Meet Alice and George Hawks. Two 'natives' in the respect that they were both born and raised in Wyoming. Rock Springs, Wyoming to be exact. Here is a narration, taped by Patrick Van Hooser for History of Wyoming, 24-12201 at Western Wyoming College in that same City.

George Hawks is a veteran of the United States Army. He proudly served and was a member of the second wave of the signal corps to land on the beaches of Normandy during the 2nd World War. In this tape, he relates detailed geographical accounts of his home town, Rock Springs. Places that no longer exist except in the memory of 'old-timers' like Mr. Hawks. He gives us such exciting reports as a long forgotten train/auto accident on the now defunct state highway 30. Stories of the Play-more Ballroom (now the Ace Hardware building) where he became reacquainted with his highschool sweetheart who became his wife and mother of his children.

Alice Hawks is the granddaughter of W. K. Lee, the first mayor of Rock Spring "in the old city hall in 1896" as she put it, and one of the first 'Elk's' to come to this city. Born, raised and married in the same house, she adds greatly
to the story this tape unfolds about the city. Her story of
the 'home-front' during WWII differs quite drastically from
so many accounts of food shortages and sacrifice. There was
the gas rationing, victory bonds, and all the other programs
that were so relevant to the war cause. Mrs. Hawks worked as
a volunteer in the local hospital. To her it was "a whole
lot of fun". All the boys went away, she said "but then, a
whole lot more came to take their place!" Sometimes she was
asked to entertain the boys in her home. An assignment that
she accepted with the usual enthusiasm of a 18 year old
girl!

Together they give accounts of their life as children in
the Great Depression. What school was like. How then "you
did what the teacher said, ...if you wanted to use the
laboratory, you held up your hand and asked and used the
laboratory if she said to use the laboratory, but you didn't
if she said 'no'. The games they played as children, the
many different ethnic groups, but it was "no big deal" to
them. They were just accepted as they were. If they didn't
speak English, they just didn't speak English. "eventually
the had to learn it of course", said Mr. Hawks. This is
America at it's finest. Rock Springs, Wyoming: A 'melting
pot' where school children were "...accepted...".
NAME: Alice Harms Hawke

PRESENT ADDRESS: 1123 Lincoln Ave, Rock Springs, Wyo.

1. Present profession or occupation: Ride for Guest Program School District #1, Rock Springs, Wyo.
2. Occupations followed in the past (give dates):
   Clerk at Union Merc., 1916-1971
3. Date of birth: 1/20/12, Place of birth: Rock Springs, Wyo.
4. Date of moving to Wyoming: Life
5. Full name of parents (give mother's maiden name)
   Ralph Harms - Margaret Lee
6. Names of brothers and sisters (and to whom married):
   Helen Lee Harms to Sylvia Kadoswick
   James A. Harms to Patricia Stephens
7. Schools attended (give dates):
   Yellowstone School, R.S. High School
   R.S. Junior High
8. Places of residence in Wyoming (give dates):
   Rock Springs - Life time resident
9. Military service (dates, awards, area served, rank, etc.):
10. Political offices held (give dates):
11. Political affiliation: Democrat
12. Religious affiliation: Christian Science
13. Marriage (spouse's name, date and place of marriage):
    Gary H. Hawke Oct. 3, 1946
14. Children (names, dates of birth, grandchildren, etc.):
    Mark Lee Hawke: 12/10/47, Wesley James Hawke
    Ann Serrain Hawke: 12/22/51, Kyle Jon 11/5/54, Reed
    Rebecca Jane McAre
    Rachelle Haffner McAre
15. List of clubs and societies of which you are a member:
    P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter L