

Larson, Walter "Shorty", Golden Oldies #1100 Tape Catalogue Card
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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-38		Early history of parents - born in Finland. Shorty was born in Telluride in 1910.
38-155	Mrs. Ebner, Lorig, Mickey Swan, Mrs. Buey, Mrs. Mackin	Memories of the railroad switching cars in front of his home. He only spoke Swedish when he started to school, so would play hookey and rode the train engine out to the mill. Describes schedule the train used. Used interpreter at school until he learned to speak English. Names various teachers. Story of Mrs. Mackin, the Spanish teacher, who was also the principal. Speaks of school sports. Describes the classrooms and halls.
155-214	Baisch, Quine, J. Hosto, E. Lorig, F. Nyland, Ress	Describes childhood games. Shorty pedaled papers every night after the 9 o'clock train came in. Schedule of trains from Rico and Ridgeway. Describes the 2 drug stores in town. He always worked in the summer to make money. Sold pop bottles back to the bottling works.
214-280		Describes his first job at the Smuggler mine when he was a sophomore in school. He worked on the tram on night shift, loading buckets for 2 weeks. Worked next summer greasing cars at the Bullion. Describes taking test for position of brake man and worked part time also as a track man for the railroad for 4 years during the depression.
280-275		Father worked as a miner at all the mines. Father died when Shorty was 4 years old.
295-395	Grimes, F. Yela, H. Wright	Describes life during the depression. Smuggler shut down during the Christmas school vacation in 1928. Shorty was a senior, but a lot of kids left as their families moved out and left houses with all the furniture and belongings in them. Speaks of various jobs he held during the depression. Story of Ben Grimes opening the mine after the depression. Describes mining process.
395-400		Speaks of all the different nationalities in town and describes their boundaries.
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00-42		Continues description of the ethnic groups. Names various families in town. People left town when the mines shut down in 1929.
42-160	E. Anderson	Describes midsummer's picnic in June that Finns and Swede-Fins celebrated. Talks about all the dances in town and names local musicians that played for them. Describes the music, names the dance bands and gives the locations of where the dances were held. Dance contest were also held. Prohibition was on, so bootleg whiskey was consumed. Bootleg whiskey kept Telluride going during that time. Describes how stills worked and talks about the revenue men (Federal agents) would be spotted in Placerville, and the word would arrive in

150-230

Lativi, Gustafson,
Elscamp, Pilcher,
J. Oberto, H. Miller,
Tony Rella, A. Bess,
Lezzerino

Telluride about them, before they did. Many stories of bootlegging.

His mother shopped at the Finn store in Finn Town. Also shopped at Elscamps and Pilchers later on. Describes gambling in various clubs. Young people played the phonograph records in back of the Pastime Club, which was a gambling club. Names various gambling clubs and their locations.

230-262

Speaks of various social lodges and organizations in town. Story of seeing 3 Ku Klux Kizn members burn a cross one night when he was very young.

262-303

Big Billie, Diamond
Tooth Lil

Describes the red light district in town. Names various saloons the ladies worked in. Names some of the ladies that worked there. Describes the cribs on Pacific Street. Describes the Fick and Gad business as a high class place.

303-400

Dr. Tidd, Dr. Klotz,
Mr. Long, Buckley
Wells, Kangas, Mrs.
Hicks, Mrs. Gifford

Speaks of family doctors and other doctors in town. Memories of the 1914 flood. Describes the destruction of buildings and the clean up process. Memories of the Smuggler Mill burning down. Story of first gas fire truck purchased by Buckley Wells for the town. Description of the fire. Describes the Black Bear Snow Slide that killed Mr. and Mrs. Kangas, and also talks about the Ajax snow slide. Describes the Ajax snow slide in 1958.