Pierson, Grace Sweeney Tape Catalogue Card Phone 000-0000 Tape # OH 59 **Address** 3502 Bennett, Durango Co.81301 Location OH File Date Jan. 18, 1991 Length 45 min. Place Durango, Co. Sides Interviewer Davine Pera Recorder Marantz Phone 728-3632 Sep Mike Time Names & Places Subjects covered 00-52 Early history of parents and arrival in Telluride. Grace attended school and graduated in Telluride. Story of meeting husband. Bartel 52-107 Mother was music teacher and attended Conservatory for Classical Harry Miller Musicians in St. Louis after Grace was born. She taught piano students from her home. Father was a barber and mother and sister operated beauty shop next door. 107-154 Family was very musical; formed a band, called the Yellow Jackets. Tells story of family members in band riding horseback in winter to play for dances at the Tomboy Mine. Memories of miners returning to Tomboy on rented horses, after a weekend in town, and the horses would return to town on their own. Dance band traveled all over western slope to play for dances. A.Thomas 154-183 Grace and sister joined the band when they were old enough. T.Murray Mentions other bands that played in the area at that time. E.Anderson C.Whitson N.Elscamp E.Perino B.Schuler 183-268 Parents played for silent movies at the Opera House. Gives titles of B. Hopkins movies and names some of the actors in them. Speaks of dances that Matteson were held in the Opera. House after the movies were over. Social clubs Step & a Half Adams gave performances in the Opera House. Describes the dances and Slow Gear Lou speaks of people dressing up. Mentions the nick names of several Banjo Eyes people. Speaks of all the gambling in town at that time. Memories of the Red Light District. Speaks of girls that worked there. Tells story of the druggist (Baisch) that was shot and robbed. Many Warrick 268-332 memories of the drug store. Gusy Warrick was sheriff at the time. Big Billie Describes the garage and livery stable that Petersons owned. Diamond Tooth Lill Baisch Peterson Gibbs 332-413 Memories of school days. Describes "Gibbs Graceful Grade Girls", a J.Lowe gymnastic group that she belonged to in school. They traveled to

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W.Lowe Waggoner C.Parker

L. Swan

E.Wunderlich

K. Ferguson

Talks of husbands love of flying. Had his own plane. Stories of his experiences.

Alta after her marriage.

other towns to perform. Talks of girls basketball team that won the

tournament. Memories of social life when young. Mentions living at

Pekkarine
455-512 J.Lowe
E. Wunderlich
E. Visney
Siegberg

M. Studebaker M. Ackerman Many stories of bootlegging in Telluride. Speaks of growing up in Telluride. Memories of July 4th celebrations. Mother gave piano lessons to Aino Pekkarine. Names classmates that graduated with her.

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551-591

Early married years. Social life consisted of dances, lodges and card playing. Mentions Finn Town. Bands played for dances all over town.

Speaks of children and grandchildren.