

Interview with Mrs. Nellie Murphy (nee Riviere) at her home the Colonel Macleod Manor in Fort Macleod. 24 May, 1995. Interviewer: Leslie Robertson.

Time: Tape 1 - Side A: 45 mins.
 - Side B: 45 mins.
 Tape 2 - Side A:

Topic of Interview

Mrs. Murphy's early days in the Park: buildings, businesses, personalities, community activities, anecdotes. Changes in Waterton: environmental, wildlife, fees. The Depression: coping. Medicine: midwifery, ethnobotany. Human - animal relationship. Also includes Banff National Park - Ya Ha Tinda where Nellie lived with her husband Cliff Murphy (Warden.)

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Subject

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| 002 | Changes
- scarcity of berries, overgrazing. |
| 015 | Parks Canada since 1919
- description of early Waterton - Dance Hall, Dilatosh Cafe, Nixon Cafe, Baker's Garage, Hazzard's Hotel. |
| 027 | Supplies into the Park - Mr. Caldwell from Hillspring. |
| 033 | Early Waterton community
- mostly Parks employees.
- Nellie's uncle - Wallace Gladstone (warden.)
- Wardens used to put up own hay near old Waterton cabin.
- list of buildings around Park compound area. |
| 067 | Community spirit - cooperation.
- Friday night dances.
- Saturday bridge club.
- Hockey on Lake Linnet. |
| 104 | Policemen.
- very little crime in the Park.
- anecdote: youth dancing in an empty summer cottage. |
| 128 | Early visitors to Waterton.
- from cities.
- residents moving out and renting own houses.
- anecdote: visitor's staying at Nellie's aunt's house. |
| 153 | Wardens and Parks personnel then and now.
- management decisions - land to Forest reserves |

- Ya Ha Tinda Ranch - forestry - grazing, logging, erosion.
- 191 The Depression
 - gardens, canning fruit.
- 212
 - game, berries.
 - 1938-39 - Ya Ha Tinda - sheep diseased - lung worm.
- 238 Changes in wildlife - "meaner"
 - Banff - elk attacks, Coyotes "crazy."
 - anecdotes: children handling fawn/ boy running with buck.
 - Waterton animals not as friendly.
 - Cyril Fuller - warden Banff - feeding sheep Stoney Creek.
- 288 Waterton
 - beauty.
 - fees and firewood from burns in Oil City area.
 - 1920's - \$1 gate fee.
- 316 Criticism of myth of Kootenai Brown.
 - "Frenchy" Riviere's story of Kootenai Brown - stable-boy of Queen Victoria.
- 378 - Isabella Brown "Nichamoose" - description, Park pension after Kootenai's death.
 - Lived with Riviere's in Twin Butte until her death, enjoyed fishing and riding.
- 420 Mrs. Spence - Leonard Gladstone's grandmother. Métis.
 - doctor - herbs, tanned hides.
 - midwife - anecdote: Nellie's mother treated for a miscarriage.
 - Picking herbs and medicines - leave tobacco offerings.
- 472 Yarrow Plant - treat bee stings, cuts, diarrhea.
 - anecdote: working as cook for CPR - treated bull cook who was stung on the head and had an anaphalactic reaction - Yarrow root.
 - arthritis - let the bee sting.
- 512 Pneumonia
- 564 Anecdote: death of Andy Bowers - warden at Belly River cabin.
 - nearest hospital Cardston.
- 610 Shooting / Suicide cook on the Trail crew.
- 670 The Depression.
 - safety, sharing, attitudes, poverty.

- 702 The Depression -extended families at home.
- Steve Harwood cutting wood from Twin Butte school section - neighbours helping.
- 727 - anecdote: death of a neighbour child on Yarrow Creek - pitching in for burial dress.
- buying shoes larger to grow into them.
- 756 Blackfoot and Stoney peoples.
- fishing out creeks (Bighorn and Scalp) Banff.
- 777 Mountain Lions - Ya Ha Tinda.
- 791 Anecdotes: shooting at black bear at Ya Ha Tinda Ranch.
838 Cinnamon bear in the chicken yard.
- 857 Activities in the Park
- riding, boat to Goat Haunt - music and dancing (Presley's boat.)
- Maclean's Dance Hall - Jitney dances, bands from the USA- Mike Kenny.
- 902 - anecdote: purchase of an evening gown - embarrassment.
- 944 Drownings - 1926-27, Cameron Falls.
- 990 Henri "Frenchy" Riviere - Nellie's father.
- son of a French Baron - wanted to be a cowboy.
- family owned a slave plantation in Alabama.
- lived on Martinique (Isle. of.)
- ran away from boarding school.
- joined Navy - Merchant marines? Abusive treatment on ships - jumped ship.
- New York - travelled West - coal mining - joined the Dooley Gang in Montana (horse thieves.)
- 1084 Conflicts on early frontier
- Mormon - non- Mormon - shootings re: sheep vs. cattle.
- open frontier, land 50 cents / acre.
- 1097 - Dooley Gang - horse thieves/robbers - Frenchy stayed until most of the gang members were shot - then moved up to Alberta.
- 1110 Riviere reunion.
- 1132 Immigrants - mostly Anglophone in park.
- 1159 Landscape
- not really changed - more game now, more water then, more fish then.
- 1200 Oil City

- Nellie cooked 1926-28 at camp 10-12 miles further out from Carlson's Camp.
- lumber and tar paper shacks - around 20 men at camp.
- Jack Hazzard.
- Food.
- 1273 - workers - Bill MacEwan, Ekelund, Cox. \$60/ month.
- anecdote: Mr Hustus? from Edmonton down to inspect the wells - fell head first into snowdrift.
- well never produced.
- 7 feet of snow - road access - snowplough.

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Tape 2

- 002 Outdoor clothing
- 014 Weather
- 022 Anecdote: rough crossing of the lake from Kootenai's Cabin to cave.
- 042 Mr. Morris
 - took parties out boating / fishing.
 - wooden leg - scare visitors by putting his knife in it.
- 053 Pike in the Maskinonge
- 060 How to catch fish without a hook or line
- 102 Relationship between humans and animals.
 - fear - moose.
- 128 Bison - no trust.
 - moved from Banff to Rocky Mountain House.
 - Banff wardens used to kill bison, remove the tenderloins and then give the meat to Native peoples.
- 205 - legend of a Native man who nurtured the last remaining bison calves (USA) - from a book.
 - horns and heads - headdresses.
- 235 Jo Cosley
 - Métis poacher / trapper.
 - Martin furs - \$10/ coat. Sold in Calgary - to Dippy McKay? a saddler who re-sold the furs.
- 264 Wolves

- Ya Ha Tinda Ranch - howling, tracks, kills - no waste.

300 Mountain Lions and Coyotes.

339 - Anecdote: fishing encounter with Mountain Lion.

- Uncle at Hillsdale west of Massive Cabin - shot a Lion attacking a Bull elk.

431 Frenchy telling children elk moving into WLNP area.

453 Parks - criticism and changes.

488 Question: What are National Parks for ?

- enjoyment of the people.

- criticism of selling of firewood - employ men to collect wood from Oil City burn.

- Vandalism.

- disciplining children.

605 **END OF INTERVIEW**