

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ORAL HISTORY OFFICE

INTERVIEW FILE NOTES

NAME Mary Trbovich Oral History Number \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDATE Dec 10, 1912

ADDRESS 2019 Lowell Av Butte, MT 59701 PHONE 782-2934

SPECIAL INTERESTS Circle of Serbian Sisters; Senior Citizens Center

M  F  REFERRED BY Rose Pierce CONTACTED BY M. Murphy

INTERVIEWER M. Murphy DATE Nov. 4, 1987

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS OR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

RELEASE OBTAINED  RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TAPES 2 MATERIALS PROMISED or LENT TO MHS FOR COPYING: \_\_\_\_\_

POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE WORK \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW (Names and relationship to narrator) \_\_\_\_\_  
none

INTERVIEW LOCATION (Specific room, how affected interview) \_\_\_\_\_  
in Mary's living room; very comfortable, relaxed; neat as a pin & gleamin  
furniture

PRIOR EXPOSURE (Had the person been interviewed, photographed, recorded before?  
If so, when, by whom, and how do you think it affected this interview?)  
not to my knowledge; but Rose Pierce, pres. of Serbian Sisters haddis-  
cussed this project at one of their meetings & the group decided that Mar  
as one of the oldest members would be best for me to interview

HOW DID INTERVIEW PROGRESS? (Be specific about whether the person was relaxed,  
reluctant to talk, etc.)  
Mary was very willing to be interviewed and to help all she could;  
no hesitation to answer questions, be taped, etc.

SUMMARIZE AND EXPLAIN ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION OBTAINED WHILE THE RECORDER WAS OFF

~~after the interview over coffee & cookies, Mary told me about her~~  
~~trip to Yugoslavia in the late 1970s; her sister had a heart attack in~~  
~~Germany and was unable to continue; died in California a month later;~~  
~~Mary said if they had known they would have insisted she go to Yu. because~~  
~~it had been her heart's desire to see some of her family again~~  
~~Mary continued and w/ her daughter; they were surprised at how well her~~

relatives lived; had not expected that in an Eastern bloc country  
DETAIL YOUR PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS AND REACTIONS ABOUT THE PERSON, THE INTERVIEW AND  
ANY PROBLEMS OR SUGGESTIONS.

This was a very pleasant interview; Mary has a photo album she's  
put together with some wonderful photos of the Serbian sisters and  
other church occasions; is willing to lend material; lent me a copy  
of one Serbian sister program to copy for the Butte Archives; invited  
me to Christmas Eve service at church; after interview also went into  
her bedroom to look at old photos on the wall of her family--parents in  
the late teens or early 1920s probably; I'm sure if any other questions  
arose, etc., there would be no problem going back to Mary to ask for  
help.

MOLDERS AND SHAPERS: MONTANA WOMEN AS COMMUNITY BUILDERS

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Full name (including maiden): (Darinka) ← her given name  
Mary Markovich Trbovich

Address: 2019 Lowell Av

City: Butte, MT Zip 59701 Phone 782-2934

Age: 75 Occupation: retired

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Date of birth: Dec 10, 1912 Place of birth: Bisbee, Az

Education/years of school: thru Butte High

Church affiliation: Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox

If married, date of marriage: 1935 Number of children 2

Family History

Name Birthdate Birthplace Occupation Organizations

Mother: Stana Zec <sup>(rabbit) ← (translation of Zec)</sup> 1883 Budva house, kept boarders

Father: Lovie (Nuko) Markovich <sup>1861</sup> " miner

Spouse: Eli Trbovich 1910 Anaconda

Children: Steve Trbovich (deceased)

Elyvonne Sue Williamson

COMPLETE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET FOR COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER WORK HISTORY

Proper and foreign words

Serbian Bokelian Brotherhood #69

gusle (national instrument)

Budva (parents' birthplace)

foods: povitica  
roshtule  
priganica (fritters)