

Palisade Historical Society
 Oral and Video History Project
 Interview

Mesa County Oral History # 770

Date: 07/05/1984

Place _____

Length: 18 min.

Interviewee: Annie Goffredi

Phone: _____

Interviewer: Marilyn Bement

Phone: 434-3119

This is a summary of a handwritten Tape Index, which contains notes from an interview with Annie Goffredi on July 5, 1984, conducted by the Mesa County Oral History Project. The interview was recorded on one side of one cassette tape. This digital rendition of the Tape Index follows the original format as closely as possible, in order to preserve the document as it was originally created. Syntax and spelling errors were corrected and abbreviations were spelled out, as possible. The original document can be viewed at the Museums of Western Colorado library.

(Clarifications and comments from other sources appear in parentheses and italics and are not a part of the original document.)

Background information: At the time of the interview, Annie was living at 103 E 4th St., PO Box 404, Palisade, CO 81526. Her telephone number was 464-5341. The interviewer, Marilyn Bement, resided at 463 31 ¼ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, telephone: 434-3119.

Time	Subjects Covered	Names & Places
Tape 1, Side 1	Annie was born in Richfield, Missouri on January 5, 1900.	
	1905 – Father followed coal mines, valedictorian – 8 th grade.	Rockvale, CO Florence, CO
2 min.	Annie was married in 1917.	
	Father eventually bought peach orchard in Palisade.	Crested Butte Rapid Creek
3 min.	May 30, 1922 – arrived in Palisade with two children. First impressions.	Teresa Smith
	Bought 17 acres in Rapid Creek from Mr. Martin.	
4 min.	Ocean to Ocean Highway.	W.D. Stokes coal mine

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Tape 1, Side 1, cont'd.	Discussion of who had land and who bought land from whom.	David Jenkins Eli Salowitch August Miller Frank Marolt
6 min, 30 sec.	Discussion of Harlow Place – first orchard i.e. power for flour mill, stone fences, stagecoach trail overnight stop, known as half-way house. 1890 – First Post Office – Rapid Creek. Moved to Palisade in 1892.	Harlow Place Stagecoach Post Office
10 min.	1917 – Martine bought Cattle ranch owners in Rapid Creek district: Sidney Lloyd, Kruzen family, (<i>illegible</i>) Erwine Stewart. Old stagecoach road went through the Goffredi place. 17 acres - \$800. Mining and who owned what. Husband mined until orchards (<i>illegible on copy</i>). (<i>Possibly, this was a reference to people engaging in mining during the winter months or in order to make a living until their orchards matured sufficiently to produce fruit.</i>) Wagons heading west	Esther Hoover Mr Snipes Sam Boxtell Pyeatt Sampliner Brothers Claude Smith Joe Egger Stokes Mautz, Frank Charles Dutton and Associates Coal mine – 80 acres Waldron Richard Martin
12 min.	Ocean to Ocean Highway Palisade got water rights for reservoir. Used ice truck as a school bus at first.	Plateau Canyon Road Kruzen Springs
15 min.	Used a boat to get produce (<i>across the river</i>) to Cameo. Wooden flume – first water pumped from Orchard Mesa Canal. 1969 Annie's husband died – orchards were sold and she moved (<i>into Palisade</i>). Annie's first impressions when she moved to Rapid Creek: Scared, water snakes plentiful, coyotes, numerous strangers on the road.	Freemyer Orchard Mesa Canal

Time	Subjects Covered	Names & Places
Tape 1, Side 1, cont'd. 17 min.	Annie's typical day: Housework, harvesting, visiting neighbors. Also went on picnics.	
18 min.	END OF INTERVIEW	

Summary by Gary Hines – 10/16/2015

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