

Interview with Mrs. Betty Baker (nee Annand) at her home in Crestview Lodge, Pincher Creek.  
14 June, 1995. Interviewer: Leslie Robertson.

Time: Side A- 45 mins.  
Side B- 20 mins.

Topic of Interview

Supplement to Glenbow tape. More general aspects of life:  
childhood on homestead at Belly River; early Dairy in Park;  
the Depression years.

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Subject

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| 002 | Arrival on 'Scandinavian' from Scotland 1911<br>Father worked Ranch in Caldwell<br>homestead West of Twin Butte - "proving up" the land<br>- School at Drywood                                              |
| 029 | Belly River<br>- School at Caldwell until closed<br>- neighbours Chris Christiansen family<br>- started dairy farm and market garden - supplies to Waterton once / week                                     |
| 038 | Drywood neighbours - Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knight (Suptd. WLNP)<br><br>Belly River<br>- school in Mountain View- 6 miles away.<br>- Winter - boarded out in bad weather.                                        |
| 051 | Bordered Blood Reserve<br>- raiding the garden when the Annands in Cardston.                                                                                                                                |
| 073 | Move to WLNP<br>- age 14 years old - took cows and had Dairy.<br>Snow graders - George Annand and Percy Gregory.                                                                                            |
| 089 | Waterton School 1924<br>- Carl Danielson house next to Kilmorey.<br>- teacher Florence Keith.                                                                                                               |
| 098 | First visit to Waterton Lakes National Park<br>- Democrat and horse team - tea with Kootenai Brown.<br>Isabella Brown - lived in tent at Moccasin Flats.<br>- anecdote: return of Kootenai Brown as a bird. |
| 143 | - anecdote: funeral of Nichamoose - hearse had flat tires - George Baker asked<br>during service to repair.                                                                                                 |
| 165 | Question: Women ?<br>- stoking fires, walking every where.                                                                                                                                                  |

- 185           - first Winter delivered milk on horseback.  
Families in Town  
- Gregory, Foxy McKenzie, Steve Harwood, George Baker, Annands.
- 194           Prince of Wales Hotel  
- increase population - workers.  
- dances at workers' bunkhouse.
- 219           Supplies mostly from Cardston - road better.  
Coal - from Beaver Mines and Cardston  
POW supplies from U.S. through Cardston.  
Mail from Pincher Creek.
- 239           Medicine - "took care of yourself"  
- cold medicines: rubs and cough syrups.  
- Midwives / nurses - Mrs. Jack Gladstone - knew wild plants.
- 259           First Radio - Foxy McKenzie.
- 265           Lamps - fill with coal oil.  
Washing on scrub boards.
- 283           Father (George Annand) a streetcar driver in Glasgow  
- died 1952.
- 299           Mother - loneliness.  
- community spirit - cooperation.  
- now more independence.
- 325           Jack Hazzard
- 338           Levi Ashman
- 345           Christmas Concert in the first School.  
Community "get togethers"
- 360           Dances in schools - Parkview and Twin Butte.  
Schoolhouse used before Lion's Hall in Waterton.
- 372           Waterton Dairy  
- Summers camped Pass Creek bridge with cows.  
- glass bottles - pints and quarts.  
- cream separator.  
- Winter moved back to property Belly River.
- 395           -Age 13 - Betty rode back and forth to farm to check cattle.
- 405           -anecdote: nearly drowned in Belly River - Spring waters, cattle on wrong side of river.

- Father built house in Park - stores keeper and timekeeper for Government.
- 445 Wardens - horseback - district system.  
- Chris Christensen Belly River, son Jack succeeded father in position.
- 470 Timber - residents cut their own wood.
- 490 Golf Course - tanker and horse team for water from Pass Creek.
- 497 Horse Barn - Government Compound  
- Jack Gladstone stable boss; Foxy MacKenzie Park mechanic.
- 508 Prince of Wales Hotel - construction of.  
- worked as chambermaid for 6 seasons.  
- clientele.  
- staff accommodations.
- 542 Depression years.  
- husband - George Baker looked after ration tickets etc.  
- women's roles while men off to War.
- 577 Baker's Garage - oldest original business in Park.  
- lived in Park for 62 years.
- 593 Question: What do Parks mean to you ?  
- Privatization.  
- For the people - rules and regulations.
- 603 Question: How do you imagine Waterton in another Hundred years ?  
- Still be a Park ?  
- other places to go without the restrictions.
- 628 Question: Changes in the Park ?  
- largest in the business district - should not be any more.  
- wildlife - not as many animals.  
- bears.
- 651 - cougars  
- coyotes - kill deer after chasing out onto ice.  
- Foxes - used to be at Lake Linnet.  
- elk - Pass Creek Flat.
- 669 Tourists
- 673 POW Hotel - staff days off.
- 684 Dances "Jitney"

- posted list of names from different districts in region.
- fires in Town - hired night watchmen to watch their properties.

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Cameron Lake Concession  
- eight cabins, store, Light Plant.

### **END TAPE**

**The tape ends with Betty Baker singing a song at the Waterton Park School Reunion on the 3 June, 1995.**