

Interview with Frank Johansen at the Waterton Natural History Office.
21 July, 1995. Interviewer: Leslie Robertson.

Time: Tape 1 - Side A: 45 mins. Topic of Interview
- Side B: 30 mins. Family History - Mormon pioneers in the Cardston area;
Irrigation and Church Ranch land distribution; Aunt Luella
Nielson - early Park resident; Cottage Leases / issues with
Park's Canada; Rotarians - Peace Park Assembly.

<u>Tape</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Subject</u>
	001	Introduction
	008	Mormon History - Southern Alberta. - 1887 Charles Ora Card from Utah to Canada - escaping persecution for polygamy. - 1892 Polygamy outlawed in Mormon Church. - Government encouraging settlement - land available. - Church purchased land from Govt.
	039	Family History - grandparents arrived 1903 - Raymond - later Woolford. - purchased land from Church - crop-share basis - grain to Church. - Grandfather's wife Nellie Nielson - her sister Luella Nielson. - Lu came to Waterton 1905 - wagon from Mountain View.
	077	Question: Immigrants from Utah to work on Irrigation Canals? - CPR Canal under construction 1880's - team and turn-over bucket. - grandfather worked moving dirt for Canals - Raymond and Mountain View (oldest system in Alberta.) - employment and land opportunities - established towns of Stirling, Raymond, Magrath, Spring Coolie, Cardston, Mountain View, Leavitt, Beezer, Aetna, Hillspring, Glenwood. - CPR Canal preceded St. Mary's Canal System. - CPR Canal started S.W. Cardston - Woolford- Spring Coolie - Magrath - Taber. - did away with old CPR Canal after establishment of St. Mary's Dam. - Canal workers - Ray Knight from Provost, Utah - Sugar Beet Co. got canals going.
	133	Land Use - primarily farmers, sheep from Utah - Jensens, cattle, hogs. - grain to Church granaries in payment for land.
	157	Luella Nielson

- 169 - 1905 - full day trip from Mountain View - refer to her Memoir (attached)
 Frank Johansen - Waterton in early 1930's as a child.
 - Luella - salty , spinster.
 - business-woman - venturesome, in movie theatre business (Cardston),
 Washington, Utah.
 - Knew early Park residents - Aldridge - discovered oil.
- Kootenai Brown - Lu delivered his "express" during prohibition period - from
 Cardston and Pincher Creek.
 - Death of KB. - Lu supposed to bring him whisky on the day he died - she forgot
 Kootenai told her she was no longer his friend.
 - Lu present at Kootenai's death and burial.
 Photo: Kootenai Brown in Aunt Lu's Model T - one of first to have car.
 - Model T - at first couldn't drive all the way into Park - had to change to Wagon /
 horse. 1913.
- 230 Known as "Lu"
 - Photo in Kilmorey Lodge - "Panhandle Lu" - not a known nick-name.
 - women's activities - family oriented usually - Lu tearing around world.
 - climb of Cleveland with Cannon Middleton - 3-4 day venture - cabins on the
 Lake - Sawmill Nth. side of Boundary Creek; 1st woman to have climbed
 Cleveland.
 - Rose Harper, Alice Card; Leo ? along on the trip.
 - Lu referred to Middleton as one of her best friends.
- 285 Waterton.
 - Commercial fishing venture - sell fish to RCMP in Fort Macleod.
 - Wagon load fish - 60 miles to Fort - fish went off.
 - successful in Pincher Creek - close enough.
- 304 Fish
 - very plentiful in lakes at that time.
 - Long strings of trout.
 - today lake fished out - stopped stocking.
 - stocking, Cameron, Alderson, Carthews.
 - Fish Hatcheries - entrance and in Townsite.
 - Crypt Lake used to be good fishing.
 - Cameron - always catch limit - 5 / day - Pan-sized Trout: Rainbow, Lake, Brown.
- 333 Bull Trout ?
 - no recollection.
- 341 Art Baillum - cottager - boat called Cecily - # 3H3 3rd boat registered in Alberta.
 - great fisherman.

- 356 Question: What does Waterton mean to you as a Cottager ?
 - cooler in Winter , family memories / memorabilia kept here.
 - sceptical of Park management - more areas accessible than now -
 - Fire road from Red Rock Canyon into Snowshoe Cabin - Twin Lakes access - Closed now.
 - shelters - Crypt Lake, Crypt Landing, Cabin on Border, Bertha Lake, Alderson, Carthew, Cameron Lake - sheltered hikers from storms - grateful for them.
 - Boundary shelter - concrete foundation - planted grass with sign of rehabilitation BUT large pile concrete left either side of reclaimed area.
- 396 -anecdote: Hiking into Alderson Lake, very cold - snow and rain - without shelter might not have made it.
 - no maintenance involved - reasons?
- 403 Parks
 - important that Park kept for many people to enjoy - not just for hikers - 1% total population.
 -Roads to Cameron Lake and Red Rock Canyon - good.
 - Campgrounds, camp kitchens.
 - Cameron Lake Camp Kitchen - family place - average length of stay at Cameron now - less than one hour ?
- 420 Cottage owners
 - long-time - express concern Parks wants people out of Waterton - retirement place for old Wardens.
 - cottagers feel unwanted - yet spend much time promoting and maintaining Park.
- 428 Crystal Pool
 - small, enclosed - Parks decided on full sized Olympic Pool - old pool torn down.
 - outdoor pool inappropriate - now closed.
 - no community consultation - backlash.
- 445 Park attitudes.
- 447 Question: What do you think National Parks are for ?
 - to preserve certain areas for people of Canada.
 - place where there are things to do - see and do - Waterton see less than used to , less to do now - Dances 7 nights / week, restaurants open until 1am.
 - Today Townsite deserted at night - except for the Thirsty Bear Saloon.
 - activities for young people - roller-skating in theatre and dance hall.
 - hours of operation swimming pool.
 - parks a place to come and see and experience.
 - Need to be made popular - encourage activities, baseball tournaments, swimming.
 - Summer Theatre - attempted to get it going - lack of cooperation from Parks.

- 487 Community met with Parks re: raising money to build new theatre - dance hall.
 - wanted to bring in trailers for Company - denied permission.
 - allowed trailers in Townsite for 2 weeks only.
- 502 Question: How does leasing procedure work ?
 - Leases old - advertizing for people to build cottages Lethbridge Herald - 1930's.
 - turned around and bought up leases 1970's - tore cottages down - no new ones since.
 - discouraged a community - end of the road place.
 - tensions - lack of trust.
- 523 Leases
 - problem - 3 types for cottagers
 - older 42 year lease renewable in perpetuity.
 - 1970's - cancelled perpetual leases across all Parks - cottagers took Government to Supreme Court - ruling restored perpetual leases.
 - 42 year non-renewable lease - or renewable at the whim of Government.
 - "need to reside" (lease) for \$150 / year compared to \$7 - 800 / year.
 - 2 types of residency - 7 month lease can't use cottage during 5 month Winter period. 12 month more expensive.
- 553 Business Leases
 - straight land rental or % of gross.
 - Golf Course lease \$1/ year for 20 years.
- 561 Restrictions
 - 1600 square feet maximum - used to be 1200 square feet.
 - most cottagers agree with this.
 - bureaucracy for additions a nightmare - inspectors etc.
 - Anecdote: re-painting - permission to use particular colours.
- 581 Present move to reduce staff in Park - deal with Provincial inspectors.
 - development.
- 586 Names of Cottages
 - Stagger In - back door Stagger Out - early days in the Park Boozing.
- 594 Cottagers
 - majority Southern Alberta.

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Side Two

- 599 Waterton - destination Park

- not well known - locals and U.S. tourists spill over from Glacier Park.
 - 1995 - U.S. visitors up - locals down.
 - negative information from Parks Canada - fee structure misunderstandings.
 - Waterton at its "price point"
 - Townsite Campground not filling - attribute to negative image.
- 652 Change in Tourism ?
- people no longer happy just seeing - Waterton beautiful but needs more.
 - more senior citizen buses now - International visitors short stays.
 - Yellowstone - Old Faithful - something there besides mountains.
 - Kallispell Valley - more Albertans go there.
- 702 Question: What do you think of the Biosphere Reserve ?
- badly over-played.
 - Environmentalists - no development (lumber, oil, cattle) Need coexistence of these things.
 - Protect but also make it available.
 - Oil well near Park boundary - wonderful - need that.
 - middle ground.
- 736 Biosphere Reserve
- setting up - group of environmentalists and Parks Canada - mandate pushed beyond what it should be.
 - Alberta mountains nearly all Parks - no places for people to go - \$ goes to the U.S.A.
- 765 Ranchers
- fit in well - grasslands - good for cattle - develop ranches become more efficient.
 - Prairie wool ? - good to raise cattle on.
 - need woodlands, wetlands and grasslands - cooperation.
- 792 Wildlife
- used to be more bear - garbage out of town - bears and people - need to reduce the bear population so the chances for encounters are not great.
 - friend killed by a bear in Glacier National Park U.S.A.
 - grizzlies should be trapped and moved if population increases.
 - now cougars a problem in town - parents accompanying children to school.
 - deer reduced due to cougars ?
 - Cougars last ten years only - seen one.
- 837 Wolves
- kill for food and sport - leave carcass for bears.
 - Ranchers - pure bred Heifer (\$) lost to wolf - legitimate complaint.
 - wolves killed off efficiently in past.
 - Three S Motto - "Shoot, shovel and shutup"

- 868 Archaeological Sites ?
No stories of plains people and Kootenay peoples.
- 876 1964 Flood
- lasted longer than 1995 - more snow - crested 2-3 feet higher - gas pumps at Pat's Texaco.
- Cameron Creek - running as high - 1964 Creek bank didn't hold - damaged dozen cottages - destroyed 2.
- awesome - gravel came straight down across fields.
- 907 Characters ?
- Pop Harwood, Gobles; Hughie Craig.
- 917 Waterton Glacier International Peace Park
- Rotary Clubs Montana district 539 and Alberta district 536 1932 petitioned Governments to declare International Peace Park. (U.S. Congress and Act of Parliament)
- every year since except during War - Peace Park Assembly alternates from East Glacier to Waterton - Rotarians 3-400 come together for camaraderie and friendship - Sunday pledge not to take up arms against each other - coexistence.
- Rev. Cannon S. Middleton and Joe Lowe from Cardston and Swanny Swanson from Calgary - instrumental.
- Assembly - Golf, BBQ, handicrafts, cards. Keynote speakers Saturday; Sunday church service followed by a Hands Across the Border Ceremony.
- Johansen Chairman one year - Lethbridge East Club sponsored event.

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