

Tape 1014 + 1015

Tape with Mrs. Bertha McKeean and Mr. Bill Moon. Recorder Effie Amicarella. (Using a map, they are trying to identify where each business was originally located.)

McKeean: There was a livery stable, I'm sure Dan Jones had a livery. And then down on the corner was Smith's drugstore. Across here was the bank. (E.A.: What was it called?) McKeean: Well, I don't know. J. P. Miller was the bank president. Next to that there was a little milliner's store. I can't remember the name of the ladies who ran it. I bought my wedding hat there. I guess next to that was the Rocky Mountain store and it was that, as long as I can remember. Then, was it Lucock<sup>?</sup>, Sam Lucock. And then Charlie <sup>Schultz</sup> store. (E.A.: Sam Lucock, I've forgot what he sold.) McKeean: Clothing....Clothing Store. In there somewhere was a jewelry store. John Ault Jewelry store. And then Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hix bought that out and had a little grocery store in there for a little while. Then there was a Alderson's store in here and then Dow's Drug Store on the corner. You don't have enough space here. (E.A.: There's a little mark here so we'll put Alderson's here.) McKeean: And then at one time across here was a man by the name of Frantz. It was a General Store, I think. And then down here....Abernathys lived about down here. She was Ada Abernathy and their boy was J. D. (the one that run the Copper Kettle)....Will, Will Abernathy was his name. Down on the corner was the Powers....<sup>Pat?</sup> Nat Powers. And I can't remember who lived next from there. Then here was the May <sup>Muhoff</sup> Hopper Hotel. It's a rooming house now, I guess, or an apartment house. There was quite a yard there and then here was another livery stable....the Weber's livery stable. It burned down....oh, that's been 50 years ago. And then Art Foote's Meat Market was right in here some place. It was a nice town. I can't think what was next to him there. Then Bermont's store was up here on the corner....Bermont and Vanderburgh it was called. (E.A.: On this corner here there used to be a blacksmith shop, didn't there?) McKeean: Well, it was more over here on the side street. (E.A.: And

Bermont's was a general store was it?) McKeean: Yes. It was a big store. (E.A.: Did it have apartments in the top?) McKeean: I think that maybe it did. I think some people lived up there. Now the blacksmith shop was right over in here and the Nelsons lived in that house, the ones that run it. I don't think there is any of that left there at all. (E.A.: You don't happen to know the Nelsons' first name, do you?) McKeean: Yes. Abby and George. Their mother and father lived there in the house, too, but I don't know what their names were. But Abby and George were the ones who run the blacksmith shop. They're both gone now. Kerry was Abbey's wife, but she's gone now, too. The picture show was up on this corner....the Jewel Theater. Mr. Moon can probably tell you who lived there and I can't remember who ran those little stores, where there are stores now. I can't remember..... And the town hall was here, or Union Hall it was, they called it. Many and many a dance I've danced there, about every Saturday night. (E.A.: Has City Hall always been here on this corner, then?). McKeean: Yes. As far as I can remember anyway. There will be a lot of things I don't remember, I'll tell you that.

(E.A.: Hi, Bill. We're over here in the corner.) Moon: Did Albert show up? (E.A.: Not yet. Bertha's here. And you've got a new pretty sweater on, too.) Moon: Oh, I just changed. Say, would you mind calling Albert at 5282. (E.A.: Sit down and I'll see if I can get him.) McKeean: I've been telling her a few things, whether I tell her wrong or not. Moon: Be careful. We'll hold it in evidence against you. McKeean: Yeah, I know. Moon: You know you're entitled to a lawyer, don't you. (E.A.: You know a good one?) Moon: I might act. McKeean: We can't get old what-you-call-him over here, he's been disbarred. Moon: No, I believe I could do as good as him. Albert was supposed to come up and bring some pictures. (E.A.: He forgot all about it and he isn't cleaned up

and it would take him a long time to get dressed and he doesn't know where his pictures are and he says he'll have to make it another day. He said for us to go ahead without him.) McKean: What Louise has got is a picture about yeay big of a play done here and they were all men dressed up as women. Do you remember that? Moon: That was the Pythians. McKean: No, I think they put it on over at the Union Hall, or was it up at the school house. <sup>McA:</sup> The Pythians, I think it was the Pythians put on a kind of vaudeville or something. McKean: Well, I don't know. Everyone was in it....Doc Hurt and Sterling and Fred.... Moon: Well, this one I had reference to, we went to Louisville and to Erie. They wanted to go to Denver, but we didn't have the heart to go there. There was a bunch of Welshmen here then and, of course, they were quite the singers and us old scrubs, we filled in. McKean: Well, Frank Miller was in it and Henry Mathias. Maybe you could have a picture taken off of that. I'll bring it down. (E.A.: Fine. I can have them made over in Louisville. A man is doing them there for me.) McKean: It's just real interesting. I can tell you most of the people. I think Bill Lewis was in it, Kelley Schofield, oh, just everybody you want to think of. There was, I bet, fifty in it. And Walt Carnehan, you remember Carnehan's. He bought out Smith's Drug Store, wherever that is now.

Moon: Say, do you remember (talking about the drug store) do you remember that H. E. Barker that used to run the drug store, in this same block, only down on the corner? He was a hunch-back and he married that lady barber. McKean: No, I don't remember that. I remember Dow's. Moon: But Dow was down another block. (E.A.: What was Dow's first name, Bill, do you remember?) Moon: John Peter Dow. McKean: Yeah, John P. Dow. Moon: Well, this party found a bottle out east here someplace and it had some name on it. Well, Ruthene there at the store was asking me and she mentioned the name and I said, "No, that name don't ring, but there was an H. E. Barker." McKean: Barker? Moon: Yeah, H. E. Barker. McKean: I

can't remember that, but I remember another family having that drug store and their daughter, she was a real nice looking blonde girl, and she married one of the Combs boys. Do you remember the Combs that used to live out at the mine, the Columbine Mine? They had four boys.....Ernie, George, and Ralph....I can't remember the other's name. Moon: They found this old bottle out there and they couldn't make the name out. She pronounced it different and I said, "Well, I can't recall that, that don't ring, but there used to be a Barker, H. E. Barker, and he was a hunch-back." McKeean: No, I can't remember that at all. Moon: And he married this lady barber and she was a kind of a stout lady. McKeean: No, I don't remember that.

(E.A.: Well, Bill, across the street used to be the Jewel Theater and what was next to it?) Moon: Across here? Why, Simpson's house. The same one that's there now. See, that was Joe Simpson's. You've come down the street that far, have you, from the public highway? McKeean: No. We started here at this building. (E.A.: We started here with the library, the old Congregational Church.) McKeean: We went down to Dow's and Frantz' store. You remember Frantz' store? Moon: Oh, yeah. You know, that was the Odd Fellow's building and it burned down. He was in the front of the building, you know. McKeean: And then Abernathys and then the Powers lived on the corner....Pat Powers. Moon: Abernathys was on the left hand side. McKeean: No. That's where Powers lived and Abernathys just lived up two or three doors. Moon: Abernathys lived over on the opposite side. McKeean: No. O'Days lived over there. Moon: Abernathys lived over there. McKeean: I bet you. Moon: I bet you my hat. She was such a good friend of the Powers that she ran back and forth all the time. I used to go there and stay there at night a lot of times. Moon: Sam Abernathy....there was Sam and Tom and a bunch of them....and Sam Abernathy was my brother-in-law. McKeean: Well, Will Abernathy, though, this is Will Abernathy. Moon: Will married Ada.... McKeean: Yeah. Well, they lived on this side of the street. Moon: They lived

on this side. McKeean: Yeah. Moon: But the old folks Abernathys they lived on the other side of the street. McKeean: Well, we're both right then. (E.A.: Then the older Abernathys lived over here.) Moon: Yeah, in there somewhere. I don't know..... McKeean: Across from Powers? Moon: No, Powers lived on the corner and Abernathys lived up in the same block, coming west, see.

Moon: Let's see, the Odd Fellows had, well, we'll take down here across from the Hub's store. That's where the Odd Fellows used to be and that's where Frantz used to be and then you went here and there was a little house in there. Do you remember who lived in there? McKeean: Across from Frantz, you mean. Moon: No, no, going east there.....just like this was the Odd Fellows building and like my place there. Do you remember who lived there? McKeean: No, I can't. Moon: Jones....Eddie. He was a little short fellow and he used to work in the bank. McKeean: Well, I told her I couldn't remember who lived there. That would be right here. Moon: And then there was Rosenbaums. Do you remember them? They had May and Fooma. McKeean: Oh, yes, yes. I hadn't thought of them for years. Now, they lived next to Jones? (E.A.: What was they name again, Bill?) Moon: Rosenbaum. (E.A.: And their first names again?) Moon: The girls? There was May and Fooma. McKeean: Yeah. I remember Fooma, you couldn't forget that name. Then Abernathys lived next. Moon: Yeah. And then Powers, I think. McKeean: No, there was a house in between. Now who lived there between? Moon: Well, I don't recall right now. McKeean: No, I don't either. We can't be sure on that, Moon: And then you go on across the street and that's where the Lafayette Pillar of Fire was just recently, but that's where Mrs. Dyer used to run the hotel...no, no.... McKeean: Oh, Mrs. Brian. Moon: Brian. Oh, yes, Mrs. Dyer lived over here. McKeean: Yeah. Well, they called it the Lafayette House, didn't they, Bill? Moon: Yeah. That's where the Pillar of Fire was. I guess they owned it, I don't know. But they were the last ones in there that I know of. (E.A.: The Lafayette House Hotel? And who owned it?) McKeean: Well, Mrs. Brian ran it at one time. Moon: Yeah, she ran it, but who owned it? I don't think she owned it,

I think she just ran it. McKeean: And I can't think who had it before her, can you? Moon: No, I can't. McKeean: Because she used to live in a big house over on the other street where she had all those kids, you know, and most of them were retarded. They were supposed to be first cousins that married and most of their children were retarded. Do you remember that, Bill? Then who lived this way, across the street from Powers. I can't remember who....Mike O'Day lived up here. Moon: Yeah. Where that wood shop is now, see, Davis was in there, and A. S. Morgan. (E.A.: That was the Davis grocery?) McKeean: It was somebody before that. Moon: A. S. Morgan they owned the building and they ran the store. McKeean: Davis bought him out, didn't he. Moon: Yeah. McKeean: And then Mike O'Day lived next, didn't he. Moon: And then there was a little house there, Rains live there now. Who in the world lived there then? Wasn't it some widow? And then Abernathy's house and then Dr. Couch's house. That's where Wagner lived. I don't know who owns it now, but Wilma Wagner's father owned it Kneebone girls, you know. McKeean: Oh, Jay Wagner. They lived there. (E.A.: And then who was in the Henning building?) McKeean: That's way down here. Dave Allen lived there. Remember, Dave Allen, the Mine Superintendent. Moon: Well, there was this building here, who was there on the corner? I believe it was vacant for a long time and then they moved a house in there....kind of a store building. And then across the street from there was Barretts' little store, you remember? (E.A.: What kind of store was it?) Moon: Oh, they just sold candy and tobacco and such. McKeean: Yes, I should say. And then Nobles were down there on the corner, too. Harry Nobles. Didn't he live right down here on Simpson? Moon: It seems to me he lived on Cleveland. McKeean: Well, that could be. You know, you just forget. Moon: Well, you know, going down from where the hotel was on the same side, there was.....well, they finally moved the Burlington depot up there, you know. (E.A.: Yes, the Burlington depot is right there. There is a vacant lot and right next is the Burlington depot. It was Charlie Prece's house. Moon:

Yes. And then it was Nelson Magnuson and then Gilner lived there where Angevine is now. He was agent down at the Burlington depot, you remember. (E.A.: You're too fast for me, Bill. I can't write that fast. Magnuson...what was Magnuson's first name again?) Moon: Nelson, I believe it was. McKeean: I remember he had a daughter Vera and the boy was Albert. (E.A.: And who lived in Angevine's house?) Moon: Gilner. He was the Burlington agent. And then from there on down it was all vacant. But it has built up now. You see, Bill Jones lives across the street. McKeean: Now I just thought that Allens lived in the big Henning mortuary thing and I thought Nobles lived right across the street from them. Moon: Well, they might have after Gilner. You know, he was transferred to Longmont. I think Longs lived across from the mortuary on the corner. (E.A.: You see, this is the original plat of Lafayette and it doesn't go that far. We only go down to the end of the block where Angevine's is.) Moon: From there down to the depot they used to call it the Simpson Addition or something like that. (E.A.: Industrial City Addition.) Moon: Borstniks used to live down there for a long time, you know.

(E.A.: Okay, we got as far as Joe Simpson's home across the street, here. What was next to it, Bill?) Moon: Joe Roberts' father had a store in there, but wasn't there someone else before him? McKeean: Well, it seems like it. Was your...was the Moon grocery store always right here? Moon: Yeah. Dad, you see, built it for Gale and Beldon Vaulkenburg and he couldn't make a go of it so dad had to take it back. You see, dad owned these three lots right here. Where that is and where my house is and right here and two over here back. He sold this one to the church people, I think, and I got mine from him and then he built this other. Then next to him was the livery stable and then what do you have next....a blacksmith shop? (E.A.: We didn't know what was next then.) Moon: There was a blacksmith shop in there. Then there was another lot there, they moved an old building in there and Dan Tuck had a butcher shop there and a kind of grocery, you know. McKeean: Who had that blacksmith shop? Moon: I don't remember who it was. But I know it was a blacksmith shop. And then this Tuck's

place and then the drug store. That would leave two lots for the drug store, I think. They was on.....they had two lots. McKean: And then the telephone office set back here on the alley from the drug store. (E.A.: Oh, yes. I remember that. That was still here when I came.) Moon: Yes, that was south of the drug store, on the same lot. (E.A.: The telephone office was just half of that and the other part was a house.) McKean: Was half of it a house? (E.A.: Well, you see the telephone office was right there and then up above to the corner was a house.) Moon: On the south? That's where Uncle Tim used to live. (E.A.: Who is Uncle Tim?) Moon: Tim Moon. Some relation to.... (E.A.: Bill Moon?) Moon: No, I was going to say Blanch Moon. B<sup>Blanche</sup>: Moon: That would have been Bill's great-grandfather, wouldn't it? Moon: Yeah. McKean: Poor old Tim. He was bent double with arthritis. Moon: Yeah. That's the way Albert is now. If you'd.....They tell me Dr. Gordon's building an addition on to his office and we're going to get a new doctor.....a doctor from Longmont, I think it is.

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(E.A.: I missed that and I would have loved to have it on tape. Tell me again.) McKean: I went to school up here and we'd come down at noon, after we'd eat our lunch, then we'd come down at noon and we'd cross this wooden sidewalk in front of VanDenburgh's and go across to the drug store and spend our nickel for penny candy. (E.A.: And what can you get for a penny now?) Moon: Well, at one time there by the drug store, Sweigers they ran a kind of pool hall in there where there is an apartment now. You see, there has been drug stores in there, several of them, and they ran a pool hall so we'd go up and Mrs. Crawford, boy, she'd throw you out if you got rowdy----she wouldn't hesitate either. She'd play ball with us and get in fights with us, but we respected her, though. McKean: I wish I could remember those people's name that bought Smith's drug store.....well, Carnehans, then the ones who bought Carnehans out, but I can't remember their



name. Moon: I think the Carnehans kind of tried to run it until it was closed down.. McKeean: Well, maybe, but there was these people in it and their girl married one of the Combs' boys. Moon: Oh, Edith Smith married Dr. Leydon and they ran it under Leydon's name for awhile. McKeean: Yes, and then he doctored in Erie. The Smiths were an old, old couple and this girl-----they must have had her in later years. She was a nice looking girl. Moon: Oh, yes, Edith was a pretty girl. McKeean: Do you remember Laura Kimbark? She worked in the bank for Miller. Moon: Oh, yeah. (E.A.: Now Laura Kimbark, would that be the granddaughter of Mr. Foote that started Superior? Was she related to the Lafayette Millers? You see, the street Kimbark was named after Mrs. Miller's sister.) Moon: Could be. McKeean: Well, I just don't know whether she was related or not, but I know she cashiered at the bank. There was a kind of.....but, well, I guess I'd better not say it. We don't a big scandal in this, do we? (E.A.: No, I have one of those. I did get a tape from a man who did nothing but tell me this sort of thing and I can't use it at all. That's all I got. He was sheriff at one time. I can't use it at all.)

McKeean: Let's see now, there's the Jewel Theater and the Union Hall. Then Metcalfs lived in there. Moon: Yes, George Metcalf. McKeean: The same house that's there now. Moon: Yeah, that old brick house. Well, say, that little house in between the telephone office and Metcalf's, did DeNovelis.....Chuck....I don't know whether Chuck and Virginia built that or not. I believe they did, though. Then there was a little shack in there where Henry lives....Henry Mathias. McKeean: Yes, but that is fairly new to the rest of that stuff, though, isn't it. Moon: Henry, I think, he built the house where the Town Hall is. McKeean: Henry lived in this Metcalf house for a long time. Moon: Well, not too long because after he got married.....you see, he was in service and he and Ruth got married here at our place. We stood up for him, you know, he was home on furlough and they got married. Her folks used to live over on Cannon Street. McKeean: Her name was Ruth Varney.....Varney, wasn't it. Moon: Something like that. She had a sister

.....Ruth was red headed and her sister was----I don't know----blonde, I guess..

We're getting off the subject. McKeean: Now here is where Gwenn and Tom Chapman lived. Moon: Reeces used to live there. McKeean: Right on the corner? Moon: Yeah. McKeean: Well, Reeces lived there and then after Gwenn and Tom married they lived there Moon: And you know on the alley in that same block an old fellow lived back there, he batched and he had these greyhound dogs. McKeean: No, I don't remember that, either. Moon: Oh, what the devil was his name? He used to call one Dessler. I can remember that. McKeean: Then you say this is the Reece house here on the corner? What Reece was it? Moon: Oh, I think it was William Reece, Sr., you know. McKeean: Yeah, I guess you're right. And Gwenn was their daughter and she married Tom Chapman and they did live there. And I don't know who lived next. Moon: Let me see now, wasn't it Tommy Vaughn? He used to run the saloon up there where, well, let's see now, if I can get it straight. There used to be a store and then they tore it down and then Frank Something-or-other put in the Roaring Bull in there and bar, you know. There was a building in there you remember. On the corner here was the jewelry store and then over here was where Tom Vaugh had it and then here was a shoe shop and then the drug store and the post office. McKeean: Yeah, but what was there before the drug store and post office? Moon: A vacant lot. McKeean: Oh, was it? Moon: Yeah. I think George MacDonnis built that post office and drug store. Blanch Moon: When we first came here the post office was in the west story of Alderson's. McKeean: Well, Aldersons had their store in where the post office was. They did at one time and the drug store was on the corner. Well, when the drug store moved up then Aldersons moved in the corner. Blanch Moon: The one thing that I remember about that drug store was the beautiful piece of marble they had there on the fountain. It was a beautiful piece. I think, if I'm not mistaken, Nick Lewis bought that piece of marble and when he built that one home up there in Glenwood they used that piece of marble on the fireplace.. Just four or five months ago that home burned down.

(E.A.: We've got a number of things said, but I haven't got them written down. We're at Tommy Vaughn's.....William Reece and then Tommy Vaughn....)

McKeean: Well, then, Mary Ann Reece lives next. Moon: Yeah, but there were some Joneses who built that house where Mary Ann and Dave live. McKeean: They've lived there for an awful lot of years, though. Moon: It seems to me like there were some Joneses lived across the street. McKeean: Well, there were-----Enid and Dan Jones. Moon: They ran the livery stable. (E.A: And next, that was built for whom?) Moon: Syd Pascall. He used to run the bar over across....

McKeean: Who lives there now? Moon: Joe Roderick.....he runs that little grocery store. (E.A.: This used to be a service station, didn't it?) Moon: Yes, it had a star on it.....what was it? McKeean: Texaco. Moon: Now you're up to the public highway. McKeean: Then Dan Jones lived in that first house across the street. Moon: No, no, the filling station is on the corner. McKeean: Well, I mean the first house behind the filling station. You know, I used to could have told you where everybody lived in town but..... Moon: Well, you know it has been a long time. (E.A.: I think you're doing beautifully myself.) Blanch Moon: Possibly if you could ride around and see the houses..... McKeean: It does bring things back to you, all right. I can tell you Miller's bank. Now J. P. Miller lived right over here. (E.A.: Where Dr. Gordon's office is?) Moon: No, no, across the street. McKeean: Over here then it would be wouldn't it? Remember? J. P. Miller lived there. Then Mary E. lived here. (E.A.: Mary E. Miller?)

McKeean: Yes. Moon: She lived down....well, in the same block as Dr. Gordon only on the opposite corner. She had two lots there. McKeean: Yeah. Have I got that right then? Moon: Then, up this way from her was John Peter Dow. McKeean: Yeah. J. P. Dow lived there. Moon: Then up this way was a little house and it had shingles on the sides. Jackie Stubbs owned that because I lived there for a little while. And then Dr. Porter, I think he had two lots....and then Dr. Gordon. Blanch Moon: Well, one of those was the first school here in

Lafayette because I've got a picture of the first teacher and the kids who were in the first school. Moon: Who was it....Mrs. Scott? Blanch Moon: Yes. Moon: No, that was across the street. Blanch Moon: Where was it at? It was on Mrs. Miller's property.....behind Alderson's, they told me. Moon: Well, that's right....Millers was here and then Cleveland Street is here and then this other street.....oh, Jake Miller lived up here----that was James P., we called him Jake. But down in here.....Bert Alexander used to live in there and it was either the house where he lived or the next where the first school was. Blanch Moon: Well, you might be in this picture. I wish I had it here. Moon: Well, I tell you, when I was going to school there.....this is kind of funny, you might get a kick out of it. I had to go out and I held up my hand or something and the teacher wouldn't let me go. John Moon and Jake Miller was in there and they told me to get down on the floor, so I did. (laughter) She wouldn't let me go out and I had to go. (laughter)

McKeean: And then Dr. Braden lived across the street from Mary Miller. Moon: No, he lived right on the corner there. No, that was Dr. Bingham. McKeean: Well, yes, Dr. Bingham and then Dr. Braden. Moon: Dr. Gordon lived down where.... oh, going from Mary Miller's down, there was a big square house there, you know, that's where Sade and Tom used to live. And then there was a house in there where French Stone lives. Now, who lived there? (E.A.: Well, who lived where Dr. Gordon was...is.) McKeean: Dr. Porter had his office there. Moon: Dr. Porter lived right across from Uncle Tim. McKeean: Across from Jake Miller? Moon: Well, yes, this way. He built that place there if I remember right. McKeean: I believe he did, too. She was a fancy-do wasn't she? Moon: Oh, yeah. We were just common people to her. McKeean: She was in society in Denver----had her name on the society pages there.

(E.A.: Tired?) McKeean: No, I just wish I could think better and remember better. Moon: Well, let's see, we got down to this big tall square house----two-storied. Sade and Tom Miller lived there. McKeean: Now where

would that be? Moon: That would be right across the street from where Mary Miller lived here. (E.A.: Would it be on the same side of the street as Moon: Dr. Gordon? Yeah, on the same block below where Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Miller are. Sade and Tom Miller lived there. Tom got killed down here at the Stratmore Mines. McKeean: Yeah. They had two girls: Molly and Clara.

McKeean: Then, Mrs. Brian used to live down here on the corner, didn't she? Moon: That was the Dyer house, wasn't it. But Pennocks used to live in there somewhere....oh, pretty close to the end of the same block.....Joe Pennock. Mrs. Brian lived in that big house there on the corner, too, before she took over the Lafayette House.. McKeean: They lived right next door to each other, didn't they, Bill?.....the Brians and the Dyers. They both had big families. Moon: Well, the Dyers had the boarding house there. And then on this side....I think that's where Pennocks used to live. There was a house in there....oh, there were some kind of foreigners lived there-----I forget just what they were. They had some boys and one girl, I think. Then across the street, there was another house, but I think that's out of your.....no, that is still this side of the Simpson Mine. Nels Magnusun used to live there in that one place. Then there was some people....now, I don't know whether their name was Kale. They had a daughter by the name of Pearl Kale, I know, because I used to dance with her. (E.A.: I was shaking my head, because I was lost. I find Nels Magnusun right here, see, and I was wondering where these others were.) Moon: Well, I think.... oh, they were buying and selling, you know, and they kinda.....now, it was John Magnusun lived over here. That was it. I'll get you all mixed up pretty soon. McKeean: I person, really, should go out in a car and look at these places. I think it would come to you more. You know? (E.A.: Well, maybe we can plan to do that one of these days.) McKeean: Don't you think, Bill? Moon: Yes, or just walk. (E.A.: Well, that's quite a walk to take you jaunting around.) Moon: Oh, I've walked down there. I used to go down to Pearl Kale's house quite often. McKeean: That must have been quite a while ago, though.

Moon: Yeah, yeah. Then there was an old couple---Knapp was their name. He was a big fat fellow and he used to scare the devil out of us kids if we'd go around his place. She was kind of a small lady, kind of dried up, you know. (E.A.: Where was that, Bill?) Moon: Well, that was on....see, the Dyer hotel is here and then across the street there was John Magnuson and then this was another block east. Then right here there was kind of a....well, let's see, the road went this way and there was a little place in here and they had a little shack--a two-room shack.

McKeean: Right here, Connellys lived, right? (E.A.: Right.) McKeean: You remember Connellys, Bill? Moon: Connelly? Where are you at? McKeean: Their girl was Violetta Connelly, I know. They lived right across the street here. (E.A.: We're coming back up the street now.) Moon: Oh, yes, yes. You're up there now. We were way down there to the mines. McKeean: Well, I got lost down there so I had to start someplace else. You remember Connellys? I don't remember what his name was, but their girl was Violetta. Moon: The house right across the street? I'm trying to think. There have been so many in there. McKeean: Well, this was years ago. Moon: Alf Peterson used to live there at one time. I know when they built that place they had to haul dirt in there to build it up.

McKeean: Next was Mrs. Kettle's little store where Iva's got her beauty shop. Moon: She owned that, well, where Iva's got her shop and the house right next to it. McKeean: Then next was Hatfields. (E.A.: Was that Myron Hatfield?) McKeean: No, it wasn't Myron. Moon: It was William Hatfield. McKeean: Oh, that little house.....she---Mrs. Kettle---lived there. Moon: She owned that and then she built this little store. McKeean: Just a little "notions" store. Moon: It was about like it is now. She built it. And then there was....

McKeean: What was this Hatfield's name? Moon: William. McKeean: Oh, yeah, William Hatfield and Viola is his daughter-----Viola Berry. Then next, I don't know who lived there. Moon: That's where Jack Lipsey lived. The one who owned the pool hall. McKeean: Oh, was it? Moon: Yeah. McKeean: Why, I thought

Lipsey lived way up the road there. What Lipsey was that who lived up by Greenleys?

Moon: Oh-h-h, well, he married the Greenley girl. McKeean: Well, they lived up

there at one time. Moon: I don't remember them living up there. McKeean: Oh,

yes, that's where George Lipsey died, got drunk and died out in the yard, their

son, you know, and they had a daughter, Crystal, that was retarded. Moon: Yeah,

I know their girl was retarded. McKeean: Oh, I tell you, it's hard to remember,

isn't it? Moon: Yeah, when you haven't thought about them or anything for years.

Here a few years back, I could have told you, when I was working with the town

here. See, I was a councilman for ten years and a mayor for two, and I could

pretty near tell you right now where anybody lived because I've taken interest

in it. McKeean: Yeah, but you forget. You get other things on your mind.

Moon: Well, my memory don't work as good as it used to. When I was working

in the meat market here, you know, I could go ahead and wait on you and I'd put

down how much it was so they could check it and I could go ahead and tell them

how much it was. Who was it? oh, it was Gwen, she was cashier down here at the

mines... McKeean: Gwen Reece? Moon: Yeah. I'd say, "well, it would be

so much," and she'd say, "You damned old fool, how do you keep track?" laughter.

McKeean: I'd forgot she was bookkeeper there. Moon: Yeah, for many, many

years. And now we've got up to that house.... (E.A.: We got up to Padfields.

McKeean: Yeah, Bill says Jack Lipsey lived in there. Moon: Yes, he ran the

pool hall in Boulder. McKeean: Yeah, he must have moved up there afterwards.

Moon: I think he built this place here, if I remember right. Moon: Now, be

careful. (E.A.: Now we're on the highway.) Moon: No, we ain't. We got

another block in there. (E.A.: Well, that little house on the corner right

across from City Hall is the one we're talking about now.) Moon: Well, it was

a little shack at one time. And who lived there, do you know? Does da belly

sound like it? McKeean: DeValli. (laughter) Oh, that was a nice Italian

family. Moon: Yeah, they were. They had shacks there. Every time their

family increased they'd build on to their shacks. McKeean: Oh, they had a big family but they were lovely people. (E.A.: You don't happen to remember their first name, do you?) Moon: John, I believe it was. McKeean: Well, they had a son John, and a son Bert, Annie, Elizabeth, Louie.... Moon: Oh, they ran out of names. (E.A. How many did they have anyway?) McKeean: I don't know. Moon: Oh, I don't know. McKeean: Johnnie died here just a couple of years ago. He and Annie got the....he married Annie Gordon, Jack Gordon's daughter. Hey, where was Jack Gordon's store? Moon: Well, he was in one of these places here, but that was years later, you know. (E.A.: Then across the street from deVallis....) McKeean: Where Mrs. Lewis lived. Moon: On the west? Anna Lewis, that used to be.....well, it is Anna Evans now....but it used to be Bill Lewis, I think. Didn't they move those houses in there from some place? McKeean: I don't know, but Lewises have lived there for as long as I can remember. Moon: I know when he was sick the Odd Fellows used to take turn going up to sit up with him. I know I sat up there one night....twice, I think, during one of his sick spells. And then Dan Phillips used to live in the first house west there. McKeean: Yeah, I hadn't thought of them for years. Now was that George Phillips' dad? Moon: George Phillips? Yeah. Well, say, George Phillips was here not too long ago and he came to see me. McKeean: Oh, really? Moon: Yeah. I don't know where he lives.....over here at Brighton, I believe. Then there was another house in there, I don't remember who that belonged to. Then there was Dan's house. McKeean: And what was on the corner? Moon: Well, they finally built that filling station there. McKeean: Yeah, but that would have been years later. Moon: I don't know what was there. I've tried to think what used to be there, but I can't remember. McKeean: I can't think what was there either. Moon: That takes us to the Public Highway. (E.A.: That leaves us with a vacant lot on the highway.) Moon: On the corner where the filling station was? McKeean: There must have been something there. Jones owned it....Dan Jones did, because that house..... McKeean: They must have torn down a house to put a filling



station in. I wouldn't say for sure. Moon: I wouldn't say for sure, either.  
 (E.A.: Then between Dan Jones and Dan Phillips was an empty lot?) McKeean: No, there's still a house there, but I can't remember who lived there.

Blanch Moon: Here's that first school. Are you in here, Bill? Moon: Who's the teacher-----Mrs. Scott? Yes. Blanch Moon: Now, they've got her marked. Moon: I can't see, I couldn't tell you. I'm around the teacher here someplace. Blanch Moon: Now here's a picture of the old school house.... McKeean: That's where I went to school, girl. Moon: If you can find Gig Miller and John Moon there, I'm around them, see. They always used to..... McKeean: They had a little brick building on the back of this---their first school up there ----and this is new built on the front here. Moon: I've seen that picture--- that's Mrs. Scott. She's kind of tall..... Blanch Moon: Now, here's Mrs. Miller and see there's John Moon and this is one of the Sweiger boys and I don't know who that is.....Here you are. McKeean: Here's Raymond Harmon..... Blanch Moon: Now there's Bill Moon.....McKeean: That's Raymond Harmon right there. Blanch Moon: Is that Raymond Harmon? McKeean: It sure is. Blanch Moon: You know, we should write these down. These pictures don't belong to me...they belong to me Mrs. Nelson. She lent them to me and before I got them returned she died. And here is that mine that I was telling you about. Moon: What mine was that? Blanch Moon: The Strathmore. Moon: Yeah, that was straight down the street here. McKeean: If that isn't Raymond Harmon, its' his twin. Blanch Moon: Here's a picture of the library and here's one of snow, December 4, 19 (end of tape.)

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Moon: but she won't tell you how old she is. (E.A.: That won't bother me. Do you think she'd let me make a tape with her?) Moon: She might, if you'd talk to her. It's hard telling. (E.A.: Are you her best friend and could persuade

her?) Moon: Well, I wouldn't say yes or no. Sometimes I think yes and sometimes no. I kid her. She lives across from Albert down there and I tell her she and Albert have a path across down there. McKeean: This is Mary E. Miller-----the old Mrs. Miller. (E.A.: That's a good picture, isn't it?) McKeean: Oh, it is. Taken when? 1924----I was 24 years old then. Moon: As I said before, when they put those windows in, Lafayette Millers they had their names on the windows there, you know. Then Danny Evans' wife, when she was a big shot in the Christian Science here had them removed. McKeean: I wonder what this occasion was. (E.A.: It's hard to tell.) McKeean: This is May Crist's picture. Blanch Moon: Yeah, Mrs. Nelson had it. She's the one who gave it to me. McKeean: Is that John, John Moon? Moon: A pretty big husky guy? McKeean: Yeah. They lived out here past the cemetery. Moon: Well, they did for a while, on a chicken ranch. McKeean: There was Johnny Moon and--what was the other boy's name? Blanch Moon: Danny. Johnny Moon was my father-in-law. Moon: Well, there was Warren, too, and he passed away in the flu, I think. McKeean: And wasn't there a Dan, about my age? Blanch Moon: Yes, but Dan's been gone a long time. He was killed in the mines. And his son is dead now, too. McKeean: Now what is your name? Blanch Moon: Moon. I'm another Mrs. William Moon. McKeean: Are you related to him? Blanch Moon: Well, we were figuring up the other day. I think Bill's dad and him would be second cousins so that would make, would it be third cousins. McKeean: Or second cousins twice removed, the way they say it. Who were you then before you were married? Blanch Moon: Fisk, but we have only been around here since 1941. Of course, I've learned a lot of this because Bill's people have all been around here. Dad used to tell us all this, you know. Well, he used to come up here and clean the stables for Dan Jones. McKeean: Who was your father-in-law? Blanch Moon: John Moon----Johnny and Hilda. McKeean: Oh, I didn't know they had any children. Blanch Moon: They had two---<sup>Bill</sup>John and Ruth and then Ruth died when she was eight. McKeean: Oh, that's right. (E.A.: You know, this picture of the library on the corner. It shows all these stores now.)

McKeean: Hilda is a wonderful girl--one nice person. Blanch Moon: Did you go to school with her? McKeean: Well, I can't remember if I was in school with her. I think she's a little younger than I am. Blanch Moon: Yes, she is. Let's see, she's 59. McKeean: Yeah. You see I'm 73. Moon: Are you that old? McKeean: Yes, I'm that old. Moon: Just wait till I get that old. (laughter)

McKeean: Dan was more my age. I think Dan was in my room at school. He was older than John. Moon: Let's see, Dan, he passed away, didn't he? Blanch Moon: Yes. He died in the mine. They thought it was a heart attack, but he was in the mine when he died. Moon: Oh, this other Danny Moon was his son, right? Blanch Moon: Yes. But he's dead now, too. Moon: Yes, I know. He died of a heart attack, too. Moon: Yeah, he died in bed and I guess his wife didn't know it until the next morning. McKeean: I tell you, so much water has gone under the bridge. To remember everything that has happened in 73 years is impossible.

Blanch Moon: Now were you born here in Lafayette? McKeean: I was born on a ranch three miles south. Blanch Moon: Now is it true that Mr. Liley was the first baby boy born in Lafayette? Moon: Well, I don't know. I've always thought Albert was----my brother. Where Charley got in, I don't know, they say he is, but..... McKeean: Now who is Charley Liley? I'm trying to place him. Moon: Oh, they used to live in this little house where....oh, Mrs. Kettle's place there. They lived there for awhile. McKeean: Who did he marry? Who was his wife? Moon: Who was Mrs. Liley? I don't know. McKeean: I remember hearing them talk of Charlie Liley. (E.A.: He had that Liley coal mine down here east of the highway.. Moon: They say he was the first boy, but I think....

Blanch Moon: Then Amy Jones was supposed to be the first baby girl born in Lafayette. Moon: Yeah. Well, I'll vouch for that, but Charley---I can't figure out..... When Albert was born here, I know I was a little kid and a doctor had to come over from Boulder to take care of my mother. When he was born it was snowing to beat the band and this house wasn't as big as it is now and the doctor was driving around saying, "Where does Walter Moon live?" I

saw him and I went to see what he wanted and I said, "This is where Walter Moon lives. What do you want?" He said, "I'm the doctor", so he tied his horses out there to something and came in the house and delivered Albert, see. That was Dr. Ambrooke from Boulder. Blanch Moon: Now where were you born? Moon: Do I have to tell you? Blanch Moon: Louisville. Were you born in Louisville? Moon: Yeah. Right by the Hub store, I think, if I've got it right. I was about 5-7 years old when we moved here. McKean: Albert is older than you, isn't he? Moon: No, no, he is seven years younger.. McKean: He looks older than you. Moon: Yeah, he does. I kid him when I introduce him to someone and tell them, "This is my older brother". He gets mad at me as the devil. (laughter) (E.A.: You'll be 91 in January, right, Bill?) Moon: Yeah. I'm pulling for it. (E.A.: What is it? the 25th?) Moon: No, the 28th. (E.A.: Oh, I missed it by three days. You'd better fire the librarian.) Moon: Yeah, you're not up to snuff. (E.A.: No, sir.) Moon: Well, are we through? (E.A.: You want to be through for today? You getting tired?) Moon: Yes, to be honest with you. (E.A.: Well, all right. We'll continue another day.) McKean: Maybe we can walk up and down the street and remember the houses. (E.A.: I'll tell you what I'll do....I'll give you both a pad and pencil and you can jot down the names as you remember them.) McKean: I know where some of the Stubbs lived and the Culberns. Blanch Moon: I'll tell you what I should do, is drive you up and down the street and let you just list the houses. McKean: Some I can remember but some I couldn't. Moon: See this little house on the alley that Seals fixed up.... that used to be the shoe shop, too. (E.A.: Oh, it did? Well, we'll put that in right now while we know about it. This would be Ben Cundle here, right?) McKean: Well, Ben Cundle's house was right on the corner, wasn't it? Moon: It was at one time, but Harrison's built another one on the side there between Ben's house and the corner, and then the Cundle's house, and then the Terrils, and the Bermonts and who lived on the other corner there? Who lived on the other corner?

Blanch Moon: Well, didn't Bill Drenneman and Mary Jane? Moon: No, they lived across the street. You're trying to get me all mixed up. McKeean: Then up in here was the Stubb's wasn't it? In back of Hannah Evans? Moon: George Stubbs lived in the first house off Public Highway. McKeean: And then next was Tom Stubbs, wasn't it. Moon: Tommy Stubbs? No, they used to live up....he married one of the Gordon girls. McKeean: Oh, yeah, that was Tommy. Who was this other Stubbs? Moon: That was Fred. Oh, no, Fred Stubbs lived over where the lunch counter used to be. I don't know what you call it, across the street. McKeean: I don't know about that, but I do know the Stubbs girls lived here because I used to go spend the night with them and we had parties when I was about 10 or 12 years old. Where's that picture? Liz Stubbs, who was Liz Stubbs married to? Moon: Liz Stubbs? She married Denny Stubbs. Wasn't she Liz Abernathy? McKeean: Yes. Moon: She married Denny Stubbs. McKeean: That's who lived there then, Denny Stubbs. And they had Coreen and Mildred. That was their kids. And they were the kids that were in my room that I used to run with, that I used to stay all night with. Moon: Oh, they was ornery. McKeean: Well, anybody that was around me was ornery. (laughter) (E.A.: Can I buy a bottle of pop for all of you?) McKeean: Oh, no, this has been a pleasure. Let's see, there was Denny Stubbs and then I don't know who lived on down from them. Moon: Where are you at? McKeean: Up on the highway.....George Stubbs, and then Denny Stubbs, and coming down Cleveland. Moon: Well, you know, Mrs. Kirk used to live there, John Kirk. McKeean: Kirk. Moon: She used to be a nurse down here for Dr. Gordon. McKeean: Didn't they run a store, too, Bill? Moon: Who? McKeean: Kirks. Moon: No, not that I know of. McKeean: Jake Kirk, wasn't it? Moon: No, Jake Kirk lived way over here on the highway. He had a little store on the highway where Lee Baker used to be. You're just trying to get me all mixed up. (E.A.: See, that would be right here. Here it is....Kirk tract. They had a place up here on the highway.) Moon: Yeah. That's old Jake Kirk. He owned several building up there. McKeean:

I bet there are not very many people who remember this much, Bill. (E.A.: Oh, I'll bet not either. One thing I've got...I've got two things. I've got all the town's water board transactions down in the basement with the names. It would probably come back to you if I read them. Next time we'll look at that. And the other thing I've got is that I have all the meetings of the Congregational Church and I have all those names in it. Moon: That's why I'd like to have had Albert because he and I....well, we talk about it every once in a while. I promised to have some pictures here. (E.A.: He said he forgot all about it.) Moon: Oh, he's.....see, he's absent minded. (E.A.: He's not like his brother.) McKeean: You remember the Schofields? My Grandmother Schofield was buried from this church. Moon: Well, this used to be the Congregational Church, you know. I used to have Sunday School right over in this corner. Miss Hicks, she was our school teacher and she was our Sunday School teacher and we used to have the best darn times McKeean: Do you remember when Bingham used to preach for the Baptist Church and didn't they have a church up over Frantz' store? before they built a church. Moon: I think they did, yeah. He was the doctor, too. I used to come with my grandma to Sunday School. She lived with us. She thought there was nobody like Dr. Bingham. Moon: He was the Baptist preacher, too. McKeean: Yeah, he was a Baptist preacher. I think they had church up over this Frantz' store before they built their church. (E.A.: Do you know what? Can you see why I think this is fun?) Moon: Yeah, I enjoy it. McKeean: Yes, it's just amazing, isn't it?

(E.A.: Bertha, I would like one other thing from you and that's I'd like your relationship----your father and mother and grandfather-----and if you'll just tell me on the tape here. You said you were born out by Prince Lake or they were related to you.) Moon: Let's see, who was your daddy? McKeean: Clarence Schofield.....Prince. (E.A.: Mrs. McKeean is going to tell us about who her mother and father and where they lived. That's what we're discussing now.) .....McKeean: That's where grandpa lived. Moon: What was his name?

McKeean: Hiram. (E.A.: Hiram Prince?) McKeean: Hiram Prince. He was an old settler here. He had a blacksmith shop in the heart of Denver when he first came here. Moon: Well, who lived out there by the lake? That was Frank? McKeean: Yes.....no! That was Schofields. Moon: No, it was one lived here by the Prince lake, right here where the Erie Reservoir is. You know where the highway goes north, one goes to Longmont and one goes this way, there's a lake sits there. McKeean: That was Allen Schofield lived there. Moon: No, Allen lives down..... (E.A.: He's talking about Prince lake.) McKeean: Well, Prince lake was sometimes called Van Lake. Moon: No, Van lakes is back farther north. McKeean: You're talking about the Erie Lake then? Moon: The Erie Reservoir? No, that's north of where this house was. It sits up here at the "Y" just to the left... Archie and what's-her-name used to live..... McKeean: Oh, yeah, Frank Prince did live there. Moon: Yeah, see? You're just trying to out-talk me. McKeean: Well, I forget. Moon: And then there was one lived on the left-hand side going north. Was that Clarence? McKeean: Yes. And then Jack on down on grandpa's place. He had two daughters. Emma married Elmer Schofield and Molly married Al Schofield. Moon: And then there was, wasn't it Autrey? He ran the store up at Superior. McKeean: That was me. Moon: You!? See, now I'd better be careful. What was his name? McKeean: Sterling. Moon: Yeah, Sterling Autrey. He used to be down here. Now I've got you. Well, you had a sister, didn't you? McKeean: I had two sisters. My two sisters married two brothers, the Fletchers--one lives in Louisville and one lives in Boulder. Blanch Moon: What was the Fletcher girls' names? McKeean: The girls who married the Fletcher boys? Irene and Irma. Blanch Moon: Cotton Fletcher....is that any relation? McKeean: No. Moon: She thinks I don't know her. McKeean: You don't. You're trying to make a Schofield out of me. (E.A.: I thank you both for coming today.)

# Military Honors Sunday For Brave Lafayette Hero

Body Of Pvt. Gilbert Moon  
Arrives From Normandy;  
Lost Life In 1944 Invasion

Full military honors will be accorded a Lafayette war hero Sunday—Gilbert M. Moon. His body was returned to Lafayette Wednesday from France where he was killed Aug. 3, 1944, on the second day of the Normandy invasion.

The services are to be at 2 p. m. in the Lafayette Baptist church. Rev. Lowell E. Mayfield of Denver, formerly of Lafayette, will offi-



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ciate. Members of the Lafayette Post of VFW No. 1771 and the Peltier-Weston Post No. 38, American Legion, will attend.

Pallbearers are to be Al Williams, Henry Mathias, Jack Barenok, William Dillon, Harry Bell and Edmund Wennberg, ex-service men and long-time friends of the deceased. Honorary pallbearers will be from Gilbert's former fellow workers at the K & B Packing plant in Denver.

#### Was Born in Lafayette

Pvt. Moon, known as "Sug," was born in Lafayette June 3, 1911. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moon, long time residents of the community. He was educated in the Lafayette schools and was working at the K & B Packing plant in Denver when he entered uniform July 10, 1943. After a short stay at Fort Logan he was sent to Camp Barkeley for training in the medical corps as a stretcher bearer. He left for overseas March 20, 1944.

Interment will be in the Lafayette cemetery. Henning mortuary in charge of the funeral arrange-