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Interview Outline for  
Colleen Major

\* Place any notes you might have on the outline. also note where you would like to talk about a specific picture.

- I Introduction: (Born-1926/Place/How long in the area.)
- II What do you know about your ancestral connections to the old country?
  - A. Discuss the Mayta family on your mom's side of the family.
    - (Document) 1. Focus on Croatia vs Austria (Read the obituary on Thomas John Mayta on tape)
    2. Focus on the trip to America and settlement in Missouri. (Corder)
      - a. G/father -- Thomas John Mayta
      - b. G/mother-- Augusta Hoffman
    3. Focus on Cecelia Agnus Mayta (mother)
- III. What do you know about the Mayta family settling in the Cle Elum area?
  - A. Thomas John Mayta arrives in Cle Elum 1899-- works in the Cle Elum mines.
    - (Document) B. Thomas John Mayta buys land at Teanaway Junction from Adolphus and Eunice Hargett in 1928. (Lets look again at that property document)
      1. Describe the homesite and buildings in the immediate area. (Teanaway City/ bunkhouse/Teanaway school/ Teanaway Restaurant and gas station (Shorty Platz)

C. What do you know about your mother's (Cecelia Agnus Mayta) life in the local area?

IV. Describe your childhood years.

A. Discuss survival skills by your family during the Great Depression.

1. California-- buying soup bones/ charity provides Christmas dinner. Bring out the emotional stress mom and dad endured.

2. Cle Elum--- Mom remarries and moves to 4th street next to No. 7 Hill.(home \$11.00) Stepdad is Jim Willette. (We can discuss Jim's background at this point.)

B. Discuss holidays.

1. Christmas/New Years---1st footing/meat pie at midnight

2. Easter

3. 4th July

C. Discuss family values.

1. Education and graduation in 1944- how WWII affects school life/ activities you were in.

2. Being resourceful-- 9th grade working at Teanaway service station and boarding house (Vallones today)

3. Mother works at Sunset Apartments/ Dr. Wingrove.

4. Kids home on Sunday to work the farm.
5. How family handled- money shortage/  
lack of work / recreation

V. How did you gain the work experience to end up at the Patrick Mines?

A. Working in Spokane in 1944 -- works in office and a waitress.

B. Arrives in Cle Elum in 1954 and gets hired at Patrick's as secretary to Harry Patrick. (Colleen-lets go into the Patrick family at this point)

1. (Read news article from Cle Elum Trib 12/10/98 on Patrick Mines-in your address book) -- (Bring out names the Patrick Mine used Ex. Roslyn Fuel Co.)

a. Focus on what you know about Archie Patrick

C. Discuss your promotion from secretary to head bookkeeper. (Job description)

1. Focus on the marketing of coal-- go into seasonal demand/ NWI Co. competition /

2. Focus on company finances-- go into payroll/ financing improvements such as new technology / bank used for deposits / expanding the company and/or diversifying the company.

a. Bring out how Patrick and NWI cooperated on miner's credit at the company store. (Snakes)

3. Focus on work schedules and employment levels. Union activity and job security.

D. Discuss how Harry Patrick faced the mining changes from 1954-1966.

1. Focus on the decline of employees and cutting of work hours. (Colleen down to 1 day per week)

2. Focus on Harry's attitude toward his employees as compared to the NWI Co. attitude.

3. Focus on shutting down the mine and importing Utah coal. Harry tries strip mining on the Wright property. Starts up Patrick & Mauk Lumber Co. Veneer Plant replaces mill

4. Focus on government help for Harry. Harry goes into real estate--Wildwood / Pinloch Sun.

5. Focus on the movement to keep mines open by getting a steam plant built.

6. Focus on how Harry disposed of his mining equipment.

\* Colleen--- before we close we will open up on anything we failed to cover or mention.

VI. Closing: What advice would you give a young person in order to cope with the future? What should a visitor or a new resident in the area know about our local history?