

TAPE E-113 SIDES 1 & 2
SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEW WITH ANNA ERICKSON

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Interviewer: Lila Kint

The interview begins with idle conversation and Anna Erickson's monologues on a variety of trivia. She also recounts how in 1896, a Swedish immigrant, August Herzman purchased the farm and house started by Arthur Montgomery in 1877. In 1902, August married Matilda Pearson and they had two sons and a daughter of whom only Oscar and Anna survived. The farm produced grains, vegetables, hay, seeds, flowers, chickens and organic cattle for sale. Hilda and the children developed two important commercial sidelines, cream and HH Butter. Mr. and Mrs. Herzman were charter members of the Wild Rose Grange, a fraternal society for farmers that became the center of economic and social life in the area. The Herzmans donated land for a school and Mrs. Herzman became its first director. Oscar moved to Wheat Ridge in 1943 where he built a greenhouse to raise plants and flowers commercially. Oscar and Anna inherited the house and farm at their mother's death in 1957. Anna Erickson described farm work routines and machinery as well as her favorite possessions.