

Interview with Doris Burton (nee Riggall) at her home in Pincher Creek.
13 July, 1995. Interviewer: Leslie Robertson.

Time:	Tape One - Side A: 45 mins. - Side B: 40 mins. Tape Two - Side A: 45 mins. - Side B: 45 mins.	<u>Topic of Interview</u>	Descriptive tales of early Homesteading: Women on the Frontier; cultural diversity; lifestyle. Family history in the Waterton Park area - personalities; Flood of 1908. Outlaws; Native peoples; Ranchers.
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<u>Tape</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Subject</u>
001		Introduction.
008		Mrs. Kootenai Brown - Nichemoose - made a fuss over Doris as a child. - Kootenai Brown - tall and straight - not as friendly.
040		Waterton mountains - childhood names for. - Personification of basin - "friend" - Clarke Range North - South; Wilson Range - East and South to Chief Mt. - Kootenai Lakes = Waterton Lakes; Oil Trail = Red Trail over Lineham Summit = Crandell Lake to Oil City (wagon Trail.)
076		Oil City - horses spooked by the derricks - Townsite laid out and surveyed - some foundations - one stone building. - Pool on Cameron Creek where crude oil on surface - rubbed it on the horses as fly repellent. - farmers use of oil - Aldridge - workhorses and machinery - used a diamond drill bit.
131		Flood 1908 - Bert Riggall worked at Gloyne's Camp 1907 - 08 - derrick, barns - camp. - Photo: oil derrick at Gloyne's.
160		- Flood - only temporary bridges - they rebuilt - shortage of food. - after flood Riggall worked for Endersby haying. - community salvaging logs for three years after flood. - Hanson Saw Mill devastated - moved saw mill downstream - logs full of grit.
230		- Riggall's diary - logs 1/2 mile from original channel. - 3-4 barns in area built from the logs. - not so much suffering - not very many people / permanent structures.
250		Homesteaders' possessions - furniture hand hewn - rough - tools: adze axe, hand saws.

- 277 - Mother had trunk from Old Country - Father's desk sent from England.
1908
- after Gloyne's Camp - Riggall put up hay for Ted and Vade Endersby.
- meadow below Lakeview Ridge - later sold to John Rankin.
- Doris born at Uncle's on Lake - "Mrs. Riggall's Cookstove Lake" = unnamed on the Shodoree Ranch.
- retrieving the Cookstove probably made out East - Ontario/ Quebec.
- 331 Anecdote: after 1908 flood food shortage - people eating porcupine.
- description of taste of porcupine.
- Riggall rode out to get supplies - came to Rube Carlson's (where Dunbar's are now) - he was in Cardston and his wife and children had no food. Rode to Twin Butte bought supplies - some to Mrs. Carlson - back to Gloyne's.
- Gloyne's Camp - derrick not working, barn swamped, team OK.
- 369 1909 - Riggall started a guiding outfit.
- Jack Hazzard - partners with Riggall for one year - 1st Hotel in Waterton.
- Cyril Whatmough - partner with Riggall until 1919.
- after 1919 - Riggall on his own.
- Cyril - Prisoner of War in World War One.
- 380 Bert Riggall - Mountain Man
- drive from Pincher Creek to WLNP - see profile in mountains of Father.
- love of the mountains - wouldn't return to England.
- Burial wishes - Rockies.
- used to holiday in the Swiss Alps.
- climber, naturalist.
- 405 Open Range - no fences - pasture - no competition - bison gone.
Bison
- lament of loss - imagined bison herds across the plains migrating.
- bison skull with horn cases well preserved in swamp.
- bison wallows, rubbing rocks - shiny / oil from hides.
- 440 Native Peoples
- use of bison - thread, hides, ornaments, pemmican with berries.
- often saw Stoneys hunting along mountains.
- anecdote: Noah - Chief and minister - friend.
- description of clothing - buckskin, colours.
- 467 - Sinew - from hump of bison and horses - tough - ingenuity.
- 495 Last Peigan Sun Dance - Riggall's and Crosby's attended - Photos:
506 White's disturbed migration routes of bison BUT happened naturally as well.
- 524 Mostly saw Stoneys, Sarcee and Peigan peoples.

- employment on the Ranches / farms building drift fences for cattle.
- Sitton owned land before the Riggalls - hired Stoneys.
- 538 Anchor P Ranch = Rocking P -22,000 head cattle.
- 538 Fences
 - Father-in Law - Frederick Charles Burton arrived in 1882 (aged 16 from Guelph Ontario) - only fences around the buildings - roving range cattle.
- 554 Frederick's Father a farmer in Yorkshire - worked every day in a white canvass coat.

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Side Two

- 600 Native peoples
 - after Doris married only Stoney men came through.
 - anecdote: Moses Dickson brought his son - same age as Bob (Doris' son) - fascination with Bob's toys. Bob happy for the company - isolation.
- 663 Métis peoples
 - worked for others, had homes, good cowboys / ranchers.
- 691 Homesteaders
 - some couldn't make a living against the mountains - FROST - gardens, wheat and oats.
 - some "proved up" then sold land for \$10 - starved out.
 - Frederick Burton bought out homesteaders on land - many didn't understand the country.
 - many homesteaders left Late 1800's / early 1900's - better luck on prairies.
- 731 Question: How did people live off the land ?
 - team horses, berries, milk cow, cattle.
 - Town 20 - 30 miles away.
 - worse off in Saskatchewan - travel on foot, carry loads on back, storms and no landmarks.
- 763 Anecdote: woman from London (G.B.) homesteading in Eyebrow Saskatchewan - shortage of food - husband absent - shot her first deer.
- 786 Women
 - dumped in one room shacks - no sound, no neighbours.
 - had to deal with everything or collapse - very few cracked up.
 - furniture and luxuries at home - here log house, rough shelves, hauling water, scrubbing boards, making soap.

- twice / year get together with other settler's wives - exchange knowledge.

- 844 Medicines / Accidents - remedies
- Puffball from prairies and mountains - when ripe - brown powder inside to stop bleeding.
- Yarrow tea - rheumatism.
- tree sap - skin lotions / antiseptic.
- 863 Anecdote: two women lived across the River from each other. White rag on clothes line - everything OK. Red or coloured rag - "I need help" - class barriers disappeared.
- 875 Midwifery
- learned through experience + tales from the Old Country about the Umbilical cord and air passages and swaddling.
- Bravery - raise 8 - 10 children - "citation and a monument"
- 894 Doctors
anecdote: Dr. DeBuke? drove from Pincher Creek to Lundbreck in a car; used a sleigh to get into the mountains then rode on saddlehorse 15 miles to tend a patient.
- 905 Midwives: Bertha McCarthy; Mrs. McClaren; Mrs. McCoomb (Reg. nurse East side of Porcupine Hills).
- miscarriages, accidents, scalding - stove boiler with bleach to whiten clothes.
- 933 "Girls of the Night" - vs. wives
- Red Light Districts in Towns.
- 953 Waterton
anecdote: Riggall took daughters to a dance. Weren't allowed to accept tips from Riggall's patrons but given \$5 - bought a \$3 dress and Paten leather shoes - rode to Waterton - changed clothes in a stand of timber. Dance hall no walls - open. Didn't know how to dance - thrilling.
- 977 1910 - Mother ran a tent store at Cameron Bay - 2 children and expecting Doris (Dickie 3, Kaye 2?) - cooked, tended the store and watched the children.
- Doris born on Uncle's farm on way to Bertha McCarthy's - Aunt Amy a reluctant midwife.
- 1006 Waterton Park
- aesthetic charm - pine smell, waters, "holiday feeling" NOW busy, cars, gasoline.
- homemade ice cream - not pasteurized - ice houses - in saw dust.

- 1025 Question: Special Places in Waterton ?
- Trail rides Route: cross Pass Creek (at this time the bison paddock was a community pasture) - over Lineham Summit to Oil City - through the Akamina (using an old Indian trail / trapper's trail).
- Devil's Corner - Father's story - outfitting trip.
- Slide's Meadows - Yarrow Creek Summit - (Big Horn Pass) - West side straight down to Slide's Meadows - above Goat Lake ? (*Riggall refers to Slides and Meadow Cache as the same place - this location is West of the Park boundary.)
- Falls Meadows - Wall Lake onto the wall zig zag across on balcony trail down to Falls Meadows near Kintla ? musical sound of falling water from the West - Mt. King Edward.
- Fallen timber - along Akamina trail see map.

- 1148 Oil Basin
- derrick erected but dry hole.
- also called "Riggall Basin"

Hazzard's mine - Lakeview Ridge / Horseshoe Basin - hoped / dreamt for the railway to come in there - hauling coal in a gunny sack.

Gravesite - (Richard Riggall 1907 - 1911) slope of Lakeview Ridge.

- far Hazzard's mine outside of surveyed quarter - everything disintegrated now - not above the West gate of her land.

Access to gravesite - prohibited use of the Park boundary trail by Parks Canada.

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Tape Two

- 002 Brother's gravesite - contd.
- 012 Question: Archaeological Sites ?
- son always finding arrowheads and flints - common sense to find campsites the Gap - Fly Creek.
- Travois Trail - South Kootenay Pass - well travelled by trappers - over Blackiston - very precipitous drop hard work for the horses.
- 091 Wood
- "Wood Mountain" = Corner / Prairie Bluff Mt.
- fire kill timber - lightning - cured wood - load wagons - team dragged wood down to wagons.
- now Shell Oil had 7 derricks there.

- 135 anecdote: assisting with a children's camp - difference between horses raised in Mountains and those not - labouring up Wood Mountain.
- 181 Bertha Marshall
 - break horses side - saddle - for genteel ladies.
 - very capable - Photo: Sylvia Ward with Bertha.
 - lived at the mouth of Blind Canyon.
 - husband Lee Marshall - ran horses ?
- 210 Zeke Jones
 - first man in Blind Canyon - Riggall's bought horses from him.
 - lost a leg in a milling accident - relative of the Terrils.
 - May Terrill - teacher - N.W. of Lundbreck - appendicitis - peritonitis - death.
- 250 Mrs Glasgow
 - Riggall hired Mr. Glasgow on pack trips - never took his hat off, always rode behind.
 - visiting Glasgow's as a child - Doris would not go near her - unusual.
 - Story Goes: Mrs. Glasgow really Kate Bender from Kansas who murdered then fled to Oregon - settled next to Doris' mother-in-law. Bender murdered young men going West to find their fortunes - Pinkertons' on their trail - fled to Canada - bought land.
 - Hill Sth. Twin Butte - Nth. slope = Shannons' Hill; Sth. slope = Glasgow Hill.
 - refer to Fred Huddleston's book for the Glasgow Story.
 - Mrs. Glasgow died in California - pardoned ?
 - "wicked deeds" - men eating at the table - curtain behind - hit on the head, buried
 - 23 bodies found in garden and under the floor.
 - Oregon - Glasgow's boy - they insured him, then tied him to a wild horse on the prairie - he died.
 - became a legend.
- 357 Train Robber
 - from the U.S. - good cowboy helped with branding - hid out on Pine Ridge - food brought to him - returned to U.S. - killed.
- 382 Doris Burton working on a history of Twin Butte.
- 387 Question: Who should be remembered here ?
 Kootenai Brown; Jack Hazzard; Dave Carpenter (homesteaded Carpenter Creek = Drywood 2 valleys Nth. Blind Canyon); Glasgows.
- 398 Frenchy Riviere
 anecdote: dog team pulling into yard at Hawks Nest - bells - scared horses - gone for a week.

- big man - yelled his commands in Native language.
- Riggall took photos of Riviere's wolves and 2 bears obtained from Trimble Film Co. left the animals behind.
- wolf called "Tommy" - some days friendly.

- 447 Wolves
- couldn't ranch with them - calves and colts victims.
 - King Brothers - trappers for Waldren Ranch - packs killing steers.
 - anecdote: wolf showed up from the North - "gazing around like a tourist" - walked down through horses - then sat on the hill below - hired hand's horse bolted - wolf sat there not frightened - shot the wolf.
 - Howls - eerie cry.
- 493 Wolf bite - hollow in the teeth containing poison - if animal bleeds - OK - if not blood poisoning.
- 1943 - mare bitten.
- 507 Wildlife Changes
- Deer plentiful.
 - Elk - not until Fall of 1937 in the Gap - fire opened up country or starvation ?
 - Deer for meat - a staple, hang meat in salt shed - breezy.
 - Sometimes - otter, mink.
 - coyotes - always around- late 1940's mange - hair fell off tails - price skins fell.
- 552 Wolves - killed off before (early nineteens) - "to bring them back is dynamite"
- cattle or wolves - one or the other - no compromise.
 - Jrnkins shot black wolf 1940's.

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- 598 Chinese Peoples
- worked on roads and railways - strength of the crews - many died from Scurvy.
 - couldn't eat polished rice.
 - Panned for gold in Fraser River , ran Laundromats and restaurants.
- 647 Anecdote: First visit to a Chinese restaurant (Lon Him ? Lundbreck) - wagon into Pincher Creek the 'Cadillac' with Pop Harwood. 25 cents for a huge plate of food.
- 695 Train Trip to Vancouver
- Kettle Valley - railway through Crowsnest Pass - Wardner, Fernie, Elko, Cranbrook, Greenwood switched trains (steer teetering on rail trestle).
- steam engines - when stopped coaches became cold.
 - Vancouver - opened their eyes - hillbillies.
 - Vancouver - left Pincher Creek 10 inches of snow - arrived Van. 9 inches of snow - broken pipes everywhere.

- 768 Fires
- Summer fires in timber from train engines - could see the sparks at night.
- Pioneer trains - Settler trains.
- 815 Question: what did early people think of National Parks ?
- picnics - wagons and camping for one week before haying.
- Banff different - it had the Railway ; Waterton - mostly locals - berries, fishing, loafing.
- Riggall brought people from Minneapolis for 3 weeks.
- can't berry-pick now ? Black Bear Mountain.
- 844 Berries
- 1925 good year for huckleberries - SE slope of Cameron - picked 2 year supply.
- 1923 flood year - Great strawberries.
- 1927 great strawberries - horses left red tracks.
- 887 Changes Vegetation
- Riggall's photos - Spread Eagle Road - open meadows now towering timber.
- storms and high waters - swept away stands of timber.
- 907 1930 - 1940's - Columbian Gophers - "whole mountain meadows moved" - did away with a lot of grass.
- 920 1880's - big cattle drives - Huddleston from Texas - cattle from Kansas to Texas to Canada.
- Cochrane Ranches - some big herds from Ontario.
- storms - needed one year supply of hay for the Winter.
- 1886 - 1887 bad years
- cattle not raised here died and drifted - grass to the stirrups - cut it and stacked it.
- many early ranchers wiped out in these years.
- 948 Fire
- homesteaders afraid of it - lightning.
- ploughed a fire guard around the house and buildings.
- blackened areas on the Peigan Reserve.
- some in the farm district - burned stubble fields.
- also dreaded with North storms
- burned to clear land.
- 973 Sitton - hated magpies - used burn trees they were nesting in - neighbours built fireguards.
- 980 Furniture - no springs, straw mattresses, feather ticks, hide coverings.

1912 - tick under and over - no bedstead.

1001 Question: Why are these stories important ?

" We should create respect for those people who came here first. It was no easy task. It wasn't Bonanza. It wasn't "Go West young and make your fortune" - it was "Go West and get ground down to bedrock if you ever had anything to drive down." You arrived here and you endured what nature flung at you and I think there's not enough respect ... "

Women

- Coal Oil - darkness, sewing, breast-feeding, supplies on sleigh and root cellar the saviour - fruit from B.C. apples.
- Root Cellar - safety for food - indispensable.
- homesteads gone now but root cellars still evident.

1046 Riggall's photography

- dark room, very busy developing and printing.
- earliest photos: Huddlestons - retrieving timber from Waterton River 1908.

1076 Question: How do you imagine Waterton in another Hundred Years ?

- Gloomy outlook - War - nuclear weapons.
- Conflict - industry versus environment.
- overpopulation

- Postal Services - Now a book to the U.S.A. - \$6. Early days - grandmother's diary from England on ship - across the country by stage coach - last leg of trip by saddlehorse - could do it then - Why not Now ?

- grandmother used to sew treasures into garments she sent from England - drove customs people crazy.

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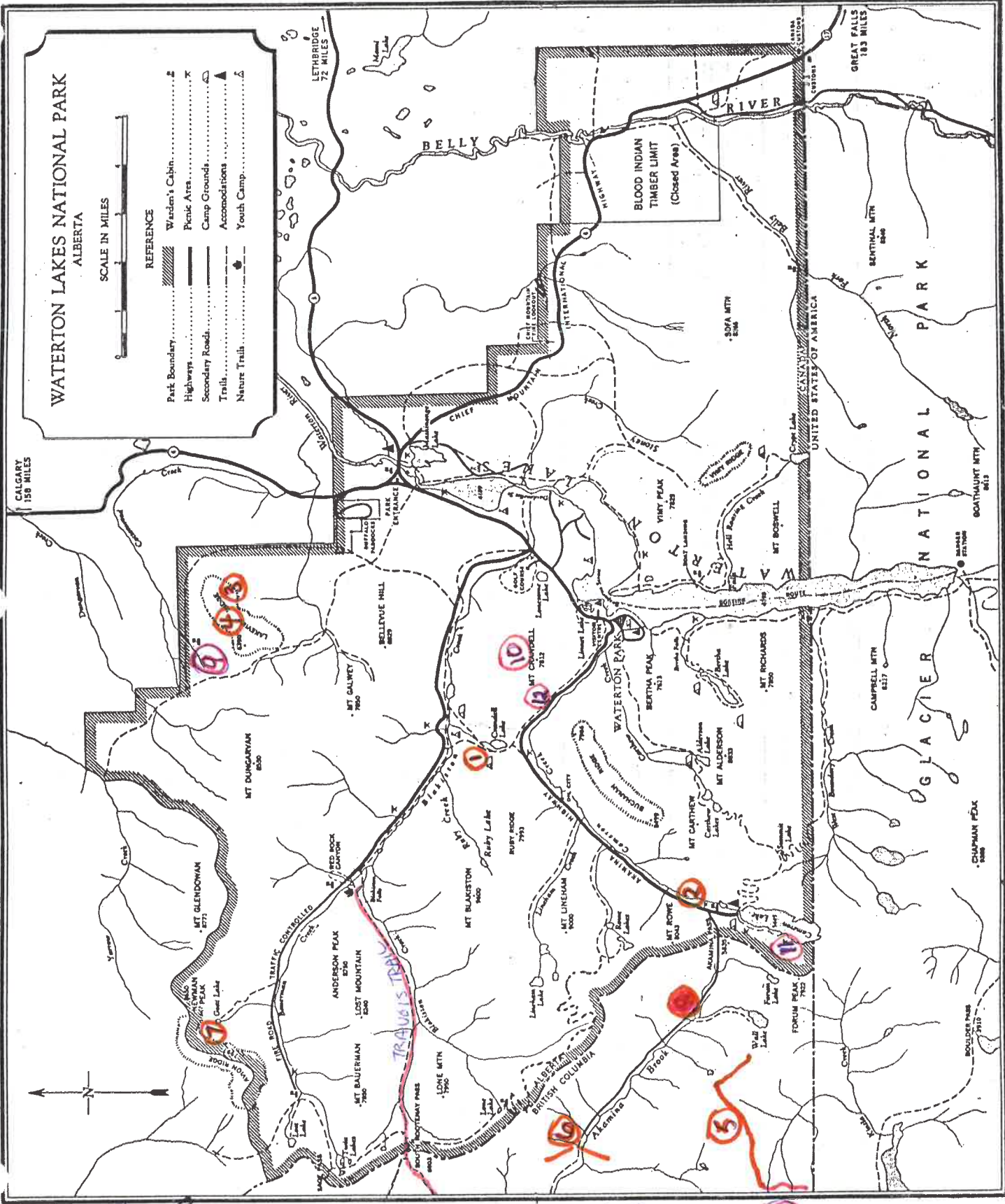
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WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK
ALBERTA

SCALE IN MILES

REFERENCE

- Park Boundary
- Highways
- Secondary Roads
- Trails
- Nature Trails
- Warden's Cabin
- Picnic Area
- Camp Grounds
- Accommodations
- Youth Camp



1. Lineham Summit
2. Little Prairie
3. Gravesite Richard Roggall (1907-1911)
4. JACK HAZARD COAL MINE
5. BALCONY TRAIL
6. BROWN DOON TIMBER
7. SLIDES MEADOWS
8. FALLS MEADOWS?
9. ZIGGALL BASIN
10. BLACK BEAR MTN.
11. HUCKLEBERRIES 1925
12. DEVIL'S CORNER

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