

Louise Thorne Griffing

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00-150 Mr. Houg
Louise Carriere
Helen Chaney

Birth date and history of Louise and parents. Parents moved to Telluride from Kansas. Louise was born in Colorado Springs while parents were living at the Smuggler Mine. She remembers riding horseback to school at the Tomboy from the Smuggler, until the 2nd. grade, then they moved to Pandora and she rode the school bus (which was a wagon or sleigh, pulled by horses) to school in Telluride. She mentions several friends she rode the bus with. She recalls taking piano lessons from Mr. Houg.

150-292 L. Carriere
H. Chaney
Mrs. Sowers

Louise reads the account of her father's death from a newspaper clipping from the Daily Journal published in 1923. She and her mother and sisters returned to Kansas after her father died. She speaks of getting ice from the stream at the Smuggler to make ice cream for her birthday in August. Mentions several of her friends. Mrs. Sowers was her teacher at the 1 room school at the Tomboy Mine. If weather was too bad, the teacher made the students stay at school all night rather than ride the horse back to the Smugler. She had tonsils removed at the hospital at the mine. Her mother and sisters rode the train to Montrose on trips home to Kansas where they spent some winters, while living at the Smuggler.

292-349 Alex Carriere
Thorne Bros.

Talks about Thorne Lake that was named after her father and his brothers. Mentions the mule trains at the Smuggler and talks about Alex Carrier's mule train. Mother brought the ballots down to Pandora school house from Smuggler by horse back, at election time.

349-426

Describes sleighing down the road at the Smuggler by light of candles that were stuck in lard cans and tacked to trees. Speaks of serenading older friends as they walked by to walk into town to the movies. Her cousins picked columbines and sold them for 25¢ a bunch to miners for their girlfriends. Many memories of living at Pandora. Mother ordered lots of stuff from the catalogue while living at the Smuggler. Recalls chasing blanket down the side of the hill in deep snow after it blew off the clothes line at Smuggler. Memories of living at the Smuggler. Father worked very long hours, but spent time with them.

426-544 Mrs. Sowers

The only teacher she remembers is Mrs. Sowers. Describes the town at Pandora and the "Tommy Kocker" building. Also recalls the still that was there at that time. Speaks of the flu epidemic and the bodies of those that had passed away, being strapped to tram buckets to transport down the hill to Telluride. They had no electricity at the cabin at the Smuggler. Discusses picture she has of Tomboy. Recalls ordering groceries and having them delivered by the pack train...Talks about snow slides and mud slides at Smuggler. Mother had a hard life, but loved living there.

544-560 Marcelle girls

Speaks about the 3 Marcelle girls that lived here when she did.