

SUMMARY OF TAPE C105 INTERVIEW WITH MALCOM COLLIER

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This interview provides an interesting look at a well educated man who actively contributed to the community and state. While in school and over the many years he was involved in public service, he knew and worked with many famous people.

Mr. Collier's paternal grandfather came to Colorado from Scotland with his parents when he was a young child. He was a well-known pioneer photographer. His photography studio was at 1453 Larimer. His maternal grandfather, E. B. White, had a buggy whip factory.

After attending Westminster College and Colorado State College (Colorado Aggies), he earned an engineering degree from the Colorado School of Mines and a law degree from Denver University. During those years he also served in the Army during World War I. There are interesting stories of growing up in Denver with his family (six siblings) during the beginning of the last century.

Mr. Collier joined his father at First Federal Savings and Loan upon earning his law degree. He relates the history and information about early savings and loan businesses before the Savings and Loan Act of 1934. At the time of this interview, his son was president of the board of directors for First Federal.

His public contributions included organizing the Sigma Epsilon fraternity at the School of Mines, organizing the North Table Mountain Water and Sanitation District, serving on the Lakewood Sewer Board, serving on the Jefferson County Board of Adjustments, serving on the Election Commission for the City and County of Denver, and being in the State Legislature for one term.

Mr. Collier and his girlfriend, Kathleen Watts, were married in 1934. She was the daughter of a Texas rancher who settled in the Arkansas valley at the end of World War I. She worked as a school teacher in Alamosa at a school for the children of Dutch potato farmers. They have two daughters and one son. After their children grew up they traveled all over the world.

This is a wonderful history of an interesting man. He and his wife have lived a rich life filled with past stories, and he seems ready to fill the future with more.