

SUMMARY OF TAPE G108.1 INTERVIEW WITH PHEBE GRANZELLA

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Interviewer: Sandy Crain

Phebe is much more relaxed in this interview than in the earlier interview in 1981. She tells of her collection of photos and slides of early area schools compiled for the retired teachers' group. Some of the early schools included a Mormon school located at Bradford Junction.

In Side A Phebe talks about her early life and her teacher's education in Greeley. For a time, after marrying Louis, she worked as supervisor of the dining room at Brook Forest. The life of their daughter, Bonita, is also recounted.

In Side B, Phebe's wonderful memory helps take the listener through her early days of teaching at the Conifer Junction School. She also taught in a converted rail box car along the South Platte River. Her teaching in the box car was during World War II. Rations and supplemental food were used to cook lunches for the school children, including daughter Bonita.

There is some discussion of the Granzella family and the land inheritance. Louis sold his shares of the original homestead, but became successful buying and selling other land.

Phebe reminisces about Tiny Town during the late 1920's. It was a social gathering place for many residents of the area. Tiny Town then included not only the miniature houses, but a grocery store, restaurant, and dance hall.

At the time of this interview, Phebe crafted homemade note paper that was decorated with flowers she grew. She spends some time showing Sandy the stationary and relating what each flower was.