



'72 FLOOD

'Whirled in a Blender'

SURVIVORS OF THE 1972 Rapid City Flood can now share memories online. The Rapid City Public Library's digital collection of memorabilia includes videos, photos, audio clips and transcripts of interviews and speeches. Visitors can also log in and write their experiences.

Ken Jacobsen was 20 in June 1972. He wrote about the aftermath: "It looked like everything had been scraped up, whirled in a blender, and poured back into the creek bed. I remember the rumors of ghouls scouring the houses by the creek and pulling jewelry and watches off dead bodies. I remember the curfew and the National Guard driving through the streets with guns after sunset while watching CBS news somewhere as it reported, 'There's no curfew in Rapid City — seems law and order isn't a problem there.' Right."

Visit the library Web site at www.rapidcitylibrary.org and click on "1972 Flood."