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Kleine, Vera

1990

Interviewed by Irene Francis

Vera Kleine is interviewed by Irene Francis in 1990.

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00:00 Silver Cliff laundry, hay, peas, Min's; father from Germany to Carolton, MO; mother from Westcliffe
2:30 hay, grain, peas, lettuce, thrashing
4:00 the lettuce shed; born at home, Dr. Butterball
5:00 list of stores in town
6:30 Vera and siblings played music at Canda's
7:30 no high school, worked at Min's Café
9:00 \$5 per week pay schools, Beck, parochial, Colfax
14:15 school, butter, milk, eggs, pork, homelife, chores
17:45 radio, big coal stove, WWII
22:00 Min's-50 cents for the dinner special, up to \$1.50 before she closed
24:00 \$5-15 week pay over the years
25:30 once a month to Canon City
28:15 fried chicken on Sunday, 2 chickens and cake
30:00 games
32:30 no electricity
35:00 ice skating
37:00 The Priscilla Club
38:00 wedding shivaree in a wheel barrow; played dance hall music all over the area for \$4 each
42:00 mining-rock
43:00 1969 fire at the laundromat, rebuilt laundry for the trailer park
44:30 coal to buy, nut coal and chunks, 100 gal. propane every 2 weeks
48:30 end