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Beardsley, Pauline

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Interviewed by Arlie Riggs

Banking, Covered wagons

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00:00 Father was a banker 1890

3:45 There had been banks in Rosita and Silver Cliff; Henry Louis Thompkins family 1880s, hardware stores

5:30 Waiting for the stagecoach

7:30 Tom Fletcher, Wallace Leary

8:30 1925, brother Floyd Thompson took over as bank VP; 1937 liquidated the bank; 1922 bank robbery

12:45 Mother, age 10 or 12, came in covered wagon

14:30 Mother rode her pony, lived in Rosita; Erwood Pringle, teacher Lily (Pauline) Swanson; grandmother was midwife for then governor Ralph Carr; Uncle Jim Pringle said he named Music Pass and Hardscrabble

18:45 Music Pass named because of the sounds the wind made through the trees at night

22:00 Schools, Westcliffe school

25:00 Jim Pringle, claim jumping

28:00 Bank money from mining, Bull Domingo, Humboldt, Geiser mines

30:00 Trade from Westcliffe to Cotopaxi

37:00 1935 treasurer's office, station agent Wadley

42:00 Horseback riding, roller-skating on cement after the boardwalk

44:00 Had a milk cow

45:00 Population was 500, hotel moved-rolled on logs

48:00 Story of a cold man with icicles in his goatee; "which room did you rent?"

51:30 Haying and ranching

54:00 Measuring hay - the Beardsley Rule

56:30 Black Angus and Herefords; raised oats and grain

58:00 end