

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT  
Tape Interview Data Sheet

General Topic of Interview Life in Craig

Date July 20, 1984 Place Craig

Length (Time) 30 min. Speed \_\_\_\_\_ Side(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Narrator:

Name Mabel Blevins

Address 525 School St. #4 Craig, Co.

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace Leheigh, Ok. 1897

Occupation(s) Worked with husband in the office supply store

Interviewer(s)

Name(s) Julie Jones-Eddy

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

1. Arrived in Craig at age 17 in 1914. Her sister and husband had come for Great Divide rush for homesteads. Father and family came to Craig too. He freighted food from Rawlins to Craig.  
- Mother had 6 children. Mabel was 3rd child.
- 25 2. Met Mr. Blevins in 1914 several months after arrival.  
- They married June 6, 1915.  
- He delivered groceries for J.W. Hugus and Howards grocery store.  
- He then worked at the Teeter Garage for 18 years. Then he went into the office supply business for himself.
- 42 3. First lived in a two room house.
4. Had a small wedding at a friend's house.
5. First child was born May, 1916.  
- Dr. Clayton came to her mother's house. She had no trouble.
- 58 6. Had no plumbing in the house.
7. Memories of early marriage.  
- Went to movies.  
- Didn't dance because of Babtist religion. Husband liked to dance so he went alone.

- 76 8. Housework.  
- Each house had a water pump.
9. Second child came in 1918.
10. Memories of her children's lives.  
- Played baseball.  
- When they owned a motel they played with Walter Wick,  
- Swam in the river.
11. Liked to fish and camp.
12. Used horses instead of a car.  
- Buggy.  
- Horse drawn delivery truck.
13. Favorite memory of her husband.  
- Camping.
- 127 14. Davis House - a rooming house owned by her parents.  
- She worked there - cleaned. Earned the noon meal for her family.
15. Clubs  
- Royal Neighbor Lodge, and Rebeccas.  
- The Royal Neighbors moved the Lodge to Maybell.  
- Remembers the bowling alley.
- 142 16. Didn't continue to be a Babtist.
17. Divorce in the community - none.
- 150 18. Hobbies.  
- Embroidery - pillowcases.
19. Housework took most of her time.
- 163 20. Typical day.  
- Up at 7 am.  
- Washed clothes on a washboard with tubs of water heated in a boiler.  
- In the winter you often had frozen clothes on the clothesline.  
- Used a wood and coal stove.
21. Winter was hard in the cold and snow.
- 190 22. Canned garden food.  
- It lasted through the winter.  
- Tomatoes, corn, beans, and fruit.
- 200 23. People most influential in her life.  
- Mother and dad. THEY let her work for her family's noon meal.
- 213 24. What she is most satisfied about.  
- Family. Oldest son lives across the hall in the apartment house where she lives.
25. Disappointments - none.

- 231 26. Saddest time.  
- Death. Husband died in 1981. Sister died in 1980. Youngest son died in 1980 of cancer.
27. 27. Grandchildren.
- 253 28. Things she wished she had done.  
- College education.  
- She graduated from 8th grade.
- 268 29. Trip from Oklahoma in 1914.  
- Traveled on train to Craig.
30. In 1910 she came in wagons to Grand Jct. for her mothers health.  
- She is a Choctaw Indian from Oklahoma.  
- Mother had to work hard in Oklahoma. Colo. always made her feel better.
- 308 31. Doesn't know any of her Indian heritage.
- 318 32. Her boys weren't sick much.
33. 1918 flu.  
- Her husband took care of patients in the schoolhouse.
- 337 34. Depression years.  
- Ate hamburger.  
- Husband had a job at the Teeter garage.