

## PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT TRANSCRIPT

INTERVIEWEE: Maxine Kerber and son Keith

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### Side 1 - 28:54

AK: Today is Tuesday, April the 6th, 1993. I'm Aubrey Kerr and I'm in the Redwater Hotel with Maxine Kerber. K-E-R-B-E-R. And I'm very pleased to have met you and also met your son Keith, who has gotten his hands dirty in the oil patch. Just starting off Maxine, could you tell me a little about yourself where you were born your maiden name? And ...?

MK: Well, I was born in Rimbey in 1932 and my maiden name was Nixon. My parents were Anna Thompson and my father was Herbert Nixon.

AK: Excuse me, is that N-I-X-O-N?

MK: N-I-X-O-N

AK: Right, so many different ways of spelling it.

MK: And I was very badly scalded while we were out there on the homestead. There was about two thirds of my body with third-degree burns. I was unconscious for three weeks but being the tough little bird that I was, I managed to survive against all odds and it left my body quite badly scarred, but not physically infirmed in any way.

AK: [inaudible]

MK: Well, it depends on who you talk to.

AK: Where did you get your schooling?

MK: I took grades 1 through 9 in Calgary. My parents were farmers, but it was pretty tough times back then and so they ended up after farming here, there and everywhere, they ended up in Calgary. And my father was working someplace ... well, down, they called it Mewata Barracks, where he was in the armed forces. And he died when I was only 12 years old, so I don't remember him too much. But I took grades 1 to 9 there, then my mother and my kid sister and myself we moved out to a small town named Craigmyle, probably famous because Lanny McDonald, the hockey player came from there also.

And I took my grades 10, 11 and part of my 12 there and that's where my mother was running a cafe. And that's where I met my future husband and was married in Craigmyle and that was in 1952, pardon me, '51, March. And we journeyed all over the place being oil people, and we bought a little mobile trailer at that time and we lived out of Cavanaugh, that's just outside of Leduc. And from there we

moved up to Hinton and from Hinton we moved back to Stettler and that's where two of my children were born in Stettler. The oldest 2 and...

AK: Can we go back? That's interesting you mentioning Craigmyle because I think in that year there was a well drilled there by Socony-Vacuum. Do you remember that?

MK: I believe my husband was one of the drillers. He wasn't my husband at that time.

AK: No. All right. What was his name?

MK: His name was Victor Raymond Kerber.

MK: Right. Now, where was he born?

MK: Vic was born in Lacombe. Both of us Alberta born and bred.

AK: Now Victor's family with very large, you said he had nine brothers and four sisters, and just tell me a little bit about some of them. The ones that like you said there were two that went into the Armed Forces, Victor and ...

MK: Victor and Henry were the only two that went into the Armed Forces. Henry was older than Vic and Bill is older than both of them. There is only two of the boys that aren't still with us. All of the boys throughout the whole family are still living. We just lost Grandma Kerber, in fact a couple of years ago. She was 90 years old.

AK: Is that right. What about your dad?

MK: Father Kerber died, oh in '56, '57 somewhere in there. He wasn't ... but he had cancer of the stomach, so he didn't survive too long. But all of the other boys are still going strong, still fairly healthy, except the oldest boy Russell and he's in a wheelchair. But other than that, he's still going strong.

AK: What age would he be roughly?

MK: 85.

AK: Now, tell me, from what you talked to Victor about, how did these fellows get attracted to the oil patch?

MK: Well the going thing just after the war, when Vic first came back, was oil and his younger brothers had started an oilfield construction company out of Leduc. And of course, at that time they were building wooden rigs. They weren't the metal rigs that you see nowadays, and they went around and repaired rigs, they built rigs, they moved rigs. And so, one thing just led into another and Vic decided rather than work with his brothers, he'd strike off into the drilling field. And that's what he did.

AK: Well now just back up a tease I just want to correct, just a mild correction that ... by the time Leduc hit there were all steel derricks and that was one of the things that the Kerber Brothers were known for

was being human flies and climbing up... was it because they had no fear of heights or what was it, do you know?

MK: Actually, none of the boys had any fear of heights. I don't think they fly too much but they would crawl anyplace, go almost any height.

AK: Well, they'd have to have that...

MK: The big derrick, in the wooden derrick, down in Calgary, in their Heritage Park, Kerber brothers built that.

[00:07:17] AK: Right. Okay, we were talking about the ... I refer to them as human flies, and the fact that they must have taken on to this... there was another bunch of brothers that also worked as rig builders. The name slips my mind but at any rate Victor was the only one that decided he'd go roughnecking.

MK: Actually, Vic was the first to go roughnecking, several of his younger brothers followed in his footsteps.

AK: Oh, they did?

MK: There was Dave, he came and worked for Vic in fact, and then struck off on his own. Carl worked for Vic. Joe worked for Vic. So, there was at least three brothers that worked in the oil field roughnecking, drilling. Vic was the only one that went from drilling wells to servicing wells and he joined Beta Well Servicing in '55.

AK: That B-E-T-A.

MK: Beta, Yes. They ... George Blackstock was, and Ollie Edmondson were the two bosses at that time. Now, I understand that they've sold the company, one of George's boys has taken over part of it and I just ... I keep in track with Donna and Sadoway, her husband still works for Beta in Edmonton.

AK: S-A-D-O-W-A-Y

ML: Yes, it is.

AK: All right. Now let's just back up again a little bit. Do you remember the name of the contracting firm that Vic was drilling for at Craigmyle? Do you remember what the drilling contractor's name was?

MK: I can remember the tool push's name, Tex Cleveland. Oh, sorry. That was the tool push's name up in Hinton. Shorty Hawkins was the tool push in Craigmyle.

AK: All right now that would be General Petroleums.

MK: I was going to say I think it was a big blue rig...

AK: General Petroleums and the superintendent then was Al Wright, who was, whose wife Anne, is the sister of Mary in Drayton Valley. So that's where the hook-up is there.

MK: Yeah.

AK: So, Vic worked there and that's where you and he found each other. Is that it?

MK: That's it, I guess. We ... my mother was running a cafe with ... she took in roomers upstairs and him and his crew moved in. And so, we had them, oh, well the fall, most of the winter, and so...

AK: They were there quite a while then?

MK: Yeah, they came in the fall and they stayed until ... oh, was a good five, six months anyway.

AK: Is that right?

MK: Yeah, they drilled, a couple of discovery wells actually. I wasn't right into what they were doing at that time. But out by Watts, it's a little town between Hannah and Craigmyle.

AK: Yeah, well, that's maybe where this ... because Socony did find some gas there. The company later became Mobile Oil. Okay, then when they were finished there had you got married by that time, or?

MK: Actually, we got married there in March of '51. And then when we left, as I say we went down to Cavanaugh. He was drilling rigs in around Leduc, Drayton...

AK: And now was this still with General Petroleums?

MK: I think it was with the same company at that time. But he switched, and I can't remember why now, and we went up to Hinton, as I say. And then he went in there with Trident Drilling up there. And that was at that time the largest drilling rig in Canada. At that time. And as I say his tool push was Tex Cleveland. He was a Texan, he had a real drawl and a lovely wife.

AK: Yeah that was the company. that...

MK: Yeah, but they went bankrupt after a few years later and that's when Vic left there to go to Beta. Because they went bankrupt.

AK: And all this time you're moving around, what did you live in?

MK: We had a little 8 by 20 trailer, and had a bedroom and a kitchen sitting room and we lived in that quite comfortably. We had one baby while we were still living in that and after our second baby was born we moved into a skid house. That was a ... oh, that was like a castle. It was 12 feet wide and it was about oh 25,30 feet long and it had two rooms, two room separate rooms. It was really nice.

AK: Well now was this something that you and Vic had bought? Or was it something that was supplied?

MK: No, actually we bought our own, each time we went someplace. I don't think we ever lived in company housing.

AK: Every time the rig moved you'd pack up the shack...

MK: Pack up the dishes. Yeah that's about what we did.

AK: How did that life appeal to you ... was it something that ...

MK: Well, I'll tell you it was great, you know, for as long as we only had the two kids. I mean, I just loved traveling. I still love traveling. I would pick up and move at the drop of a hat. In the last five years I've moved three times.

[00:14:31] AK: So, tell me what ... how is your perception of how you were received in different places that you went to?

MK: Well, I hate to say it, but I found that in most places people were ... that already lived there and whatnot, they were real snobs. They thought that the oil people were really second-class citizens. And if you worked, even here in Redwater, if you worked for a big company, like Imperial Oil you were okay, but if you worked for a well servicing outfit or drilling rig, boy, you came from the wrong side of the tracks.

AK: Is that right? There was a distinction?

MK: A very, very black and white distinction. In school the kids felt it even.

AK: Is that right?

MK: Yeah.

AK: So, depended upon what you were doing then.

MK: That's right. I know like, all the years that... my husband was a hard-working man and he, being a legionnaire, he practically, he and his roughnecks practically built the Legion Hall here from the ground up. The boys didn't have any work to do, Vic would say to them, come on, you're helping me, and they'd go over and work on the Legion Hall. He built himself a reputation for the things that he did in this town regardless of who he worked for. And I found, and my family, my children all found the same thing, that if you wanted to be getting place in this town, especially, you really had to go that extra mile. And my kids all did very well in school. They were not honor students by any means, but they were all top students, all very athletic. I was very active in the community, being a Legionnaire auxiliary member for 35 years. I taught Guides and Brownies. I taught 'keep fit' exercise classes. I even started the first playschool kindergarten here in Redwater and I taught that and ran that for five years. And I was an editor here, they called me an editor, now it would be a news reporter, for almost seven years, I think here for the Redwater newspaper.

AK: Which one, the Tribune or the Review?

MK: Actually, at that time it was just the Redwater News. John McDonald was my editor and he worked out of Westlock.

AK: Oh, that far away.

MK: Yeah, that's where our paper was published.

AK: Actually, printed eh?

MK: Yeah.

AK: Yeah. Now there was a chain of newspapers, and I think Westlock was in on it, but a chain of newspapers?

MK: Yeah, I think, like John McDonald took ... he rewrote the Thorhild paper. He edited the Thorhild paper. All these little weekly papers and yeah, there were two newspapers that we got at that time. I think Jameson out of Edmonton was the other.

AK: Yeah, I am trying to remember the names of the, or the name of the chain and it involved the representative in Leduc I think. I don't know if you ever had anything to do with it.

MK: Yeah. I was gonna say, yeah, and I just... I've still got my newspaper card saying that I'm a reporter and whatnot...

AK: Certified... is that right?

MK: Yeah, and it's got that on there, but I'll be jiggered if I can remember...

[00:18:58] AK: Well, let's get back to the decision that your husband made to switch over to ... I call it Beta ... and I just wondered whether there was any particular decision on his part or whether he knew these two chaps...

MK: Actually, I think originally yes, he did, he knew Ollie Edmundson and one of the workers, Bill Crowe. And he worked for, as you say Beta, we always called Beta Wells, so he told Vic ... we were stationed in Drayton Valley at the time living in a skid shack, we had the two children, and...

AK: He was drilling in Drayton Valley?

MK: Yeah, he was. And this is when he met, he re-met Bill and Ollie, and they said, well you come to work for Beta and we'll see that you get places. And so, he left me and the kids in Drayton and he went to work for Beta and he was all over the place. We stayed solid until they said they were going to anchor him in Redwater and he could use this for home-base like, and work out of here. He'd still be all over the place but at least he wouldn't be working out of one place. So, we moved into ... we moved into Redwater and we lived in a duplex for the first year and then we built our own home. And Beta Well put the phone in our home and I ran the phone from there. Phone number was 2-7.

AK: Now that was before you had the big numbers.

MK: Yeah, that's right.

AK: All right, back in those days, when you said you built your own home, did you buy a lot from Imperial oil?

MK: Actually, no, we bought a lot from a private owner and it was all covered with bush and everything and I think we paid \$250 for it.

AK: Was it on the other side of the tracks?

MK: Yeah, it's on the south side of the tracks. It's ... well the house still stands there, in fact, we still own it. It's still in the family. When Vic died ...

AK: Yeah, and this was what, a 50-foot lot?

MK: It's a 50-foot wide and it's a 150-foot long. Yeah.

AK: Oh wow, good size. Good deep one.

MK: Yeah. And it's a corner lot. So, we were quite happy about it.

AK: And of course, by that time had sewage and water got over there?

MK: Yeah, the sewage and water was put in and of course we did most of the work ourselves, you know, in order to save the money and whatnot. So, we drew up our own plans and built the house to our own specifications.

AK: And you'd subcontract out some of the work I guess?

MK: Actually, not very much of it, no, Vic and the roughnecks came, and they put, we put the brick basement, but we used the blocks and ... no Vic was a very, very handy man. He learned how to do the cementing and we built it right from the ground up. We had the bulldozers come in and take the trees and bush out and the backhoe dig the hole. But other than that, we did most of the work ourselves. Yeah.

AK: And it sounds as if ...

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[00:23:18] AK: ...supervisory jobs.

MK: Yes, he was, he was a tool push and as such he got the rig, went out and they contacted us by phone, if they wanted a service rig, and Vic would go out and round up the crew and put them to work. And he didn't actually drill on the rigs at that time, you know.

AK: Well there's nothing dirtier or messier than a service rig.

MK: Oh, I know tell me about it. Trying to get those clothes clean.

AK: Yeah, it's impossible with all that. So, this echoes of what happened 45 years ago. And I am not sure this was... it was the old hotel. You probably heard stories of the old hotel.

MK: Oh, yeah, that's right. This one was only built in '47/, 48, '49?

AK: Well '49 because...

MK: I was going to say the late 40s, yeah.

AK: You see the first hotel burned down in '48, just shortly after the discovery. I got some stories about that. Getting back to your job, were you on salary when you were answering the phone?

MK: No way.

AK: They didn't put you on the payroll?

MK: No, unfortunately if I had have been paid for the hours that I put in running around getting crews, and if Vic was out on one rig ... he ran three rigs out of here, and if he was out on one rig and whatnot you see, than it would be up to me to run over and get one of the drillers, and get a crew rounded up and tell him where to go you see. So I got that I was real good at telling people where to go. But no...

AK: What kind of money where these drillers making it that time, do you know? Was it up around three, four dollars an hour?

MK: I think, like Vic being a tool push and whatnot, I think he was getting around \$500 a month.

AK: And that was a salary?

MK: Yeah. I mean he put in...

AK: Well he worked for it.

MK: Yes, he did.

AK: And these holes that he would service right here in Redwater field, were they all just regular producing wells? Or, do you remember?

MK: Actually, he didn't just work in the Redwater field. I mean they were all over but the wells around here, in Redwater, most of them were, you know producing wells. There was also, out in the Bonaccord area and whatnot, sour gas, you know, and yeah, they worked on all of them.

AK: Did he ever have to work on the saltwater disposal wells? The ones that were drilled deep. ???

MK: I was gonna say, I think he drilled, I think he worked on those and I'm quite sure that they did some whip stocking.

KK: He worked on the ones out at Dow Chemical for a bit.

AK: Oh for the caverns.

KK: The caverns.

AK: Yeah, there's a bunch drilled out there not far from the river. Right beside the river, yeah. They were drilled down into the salt and then they leached the salt out. So he was on those too?

KK: Just, I remember him being out there. I was young. I know I worked out there when I was roughnecking. '9 and 5/8 casing...

AK: Boy, that's a good size.

KK: Laying it down.

AK: 7-inch tubing? Yeah, well that's...

KK: And I think there was some 5-inch in there.

AK: These saltwater disposal wells, 7-inch...

KK: I can't remember.

AK: Well I saw that ... I talked to Chekerda about that.

KK: Okay. Yeah, he would know, he's [inaudible].

AK: Well did your dad work for... did your husband work for Rice?

MK: I would have to ask Keith. I don't remember ... not

AK: You see Rice was the operating company before Redwater Water Disposal. Keith, did your dad work for Rice at all?

KK: Well, he was always with Beta, but...

MK: That's what I was trying to remember, if Beta worked, subcontracted for them, yeah.

KK: Probably.

MK: For Rice.

AK: That might have been, yeah.

MK: I was going to say I think he did but ...

AK: I'm sure that Rice had a lot of work for different people to do because of these wells.

KK: Just get a hold of Walter Sadaway.

[00:28:54] AK: Sadaway, eh? I'm going to turn the tape over.

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[00:00:02] AK: And this sort of work, was it that this kind of pressure that contributed to your husband's relatively early death?

MK: I can't really attribute his early death to his work. I mean, he was a hard-working man. He was a hard-living man, but he worked outside in the cold, but he was one of these men that would never go to a doctor, and I think had he gone to a doctor earlier and been diagnosed much earlier, he probably, we will never know, but you know, he might have lived longer. But the cancer got too far before it was diagnosed, and we couldn't save him. But he did take a lot of chemotherapy and a lot of treatment, but it was too far advanced.

AK: Where you still in Redwater when he died?

MK: No, I was in Barrhead and that's where he died, in the Barrhead Hospital.

AK: What prompted you to move to Barrhead? Had he left Beta?

MK: Yes. Actually, he retired from Beta after 25 years.

AK: Oh, I see, so he put in 25 years.

MK: Yeah, he did put in his 25 years.

AK: Let's see, he was, that would be, that would be around '59 then when he ... I just taking the dates back from his death.

MK: Well, he retired from Beta, just a matter of months before he died.

AK: And you decided to move to Barrhead. Was there something there that attracted you?

MK: No, just some place different. Like I say, a bit of gypsy blood in me I think mixed up with that Irish and Norwegian. I do a lot of traveling. I like traveling.

AK: Right. Okay, so you would be picking up the pieces then afterwards, and what did you decide to do with your life then. Did you decide to get into some kind of business?

MK: Well actually I decided to go back to school. About every 15 years or so in my life, it seems I've gone back to school. I finished grade 12, or finished my grade 11 in Craigmyle. Then when I we were living here in Redwater, I went back in... made my centennial project getting my grade 12. So, in 1967, '66-'67-'68, I took two years to finish my grade 12, after I had all my children in school. And so then about 15 years later I decided well, I should do a little bit more schooling, so I renewed my playschool and my leadership training and then after Vic died and whatnot and I was living in Barrhead, I had been working, volunteering in the nursing homes in a hospital in Barrhead. And I decided, I think I'll just go back and get my nursing training. So, I went back, and I got my licensed practical nurse certificate and that's what

I was doing in Barrhead, until I moved to Grand Prairie where I worked in the Mackenzie Place, the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital up there. And then when the boys decided they were going to buy the bar down here, and they needed my help, I came down here. But I have applied to go back into the hospital here. I would like very much to get back into nursing. So once the boys get stable and settled and get things running smoothly, I will probably go back nursing.

AK: This was not the restaurant, this is the rooms upstairs?

MK: They bought it lock, stock and barrel. It's a big undertaking since none of us really had any business ownership experience, you know, so we're all really learning as we go.

AK: And how long have you been involved in this?

MK: Well, actually, we just took over the beginning of October. 6 months, yeah.

AK: Who had it before?

MK: Two families, Klaus and Needie and Monica and Tom. And well, I worked for them when they bought it 20 years ago.

AK: Oh I see. So, there is a linkage way back there. So, there is one thing we didn't get with this burn of yours way back ...

MK: When I was five months old. It left me quite badly scarred, but like I say it did not affect my physical abilities in any way. The only thing that it did to me is cook the one joint in my thumb. I have no joint there.

AK: Oh, well yeah. What was the occasion?

MK: Well, it was scalding milk in a cream can on the back of a stove. In those days I guess they put the milk in the cream can, heat it up, and make curds and whey, and fed it to the baby chicks. And apparently it was supposed to be really great, never heard of it since but unfortunately the cream can was pushed back in underneath the warming closet, a big old wooden coal stove, and when it was pulled out the pressure had built up enough in it that it just exploded. I happened to be, my mother happened to have just bathed me and my brother was holding me there in front of the stove, you know, keeping me warm while she got clothes for me, I just had my diaper and shirt on apparently, which probably saved me. Because if I had a had a bunch of clothes on it would probably been melted right into my skin and but ...

AK: Oh, I see ... one of the first things that happened to you here. What about your other relatives, like your ... you mentioned a brother. Did any of them get into the oil patch at all?

MK: No, they never did. My oldest brother, he went into the Air Force at an early age and he was there during most of the war, that's the Second World War, and when he came back they discovered that he had bone marrow cancer and he didn't last only a year after he came back from the war. And my other brother, I have two brothers, he was the younger, but he had had infantile paralysis when he was young, and it left him kind of crippled, so he couldn't get into the Forces. So, he stayed, and he went into

interior decorating and he worked out of Calgary doing, oh all kinds of interior decorating, nothing that really, you know, what would I say, big, but in homes and things like that. And then he and his wife, after he married, they moved to Vancouver and he did a lot of interior decorating out there until he got Alzheimer's and he passed away three years ago.

AK: Right. So really on your husband side was about the only contact you had with...

MK: Yeah with the oil field, yeah, that's right.

[00:08:53] AK: Well then when you were here, was there such a thing as Oil Wives Club still running?

MK: Actually, there was but unfortunately as I say, I mean we didn't work for Imperial Oil, so we didn't join. We were the roughnecks' families you see, and but yeah, there was oil wives, but no, I never did belong to the club.

AK: Did you ever know of a person named Dean Hunter? She was the one that founded oil wives here.

MK: I know the name, I don't think I ever met the lady.

AK: She's been dead a number of years. She was married to Vern Hunter who was tool push on the discovery well at Leduc. I don't know whether you knew that or not. Well, it's looking at the whole panorama of your 60-some...

MK: One!

AK: How do you see this community? I mean you're looking at the community as, the way you've been talking, as a kind of an outsider. Is that a fair statement?

MK: I think it probably is, you know, I never really made too many close friends. Unfortunately, I mean, I suppose it's you know, I was always busy with my family, I was always busy with community work, but never ... I was never one much to coffee around and I was never one much too, you know ...I used to love dancing, but unfortunately Vic didn't. So, I went to a lot of dances, but...

AK: So, you felt that the fact that, okay, well service work is a dirty, filthy, grubby business and there was this part of the split that...

MK: Oh, yeah, there was there was definitely a segregation, cliquey is the word I would use, you know. Like I say, it's like, I have lots and lots of acquaintances and having written for the paper, everybody knew me, they knew Maxine Kerber. But you know when I came down to apply for a job and I put in a resume, they looked at me and they said, you're Maxine Kerber? They knew that there was a Maxine Kerber, they didn't know who it was.

AK: You're a living doll.

MK: But this was after I had, you know, lived in the town 15 years. But no, I was never one to socialize very much like I say, probably busy, I had six children, but...

AK: Apart from Keith and the other boy, what's his name?

MK: Malcolm.

AK: Malcolm. Apart from them have any of them gotten into the oil business at all?

MK: Well two of my daughters married boys that were in the oilfield. One worked for... they both worked for Imperial Oil in fact. In fact, they both worked out here at the fertilizer plant when it first started. But they have since separated and gone their own ways. And neither one of the boys are in the oil field anymore. One runs a general store in Fort Assiniboine and the other one works for the government now, on a ... road work crew. What is Darryl, Alberta Government what? Maintenance? Not maintenance...

KK: Transportation.

MK: Transportation, that's it. I couldn't think of the word.

AK: Yeah. Well looking at the whole picture and seeing this ... how would you summarize your philosophy of life as it pertains to the, you know the community here and what's left of the oil production. We're just about on our last legs here.

MK: Yeah, that's right.

AK: How do you, do you have any...

MK: No, I like I like Redwater. That's probably why I came back. You know, I've got good memories. I don't know, I can't really... what can I say. It's been a good life. Redwater has been good to us, really, I mean not in the past now, but in the future, and like even at the present, I'm a little disappointed that we aren't getting more support here. We put on some fabulous entertainment for people here at the hotel and the town of Redwater just doesn't show up, you know, they just don't support us in that way. And I think people feel the hotel has a name of being a place where drunks hang out, you know, and I mean you can look around and see yourself it's not true. We have a nice clientele, we have some nice people come to visit us, and a lot of them sit and drink coffee, you know. But unfortunately, the hotel has the name of being you know a place where you go and get drunk. And that's not true anymore, people don't get drunk anymore the way they used to . When I worked here 20 years ago people got drunk.

AK: Yeah, well, of course, the big thing that you wouldn't have seen is the very early clash between the farmers and the U.S. roughnecks. There was a lot of U.S roughnecks. And they didn't stay long, they couldn't stand the cold, they went home. But you know, there was that sort of thing. I was just wondering about the ... I don't think there's any of them are left. I think they all disappeared. I don't think they stayed in the community here.

MK: I don't think so. No, I'm certain sure that you wouldn't find anybody from the original fields.

AK: Well, I'm just wondering, let's see what else ... I'll just turn this off. Well, I think we've pretty well covered it and just to emphasize once more your job was running around in the middle of the night

rounding up roughnecks to go to work on a service rig and taking phone calls, and I want to thank you and Keith very much for this interview. And I wish you well in your new endeavor here.

MK: Thank you very much. It's been a pleasure.

AK: Yeah, I'll know where to stay the next time.

Yeah, I don't know where to stay the next time.

**End of interview**