

268-403---Dal Fullerton

268-403---Rosie lee Fullerton

268-403---Ray Clark

403-525---Peras

403-525---Erban Hancock

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525-600---Pekkarine

525-600---Mr. Rose

525-600---Nancy Ward

525-600---Elmer and Perina Ranta

525-600---Leroy Padilla

525-600---Joe Zoline

Side B

0-160-----Backmans

0-160-----Edith Ricker

0-160-----Gary Hickox

0-160-----Rick Salem

160-496--Otto Anderson

160-496— Brother A;

160-496— Dallas Fullerton

160-496— Frank Wilson

160-496— Arlene Reid

160-496— Dallas Fullerton'

160-496—Betty McPhee
160-496—Helen Newel
160-496—Shorty Long

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