

HELEN WALTEMEYER FISCHER.

Summary of OH0191. Recorded on November 21, 1972. The interviewer is Josie Heath.

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000 Introduction.

009 Birthplace was Fall City, Nebraska; family history.

019 Family built a factory in Achinson, Kansas; family moved to Fall City, Nebraska; railroad worker strike.

032 Family then moved to Omaha, Nebraska where her father had a position with the Standard Oil Company; her father became interested in the YMCA movement.

037 Father moved to Boulder in 1897 and rest of family in 1899; her father was instrumental in starting the Boulder YMCA.

049 Family had financial fluctuations; comment about the equality of the sexes with regards to money.

056 Switzerland Trail Railroad.

072 Summers in Nederland before moving to Colorado; living in Nederland for almost a year before moving to Boulder- deep snow; father was connected with the Boulder County Mine.

090 Boulder schooling; beauty of Boulder.

099 Nederland mines; mining dispute; her mother owned the Nederland town site, which she sold during the tungsten boom; going back and forth between Boulder and Nederland.

123 Family moved to the corner of 17th and Pine in Boulder; their home had a tennis court and a croquet court.

138 Family history; she and her sisters were a triumvirate in school and social activities; family history.

209 Family vacations in Middle Park; Monarch Lake.

226 Telephone.

243 Birthdate-1888.

247 Family health.

251 Helen was the captain and running center of the University of Colorado women's basketball team; jacks in elementary school.

277 Attended elementary school at Jefferson School "head girl" of her Preparatory School; graduated as Salutatorian from Preparatory School--delivered her address in Greek; praises the study of Latin and Greek languages.

333 She and her sisters attended the University of Colorado; they all lived at home and all three sisters belonged to the Phi Beta Phi sorority; Helen took an active part in University life; upon graduation, Helen taught first grade in Leadville.

381 Living in Leadville; her sisters climbed Mount Massive; sister Frances was an accomplished singer; her sister Marie continued teaching in Leadville and then went into social work.

512 Involvement of women in social causes in Colorado; the Women's Club of Colorado was instrumental in beginning Mesa Verde National Park, and also involved with educational projects, day nurseries, music and other arts; bloomer girls and women's rights; comments about happiness.

534 Women and the voting right; Carey Chapman Cat, a leader of the suffrage movement.

592 As vice-president of the Anti Capital Punishment Group from Colorado, she met Clarence Darrow; appointed by the governor to the Parks Board of Colorado; what other women thought about public service; friendship with Senator and Mrs. Kostagen.

[B].

000 Interest in labor problems, specifically the sugar issue; Senator Kostagen was pushing for legislation regarding sugar and migrant workers; feels that the world is improving through science, medicine and education; but, the problem of war still needs to be solved--war exists because of the desire for profit.

127 Marriage ceremony.

137 Boulder Women's Club.

153 After her husband died in 1945, she traveled a great deal--Europe and a world tour; collected folk art, and handcrafts.

165 Tea on Sunday nights with the Peebles family; reading aloud in front of a fire.

179 Social activities--knitting during the war.

193 Daughters of the American Revolution--changing her membership to at-large status as a form of protest.

208 Kensington Clubs.

218 Family social outings--gatherings at the First Church, the Methodist Church, and programs at the University; Tally-Ho carriage rides.

242 Chautauqua Park; streetcar accident.

255 Swimming in Boulder Creek.

274 Carriage cabs; Zell Thompson, carriage driver; rough roads.

296 City Manager Ted Haskell.

321 Landmarks; buildings are not always torn down because they are in dangerously poor condition, but often because people want to erect a modern building that will be more lucrative

347 Switzerland Trail Railroad Line--depot on Canyon Boulevard; original idea for 'this railroad was connected with mining; it eventually became a scenic line.

405 Mining towns; boarding houses

427 Chinese workers imported to do clean-up work in the mines--more prevalent in Leadville and Central City than in Boulder County; animosity towards the Chinese people; Welsh people were also brought in by the mining companies; Nederland died out and then came alive again during the tungsten boom.

456 Praises the beauty of Boulder and the surrounding area

464 Roads

481 Excellency of Boulder schools; comments about the people who live in the Boulder community; confidence in young people, who are more interested in working for change and sharing of ideas than in acquiring material possessions.

489 End of interview.