ORAL HISTORY

INTERVIEW WITH MISS MARIE ROZIER Tuolumne, California

DATE OF INTERVIEW: December 9, 1971

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Miss Marie Rowier

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REASON FOR INTERVIEW: Miss Rogier is a second-generation Californian, whose

family figured in the early history of the Mother Lode area, and whose memory at sixty-seven years of age is very clear. Her interest in the history of the region is

strong and of long standing.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Miss Rozier was born July 8, 1904 in Tuolumne, California. Her mother's name was Mary E. Partman (birthdate, February 28, 1875 in Weaverville, California). Her father was Alfred W. Rozier (birthdate December 1, 1956 in Columbia, Calif.).

Miss Rozier's paternal grandfather was from the Carolinas (French origin), had fought in the Mexican war, and came with his wife on a ship to California. Her name was Margaret Doyle and she was from Ireland (she was a mid-wife). They arrived in Columbia in 1853 and their son was born in 1856. They died in Columbia (after having borne four children) in 1893.

Her maternal grandmother and grandfather were both born in Alsace-Lorrains, and met on shipboard on their way to California in 1857. They settled in Yreka, where he practiced his trade as a barber. Later they moved to Weaverville, where he was both barber and Postmaster. Their daughter Mary was born in Weaverville in 1875.

Miss Rozier's mother came to Carter's by stagecoach in 1897, since the train only went as far as Jamestown until around 1898. Her mother and father were married in Sonora in 1899 and settled in Arrastaville and then Carters. Her father ran stamp mills for mining companies in Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties (the Rawhide mine in Jamestown and Providence mine). These mills pulverized rock to obtain gold and this was a responsible position, handling the gold. He became Postmaster of Tuolumne in 1915 and served until 1923. Her mother then became Postmaster from 1923-1939.

Miss Rozier worked in the Post Office while still in high school, and graduated from high school in 1921. She passed the Teachers' Examination in 1922 and thereafter took summer courses at Chico State, San Jose State and San Francisco State colleges. She began to teach at Middlecamp in 1923, taught at Spring Gulch (between Priest Grade and Coulterville), and then from 1925-1963 taught at Summerville Therentary (where she had attended grammar school). This school was torn down in 1964.

Miss Rozier's mother had wanted to be a teacher, but lacked the opportunity. Miss Rozier has three sisters: one who lives in Vallejo, one in Sonora, and one who is a nun, at present teaching high school science in Los Angeles.

Because of the family's long residence and contribution to Tuolumne, the street beside her home is called Rozier Street.

REFFRENCE SOURCES: Union Democrat newspaper issues dating back to 1903.

Time-Life Books, "This Fabulous Century", 1910-1920

"Men To Match My Mountains" by Irving Stone

TAPE #1 MAJOR TOPICS

Side 1: Original name of Tuolumne
Self-contained nature of early town
Impact of lumber mill on community; importation of workers
and their families from Michigan and Wisconsin
Unionizing activities in mines and lumber company
Fraternal organizations in the town
Out-of-town troupes performing plays, etc.
Transportation out of town----by trains, by "auto-stage"
Post Office management by father and mother
Treatment of Germans during World War I
Black people in early Tuolumne
Establishment of Indian reservation, 1912
Home-grown food

Side 2: Home-grown food (Cont'd)
Prostitution
Prohibition and gambling
Depression years
Local CCC camp
World War II's impact on community
Effect of automobiles on Tuolumne
Community involvement of Indians at the Rancheria
Miners vs. Chinese in community
Devastation of 1905 and 1918 fires

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TAPE #2 MAJOR TOPICS

Side 1: Devastation of 1905 and 1918 fires (Cont'd)

How community came to be called Tuolumne
Celebrations remembered from childhood
1918 fire memories
Changes in Tuolumne
Lumber Jubilee
Rancheria Acorn Festival
Indian water rights
Early memories of teaching career
Changes in school between childhood grammar school years and
time of retirement as a teacher in same school
Childhood memories of life in early community

Side 2: Childhood memories of life in early community (Cont'd) Volunteer war effort in Tuolumne Tuolumne today (1971)

Interview with: Miss Mario Rozier December 9, 1971

POSSIBLE PROSPECTS FOR ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS:

NAME	AGE (apx.)	PESIDENCE
Nina Conde Wyklidko Kate Conde Keddy	·	Summerville Hotel Summerville Hotel
Bertha Smith Thomas	7 7	Tuolumne
Mary Boitano Whittaker	95	Tuolumne
Gertrude Trewatha Naismith	82	Tuolunno
Ruth Tupper	77	Tuolunna
Harvey Pruitt		Sonora
Fred Ellis	9 3	Tuolumne
William Mayhall	80	Tuolume
Frank (Bob) Hinch	91	Tuolumne
Mrs. Maun Shutz Baker (husband Mark)	82	Tuolurne
George Paker (Mark's brother)	88	Hillcrest Manor Rest Home
George Marshall	91	<i>11</i>
Del Gianelli Masagheno	89	f1 27 21
Wade Archer	80	Tuoluma
Ira Ekman	80	Tuolumne
Mrs. Doral Wann	85	Tuolumne
Felix Gruwell	87	Soulsbyville .
Ada Gruwell Johnson	•	Soulsbyville