

NARRATOR: Henderson, Sue Wayne

INTERVIEWER: Holly Slaughter

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PROJECT: Eagle High School (Corey)/Great Depression

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000	00	[No Introduction.] Henderson answered the interviewer's questions about the Great Depression. Henderson grew up in Oklahoma, and during this time her family moved within Oklahoma. Her mother and her family lived on a ranch, and her mother worked as a cook. While helping her mother, Henderson learned how to cook, and she also babysat the rancher's son. Henderson's family lost their farm, which led them to move to work for the above-mentioned rancher.
035	00	Henderson said they went without medical care, and she did not attend school. She mentioned that they rode horses and swam for recreation. When the family lived on the ranch, Henderson met hoboes and bums. She said that her mother let them do some chores and gave them some food Henderson liked President Roosevelt, and she told a story about seeing him when she traveled to Oklahoma City. She thought the government relief programs helped many people, but she did not see anyone prosper during the Depression. She said that everyone she knew was poor, but happy.
075	00	Henderson lived through the Dust Bowl in Oklahoma, which she said was her most memorable experience of that time. She did not know how the Depression affected her; she said that she was just a girl. Her family did not lose money in the stock market crash, but she thought they did lose some government bonds. During the Depression she worked as a babysitter.
100	00	She explained how her father lost the farm; it was due more to a drought and not the Dust Bowl. She did not recall any specific memories about World War II, although she did discuss how her brothers and her husband did not serve. Henderson said they did not move during the Dust Bowl, because they had no money.
125	00	Henderson described how they made butter. She also talked about canning and other food-related activities on the farm. Henderson explained how her husband lost his eye in a mining accident, apparently around Lake Chelan, Washington. She then continued

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		to describe a trip or family reunion near Lake Chelan in the recent past.
205	00	Henderson told a story about a women who, at some point in her life, gave her a dress. Apparently, Henderson traveled with the people who owned the ranch (to babysit their son) that her mother worked on; she mentioned several places that they went, including Colorado Springs and the Grand Canyon. She continued to describe her life with this ranching couple.
275	00	Henderson talked about different shows that she attended during her time babysitting the rancher's child. She talked about a trip to California with the ranch family and a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas during the winter.
335	00	Since she was a young girl, Henderson said the Roaring Twenties [1920s] did not affect her at all. She then told a story about her family migrating from Missouri to Oklahoma. When she went back to Oklahoma in the recent past, she felt the hills of Oklahoma had grown.
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None.