

SUMMARY OF TAPE G108 INTERVIEW WITH LENA GODDARD

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Interviewer: Margaret Bentley

This interview was only approximately 40 minutes long; recorded on one side only. It relates Lena's birth in Kansas and marriage to Ray during the Dust Bowl Days in 1936. Following their marriage they moved to Colorado for better job prospects. For a while they lived in a small house owned by Harry Frazier, then owner of TINYTOWN. Ray worked for Harry until they had a labor dispute.

Although they moved from the house owned by Harry, they continued to live all their lives in South Turkey Creek in the house where the interview took place. Ray worked at the Hagee Fox Farm and Lena rented horses from their own stables. She occasionally supplied the Fraziers with horses. Over the years the Goddards and Fraziers were friends and traveled together.

Lena recalls the early roads in the area, which included Deer Creek Road, a road over Ken Caryl, and the early 285 road. She talks about stage coach stops that she barely remembers, or had heard about, in Brownville and the Bradford House. Early families in the area were the Biggers, Sangers, Granzellas, Wilsons, Yegges, and Jennings. Old Bill Jennings used to go to TINYTOWN to dance even at an advanced age. Lena and Margaret laugh as they recall the stories of Bill Jennings' still.

There were few members of the Democratic Party during Lena's younger days. Margaret, too, talks about how the population was predominantly Republican. Lena was active in the party and at the Wild Rose Grange.

Reminiscences include the Spruce Lodge and the Twin Forks ski and toboggan resort. It was a long and difficult trip to the mountains from Denver; therefore there were ski and toboggan resorts around the Evergreen area at the time.

At the time of the interview, Lena was preparing to leave South Turkey Creek and move to Garden City, Kansas.