

**NEW MEXICO
FARM & RANCH
HERITAGE
MUSEUM**

**ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM
INTERVIEW ABSTRACT**

CONSULTANT: Juanita Franks

DATE OF BIRTH: January 20, 1903 GENDER: Female

DATE(S) OF INTERVIEW: March 8th and 24th, 2000

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Franks' home, Silver City, N. M. & New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

INTERVIEWER: Ron Nelson

SOURCE OF INTERVIEW: NMF&RHM OTHER

TRANSCRIBED: Yes: April 28, 2000

NUMBER OF TAPES: Two

ABTRACTOR: Ron Nelson

DATE ABSTRACTED: May 4, 2000

QUALITY OF RECORDING (SPECIFY): Fair.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Early homesteads of family. Means of earning a living by raising cattle, goats, pigs and growing apples, etc. Early schooling, household chores, making clothes, and recreational activity. Activities in World War Two and founding of Bear Mountain Ranch School.

DATE RANGE: 1903-2000

ABSTRACT (IMPORTANT TOPICS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE):

TAPE ONE, SIDE A:

Born in Ivanhoe, New Mexico. Early homes and homesteads around Silver City, New Mexico. Grandfather Flury's affection for land around Silver City, starting a dairy and establishing his brand—still in the family. Buying a house in Silver City in 1910. Getting bicycles. Her father's arrival in New Mexico.

TAPE ONE, SIDE B: ?

TAPE TWO, SIDE A:

Talks of maternal grandparents' coming from Switzerland and arrival in New Mexico in 1880. First well and early buildings. First cows and bull. Her mother's and siblings' hauling of milk to town on the way to school. Tokens used to purchase milk. Grandfather's making cheese. Birth of her brothers and sister. Keeping a cow in town. Discussion of earlier homes. Trading cows for a piano. A bank failure. A freight line from Mogollon to Silver City. Financing college. Her father's animal-trading business. Making soap, butter, canning and dehydrating food. Her father's orchard. Keeping geese and ducks for down and food.

TAPE TWO, SIDE B:

Making their own clothes. Doing chores around the home—feeding stock and taking care of horses. Camping up north. Socializing. Home medical care. Protection against the sun. Meals prepared when she was a girl. Community life. Schooling in Silver City. Best memories of life on the ranch. Greatest impact on ranching in her life—encroachment, environmentalists, government regulations. Looking forward to her 105th birthday. Flying lessons in the 1940's. Experiences in Europe. Starting Bear Mountain Ranch School and later starting a similar school near Boston in about 1930.