

SUMMARY OF TAPE E112 INTERVIEW WITH HILDA ELMGREEN

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Hilda and Arthur Elmgreen's parents both moved to the Teepees area of Evergreen from Idaho Springs in 1906. Hilda was the only girl out of seven children. Life on a ranch is described, as well as men and women's fashions. As a young girl, Hilda loved to dance; and she recalls the dances and pie socials held at various locations. Arthur's parents' house was used as a stagecoach station.

Their early married years were spent in a cabin while they "proved" Miller ranch land. This was a way to homestead by showing the Federal Government that they were living (at least part of the time) on the land.

Commercial exchange was done in Idaho Springs. Hilda worked there for a number of years. Her mother peddled butter for groceries. She also recalls the highways and roads of the era, along with the public schools in Idaho Springs and the Evergreen area.

Health care was provided either by home remedies or, in serious cases, by the doctors who arrived in their buggies. The Elmgreen's children, Ethel and Bud, were difficult home deliveries aided by Dr. Frazier.