

Interview with Mr. Jack (Jonny) Ekelund at his home in Pincher Creek, Alberta.  
26 June, 1995. Interviewer: Leslie Robertson.

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

Topic of Interview

Reminiscences of early Waterton and area: horses and ranching; saw mills Oil City and Forum Lake; buying hay from the Blood Reserve; grain hauling in Oregon; Twin Butte School.

Tape

Footage

Subject

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| 002 | Introduction   |
| 003 | Brother Nels Junius - Park Warden with Kootenai Brown.<br>Kootenai Brown<br>- "wicked temper"<br>- first wife - death of while K.B. selling furs in Fort Macleod.<br>- two children taken by Father Lacombe. |
| 017 | Nichamoose<br>- description.   |
| 027 | Bert Knight - War Veteran; Frenchy Riviere.  |
| 042 | Road building - graders and horses.  |
| 051 | anecdote: Bert Knight and "old Frenchman" dispute.   |
| 062 | Changes - mainstreet<br>- Horse Race track 1916-1918 from middle Lake to upper Lake. (Photo: Walter Jenkins winning race.)   |
| 080 | Old Oil Trail - Pincher Creek to Waterton.<br>First log cabin on Kilmorey site - Charlie Kemmis (lawyer)   |
| 088 | Jack Hazzard<br>- homestead location.<br>- quick tempered.<br>- Hotel - clear space for dance floor at night - violin and piano from Mountain View.  |
| 125 | Ranching - worked for Bennett on Shodoree Ranch for 22 years.  |
| 140 | Oil City<br>- worked with Ed Goble - saw mill cutting cordwood for Waterton.   |

- later worked at saw mill at Forum Lake for Carl Carlson.
- Steam engine brought in from Beaver Mines to saw mill - working with Delance Strate.
- Anecdote: moving engine to new site on Forum Creek - knocking down trees.
- Carl Carlson "You know Jonny, I don't have any money."
- "I know Carl, you don't have any money."
- 184 - 2, 000 logs decked with Joe McCarthy - 1, 800 ft / day sawing with circular saw.
- Jonny ran cut off saw in front of engine, Strate ran engine.
- 202 - Today still saw dust at the site.
- wood went to oil well site 6 miles away. They ordered 40, 000 feet of lumber from Carlson.
- Jack's brother and father built Akamina ? trail with horses, slipscraper and axe.
  
- 226 Old Oil Trail - across bison paddock -over Blue Lake (Crandell) - road marker visible. Travelled Akamina when it was merely a trail.
  
- 246 Oil City
  - barn, derricks, bunkhouse, cookhouse.
  - 8 - 10 permanent people there - sawmill didn't work well there.
  - oil seepage - horses wouldn't drink from the East end of creek.
  
- 278 Oil Basin
  - Kessler Homestead - Mrs. Kessler left alone half of the time.
  
- 300 Old Stoney Trail
  - Kootenai and Blackfoot - Indian Springs - big camp.
  - anecdote: Riding with Jenkins attempting to rope a grizzly.
  
- 329 Grizzly Bears
  - Yarrow Canyon 1919 - hired to run horses (community owned) up the canyon to Riggall's Flat - canyon full of grizzly bears and mountain sheep - horses wouldn't stay.
  
- 342 - very few Wolves.
  
- 345 anecdote: Permit to carry a Marlin 30 - 30 rifle - as a boy - took shots at bears often.
- 353 anecdote: breaking horses with George Riviere for Bert Riggall.
  
- 364 Frenchy Riviere
  - dog teams - pure bred Wolves.
  - James Riviere - poaching over Summit - wolves snarling - good sleigh dogs.
  - anecdote: Joe McCarthy and Jonny sold dog team to Levi Ashman - got loose in Waterton Townsite, chasing deer around.

- 405 Joe Cosley  
- worked with Nels making the shakes to cover Goat Haunt Chalet.  
- could stand without using his hands .  
- died up North in an old cabin.
- 419 Roddy Hilliard and Jonny put the shakes on the Chalet.  
anecdote: testing for water proof of shakes - had to take down and oil them.  
- Jonny bought the first meal sold in the Goat Haunt Chalet for 35 cents from Mrs. Hanson.
- 452 Timber  
- barns and other buildings made from logs lost in Flood of 1908 - still a log on the Jenkins Ranch.
- 468 - helped Henry Hanson build Goat Haunt Chalet - Hanson built with "pig pen" corners using only a chisel.
- 488 good Nellie Riviere cooked at Carlson's Camp - Jonny wonders how she made such hotcakes without eggs.
- 506 anecdote: Scotty Morris - by boat to Waterton one night - sitting on a bale of hay - fell off with him on it.
- 530 Jim Simpson - Saddlehorse Company.  
- horse pasture.  
anecdote: getting a ride to Waterton with Walter Jenkins - rough horse.
- 552 Hockey Club and ice rink on Lake Linnet  
- lights from Great Northern Hotel.  
- coach - Andy Ford NWMP.
- 569 Lionell Brooke  
- description (monocle).  
anecdote: Brooke driving his rig recklessly and crashing in Pincher Creek.  
- partners with Hatfield, then Billie Huddleston took Hatfield to establish Ranch - present site Waterton Colony.
- 600 Ranching  
- big ranches early days: Waldern, Bar U, Cochrane Ranch later belonged to the Mormon Church.  
- Jenkins had a lease on the Blood Reserve.  
anecdote; Jenkins' philosophy on gentle horses.
- 642 - Jenkins had 40 - 45 horses never ridden.  
- breaking horses - hobbles and blindfolds.

- 661 Jonny and Joe McCarthy breaking horses on trail into Waterton - John Morris'  
barn - dances.
- 686 Bo Holroyd  
- bachelor days - homestead East of Ekelund's.

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### SIDE B

- 728 Horses  
anecdote: riding his horse that was raised in the Park - its response to wind.
- 745 Medicine  
- "toughed it out and kept your mouth shut."  
anecdote: axe through his foot - doused with iodine.
- 784 Nels (brother) Warden at Yarrow Creek. - house still standing.
- 793 Sofa Mountain - two places where warm air rises out of the mountain - East end.  
- Indian Trail.
- 803 Indian Springs - archaeological sites - arrowheads etc.
- 813 Worked for McIntyre Ranching Company for 14 years.  
- bought hay from the Blood Reserve \$13 to \$20 / tonne.  
- comparison between Piikani and Kainai.  
- learned to speak Blackfoot fluently.  
anecdote: Joe Ribneck and Micky Mariamo working for Jonny - weighing the Hay.
- 867 Flat where grew Hay in Waterton used to be covered with Elk.
- 883 Floods and fires - opinion.
- 897 Weather  
- (-52 degrees) at Carlson's Camp - axe bouncing off the tree.  
- wind - 110 miles per hour - building the Great Northern Hotel.
- 940 Beauty of Waterton.
- 956 Recreation  
-"Slider's Meadows" Sth. Rowe Mountain. - cabin there - team of horses stay two weeks.  
- fishing at Cameron Lake.  
- fishing in Pine Creek.

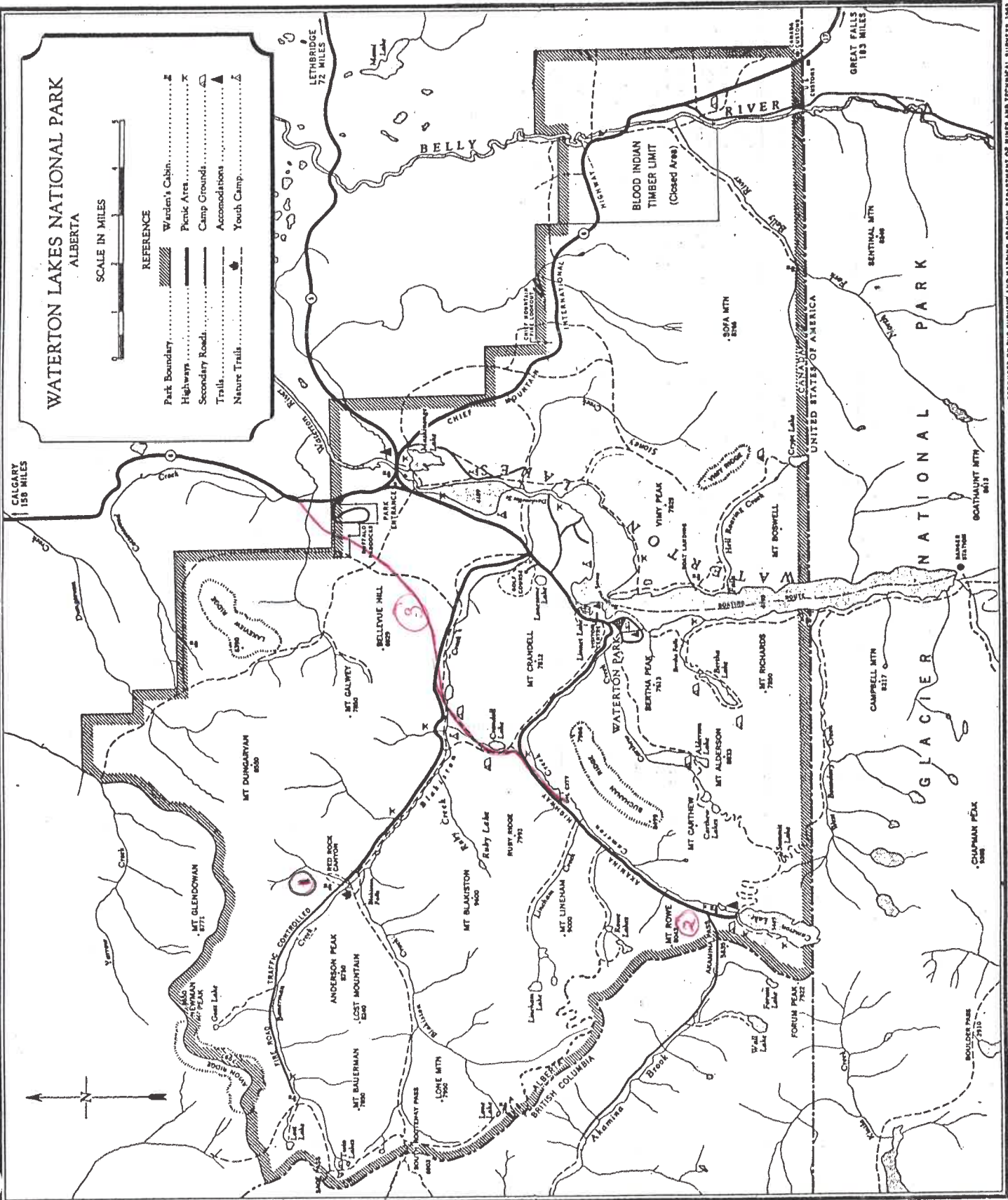
- 1000 Townsite  
- Nixon's restaurant - "Mother Nixon" - walk from Oil City 6 miles.
- 1015 Supplies in from Cardston.  
Summer passes
- 1040 Camping and early access to Waterton.
- 1057 First memory WLNP.
- 1077 The Depression
- 1086 Oil City - cutting firewood.
- 1092 Echo, Oregon U.S.A. - hauling grain - 33 head on team.  
- Old Oregon trail.
- 1150 Kingsgate border crossing.  
- had to be 16 years old to enter U.S. - sent home at age 15.  
- let in - hired to skin mules (drive mules?)  
- comparison U.S. and Canada for hiring young men.
- 1194 - worked for Kimmeys 1 year.  
- went to trade school - mechanic until brought in V 8 engines.
- 1208 Twin Butte School  
- rode 2.5 miles to school.  
- teachers: Hargrove - anecdote: boxing gloves.  
- made \$80/month, walked 1.5 miles, paid \$20 room and board.  
- anecdote: leaving school to brand calves.  
- rustling and fences.
- 1310 John George (Kootenai) Brown  
- Mrs. Fitzpatrick (Jonny's teacher) remembered K.B. getting into trouble with the Queen - sent to India - sailed around the Horn twice. Quick tempered. Shot a man in Fort Benton.
- 1355 "Kanouse" son of Riviere - broke horses for Jenkins.  
"Mother Riviere" Nellie Gladstone - made Jonny pair of moccasins sewn with sinew for \$3. Still has them.

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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 Ground     |
|           | Accommodations  |
|           | Youth Camp      |



1. PASS CREEK CANYON (BULL PASTURE)
2. CABIN
3. Old Oil TRAIL

JACK EKELUND