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Vahldick, Fred and Mary

No date

Interviewed by Debbie Hood

Fred & Mary Vahldick are interviewed by Debbie Hood. The date is unidentified.

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00:00 Hillside, German colonists, Fred's dad. William Frederick, 2 sons, 3 daughters, grandparents, Nuremberg, names of colonists: Knuth, Koch, O'Grasky, Browning, Hiltman Creek, Ketler, Ackle, Reister, Hein (Kunhein), Kinhin

9:30 ` Menzel, tearing down the house, big, different, building

10:45 Vahldick ditch, Greenleaf, Texas Creek

13:15 Desert claim, homesteaded 620 acres In Querida, Buttermilk Creek

20:00 William Kettle paid 75 cents acre, other Rosita areas: 90 cents acre, mineral rights

22:15 Perlite by Four corners, 916 acres, 25 cents ton

24:00 Surface and sub-surface rights

26:15 Florence Austin, Annabelle Ralph

27:45 Harry Reed-sawmill

29:00 Beddows place

35:30 Mary's twin, Thelma

37:45 Cabot meadows

39:00 the bank closed 1930s

41:30 Dorothy Parker

43:30 Blumenau: flowers in the meadow

45:00 moved grandad's (?) from Rosita to Silver Cliff, Westcliffe

49:00 Branded thousands of cattle on Ula prairie

52:00 carry 50 lbs. flour, oxen

57:00 family name Armstrong, dad coal miner, Ilse, 3 brothers were stowaways, (Min Armstrong's tape talks about that)

1 Vahldick

1:03:45	Oak Creek starts by Tomsicks
1:08:45	`cattle, more people's names
1:11:00	`sheep,1935
1:14:45	`jobs, FHA, the senate, fertilizer
1:21:00	standard gauge Retaxes Creek
1:24:00	train conductor names, Wadeigh(?)