Glaser, Marianne Wells Tape Catalogue Card Phone 000-0000 Tape # **OH 90** Address Location OH File Date April 9, 1993 Length 75 min. Place Santa Fe, New Mexico Sides Interviewer Joan Schmitz Recorder Marantz Phone 728-4507 Sep Mike No Time Names & Places Subjects covered **Emmet Boyle** 00-87 Introduction-- Story of how Marianne's parents met. Her mother was invited to the Govenors' Inaguaral ball in Reno, Nevada. She met Buckley Wells there and they were married three weeks later in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her parents led a grand life. Father was an only child, 87-132 always had everything, was hard for him to deal with life later when Schmidt things got rough. Her mother had a nervous breakdown when her father died and turned guardianship of children over to her parents. Her monter was very tall--5'11'. She was 37 when she died and Marianne was only 7. Marianne did not know her mother as the children were always taken care of by nannies until grandparents took them. Mother's parents were not rich. 87-132 Schmidt Her mother was around 28 when she married Buckly and had been married before to a very important mining engineer from Columbia University, who was in Battle Mountain, Nevada to run the mine. Mother graduated from the University of Nevada. Her first marriage did not last long. Her mother was not accustomed to living a high life, but had to get use to it after marrying Buckly. Marianne recites incident of playing piano which upset her mother. 132-181 Marianne's mother was born in Battle Mountain, Nevada. Her grandparents owned a ranch there where Marianne grew up. Her mother drank too much and died young. Tells story of being in Nogales, Merxico with her parents on a lavish ranch which her father owned. Describes house, swimming pool and ranch. 181-208 Story of father "kidnapping" parents on his private railroad car for 2 week trip to San Francisco. Parents apartments in San Francisco are now famous restaurant and hotel on Knob Hill. E. Barrymore, E. 208-252 Describes the expensive toys they had as children before her father Cantor died. Gave them away after his death. Some china and silver and crystal were saved for children. Parents had fabulous parties, entertained movie stars in their home in San Francisco. Describes father's temperment. Speaks of incident at party for Spanish Ambassador. Her father played the violin and sang in Harvard Glee Choir. 252-280 Describes the 3 story house her father built on the ranch for her grandparents. Father planted a tree on the ranch the day she was born. Father was gambier and lived on credit and backing from other people's money. Mrs. Crawford Hill 280-367 Mrs. Crawford Hill pulled her financial backing out after Buckly married her mother. Talks of his financial status. He lost money on the stock market, and committed sucide in San Francisco when the stocks fell. Mother and children were on the ranch in Nogales at the time. His first wife sent telegram to Marianne's grandparents offering to take the

children when he died. Speaks of his first marriage. He spent a lot of

time in Colorado Springs, then later moved to Telluride. Speaks of children from first marriage. Marianne kept in contact with son of first wife, whose name is Tom. Tom's sister Barbara is still alive.

Mary Buckly Wells, 367-453 Livermores

Father was cremated and buried in Pittsfield, Mass. on family plot. Speaks of proud family of Bucklys. Marianne looked up her father's grave and speaks of family tree and how they were buried and where. Describes gravestones. Father's mother was the last Buckly, so named her son after family name. Father was born in Chicago, but raised by mother alone. All birth and death records were burned in the Chicago fire. Discusses the name Buckly (which is Welsh).

Cynthis Allan, 453-546 Virginia

Speaks of half-brother Tom. Does not know much about first wife. Stories about dedicating mine in Virginia City.Describes house on ranch he built for her grandparents. It was very elegant. It burned twice. They saved dishes and belongings, but lost mother's clothes and jewelry. Marianne has china and silver from San Francisco house, also some oriental vases. Most of the belongings were auctioned off when the estate was settled. Things from house at Bridal Veil Falls in Telluride were stored in barrels and were auctioned off to pay bills. There was no money left to raise the children. Her mother worked in San Francisco after his death, but she never recovered. Describes pictures.

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Father was 58 when Marianne was born. Describes more pictures. Parents had parties in San Francisco. The children were brought in by nannies and introduced to guests, which was the only time they saw parents. Recites incident at pary at grandparents home. Father lived a grand life, which was very shallow.

Livermore, Mrs. Crawford Hill

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Speaks of high living in Colorado Springs. Early mining days in Telluride were not so grand. Speaks of father's relationship with Mrs Crawford Hill, who was devastated when Buckly married Marianne's mother. Grandmother endured lots of tragedy. Speaks of brother's death. Grandmother was strong lady. Father told grandmother to raise children as Episcopalian, although she was Methodist. Father's influence was strong.

\* 180-235 Speaks of miniature portrait Marianne has. Describes painting that Comstock Mining Company gave parents for wedding gift. Speaks of all the unknowns in his life.

235-250 Mrs. Crawford Hill, Molly Brown Tells story of father's suicide. Directors from West Pacific came into the lobby of the hotel to offer him position at \$30,000 a year, but he shot himself before they reached his apartment. Her mother died in Battle Mountain.

Story of Mrs. Crawford Hill snubbing Molly Brown. Later after Molly Brown saved people on the Titanic, Mrs. Hill included her. Mrs. Hill was southern belie--discusses why her father never married her.

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