**Remembering Territory families**

**Men, women and alcohol**

The women were safe there mainly because the miners would not think of looking for them there. In those days women rarely went to hotels. Even when Ruby Reed came to Tennant in 1947 she remembered:

> Oh, I think it was a man’s town. It was a very rough town. It was more men, that what there were women. And I was brought up that – my Mum used to say women were not allowed in hotels or anything like that, you know. In the olden days they said this and oh, I thought it was disgusting to a woman go into a hotel. Now I do it myself!

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