

SUMMARY OF TAPE K103 INTERVIEW WITH HARRY KIKENDAL

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Interviewer: Helen Waters

Most of this interview is about the printing industry from the 1920's to the 1950's. Harry Kikendal was introduced to the printing trade as a young boy when a friend of his father's needed some help to clean up his print shop in Parnell, Missouri. He stayed on and learned how to linotype.

In 1943 he and his wife moved to Colorado. Harry was 36 at the time and ineligible for the draft. He put an ad in the Colorado Press Association magazine and had numerous responses. One of the letters offered him a job with the Colorado Transcript in Golden. Harry worked for the owner and editor, Fleet Parsons for ten years.

There is an interesting discussion about the Interurban train that ran from Denver to Golden. There were two lines that ran every 20 minutes. It was an efficient, inexpensive transport.

The Colorado Transcript building and furnishing are described in great detail. Most of the interview, however, is centered around the machinery for printing, including old hand presses, mechanized printing presses, and the operation of the paper. For anyone interested in the printing industry of the time, Harry's memories provide a clear and interesting resource.