

Oral Interview with Mary Brozovich

*Feel free to write any notes on this outline.

I. Biographical Background.

A. Focus on birth/family members-5 girls-2 boys/
where born

B. Living location(s)/ marriage c.1937

II. What do you remember about your father's family history?

A. Discuss father's life in Austria. (lives with grandparents/ On his own 14 yrs/

1. Focus on father's musical talents. (mandolin)

*****Other

B. Discuss father immigrating to America.

1. Why did he leave Austria?

2. Where did he settle in America? (work in Bane coal mines/ did odd jobs/

*****Other

C. Why did your father locate in Roslyn?

1. Discuss working in No. #3 mine/ decision to quit the mines c.1930 / return to Seattle 1925-1927/

2. Discuss the founding of Marko's tavern. (was a CoOp store/ Bruno family.

*****Other

D. Describe how the prohibition era influenced saloon operations in Roslyn.

1. What do you remember about the Ronald Still explosion in 1928?

2. How did the miners get a drink during prohibition?

a. Focus on barrels from Cle Elum and filling of pints. (hiding barrels in the snow)

b. Focus on carrying pints in clothing

c. Focus on potential spying by competitors (Ex. Runji/ 20 saloons-try to locate each.

*******Other**

3. Why was the tavern important in a coal miner's life?

a. Focus on decision to dress up after work.

b. Focus on importance of credit.

*******Other**

III. What do you remember about your mother's family history.

A. Discuss mother's old country connections. (Kuchin connection)

*****Other**

B. Discuss how mother's family immigrated to America.

1. John arrives in Roslyn and pools money to bring family members to Roslyn. Name each and what they did. (Vinko killed in the mines.)

a. Focus on mother's arrival in 1913 and marriage. (Mary was born in ____.

*******Other**

IV. What do you remember about living in Roslyn?

A. Discuss ethnic customs in Roslyn.

1. Focus on wine making/ cars or grapes/Mary crush the grapes/serving wine to father
2. Focus on going to school and graduation in c. 1936.
3. Focus on lodges/songs/dances/bocci ball
4. Focus on recipes/gardening/blessing of food for Easter.
5. Focus on burial customs

****** Other**

B. Discuss family life in the home & discipline.

1. Focus on status of women (women as midwives/men to the tavern and wife stays home)
2. Focus on holidays and family outings (Baseball in Roslyn)
3. Focus on home remedies (for colds/ 1918 flu epidemic in Roslyn)
4. Focus on chores.
5. Focus on transportation

****** Other**

C. What do you know about business locations in Roslyn? (Ben Snipes Bank/Movie House/Telephone Office/Tavern with a gas pump/Swabs garage.

V. Closing remarks-