

Warm Valley Historical Project
Interview with Julia Aragon Smith
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AS: To start with, your maiden name is, Julia?

JS: Aragon.

AS: And your parents were?

JS: Pete Aragon Sr., and my mother's name was Lucinda Hereford Aragon. And I will tell you, there was eighteen of us.

AS: Eighteen children. Where did you grow up?

JS: We grew up right here on the reservation.

AS: Yes, but where on the reservation?

JS: Oh, down around Ft. Washakie and out at Boulder Flat now, I guess they call it.

AS: So it was the Southern edge. You weren't up on Trout Creek or North Fork or South Fork?

JS: Well, we used to stay at Trout Creek once in awhile. We would stay up there by my dad's cousin, Percy Weechy (?).

AS: You lived east of the Ute's, is that right?

JS: Yes

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JS: Yes, and then we used to stay there sometimes, but then we stayed most of our time out at Boulder Flat, because my dad farmed.

AS: He did?

JS: Yes. When my mother worked for W.P.A. when we were little kids, well, we moved back over to Fort Washakie so she would be close to where she could go to work and then some of us stayed out there with my dad to farm. Then she would bring some of the little ones with her over there so my grandmother could take care of them while she worked.

AS: Could you tell me a little bit about your grandmother?

JS: Well my grandmother stayed with Julia Felter and Hereford. She was captured, I guess when she was little. She was captured by, I think she said Shoshone. She was captured by Shoshones. She was captured down by White Pole.

AS: Where is that?

JS: That's below Lander.

AS: And her brother was captured, too?

JS: Yes.

AS: And her brother was?

JS: She told us, she said that her mother gave them each, there was seven of them she said in the family. She gave them this little string of beads and she told them she said never ever I can't hear this any more.