

Interview with Mr. Ed and Mrs. Cheryl Mitchell at their home near Waterton Park.
20 June, 1995. Interviewer: Leslie Robertson.

Not Taped.

Suggested contacts:

Mrs. Bob Hill - Birdella - daughter of Mrs. MacArthy (midwife)
Jonny and Elmer Ekelund
Morris and Bessy Shield (nee Allred) - Cardston.
Bert Pittaway - Banff - Jack Pittaway's son.
James Riviere
Mrs. Joan Storey - (nee Kerfoot?) - Cochrane Ranch.

Ed Mitchell family History:

1902 - 3 Ed's father's family arrived here from Montana? Old Stoney Trail well established at this time.

1904 Ed's grandfather ran the first post office/ store / halfway house in Twin Butte (see Pioneers of P. Creek)

1919 - "Dry Years" the family moved south to Browning.

1920 - Babb Montana for four or five years - Ed went to school with Native (Blackfeet) children - said they were very talented students especially in the arts.

1924 - returned to Waterton area.

1936 - 37 - Ed worked for the Rankin Saddlehorse Co. in Waterton Park.

Land:

1920's to 1940's many homesteaders left the land.

- taxes - land was publically auctioned for not paying taxes.
- World War 1 "soldier's settlement" many war vets obtained land scrip 160 acres?
- World War 2 vets borrowed money from the Government to purchase land - with remissions for payback - had to "prove up" the land - plough 10 - 15 acres. Usually kept about 6 head of cattle and a dairy cow.
- During War usually a youngest sibling was left bhind to run the place. Many left it, couldn't manage.
- Land 75 cents to 10 dollars an acre.

Place Names:

Island Lake = Margaret Lake
Pass Canyon = Red Rock Canyon

Carpenter Creek = Sth. Branch Drywood Creek
Butcher Creek = Nth. Branch Drywood Creek
Smith Creek = Yarrow Creek
Glasgow Hill = hill on trail / highway sth. of Twin Butte

Waterton Park:

Roads- No gravel at all on the roads. When it rained people just didn't go on them. After a team of horses trailing a piece of timber would be dragged across the surface.

Wardens - (Red wife) - Bo Holroyd and Ed Mitchell raffled tickets for a pinto horse for the War Fund Cross). They took the horse into the beer parlour to raffle her off. Pete Gairns' wife won it. Bo Holroyd an incredible snowshoer.
- McAllister made a crib board to sell for the War Fund. Worked at Pass Creek district - he died there.

Camping- their The early days visitors camped wherever they wanted to. They would hitch up wagons, gather their supplies, and usually camp on the shore of the lake by the Kilmorey lodge. Many people brought their own Dairy cow and stayed a couple of weeks. In the 30's and 40's camping fees 25 cents ? Pittaway would come around and collect the fees.

Town - Baseball diamond near the Haybarn. 24 th May children's SportsDay from all of the country schools in the surrounding districts at the "Flats" in Town - the pool site.
Rodeos down on the flats near the ice house location, then the Annands and the horse camp location.

Dances Many in the Twin Butte Hall as well as in Waterton. Twin Butte Hall opened 1935 -36. During the second World War the men from the Airforce Bases)Pearson and Macleod) would travel into Waterton for the dances.

Pass Canyon - Red Rock - used as ranchers' bull pasture - up to 120 bulls kept there in the Summer months. Park pasture for saddlehorses in the Winter.

"The Park used to hire work teams all the time. Horses really made the Park and now they're barring them."

When asked about the major changes that the Mitchells perceive in the Park - they replied "regulations" then they explained the early days where horses and other animals grazed inside the Park.

Timber

extracted from Boundary Creek. Jonny Ekelund and Carl Carlson used to take wood from the Summit of Cameron.

Wildlife

More White-tail Deer now

More moose

bear numbers have remained constant

fewer birds?

more hummingbirds

Kootenai Brown's Burial

Aron Ekelund (Jack Ekelund's Brother) and Ernie Haug (the Present Ernie's uncle) were Kootenai Brown's grave diggers. They dug the grave to fit Kootenai Brown's body but then the "box" was built longer. The burial had to be stopped to re-dig the grave. At some point in time friends of Kootenai's (Ambrose and Bossenbury) decided that the bottle of whisky placed in the box was of no use to Brown so they pried open the coffin and drank the whisky.

Mrs. Glasgow - "Madam Glasgow" Alias ? (Kate Bender ?) as in Glasgow's Hill south of Twin Butte.

A great speculation: Kate Bender the notorious "'Man-killer' from Kansas. Story goes she ran a restaurant on a well travelled cattle trail in the U.S.A. As the guests ate their meals they sat at a gret table around which was a tarpaulin. She would already have determined whether or not they were wealthy - good team of horses, cattle, cash. If they were worth it she would sneak behind the tapaulin while they were eating and hit them over the head with a hammer or axe. The bodies were buried in the garden. Ed laughed and aid that she had a very fertile garden but it never grew anything. Story goes, the law was closing in on them- found remains in the garden so she fled to Washington / Oregon. ... Something about her son being tied onto a wild horse and dragged ... They moved across the line to the valley outside the Park. This was before the Park was established on what is now Cal Wemman's land. Enderby rode out to where the Glasgow's were camped - he sported his rifle across his saddle. Told the newcomer "The valley's not big enough for both of them." The Glasgow's moved to Yarrow Creek then almost immediately to a homestead just south of Twin Butte (section on the West side of the road) - area of Glasgow's Hill. The saga continues ... According to Hatfield's diary 29 January 1895 - Police took charge of 2 children the Glasgow's had adopted. They were apparently being exploited.

** For more on this story ask Jonny Ekelund.

Jack Hazzard

Ed Mitchell knew Hazzard. **He described him as "very religious, you could call him an extremist. If he had cooked too much rice, he would eat it anyway and be sick on the trail."** Jack and Ed's father used to cut wood together. Hazzard used what was called a "Methodist Axe" (two-faced) a double-bitted axe.

Sybil Kemmis

Ed Mitchell's first schoolteacher at Twin Butte School in 1924. She is the daughter of Maude Elton (Kemmis) and Barney Reeves' mother.

Mrs. MacArthy - mid wife.

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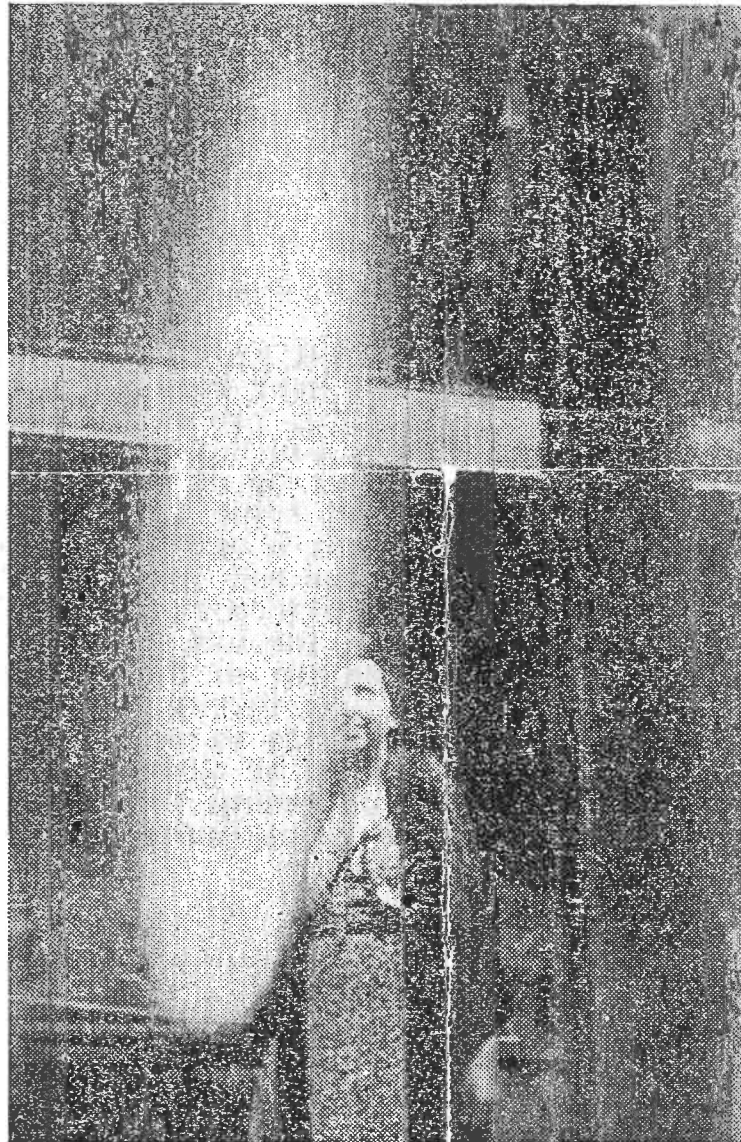
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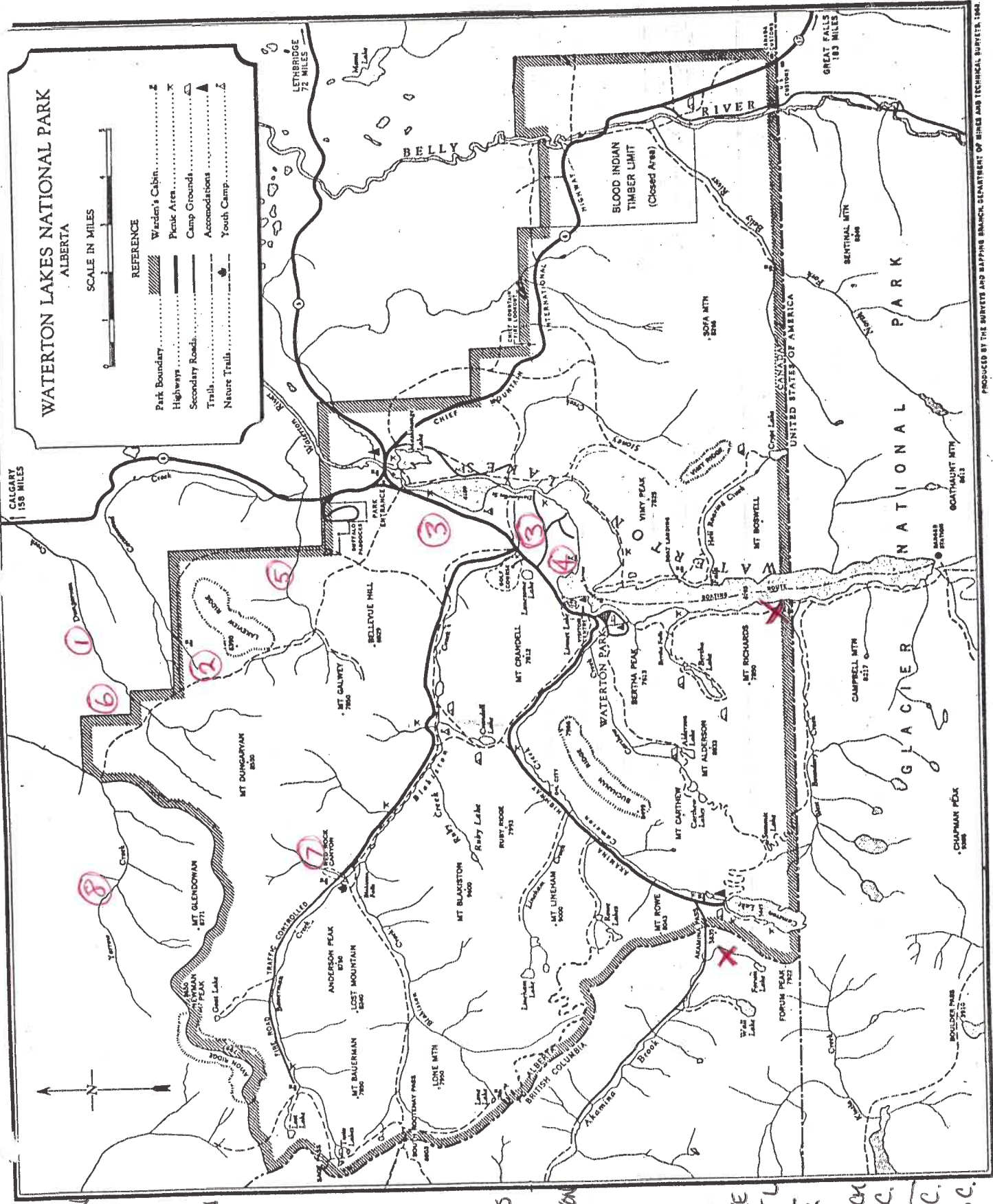
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Above photograph showing gas flow through control valves. Well now at 2,140 feet in lime formation.

P.S.—Dr. Simon Papp, of the London Geophysical Development Co., London, England (one of the highest honored geologists in the world), made a complete survey of our property, and claims that the main source of this oil is coming from a depth of at least 2,400 feet.



- X TIMBER EXTRACTION
- 1. PINE CREEK
- 2. COAL OIL BASIN
- 3. HORSE GRAZING
- 4. OPEN DUMP
- 5. TRAIL CREEK
- 6. IRON MAN FLATS
- 7. PASS CREEK CANYON
- 8. SMITH CREEK
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- ISLAND LAKE = MARGARET
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