

Ackerman, Minnie

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70-116 J. Oberto Recalls living and cooking at the Tomboy mine in the summer of 1929 after the mine closed in 1926. Describes the town at the Tomboy then. *Tomboy*

116-155 Describes her life and social activities as a young teenager in Telluride. Talks about playing tennis with sister at Pandora and their activities after graduation from high school. *teenage years*

155-183 Alta Cassitto Relates different jobs held during early married years, waiting tables at the Sheridan and the 26 years she worked at the Post Office.

183-258 Recalls social activities such a card parties, dances, and lodge parties as youg marrieds. Live music at dances held at Finn and Sweede-Finn Halls. Describes the different social lodges and the various activities each one held through the year. *Social*

258-386 Ben Grimes, K. Mulvey, Big Billie, Ruby Snow, Art Elscamp, Perino, Goldsworthy, Pilcher The Idarado Mine(Telluride Mines) reopened in 1939. Mentions the method of paying wages and the amounts. Men worked for stock. Compares grocery proces, Names different grocery stores, locations in town. Talks about the type ofl businesses, speaks of Irene Wichman. Red light district. Mentions working at the Sheridan and talks about the different bars in town. *Business*
Red light

386-456 Swans Describes riding the tram at the mine. Speaks of brother working to reroof the Bridal Veil Power Plant. Talks about picnics at South Fork, Alta Lakes and the sands. Speaks of hunting mushrooms in different areas. Recalls the different sections of town, such as Finn Town, Swede-Finns and the Italians. Navajo Indians from Rico worked in the mine and played on the local baseball team. *Personal history*
Nationalities

456-598 F. Wilson, "Georgie Porgie", Pekkarine, K.Reece, I.Wichman Dates the train stopped running and her trips on the Galloping Goose. Speaks of the effect on the town when the highways were paved. Describes out of town trips to dances. Speaks of the depression and how it changed the town, and the school enrollment. THE Idarad mine closed in 1976. Weather conditions and the type of clotheing worn, where clothes were purchased. Tells of the businesses open on main street at that time.

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- 150-268 Gustafson, Bill
Mahoney Fourth of July celebrations. Describes the Elks Club Building. People moving out of town because of real estate prices. Discusses politics then and now. *July 1970*
- 268-309 Aldasoro,
Studebaker, A. Sister and brother-in-law bought the S&S saloon, later purchased Petersons Garage. Minnie worked for sister and brother-in-law at Peterson, Mahoney various businesses. *Family owned Business*
- 309-340 Liz Baily, K.Reece,
A.Adams Speaks of missing friends, church and lodge activities. Story of her wedding. *wedding*
- 340-454 Dr. Parker, Dr.
Balderston Speaks of hospital, births, and school volunteers. Story of son's premature birth at the American Legion Hospital. Story of Dr. Balderston operating on himself. Minnie served on the museum board. *Doctors & Kids*

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MINNIE M. ACKERMAN

Sept. 23, 1914 - Dec. 22, 1992

Minnie M. Ackerman, 78, of Montrose and a former Telluride resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1992, at her home in Montrose from a sudden illness.

Memorial Services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Revs. Gary Kennedy and John Gini officiating.

Cremation has taken place with Crippin Funeral Home of Montrose handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Ackerman may be made to the Lung Association of Colorado, 1600 Race St., Denver, Colo., 80206.

Minnie M. Silva was born Sept. 23, 1914, at Canon City, the daughter of John and Mary (Oberto) Silva.

Her childhood was spent in Canon City and she graduated from Telluride High School.

Mrs. Ackerman had lived in Telluride for 57 years before moving to Montrose in 1986. She had served as the Postmistress of the Telluride Post Office for 26 years.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Church of Telluride and St. Mary's Church of Montrose.

Minnie Silva married Theodore "Tud" Ackerman on Oct. 10, 1937 in Telluride. He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1966 in Telluride.

Survivors include two sons: Ted Ackerman, of Aurora, and John Ackerman, of Denver; and three grandchildren.

Other survivors include a brother, Charles Silva, and a sister, Madeline Studebaker, both of Montrose.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Mrs. Ackerman enjoyed her children and their families, and she liked to play bridge.

Oral Histories

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Description: sound cassette (85 minutes)

Subjects: Side A

Early history

Teenage yeas

Social life

Idarado Mine
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Picnics and mushroom hunting
Nationalities

Side B:
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July 4th
Family Businesses
Wedding
Doctors and hospitals