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Hattie Burroughs

May, 1972

Interviewed by unidentified

Title: An interview of Hattie Burroughs in May 1972. Mrs. Reed Morris and Mrs. Lowell Smith are also present. The interviewer is not identified.

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00:00 Wagon train, Hardscrabble, 14 yr. old child bound out to a family named "Russel"

1:30 ran away on a ship New York to Duluth

2:15 age 16 got on a wagon train to Denver

3:45 1860, mother Sarah Bruce Burroughs from WI, sawmill to get money to go west but traded cattle and stayed in St. Louis

6:00 wagon train, mother and 2 boys, Sarah, Bruce and dad?

8:00 to Colorado Springs, Ute Trail, Leadville

9:15 railroad

10:30 horseback to Denver, \$2,000 in gold dust 1863

11:30 Grandpa Burroughs and Sarah Bruce married

12:15 water rights

13:15 Indians

15:30 Frasier (?) Sarah's sister Jessie (?)

16:00 1874 bought 160 acres, document signed by President Ulysses S. Grant

21:30 horses, sawmill, mines, water wheel turned the sawmill off Hardscrabble

25:45 Grandpa Bruce was killed, no one knew what happened

26:45 Espinosa brothers killed a bunch of people

28:15 first white family on Hardscrabble

30:45 Pueblo settlement burned by Indians, moved to Hardscrabble, City Ranch

31:15 Tape ends abruptly