

## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

## Tape Interview Data Sheet

General Topic of Interview Life in Northwestern Colorado

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## Narrator:

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Birthplace Hurley, N.M. 1916

Occupation(s) housewife

## Interviewer(s)

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Subjects covered, in approximate order (please spell out names of persons and places).

1. Born in Hurley, N.M. 1916. Mother was Alice Marie Hall Dalrymple. Ina had 12 brothers and sisters. Her mother also raised a nephew, and had one brother living with her as well as her arthritic grandmother (13 yrs.) Ina's father was a butcher.
2. Ina lived two years in Hurley before moving to Colorado (Meeker). Shortly after arriving in Meeker, her father had a stroke. He was bedridden for four years before he died. Ina was 6 years old when he died.
- 16 3. Ina got whooping cough in the 1st grade and had to stay home.
- 22 4. They moved to Rifle in 1922. She attended all of the 12 grades in Rifle.
5. She met her husband at a dance in New Castle. They married in 1936 and had three children.
- 27 6. Her mother's life with the family after the father's death was very hard. Before he died she had mexican help, but later did not because there was little money.

7. Mother had a doctor when children were born.
- 42 8. Family was very poor after father's stroke.  
- Ina saw no doctor when she had whooping cough.  
- Ina didn't go to a doctor until age 19.
49. 9. Home remedies.  
- Had phlebitis with first childbirth. It was in her breasts. Doctor was called from Glenwood, but didn't know what to do. The breasts swelled and burst. Her mother put pancakes with salt in them on the breasts (hot). This treatment drew the infection out.  
- Colds - used mustard plasters and vicks.  
- Her brother's broken arm was set crooked.  
- Two older children in her family died of TB. One sister died of spinal meningitis.
- 72 10. Income after father's death.  
- Brothers worked.  
- Mother couldn't work because of so many children.
- 78 11. First childhood memory.  
- Father's death - coffin.  
- Most other memories are sad ones.
- 87 12. Responsibilities as a child.  
- None - she was the youngest.
- 92 13. Play as a child.  
- Swimming in the Colorado River at Rifle. Remembers no drownings.  
- Never had a doll.  
- Played outside - Hide and Go Seek, Rin Tin Tin.
- 108 14. Clothing.  
- Wore dresses as a child.  
- Mother didn't sew.  
- Didn't have dress up clothes.
- 121 15. High school activities.  
- Winter - basketball, baseball.  
- Didn't go to parties because had no clothes.  
- Sledding, skiing, skating.
136. 16. School.  
- Would have liked band - had no instrument.  
- Had no paper, few clothes.
17. Didn't resent her circumstances.
- 147 18. Dating.  
- Some dated.  
- Doesn't know about group activities.
- 155 19. Marriage age - 18 - 19.
20. Dreams for her life at age 18.  
- None.  
- Expected nothing. Took each day as it came.

- Got married at graduation.
  - Met at a dance while still in high school.
21. Dances.
- Went with a group of girls.
  - Paid gas for one car - 25¢ each.
- 183 22. Automobiles.
- Didn't travel during winter storms.
- 190 23. Travel outside Northwestern Colorado.
- Not until after marriage.
  - Has no desire to see other parts of the world.
  - Liked home and friends.
  - Disadvantages of the area - education - no higher education then in the area. Only rich people went to college.
- 217 24. Early marriage.
- Husband got job out of town, so she stayed with her mother.
  - First child was born 1 year after marriage.
  - Moved around with the state highway dept. where her husband worked.
  - Had baby at her mother's home.
  - Had complications with baby - hemorrhage. Called doctor in from Glenwood who got it stopped.
  - After three children they discovered that she has RH negative blood.
  - Second child was born 6 weeks premature. Nothing was done for the child. Baby weighed 4 lbs. She took him home and he survived.
274. 25. Puberty.
- Didn't know anything about menstruation.
  - Started menstrating at 15 years.
  - Someone told her what to do about it. Mother never mentioned it.
  - Knew nothing about marriage relations.
- 307 26. Birth control.
- None was available that she knew of.
- 316 27. Hopes for daughters.
- Wanted them to go to college. They got married instead.
  - Encouraged son to go to college, and he did.
- 339 28. Moving around with the state highway dept.
- Lived in Dillon one summer.
  - Lived in Craig during the winters - husband worked in mines.
  - Moving wasn't hard because their possessions would fit in the car.
  - Husband didn't want her to work, most women didn't.
- 373 29. Move to Rangely. Husband worked for Texeco oil field.
- Lived in company house.
  - Rangely was a boom town - unpleasant. Little vegetation.
  - Oil field people were rough.
  - Houses were built without insulation.

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- 7 30. Description of Rangely  
 - Mud streets.  
 - Went to town and somehow got home through the mud. Trucks got stuck in mud up to the doors. Tractors pulled them out.  
 - Schools - 1st school was one room. Bus was a pickup truck driven by one of the Steele family girls. They later built very good schools.
- 21 31. Didn't like living in Rangely. Lived there 11 years.  
 - Would rather have lived in Rifle or Grand Jct.
- 28 32. Worked in the school cafeteria.  
 - Rangely and Page, Arizona.  
 - Had same hours as children.  
 - Didn't ask for help with housework because women were expected to do it even if they worked outside the home. Complaining was not acceptable.  
 - Husband took care of yard.
- 44 33. If she had had a career, she would have liked to have been a gardner.
- 47 34. Hobbies.  
 - No time for them.
- 51 35. People who influenced her life.  
 - Older brother - good example of manhood. Brothers taught younger children to be polite., independant, how to get along in the world.  
 - Brothers married later because they had the younger children to take care of.
- 61 36. Things which brought her the most satisfaction in life.  
 - Her children,  
 - Proud of her son's college education.  
 - Children gave her no problems.
- 71 37. Disappointments.  
 - Living in so many places. Would rather have stayed in one place.
- 82 38. Saddest time.  
 - Death of younger sister of spinal meningitis. They had slept together. One hospitol wouldn't take her because it was thought the disease was communicable. It was the only case in town, however.
- 102 39. Polio  
 - Many children got it.  
 - When it was prevelant, they stayed away from public places.
- 109 40. Things she wishes she could have done.  
 - Missed some experiences because she married so young.  
 - Advantages to young marriage - finished raising children at 41 years.  
 - Wanted to enjoy her grandchildren, but had to move often.  
 - Now is able to enjoy her great grandchildren.