

Hella, Avilena Hella (L. Bardwell's Aunt) G.O.M Tape Catalogue Card

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Interviewer	Lisa Bardwell	Recorder	
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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-84	Betty Matte, Wichman	History and dates of her life. They were in Breckenridge from 1929 until 1932, where George worked in a store. In spring of 1932, she moved home to Telluride to live with her parents. The mines were running at half-capacity. Her father opened a Beer Garden in partnership with Wichman. Describes social life in town; bridge parties, dances every Saturday night. The Beer Garden depended mainly on the mill workers. Occasionally, Catholic Father would drive up from lower country to hold church services. One small newspaper which Alta Cassietto worked at. No movies, no passenger trains, but the Galloping Goose ran. There were some social lodges. Lots of hiking and picnics.
84-100	Sweeney	Her mother died in November 1932, so Avalena continued to stay at home. When prohibition ended, the family took over the Beer Garden as the partner gave up his share. Describes the many dances that were held in town.
100-149		The CCC worked in the local area. There were no labor unions. A small group of socialists lived in town at that time. Names various town characters. Her brother ordered a Russian film to be show at thier establishment to a few people, but sheriff advised him not to show it. One doctor in town, no hospital. Population had decreased, but feeling of hope that the depression would end.
149-180		Describes working at the Beer Garden. Miners and wives would come for dinner and stay until the wee hours. Her brother pleyed the piano and the public would dance. At times people would come from Ophir and Placerville. Many customers would start out at the other bars and work their way down the street, ending up at the Beer Garden, including the owners of the other bars.
180-219	Dr. Parker, Michael Field	People always hoped the town would come back. She seaparsted from her husband in 1934. Dr. Parker arrived around then and started a private practice from his house. Later he moved into the hospital when it opened. The mines started to reopen. Business picked up at the Beer Garden. Michael Field and his group arrived in Telluride in 1937 and performed at the Beer Garden. That fall, she travelled to New York with Michael Field and his group.
219-253		Describes July 4th celebration and speaks about how busy they were at the Beer Garden. Talks about settlement of poor people across the river. There was little crime. Local sheriff would join the parties at the Beer Garden. Her brother went to San Francisco in 1928 to produce a play and she and father ran the business alone. Idarado started to open at that time.

her feelings when President Roosevelt died. The Congregational Church held services every Sunday. The teachers and their families

also partied at the Beer Garden, although discreetly. The Alta Mine opened at this time. Describes winter and summer social activities for children. She purchased most of her clothes from catalogues. Mentions Pekkarines store.

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Mentions the local school. No local law enforcement during prohibition. When "the Feds" came, the bootleggers were always notified in advance. Depression was felt more in Denver than then they lived in Breckenridge and Telluride. School library was open to the public. Her brother had small library at the Beer Garden that was geared the Left, which a small group of popeople used.

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After her brother left, she tried to run the Beer Garden by herself. There was more competition up the street and it was getting difficult.

Speaks of her feelings about living in Telluride during the depression.