

Western Museum of Mining & Industry Cripple Creek Oral History Collection

In 1997, Beverly Clark donated a Cripple Creek collection to the museum. The donation included numerous maps, photographs, postcards, and artifacts, along with several cassettes of interviews of Cripple Creek residents conducted by Francis W. Gunn in the 1960s.

In 1999, WMMI proposed an illustrated book about the Cripple Creek Mining District, enhanced by oral histories of people who lived in the district. The book project was never completed, but the museum has oral history cassettes and transcriptions from that project. These interviews were often conducted as part of Family History Days and retired miners' picnics hosted by WMMI in the 1990s.

This collection was formed by merging the above two groups into one collection.

The cassette tapes are as follows:

Beverly Clark Donation (1997.37)

- 1997.37.70a Allison Clark, History of Cripple Creek Report for CSU, 1985 (2 copies)
- 1997.37.70b Old Timer, by F. W. Gunn, Doug & Kim Clark, Side A (2 copies)
- 1997.37.70c Cripple Creek Strike of 1903-1904, by F. W. Gunn
- 1997.37.70d Stuart Cox, John Hansen, by F. W. Gunn, 8/13/1968 (2 copies)
- 1997.37.70e Franklin Ferguson, by F. W. Gunn, Side A (2 copies)
 - Babe Stotts, by F. W. Gunn, Side A
 - Roy Stotts, Bill Stone, by F. W. Gunn, Side B
 - Cripple Creek Strike of 1904, Side B
- 1997.37.70f Wilbur Lewis, F. Ferguson, by F. W. Gunn, 1962 (2 copies)

WMMI Interviews on Cassettes

Asterisks indicate that those interviews have been transcribed.

- Med Banks, Gardner Smith
- Roy Olson, Jan Dawson, Mary & Vesta Myers*
- Gardner Smith, Phyllis Gardner, Gladys McMillan
- Carl Roy (1995)*
- John Jater Miller (1997)*
- Gladys McMillan
- Wilbur Doran, John Miller
- Emmett Gallagher*
- Bill Reisenraf*
- Bill Reisenraf (1996)
- Leonard Butler, Bonnie King Butler*
- Evalyn & Bob Bowers*
- Russ Wood, Ohrt Yeager*

Transcriptions of Interviews by WMMI

Evalyn & Bob Bowers, 6/28/1998, 28 pages

Leonard & Bonnie King Butler, 6/28/1996, 4.5 pages

Charles Carlton, Dorothea Carlton, Lewis Wilson, Ben Slothower, 6/25/1995, 7.5 pages

Jan Dawson, 6/25/1995, 1 page

Emmett S. Gallagher, 6/28/1998, 11 pages

Ed Hunter, 6/25/1995, 5 pages

Mary & Vesta Meyers, 6/25/1995, 3 pages

John Jater Miller, 6/29/1997, 7 pages

Mickey Nothaus, 6/25/1995, 15.5 pages

Ernie Olson, 6/25/1995, 6 pages

Bill Reisenraf, 6/25/1995, 4 pages

Lee Rhodes, 6/25/1995, 2+ pages

Mickey Rodgers, 6/25/1995, 0.5 page

Carl Roy, 6/25/1995, 4+ pages

John Tremayne, 6/25/1995, 1 page

Russ Wood, 6/27/1999, 5+ pages

Ohrt Yeager, 6/27/1999, 11.5 pages