Greenbank, Opal

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Names & Places Subjects covered

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Dr. Klotz, Eunice Stevens, Buckley Wells

History of grandparents. Grandmother was Pennsylvania Dutch and traveled to Kansas with the Quakers. She and her husband traveled by covered wagon to Dolores in the late 1880's, then on to the Telluride area. Her grandfather worked with a team of oxen hauling logs out of the forest area until the gold bug hit them. He worked as a miner until able to acquire some property on the valley floor, across from the old brewery where he established the first dairy in Telluride. They lived in tents until he finally built a log house. They delivered milk to the Smuggler mine in a spring wagon. Grandparents had the dairy from 1895 to 1918. Aunt Eunice Stevens was working for Dr. Klotz at the hospital at time of the flood. Uncle went to Virginia City with Bucley Wells.

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Tovi Kanges, Adams Grandparents moved to Delta and bought rental property. They sold the dairy to the Adams family. She has many memories of going to Telluride to see her grandparents when she was a child. One of her earliest was riding in a horse drawn surrey, taking 2 days for the trip from Delta to Telluride. Talks about the July 4th celebrations and the Navajo Indians camping at chair rock. She roede the train from Delta to Dolores in the winter and remembers the Ophir Loop.

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Wichman

Her father's first car was a Maxwell and they use to drive it to Leonard Creek to meet her grandparnets for picnics. Her father and grandfather would go across the road from their dairy to the brewery to get beer. Her father poured the concrete floor for the brewery and poured the first concrete sidewalks in Telluride.

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L. Remine, Longwell

Speakds of arriving in Telluride (for a visit) late at night as a child and mother was worried about walking on Pacific Street at night past the red light district. Her aunt wrote poems about Telluride and talks of stories she wrote about Grandfather Longwell. Reads some of the history aunt wrote. Grandmother cooked for boarders while living in two tents. Mentions snow slides at Liberty Bell mine in 1902.

374-479

Opal reads favorite poems aunt wrote about Telluride. Talks of her aunts love for the area. Speaks of burying her husbands ashes on Last Dollar Mesa.

479-561

Waggoner, Carriere Joe White

George's cousin, Joe White, had lots of property in the Telluride area. Her husband George cooked at the Alta boarding house when

Waggoner ran the mine. Discusses different real estate prices in town in the 50's as compared to now. Mentions the Carrieres, Chick and

Martha, who worked at the court house.

561-592

Mrs. Rock

Memories of staying at Auntie Rock's boarding house which is now the Dahl House. Opal lived in Rangely during the oil boom, but was lonely for the mountains and Telluride.

SIDE B Opal's mother attneded school in 1 room school house in San Miguel. 00-50 She had a man teacher. She graduated from Telluride High School. Irene Wichman Speaks fondly of visiting with Irene Wichman. She talks about the first 50-71 airplane that landed in Telluride on the valley floor. Memories of the July 4th clelebrations. Fairlamb Opal talks of her growing up years and the public speaking lessons 71-238 she took. Father played the saxophone. She mentions the social lodges she belonged to. Memories of different people she knew in Telluride. Her uncle Charlie worked at the foundry in Telluride for years. Aunt Eunice made beaded blouses for the" girls on the line". Mentions her friendship with the Fairlambs.

238-240

Opal worked in Delta in Hollands Store for 12 years, then moved to Rangely for several years. After she moved back to Delta, she worked another 12 years at the store.