

# Ferne J. Mullen

**Interviewed by Jean McDowell in Moab, June ??, 2003.**

(Ferne's two daughters, Mary McGann and Pat Mullen are also in attendance.) I will try to identify them as (Mary) and (Pat) during any question/answer period.

**Q (Jean): So we've got two daughters here. We've got Mary McGann and Pat Mullen here. So, Ferne, tell me about yourself. Where did you grow up?**

A (Ferne): I grew up in Evergreen, Colorado.

**Q: Just west of Denver?**

A: Yes. My father was a farmer and road official. He worked for the county on the highway. They were both born in Colorado. And, I lived there until I went to nurses training.

**Q: Where did you go for nurses training?**

A: St. Anthony's Hospital.

**Q: In Denver? So you took nurse's training in Denver?**

A: I did. I got married right after I graduated. And my husband ....

Daughter: What ? I thought you got married while you were in school.

A: I was through school but I had not taken my state boards yet.

**Q: How did you meet your husband?**

A: I knew him practically all my life.

**Q: So, he was from Evergreen?**

A: No, he lived in Denver but they had a summer place in Evergreen. And, we got married and right after we got married we moved to Climax, Colorado. He was a mining engineer. I got a job in the hospital. We lived there for 13 years.

**Q: In Climax?**

A: Yes. I had a son born there, and one child which died after birth. Then, after we left Climax, we moved to Nye, Montana, a copper mine. The reason we left Climax -- we loved it up there but the altitude was over 12,000 feet and your blood thickens at that age. So,...

**Q: Which age? You weren't too old by then, were you?**

A: I was in my 20's and we were in Climax where he worked for a copper mine up there and I was their nurse on call. Because, I guess their insurance...

**Q: So how was it living up in Climax?**

A: In Climax? Winter, except for 2 months of summer. We had July and August as summer. But we loved it.

**Q: So you had one son up there?**

(Mary?): And then I was born there.

A: And then we moved to Montana because of the altitude

**Q: Copper in Montana?**

A: Copper Mountain up there.

**Q: Butte?**

A: No it was a town by then. Columbus was the largest town close to us. Between Butte and Billings. And my daughter Pat was born in Billings, Montana. The mine was closing down so we moved to Grand Junction because the uranium was just starting then and we got a house and lived in Grand Junction. My husband usually worked in Utah. He had a job and he had to work and we had weekends together.

**Q: Did you say it was Grand Junction? Somewhere I got the idea it was 1957 when you came to Moab?**

A: We moved to Grand Junction and then he was transferred from his job ... what was the name of that mining outfit down below? ... out by Hanksville?

**Q: Oh, Temple Mountain?**

A: Yes. So as soon as that mine was mined out, he came to work for Hidden Splendor.

**Q: Oh, Hidden Splendor over on the Muddy?**

A: Yes. So we moved here. He was transferred here and moved here and had to stay until we found housing because there wasn't very much housing.

**Q: So those were boom times?**

A: You are absolutely ...

**Q: So what were boom times like? Where did you live?**

A: The engineers...they had people they had houses for.

**Q: Oh, so the company had...?**

A: The company had houses on Mt. View Drive here in Moab. But there wasn't an opening until somebody left. When they left, they'd only lived in it a few months.

**Q: So what was it like in times like that?**

A: Well, I'll tell you. It was exciting.

**Q: Exciting?**

A: Yes, it really was. I got a job at the hospital. My husband was working at the mine.

I didn't go to work until Pat started to school. When she started to school, I started working full time at the hospital. And I was put in as Director of Nurses.

**Q: I forget the dates. Was Allen Memorial Hospital there?**

A: The new one was. It had just been open a few years. I think it opened in, let's see, I think it was David Allen that was the first baby born there.

**Q: Oh yes, we have the incubator there with .... they said 15 watt light bulb. They said 25 but we have a 15 watt light bulb.**

A: So then I started working there. And we were so busy. They were building the mill and the mines were going. They had this building thing on. Building a railroad. Building houses and a grocery store. There was only one little grocery store run by a local, let's see, Miller's little grocery store. Down on the corner where that restaurant is now (northwest corner of Main and Center Streets). And, it had one street and it turned up past the Court House and wandered out toward Spanish Valley. They were building roads.

**Q: Were most of the things you treated injuries or what? Babies?**

A: I think..... well, we had lots of babies too. We had one baby a day.

**Q: A day? A baby a day?**

A: A baby a day at one time. Sometimes, maybe we would have 2 or 3 but one day it ended up we had 30 births. And we were so busy because of all the construction that was going on.

**Q: Injuries?**

A: Oh yes. Not necessarily the mine injuries but it was the people building the railroads and all those things and that was the busiest place and, of course, there had never been many nurses in Moab.

**Q: Were you an all-purpose nurse?**

A: Well, I was the Director.

**Q: Oh, you were the Director?**

A: The Director and working nurse. We scratched up - we had some wonderful nurses that were working here then.

**Q: I think we have a tray at the Museum with the name Ferne on it.**

A: That's me.

**Q: A white tray.**

A: I have sitting here a picture of Dr. Mayberry and I. We just gotten a new incubator or something in the hospital in surgery. So we had our picture taken. I will see if I can find it and give it to you.

**Q: We would like to scan it and give it back to you.**

A: And, we had Dr. Munsey and Dr. Mayberry who were the Doctors. We finally got two other Doctors in. But, there were a lot of automobile accidents, a lot of babies born, people sick. It was busy. So, this went on as far as getting along with the local people. I think they fitted in real well. We got along real well with them. Very interesting people. And, with Monticello, Green River and Blanding, I don't think anyone had too much time to ....

**Q: Deal with them?**

A: No, not really. Because Green River had ... they usually took them to Price. We were kind of in-between occasionally. And Blanding, of course, had their Doctor and Monticello had their hospital. People shopped a lot in Grand Junction...

**Q: You lived in Green River at one time?**

A: No.

**Q: Oh no, you didn't? Or Hanksville?**

A: Grand Junction.

**Q: But then you lived...?**

A: I lived in Grand Junction.

**Q: So, I mean when your husband was working on the Hidden Splendor or the Temple Mountain you didn't...?**

A: As I say, Hidden Splendor or that mine in the Far West mining.

**Q: I was trying to think of the name of the fellow with the Hidden Splendor. Well, I think it played out.**

A: It did.

**Q: Right**

A: I think that.

**Q: So you just moved over to Moab when he moved to Moab?**

A: Yes. I think that was around the first of September . Mary started to school . Kindergarten.

**Q: What school did you...?**

(Mary?): HMK. [Helen M. Knight Elementary]

**Q: It was brand new, I guess?**

A: Uh-huh.

**Q: And then Pat - where did you start school?**

A: You started school here at HMK. They both went all through school here. Anyhow, we transferred over there and we got a house because somebody moved out. And we had

a house on Mountain View Drive here in Moab.

**Q: So was Mountain View sort of started in the boom times?**

A: Yes, Hidden Splendor Mine built it for their employees.

**Q: Over in Mountain View?**

A: Yes. They had rows, and I don't know how many houses there.

**Q: I remember, over on LaSal Street they called that the Hecla subdivision so I guess the mining people....**

A: They built houses to get workers. And so we moved there and, as I say it was in September and I didn't do any ..... I did special duty at the hospital because John was working and I had a baby at home.

**Q: So you had your three kids? You just had three children**

A: Yes. And I did special duty nursing. I know I did special duty for Dr. Allen for quite a few days.

**Q: Well, okay. There was the boom time and your nurse times and there is probably a gap when you became a City Councilwoman.**

A: Oh, that was much later.

**Q: What did you do in between times? Nurse.?**

A: Yes, I worked 25 years

**Q: 25 years at Allen Memorial?**

A: Yes, my husband died in 1970.

**Q: Ahhh. What happened to him?**

A: He had a heart attack.

**Q: It wasn't a mining accident?**

A: No. And, it was very sudden. He was at work and that was in 1970.. She graduated from High School that year. And, then I had Mary start to College the next year.

**Q: Mary went to school in Idaho?**

A: She went to College in Idaho. My son was in Wallace, Idaho. He worked for a mining company. He did their office business. So I almost moved there.

**Q: Well, was he on the river? (a Westwater trip later)**

A: Yes, he has since moved to Washington, D.C.

**Q: He is a Judge or something?**

(Mary?): Yes. He was Vice President of Day Mines.

A: He was 12 years older than you. Fifteen years older than her. So, let's see. He worked for Hecla Mine and Hecla had the mine and he did Harris' old houses and steam bid his but.... he worked for .... what was his name. Hecla Mine.

(Mary?): Calhoun.

A: No, that's Day Mines.

**Q: So did you know Charlie Steen?**

A: Yes. Not too close but met him many, many times.

**Q: Did you go to his parties?**

A: Oh yes.

**Q: What was he like?**

A: Very friendly. I didn't see much of his wife. She never really joined in on the parties. I guess smaller parties, or something. But I had met her.

**Q: How about Dan O'Laurie? Did you meet him?**

A: Yes. I would like to back track as I think of something funny about Charlie Steen. My husband, and the miners one time he had a party up there so they wrote a play. And so when it was time to go to the play, it was held down in the....? It was just behind where...?

**Q: Behind where Nifty Fashions are? (southwest corner of Center St. and 100 East) There seemed to be a great gathering place there.**

A: Yes. There was a restaurant there and they had another on a little stage back there. So they practiced this thing.

**Q: So, were you in the play?**

A: No. No. All men. But it was a really funny play. The time was set that they would do it at ten o'clock at night. Because of the party and all, they had food and so they went down at ten and got already and then left. Charlie Steen didn't come to the party at ten o'clock. And I don't think he ever liked us after that. He invited us to his party because he almost had to, you know what I mean. But, he was insulted because they wouldn't do it over. And it was special for him. He didn't know. That is not a play you put over. It's too crazy, you know. It was .. one guy had...

**Q: No, it wouldn't be fun.**

A: No you couldn't do it twice. And it was all lit up with sparkles and everything and it had great costumes and music.

**Q: So did he go off in a huff?**

A: Oh yes. He was real mad. I don't think he ever held it.

**Q: Let's see these questions that you probably have glanced at. Well, we know why you were in Moab because your husband was here, and what the housing was**

**like. And how did you interact with the governmental agencies like the Park Service?**

A: I think they did quite well. Of course, you know that at that time they were not really the friends that we are today. It was....

**Q: Well, Arches had not built its new entrance, had it?**

A: No. It was at the top of the hill. I don't know where you turned off to it.

**Q: We turned off just going up Willow Springs Road.**

A: Yes.

**Q: But I don't remember . Is that the trailer that Abbey was in? Well, tell me about how you got into politics?**

A: That was much later, after my husband had died.

(Mary?): But when Dad was city councilman, they tried to talk you into being City Council person when he died.

**Q: Oh, so were you in the City Council too?**

A: No, just Dad. The miners were really kind of unhappy at the way some of the things were being handled because they had the same ones in all the years that we were here. And it was a two-year term and ....

**Q: No term limitations?**

A: Yes. Well, evidently not. Anyhow, he was councilman when he died. And, they...

**Q: So, I think when you came into office, that's when Jimmy Walker and Dutch Zimmerman and somebody else...**

(Mary?): Dave Knudson.

**Q: Dave Knudson. Right.**

A: And they did the same thing. Dave Knudson's term wasn't up yet so...

**Q: No. There weren't term limitations then.**

A: And, he was the only one. He didn't have to run that year. One of the main things is when they were all for building a road from...

**Q: Oh, I went on that. Sort of a great caravan that went over to Vernal from practically in Colorado where you were...**

A: That's right. They took us over to see. I said, this isn't going to do Moab any good.

**Q: So, is that what interested you?**

A: That was supposed to bring so much business to Moab. But they didn't put the interest close to Moab. It was coming out almost in Colorado.

**Q: Right. Well, is this what sort of sparked your interest in running?**

A: Yes, plus where they were putting the waste

(Mary?): The road really came after the incinerator.

**Q: The incinerator.**

(Mary?): The incinerator is what got Ferne involved.

A: That's what got me involved and I was sitting and listening to it and,...

**Q: At that time, they were proposing to have an incinerator sort of at Cisco?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Because it was near the railroad, I think.**

A: Nothing out there. I couldn't say there wasn't anything out there. I think the country was beautiful. I said, "Have you ever looked at the eagles and the antelopes?"

**Q: And there are antelopes still there.**

A: And turkeys and all these things. I said, "You can't do that." Merv and I...there was a 4-year term and a 2-year. I said, "I will take the two (year term).

**Q: So were you acquainted with Merv (Lawton) before?**

A: Oh yes. Because of the mining. So anyhow, we both got in. They didn't do anything before so we did something. But I did not like politics. I didn't.

**Q: Well, it was supposed to be non-partisan, wasn't it?**

(Mary?): It was partisan. It was Democrat and...

**Q: Before she was --- but when you started in, wasn't that non-partisan?**

(Mary?): It was partisan. We had a Democratic Convention and Merv Lawton ended up having to have a primary against Peter Haney. But Ferne didn't. She was against Bill Hance. But she didn't have to have a primary.

A: You said his name just a minute ago. The guy I ran against.

**Q: So you were just filling a vacancy?**

(Mary?): No, but she went in on the Democratic Primary. She won without having to have a primary and she ran against Dutch Zimmerman.

A: But, Merv had to run. Who did he run against?

(Mary?): Peter Haney. He had a primary and Merv won the primary and ran against you and Walker.

**Q: Peter Haney eventually got on the Council.**

(Mary?): Yes. He ran again when it was Sy Thurston. When it went to County Council.

**Q: From Commissioners to County Council?**

(Mary?): Commissioner to Council, is that what it was? It went from County Commissioners to County Council.

**Q: So did you feel you were making lots of decisions?**

A: Well, I think I made ..... I tried..... I hate to say this ..... I don't know if I should even say it.....turn that off and I will tell you what I want to say.

**Q: I think that might be interesting whatever you want to say.**

(Closed comments)

**Q: I didn't realize there was a controversy about where to build. I mean, they built. They already had the standard..... they needed to enlarge the court house.**

(Mary?): But they weren't going to enlarge it. They were going to rebuild it and they were going to build it over by the hospital.

**Q: Oh.**

(Mary?): But there was a financial /land/real estate deal which would have financially helped one of the County Council members significantly.

**Q: I was new in town. I didn't realize that. I just remembered.**

A: Well, anyhow

**Q: When they enlarged it, the court house, they took away those nice brass doors wherever they went.**

A: The thing is that this Councilman suggested an orchard down there that was owned by the LDS. And he and he had a man, a Bishop in the audience, from Provo. So as soon as he said that, he got up and ran out. And then called the Bishop up there so they could really get to work on it. So, anyhow, I said, "Listen, I think we will have to make bids. We don't need that much land." He said we could rent it or sell it. I said I didn't know we were in the business of real estate. So, I said, "I think we should look at some other land too." I said, "We could probably do something like this. We should have meetings and go by the book." So anyhow, he was really mad at me. And, we started looking for land and I said, "We have land here. Let's build it here." Some other people came up and told me we would have to .... they just built a courthouse ..... . I said, "If we have to build a court house someplace else, we have to get the prisoners from here to court and that is always a danger," and so on and so forth. Anyhow. I won.

**Q: You won?**

A: I won. They did not move it.

**Q: Well, I'm glad it stayed there .**

(Mary?): She made them follow the procedure and the policies and do the bidding and put it out there instead of, you know, serving vested interests.

**Q: Well, you say you didn't want to run again.**

A: Why I didn't run again? I didn't like the politics. I didn't like the meetings we went to, I didn't like the reading if it was constant. I didn't read a book during the time I had it. I had always, every night, read to the kids when we were living on Hillside. Every night there were stacks of things to read.

**Q: So, being a councilperson isn't easy?**

A: No, it isn't . If you do it right.

(Mary?): If you do it right. There were only 3.

**Q: Oh, that's right. So then, they changed it to seven.**

A: We suggested having 5. An uneven number and, for some reason, I was out of it by then , they put in 6.

(Mary?): Or seven.

A: But, I hated the meetings you had to go to. I wouldn't know anybody. And trying to make small talk is not my forté.

**Q: So you didn't have any time to yourself, it sounds like.**

A: Oh, I did have time to myself but I just didn't like the politics. I was called lots of different names by lots of different people

(Mary?): It was a very intense transition period -- when Moab was really economically struggling.

**Q: Oh, that's about the time the bust happened.**

(Mary): It was right before the Fat Tire. It was right during that period of time before Fat Tires and the bicycling came and so people were really trying to find ways to make money, I mean, so the incinerator was a way to make money, building the road from Vernal was a way to make money. Everything. Selling this land was a way to make money. So it was constantly keeping those checks and balances to and when you start to interfere with people's pocket books, they start to get mad. She had mean phone calls, I would...

A: I remember that.

(Mary?): I answered them and I could tell and I would say, "Who's calling?", and if they refused to tell me what their name was, I said, "Well you need to identify yourself. We don't need to talk to strangers."

**Q: So that would be hard to put up with?**

A: I could put up with it. Just lots of abuse. I figured that they didn't abuse Mervin like they did me. I was their pet. And, one time, when we were trying to get people to clean up their yards....

**Q: It sounds as though they were going to take advantage of you, but Merv they would have to....**

A: And they would say that they would, and this one man said, "It's still my land and I will put anything else on it I want."

**Q: They are still saying that.**

A: And he said, "All I have on there is my mining equipment and I don't think you would know a mining car from anything else." I said, "Just a minute, sir. I was born, I was married to a mining engineer and he would take me into the mines. And I was in the mines when I was a nurse for a mine."

**Q: You knew lots of mines.**

A: It was like that all of the time. Just harassment.

**Q: I think it would be hard to be an elected official.**

(Mary?): I think it depends on the years. What's going on economically. What years were you in office? '82?

A: No, it was later. '87, I believe.

(Mary?): Paul and John were born.

A: '86.

(Mary?): 88, 89?

**Q: Must have been, because I moved over here the fall of '86. Sort of here but not into..**

A: After my husband died, I thought about leaving Moab. But I just fell in love with it. Because we had so many trees where I was and I loved the trees. That's another thing I was called, a tree hugger. "Yes," I said. "Every time I see one, I want to hug it."

**Q: But you do like Moab?**

A: I do. I learned to love it.

**Q: It isn't just that your daughters are here?**

A: No, because they weren't here for a long time. I was here by myself.

**Q: So, what do you like most about Moab and how has it changed.**

A: I like it because when I go to town I never lock the cars to my door, maybe I should, but if I have anything I want put in, I put it in the trunk. I trust the people here. I like the climate. Sometimes, I don't like the wind but then I chose that place to live so I guess I will be out in the valley where the wind blows.

**Q: So, what sort of changes have you noticed in Moab?**

A: Lots. I mean, I just can't even count them all. I think one of the best things that has happened here is the bicyclists.

**Q: You say the best thing?**

A: One of the better things. In the late years after the mill and the uranium . Because they are clean. They have money and they spend money in Moab.

**Q: That's right. There is no exhaust on bicycles.**

A: And they spend money in Moab. And so many of the people that come in, they don't have the money to spend. But those bicyclers have money. So, anyhow, and I like the Jeep Safari. That's fun.

**Q: Well, it isn't everybody that likes the Jeep Safari.**

A: I know it. And, I think the Jeep Safari is as well run as it can possibly be.

**Q: I think it must be.**

(Mary?) River running.

A: Oh yes, I love the River.

**Q: Oh, that's right. You've done alot of river running. \**

A: I went down the Colorado, I think it was five times. In the winter.

**Q: As a passenger or?**

A: Yes.

**Q: I just wondered if you did some rowing yourself?**

A: Oh, not very much, no. I wouldn't on the Colorado.

**Q: When you say the Colorado, you mean the Grand?**

A: The first trip I took was to Desolation. You put in at Sand Wash, right down past Duchesne, and come out at Green River and after that first trip, I was caught. That all happened after I retired.

Q: Oh. So you really like to run rivers in your spare time.

A: Um hum.

**Q: And you like to read?**

A: Um hum.

(Mary?): She had a pilot's license.

A: Yes, I did.

**Q: No, you didn't mention that. You have a pilot's license? When did that happen?**

A: That was my husband who had an airplane.

**Q: He had an airplane or the company had an airplane?**

A: A little small plane.

**Q: He had one.**

(Mary?): What kind?

A: Cessna.

**Q: And you learned to fly? You have a pilot's license?**

A: I did. Because we went on trips and took the kids. His folks lived in Chicago, his mother was sick so he would fly back there. Fly to friends' houses.

**Q: Just as though she took up crocheting one time but she mentioned she had her pilot's license.**

A: I did it because there was always the thought that if something happened to the pilot...

**Q: Well, that's looking ahead, I guess.**

A: Then, I could relieve him.

(Mary?): Didn't you have to do your solo flight from Grand Junction to Moab?

A: I did so many solo flights. Oh, my solo flight. I was so mad at my husband I could

have killed him. My first solo flight was -- passengers -- went out to the airport. The airport was south of town and so I slammed it. I had to go to Grand Junction to take my test and fly back. I passed my test so I went back there and landed and John said, "Oh, goody! You got your license! Now you can take your two girls up." I never was so scared in my life.

**Q: Oh, you mean because you felt responsible for them?**

A: Yes. You know.

**Q: Did you take them up?**

A: I took them up and I landed them. Safe and sound.

**Q: Here they are.**

A: I was a nervous pilot. I really was. Always was.

**Q: So, did you keep flying after your husband died?**

A: No. We sold the plane before he died because when he first knew he had his heart trouble, he had an ulcer, a bleeding ulcer. He knew I liked to fly but not by myself.

**Q: But at least you boned up on how to fly in case something happened to him.**

A: And when we were on long trips, it was nice that he could go back and close his eyes and rest and I could fly.

**Q: Well, you sound like you have an adventuresome bone , I mean, river running and flying. What else?**

(Mary?): She bowled. She was on a bowling league for years. How many years were you on the league?

A: Oh, I think it was 15 years, I haven't bowled on the new one out here.

**Q: Do you still get called on for nursing duties?**

A: No, I don't even trust myself. Everything has changed so much in those years. Do you know how long it has been? Twenty-seven or eight years.

**Q: I remember when Sam Cunningham's mother was needing somebody, would you be able to fill in like that?**

A: For a while I was in hospice but I gave that up.

**Q: Are you involved in hospice?**

A:; No, I was when it first started but I quit that.

(Mary?): And you play bridge.

A: I play lots of bridge.

**Q: You play lots of bridge? Well, that sounds challenging.**

A: I watch television

(Mary/) In the winter time you play bridge 3 times a week.

**Q: Wow. And you are active in your church, I guess.**

A: I am. The foundation that Mary started. I am on the Board at the Credit Union. So I think I keep busy.

**Q: I think you keep busy. Have you had any religious conflicts in the community.?**

A: Not any. I can't say I had any. The girls did at school, especially when they first started. She had an incident, but Mary, you know, speaks up. When this teacher asked, the first thing he asked in the classroom, "Are there any Catholics in this class?"

(Mary?): He asked if there were any Baptists, any this or that, but my Mom and Dad had taken me on vacation that day. We came back and I started school a couple of days late because our vacation interfered and so I wasn't in class when he asked. So, when we got ready to study Father Escalante, he proceeded how to say how Catholics worshipped idols and Catholics do this and...

**Q: So you said...?**

(Mary?): Then he would have proceeded to tell all the kids these untruths. And he did it about every religion. He finally got called on the carpet. I don't think he did it towards the end of his career but, boy, when you know, I ....

**Q: How old were you then, Mary?**

A: Seventh grade, whatever year that is. But you know they used to have a lot harder time separating church and state in schools than they do now.

I was Grand County Woman of the Year

**Q: Oh, you were the Woman of the Year - Grand County?**

A: That's when I was....

**Q: When you were Council person?**

A: I used to play golf. I don't play golf anymore. The only thing that I do good about that is walk.

**Q: I always thought that would be good for walking.**

A: I played golf.

Q: So now, mainly you....?

Mary: Camping. Say all of the places you have been.

A: Denmark. That's the only foreign country, except Canada.

Mary: And Mexico.

A: That's one of my regrets.

**Q: Not going to foreign countries?**

A: More foreign countries.

Q: Well, could you do that tomorrow?

A: I don't think so. I can't. I don't think I am strong enough now. But I had a chance, when the girls kids were gone, I wasn't working .

**Q: Where would you go?**

A: Oh, I don't know. I would love to go to France. I went to Germany and Luxembourg,

**Q: Oh, so you did go to those countries?**

A: I went to those three countries, going to Norway and Sweden.

**Q: Going to Denmark?**

A: My niece lived in Denmark so we took these trips. So I have been to more countries but I think that...but it was all.... if I had somebody to go with. They weren't here. They were living in ...

**Q: But, I'm thinking now. Pat could probably go, except she has a new job.**

A: She's got a daughter here living . No, and I just don't feel now is the time to.... I guess

I still love to go down the river.

**Q: Well.**

A: The Grand

**Q: Yeah.**

A; My son, when I was visiting him last month said that .... he has been trying to get a ticket.... and I would go if he went.

**Q: Oh, well, maybe you will go.**

A.; Well he's only 131 in the rear now. When he started this, he was 374

**Q: Oh, for a private trip. But maybe you could just go with a commercial trip.**

A.; Not after going like that.

**Q: Not for going private.**

A: We were gone 32 days on the river and that is just hard to beat. But ...

**Q: Well, Pat is there any questions or things you think you have left out?**

A: My husband was a hunter. He liked to go deer hunting.

**Q: Did you go with him?**

A: I did for a while. I shot one deer and no more. I didn't like it.

**Q: But you were a good shot, I guess?**

A: Well, I was lucky or something. He had me do lots of things. We used the meat. I think this is probably the best mining camp I ever lived in.

**Q: Moab?**

A: um hum..

**Q: Well, good.**

A: I moved, we lived in a few that were just like Montana. They didn't even have a school there. Of course, I didn't have any kids in school when we were up there but...

**Q: Well, I think this has certainly been interesting.**

