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Breece, Homer

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Interviewed by Arlie Riggs

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Teaching, mining

00:00 age 81

1:30 school in Wetmore, 75 kids; walked 2 miles, stone building, women teachers

2:45 dad was a rancher

4:15 8 in his family, from Indiana

5:00 for fun he climbed trees, chased squirrels, wildlife

5:30 went through 6th grade

6:00 the Mrs. from Walsenburg to Maine and then 1899 to Westcliffe 8 years old

7:45 horse racing in Rosita, 1879, no regulations

8:15 Bassicks

8:45 old hunchback Bassick; story about his mine discovery

11:30 Bassick lost hi mine in Australia; walked to Kansas to get his wife

12:45 raised cart horses, her father - Mr. Evan Snow, was a blacksmith

13:45 at age 12 they moved to Wetmore; for fun rode horses, read; not allowed in the shop if men were there

14:45 school, 5th gr. At Querida, Miss Weaver, Mr. Etna (?); finished 8th gr. And quit, 2 years of H.S.

16:15 the house was still there in Querida

18:00 more horse talk

20:00 Mrs. Breece's mother in Rosita

20:45 a shooting in Rosita, the Greys (?) boys shot someone, they lynched the boys; Mr. Hill, Mr. Scholfield ran the jail

21:45 Mrs. Was Scotch, English, Irish; Mr. was German

23:15 shot a bear, raised honey

24:00 cut logs for a house; traveled in a spring wagon; Mrs. Had a horse and buggy

25:30 Hartshell Baptist Church

26:00 Halfway house, change horses, rest

27:30 Marshals, Lobacks, Gregs, Commants, people's names

30:00 lots of childbirth deaths

30:30 end