

Alexander, Oda/Bob**Tape Catalogue Card**

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Time Names & Places Subjects covered

00-122 Jacob Alexander History and birthdates of Alexanders and their parents. Oda started school in Crawford, Co., then moved to San Miguel in 1906 where she attended school finishing the 8th grade. She attended high school in Telluride where she graduated in 1913.

122-274 Coolins,
 W.Sampson
 Jake Lawson
 Frank Brown, John
 Daniels, Ed Spor, Dr.
 Brown,
 Goldsworthy, Oscar
 Mine, Hoag,
 Breckenridge
 Bob left Virginia as a young man. He rode the train to Telluride, stayed 1 week, then moved to Montrose for 3 years, then back to Telluride. He worked on a ranch on Turkey Creek mesa for Mr. Lawson for a while, then moved to San Miguel and worked for Mrs. Collins on her dairy ranch. Mrs. Alexander's father died in 1916 but her mother kept the dairy ranch and ran it. Oda related the story of delivering milk as a young girl, her horses ran away and spilled all the milk. She describes how milk was sold to stores and cafes. Talks about how father built the dairy farm at San Miguel. Bob bought John Daniels ranch after he returned from the service. They moved to Deep Creek and ran the dairy there for 2 years and then moved to Keystone and lived there until 1927. Talks about all the big dairy farms in the area.

224-354 Kelly McKnight, Sam
 Harman, Emmet
 Hookman, John
 McKnight
 They speak of delivering milk to the Tomboy mine on tram buckets. Oda describes her trip by train to Telluride from Virginia in 1902 at the age of 8. Recalls crossing the Mississippi River. Her uncle met them at the train in Delta with a team of horses and wagon. It took 2 days to get to Crawford. She lived at Crawford for 1 year, then moved to San Miguel where her father worked for Mc Knights dairy.

354-440 Claude Jacob,
 Florence Miser, Mrs.
 Atterholt
 Speaks about her school years and walking from San Miguel to town every day. Her graduating class consisted of 9 girls and 1 boy. Speaks of the courses that were taught including German and Latin. She mentions different classmates. Sometimes her friend's father took them to school on sleigh pulled by horses if weather was bad. The school stopped teaching German when World War I began. Sports consisted of basketball. The teams rode on the train to Ridgeway and Norwood to play their out of town games. Speaks of the train schedule. She rode the train to Montrose to meet Bob when he returned from the service.

440-453 Frank Brown
 Bob and Oda were married at San Miguel at her mother's house. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown were witnesses. They rode the train to Salt Lake City for their wedding trip.

453-538
 Bob speaks of milking 25 to 30 cows every day by hand, Bob milked 19 cows in 1 hour. They shipped cream to creamery in Montrose on the train in 5 gal. cans and were paid \$5 or \$6 for one 5 gallon can of cream, and \$1 for 10 quarts of milk. Describes the dairy process and how the cooler worked and the procedure for bottling milk in different

size bottles. Had to wash bottles every night to be ready for the next day. Memories of running the dairy. Speaks of long hours and hard work.

538-589

Campbell Bros.,
Nardine, Yates,
Porterfield, J.
McKnight, Finnegan

In 1927 they went into the sheep business and moved to Norwood in 1939. Speaks of different ranches they used for grazing. The Campbell Bros. sheared sheep for them. They received permit to run sheep on public domain. Went into sheep business after pasturization of milk became necessary. Speaks of the changes in Telluride now.

SIDE B
00-153

Whiteley

Bob and Oda talk about traveling to different places after their retirement. They spent their winters in New Mexico for several years. When their daughter graduated from high school, they took the Senior class to Mexico City. They went to Europe in 1956 when son was stationed in Paris.

155-202

Bob speaks of the time he spent in the service. He was ready to go to the front line when the Armistice was signed.

Alexander celebrates 98th birthday



CELEBRATING HIS 98TH BIRTHDAY last month with members of his family, is Robert Alexander, second from left. His seven children and their families gathered at the Spring Creek Chalet to help celebrate this special occasion. (Courtesy photo)



A surprise birthday dinner was held at the Spring Creek Chalet on Oct. 15, 1993, in honor of Robert Alexander's 98th birthday, according to a family spokesperson.

Those in attendance were his seven children, their wives and husbands, and two granddaughters: Karen Alexander of Grand Junction; Terrie Andrews, her husband David, and two daughters: Kerri and Lacy, of Norwood; grandson Frank Kinion, of Montrose; Don and Betty Andrews, of Nucla; Louise Carpenter, Jessie Aldrich, of Montrose; Dick and Virginia Stoddard, a niece, from Grand Junction; and the residents and staff of the Chalet.

Alexander came to Montrose in June of 1913 and his first job was putting up hay on the Ralph Smith ranch in Colona. That fall he picked apples for Ashenfelter and spuds for Farris. He went to Telluride in 1916 and worked on a dairy where he met his wife, Oda Collins. They were married on Sept. 1, 1917, and had celebrated 72 years of marriage before Mrs. Alexanders died the next June.

They ran a dairy until 1928 in Telluride before going into the sheep business and moving to Norwood in 1935. The Alexanders were in the sheep ranching business until they sold out in 1967 to their son, Kirk, who still runs the business.

The Alexanders traveled through Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, and most of the U.S.A.

Alexander now resides at the Spring Creek Chalet where he has made his home since December of 1990.

Oral Histories

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Interviewee: Davine Pera

Abstract: Side A

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Description: sound cassette (60 minutes)

Subjects: Side A

Early history and birth dates of Alexanders and parents

Bob's trip to Telluride

Dairy history

Oda's trip to Telluride

Oda's school memories

Train

Wedding

Describes dairy process

Sheep business

Side B:

Retirement years

Bob's war service