

## **Mel Johnson and Gene Peterson II**

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### **Note**

*The tape did not identify which man was speaking, so I just called them 1 and 2. Number 2 has the deep voice. "M" is the Mark, the interviewer. – Jennie Hakes*

### **Side A**

M: ...So that Douglas logging camp, where was that at?

1 (don't know which): I was trying to pull some more of that other here, but I (sounds of papers rustling)...

2: It had to be down on that side cliff place down here.

M: Down in here?

2: Yeah. It had to be there next to the Sandy River, I think.

(long pause)

1: Who was the owner of Sandy River, down there?

2: Kent?

1: It says E. M. Douglas.

M: Ok. Let's call it the Sandy River Camp.

2: Sandy River Lumber Company. I don't know if they stopped there or not.

M: What year? Do you have any idea approximately?

(long pause)

2: (under breath) This is by Carr (?). Well, it was back in the latter 1800s or early 1900s, I guess.

M: Oh, that early. Real early.

1: I think it was a little bit later than that, maybe.

2: Oh?

1: 'Cause here, it mentions the survey station there, where they had the tower down there, and you'd go to the tower...

2: To Tower Lake, you mean?

1: Yeah, you'd go down through that area to get to the tower, or marker. And it didn't mention anything about that lumber camp here in 1905. Usually they mentioned the

things they could see around from the tower. But it mentions something about Frisk in that area. That's where you turn off from the road to go south to that station.

M: The station...?

1: Well, it was... they made that geological survey?

M: Oh.

1: In 1905, they went through here? They had a tower down here by that Tower Lake. Anyhow, I got a list of the different stations here. And it's kinda descriptive.

2: It don't show it on here, but there's a couple of puddle lakes back in here. And one of 'em, they kinda called Tower Lake, because of that tower, right?

1: Yup.

2: And they used that, when they did this last survey here, oh, what – 15, 18 years ago or...

1: Well, they redid it, I think, with the original markers. I'm tryin' to find where... it was to get the elevations where they went from – oh – Tamarack to Duluth, and from western Minnesota, I know they had some at Gull Lake here. I was trying to find... Tamarack... (rustling papers). The green book.

2: That was, the last one they did was more or less of a night light trip, wasn't it?

1: Oh, yeah, it was for getting elevations. (more papers rustling)

M: And that was for the photography maps?

1: No, it was just for getting elevations, but they did it my triangulation. It is a different... some of this (unintelligible) they had around here.

M: They were all over the place.

1: Yeah, they were about 6 miles apart.

2: They had portable units with towers, didn't they?

1: Back in those days, no.

2: No, no! Now.

1: Oh, yeah, now. They had it (unintelligible) pretty good. But they had to do it with lights at night. (rustling papers) I can't find that... Oh, here it is. There. There's one there. Kelley Lake here. On top of that hill there.

You see, then they'd give readings. What you could see in different areas. Now here, where could see (name I can't make out, sounds like "La-vitch-ee's") barn. Over here, they could see... Each station would give some landmarks at the time, you know. Buildings or what you could see there from the tower.

2: They were out here by Bridge 60 by the railroad, too. And they were, I don't know what they did there, but they had a bunch of stakes out there and stuff, and then afterwards they put up a monument right there by my gate, though.

1: Oh, that was a different thing, I think.

2: That was a different one? Oh. Yeah. You are probably right. Yeah.

1: Yeah. This was strictly for getting elevations.

M: So that tower is just west of Tower Lake there. And that was put in what year?

1: Uh, 1905, I think.

M: 1905? That's worth mentioning. USGS probably did that. Or who did that?

1: Mmmmm – the Geodetic Survey they called it. Coast and Geodetic Survey. It says the report was written in 1911, but they got all the elevations here. The height of the instrument above the ground here, it was... was it at Tamarack it was 75 feet? 23 meters. That there was one heck of a tower to climb. (unintelligible)

M: It was a Geodetic... (rustling papers) Coast and Geodetic Survey.

1: They a little restriction where their markers were, whatever they... as they went along.

M: Hmm.

1: It was mainly to get the elevations, you know. They finally went to Lake Superior. I suppose that's the way they got the... But they started at the Gulf of Mexico, and worked north. On TV one time, they showed just how they determined the height of – oh – what's the highest peak? Mount Everest. Did you see that?

M: Yeah. Where they were arguing over whether K2 or Everest was taller?

1: Yeah. Well, they showed how they made the... went across India building those towers out of stone? How their baseline had to be so accurate. They had to have a roof over it, so... a mile-long roof.

2: Everest is gettin' taller every year!

1: It is goin' up?

2: Yeah!

M: Yeah, I saw that one, and there was also one about where there was an argument, so they measured it with satellites. And they found that K2 was higher. So then they actually had to go back in and found out the original measurements way back then were correct. The satellite was...

2: I'll be darned.

1: Well, they were really pretty accurate there. They've had some really... well, that's the idea for triangulation. They can check that, you know, in more than one way. My dad used to talk about it a little bit, you know. He wasn't very old when they went through there. And nobody else ever seemed to know anything about it. Then I happened to find this book up at the library, and got into it. There's a station up there on, over on (unintelligible) Round Lake, too. One of the Tamarack ones. (unintelligible)

M: They never did say anything about the years of that logging...

1: No, no. I don't think it was...

2: Well, it says here “The Frisk family lived on the place where the Sandy River Lumber Company (Douglas) had their big camp in the 1890s and early 1900s along the Sandy River just to the west of Bill (unintelligible) in ’76.”

1: Hm. Well, they didn’t mention... they said they turned at Frisk’s there, but they didn’t say anything about the lumber.

M: So that was where?

2: Just west of (unintelligible). It says, yeah, west, so it must have been in here someplace.

M: Oh, OK.

1: Well, they had that old Bolshevik (?! – that’s what it sounds like) Hall down there, didn’t they? Didn’t they have the same place where that mill was?

2: I don’t know.

M: On the shore of the river, anyway.

1: Yes. Near there, anyway. That’s for sure.

M: Probably right over in here someplace. (no doubt pointing at the map) It’s not going... the accuracy at this scale isn’t going to be too great, anyway.

1: Well, it’ll give us a pretty good approach.

M: So about the turn of the century.

1: Must have been.

2: 1890s. Early 1900s.

(long pause)

M: You were talking earlier about some of these fur ranches, or mink ranches or fox ranches? Did they have some around this area?

1: Not that I know of. I can’t think of any. You mentioned that (sounds like “tin”) up there, you know. I remember now that you say that. That’s the only one I can think of. Fur farm. That’s where the fence – wasn’t it? – they had a fence around there, metal?

M: And that was where?

2: That was in (unintelligible).

M: (unintelligible)

(very long pause)

2: It’d be right here.

M: Whose was it?

2: I don’t know. I used to know years ago, but I...

M: It was a fur ranch, anyway.

2: Yeah. But I don’t know what kind of animals they had there.

M: What years was that, roughly?

2: I don't know if they even had an animal there after the early '30s.

1: Probably not.

2: You're gonna have to talk to Ruth or somebody. You see the school here – this one? My mother went to school there (unintelligible). You got it marked a church now, and I don't know, it's a huntin' camp now or something now. But my mother went to school there (sounds of him tapping his finger on the map).

M: Um-kay.

1: Where was that one then?

2: The one just north of (sounds like Burdick).

1: On the east side of the road there?

2: East side of the road.

1: Oh.

M: 34 (unintelligible – sounds like “Hogan” something)

2: She was... the old (unintelligible) they left in there where that plantation is there, you know, and now...

1: What school was that called then?

M: Bill mighta had that, too.

2: Yeah. He's got it. Bill.

M: I turned all that stuff over to the Historical Society, and I wish I'd kept it, so I could check on some of this stuff! I'll get it back, but...

2: Well, I think maybe get it back or go see Bill if you want to complete the thing. As best you can. You know, it's just like we were...

M: ... way off there.

2: It's just like we was talkin' about this logging camp over here, you know, and... see, there was a grave there! My dad and I went lookin' for that here when my dad was still good and alive. And then we couldn't find it. And then when all that controversy came over that stupid road goin' back to the railroad there... I told the guys, I says, “there's a grave there!” They didn't listen to nothin'! They all took and bulldozed it all away, and... it was one of them guys died in that camp, see. ‘Course, shoot, how many people died out there, and nobody had knowledge of?

M: Yeah.

1: I don't know if you even had to notify the... was there a coroner in those days they had to notify?

2: I don't know. It's like, you know, you'd tramp through the woods, you know. Shoot, like when I worked for Valerie's (?) and stuff, you'd stumble into these old homesteads here and there, years ago. There'd be some lilac bushes and a few scrubby thornapples

and stuff and pretty soon you'd figure out there's a, you know, some kind of a primitive dwelling there, you know. How many bodies (?) are out there, just hundreds and hundreds of them.

1: Well, Art Johnson's in their yard, buried there.

2: (unintelligible) Lundgren.

1: Yeah. Between the house and the barn. There's a grave somewhere in there.

2: Of course we got the school in Tamarack here, you can put that in there, too.

M: Yeah, that's right over (sounds of pencil tapping) here, or here? I'm not sure about the streets. (long pause) Over here?

1: It's the first street on the east. Yeah.

2: (unintelligible) street there. There's the school there.

M: Ok.

### ***Stockyard***

2: You know. You'd sit down in the coffee shop there, was talkin' there, with somebody long ago... Well, this winter, (unintelligible) whatever it was, and nobody even realizes there was a stockyard over here. Yeah. Stockyard.

1: Yeah.

M: Hm.

1: Yeah, there's a siding in here in (unintelligible)...

2: Yeah, it was a siding in there, see? It's, yeah, that's...

1: West of the Presbyterian Church.

2: Yeah, it's right in here. Right now we're goin'... it was farther down here.

M: Oh, farther down? There was a stockyard?

2: Yeah, sort of. Yeah.

1: (unintelligible)... a loading chute.

2: Holy smokes! I remember when we used to play in there! (unintelligible) that was a permanent thing, you know, the posts were near ten feet high, and...

1: Yeah, it was pretty sturdy, I remember that. Wonder what they were doin' there? Was that for cattle they'd offload? Or ship 'em...

2: Both ways. If you had two, three cows, you could walk 'em to town and then they'd they'd go out there. They had a loadin' ramp there, and them troughs. Remember them troughs? Morris Nelson ended up with one of 'em when they junked that thing out. My word! The troughs were about – water troughs – oh, they were I suppose they were from here to that cupboard long.

1: Metal or concrete? Or wood?

2: Concrete! All was concrete.

M: What year did they have the stockyard there? What years?

1: It was into the '30s that I think, when we coulda played down in there, and goin' to school or what the heck... well, not on a school day!

M: There were still active then?

1: No, I don't think so.

2: No.

M: So probably in the...

1: Probably in the '20s that the last... maybe in the late '20s, if they were then. I don't know. I don't know, have I ever read anything about them, have you?

2: I was talkin' to somebody and we couldn't... we thought, well, that stupid (unintelligible – someone's name, sounds like RAIL) he was really out of his tree today, this stockyard in Tamarack.

1: I'll verify that. (laughs)

2: (Laughing) Well, when I think of Bill Larson or somebody back me up last year. I meet Bill down there quite often at the coffee shop. We go over some of that stuff, but it's kind of funny. But you see, you know, them days Tamarack had a big siding in here.

1: Yeah, a real long one. Yeah. That was a different spur, though, wasn't it? Didn't that go out to the south?

2: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. That was another switch there.

1: The siding was right alongside the track, and that one led off at an angle, so there'd be more room.

2: Yeah, it kept on goin' clear west of town. Now it's too short for these trains.

M: Oh, yeh.

2: (unintelligible) Isn't that a hell of a mess they got out in Wisconsin there?

M: Yeah.

2: Oof, boy. Gee.

M: Tupples (?) from Swatara came in with some pictures to show to Everett, and they had a picture of the first train that went through Swatara in 1910.

1: Oh, Soo Line.

M: Yeah. The actual first...

1: 1910, huh? Ok.

M: Yeah, I think, I'm pretty sure it was 1910.

2: Well, you wanna know where that train is buried out in the swamp there?

1: Yeah. What year was that? It'd have to be after '73. '72, whenever that... or was it when they were makin' the road?

2: Oh, there's somethin' mentioned in here someplace. Um. The pastor from Duluth by the name of (sounds like BLYARKIN) down in Health Services, if you were talkin' about the church. "The First Presbyterian Church was built on Main Street facing east across from the print shop in 1975." That's where the barber shop is today.

1: In what year? 1875?

2: Where the print shop was in '75. "In November of 1907 this building was dedicated with the building in Tamarack."

"First Presbyterian Church was built on Main Street, facing east across from the print shop in..."

1: Oh, was that talkin' about just north of Santon's (?) there?

2: Yeah. Across the street.

1: Oh, Ok.

2: Where the old barber shop used to be.

1: Yeah.

M: Something right up... Sam's is up here.

2: You're upside down to me. (sounds of turning papers around) Sam's is here. It goes right in here.

1: Those houses moved in there a lot later. The one on the corner there.

2: Yeah.

1: But you see this kind north of the schoolhouse... they moved it (unintelligible). Lessers (?) lived in it by the school there, and they didn't like it because there wasn't not enough goin' on, so they had the house moved over on Main Street.

2: I don't know about that.

M: There's a First Presbyterian Church? Is that what they called it?

2: Well, that's what it says here. I can't contest it. "In 1906 and 1907, with many helping hands donating time and material, the First Presbyterian Church was built on Main Street, facing east, across from the print shop."

### ***Train derailment***

M: That had to be it, then. Where was the train derailed at?

2: Well, it was just... I know I could take you out there and show you. (sound of tapping finger on the map)

(long pause)

...60. It's right there.

1: Near the bridge?

2: Yes, it's between the bridge and Carter's highland there.

M: What year did that happen? Way back?

1: Well, sometime after '72 (1872). (Laughs) I don't know. I wonder if that's when they were just piling brush in there and then gravel on the brush, or dirt on the brush.

2: It's mentioned in here a few times.

M: It's buried in the swamp someplace.

1: Supposedly the engineer's in there, too, isn't he? Or he just disappeared?

2: Two bodies in there. Let's see now (sounds of papers rustling).

1: According to Murdoch, there was a... he had a well drilled up there on his place when he was there, and he claimed that old (sounds like DOTTEN) hit an underground lake there. So maybe that was part of it. There was nothin' but water underneath the thing. They drilled, and they come to just water, and there was nothing under it.

2: It (unintelligible) an old lake bottom, you know, a lot of our stuff. It's down there, I think it's 68 feet or somethin' like that. Because when that train derailed out there... Now that's just an engine, kind of a little donkey engine and a coal car. Nothin' but an old wood-fired steamer, I think.

And when that derailment was out here with that coal in there a number of years ago, now. well then they wanted to get out there with equipment, so they went through our (unintelligible) and here they come! Semi-loads of equipment, and shacks – cook shacks – (unintelligible) shacks, and finlays (?) and the whole bit in the back end there, and clean office space (unintelligible) and I says, “there you go!”

And then there was one guy there, and a bunch of operators, and they were goin' out that night and setting that doggone derailed thing up, and that was the biggest failure they ever had. Soon's as they got out to Highland there, dozers went in that swamp and then started winching it further out. And I said to that one guy, kind of the supervisor or somethin', I says, “Just take it (unintelligible) engine out there.” I says, “There's one down there a mile that's down... 80 feet or something.”

And “Whoa! Ok.” And by golly, the next day, I went over to see him, and he says, “You're wrong.”

“Wrong about what?”

“It's only down 68 or 70 feet!” (unintelligible) he had a logbook on it.

1: No kidding!

2: Yeah.

M: That's still a ways down.

2: (Laughing) He had a...

1: I read those Duluth papers from that time, and tried to find out anything about it. I thought it would be in the papers. But maybe they don't put it in the papers.

M: It had to be in the... before the turn of the century, anyway.

1: I would think so.

2: I don't know.

1: It's hard to say, though, but...

2: It's in here. Here it goes back on... Blair (?) he was up into Duluth. Started a whole church in the old (unintelligible) across from Jim Bagg's (?) place. Well, this must be the Round Lake Church they're talkin' about. You talk to Rose about some of that stuff.

M: Ok.

(long pause)

2: See, years ago, they'd driven pilings down out there, metal pilings. And trying to (unintelligible). Where that trailer's engine ran off the track. And they used to stick up there. But then, oh... I suppose about 1960 or somethin' like that, then they had a crew goin' through, and they were dressing the back slopes, end slopes, with some dozers. I don't know if they floated things out or they broke 'em off or what. I know just about where it is.

1: Well, in a couple more years it'll be worth diggin' it out again, to get that antique train outta there.

2: Just think how rusty that thing'd be in that acid soil.

M: Down that far, though, it might be in pretty good shape.

1: Way down there.

2: There's one over by Kimberly, too.

M: Yeah, there's one over by my place, just the north end of Portage Lake, and I guess a little bit maybe to the west.

2: Maybe that's the one I've heard about. I just seen it in here the other day (looking at papers).

(long pause)

(reading aloud) "Douglas and I and (sounds like FREESTEAD) who had married my sister Emma, built the bank in 1911." You were right on the Freestead.

1: Marcus wasn't in there then. Oh, yeah – he was. Marcus was in there. Early. Then he was out after a few years. Does it mention Marcus in there?

2: That is Marcus's article. Let's see here.

1: Well, he's supposed to have gone bust at least once there. One time when they had a lot of logs left out in the woods, I guess.

2: Yeah. I know he owed my dad money and everything, and he never got it. "The first school was a little one-room affair a mile south of town on the corner of King farm." That's the one we've got listed there.

M: Ok.

2: That's when the mill burned, 1918. Fire and he lost his mill and everything here.

1: Marcus?

2: Yeah.

1: But where was it? It was in town there, huh?

2: Yeah.

1: I wonder if that was the end of it. It must have been, huh? Well still, wasn't there some remains there when we were in school there, or did they try...

2: There was something there.

1: Tar-paper buildings or somethin'?

2: They had state troopers here.

M: Did they build another mill after that, then?

2: Well, there's...

1: They wanted the land, that what it said somewheres.

2: Yeah.

1: ...Tindale's (?).

2: Shishibe (not sure of spelling) Point and all that stuff. He was involved with that for Tindale.

M: Oh, Ok.

2: See, those interior roads on Shishibe Point and Third Addition? My dad built that with a wheelbarrow! (Laughs) Yeah!

M: Plenty of roads back in there.

2: Dad and his brother and...

(long pause)

### ***The 1918 fire***

M: So the 1918 fire, that burned Tamarack pretty much down, or did it just get one side of town?

2: It... a lot of things escaped. Like the old Kelley house, and the house next to it, as far as I can get, that escaped. There was the school house escaped. Lot of stuff escaped the fire.

M: Hm.

2: Yeah.

1: Well, it seemed like... Uncle Ted wrote that the main source around their place there was south of Spruce Lake. He was... it was coming into that area. I don't remember just where he said those fires had been smoldering since, but seems to me he said that it had been smoldering along the Ditchbank or somewhere up there. For some time. But there's many sources, I guess.

2: You're talkin' about Teddy.

1: Yeah.

2: I remember him tellin' me, you know, they had put up all that hay there south of Spruce Lake, and going west of the Ditchbank Road and stuff, but it all burned.

1: Yeah, they went out there to try and save it. (unintelligible) they tried to save the house, and they did, I guess. It kinda split and went south.

M: Hm.

1: It was kind hard to find in the Tamarack area where they fire went. For Carlton County, they got it pretty good there, documented there, outlined on maps. There were several areas in Tamarack where things (unintelligible).

2: "The mill burnt to the ground. It burned thousands of feet of timber in the woods. Also a hoop mill on the west side of town burned." I forgot the owner's name. (unintelligible) put it here George Besse. "I had 500 acres of meadowland near MacGregor, and the fire burned the peat away, leaving all the ashes, clay and glacial drift. Peat burned for several years." (unintelligible)

M: The hoop mill out on the west side of town. What...

1: Made wood barrel hoops, I think. Crackers. I know my dad make those, too. He just did it by hand. Bend over a sapling, and used to notch it, and then peel off the layers, you know, like for makin' baskets. Well evidently I think those barrel hoops were a little bit thicker, maybe, but I suppose they were nailed right into the barrel. Cheap barrels.

2: Oh, right. Barrels was the way you handled produce.

1: Crackers. Flour. You know.

(long pause)

### ***Sicottis***

2: I see this "City of Tamarack. The first name it had was Sicottis

M: Sikosis?

1: But that was further east.

2: Yeah, it was...

1: Was it on the end of the highland right up here?

2: Yeah, it was up there. But they had a turntable there where they turned the engines around, building the railroad - in the early '70s. (1870s)

1: Yeah, several of the towns had different names. Grayling was called something, I think it was called Sandy. There's a list of them...

2: Well, Minnewawa was Rice Lake.

1: They had different names for quite a few of the towns - I can't think of them - for some reason. Maybe when they incorporated or however they organized them, they got a different one.

2: It didn't take 'em long to change it to Tamarack here, though.

1: No. He might have been one of the guys that sold wood for the Indians or somethin'. Sicottis. (now he is pronouncing it SEE-KOH-TIS). (unintelligible)

2: "During the First World War, a whole trainload of iron ore that was being hauled from the Cuyuna Range to Duluth caused the roadbed to sink from 3 to 10 feet over a half-a-mile stretch. Years before, so tradition has it, a lone engine left the tracks east of Tamarack and never was found. Fireman, engineer and engine are supposedly even now deep in their unknown grave. The first structure built at Tamarack was a turntable at the big gravel pit 2 miles east of the present town site. This was called Sicottis, after an old Bill Sicottis who was the railway's early two-fisted worker. A year or two after Northern Pacific needed more water for the engines, so they sunk a wide well at what is now called Tamarack." (Laughs)

1: What a statement! (Laughs) No wonder everything goes... (laughing)

2: "... This well was still here when they came in 1900. I was 21 years old, and the well was fenced in west of the Depot but was not in use." This is by Mamie (?) Nelson now. "In order to take on fuel here also, they gave Bill a contract to furnish wood." That's at Sicottis.

M: How do you spell that?

2: S - I - C - O - T - T - I - S. "... so old Bill moved down near the water tower and built a large trading post, which stood about where the new big hotel is now across the tracks from the Depot." Ok.

M: So that turntable was somewhere up in... let's see, 1, 2 miles?

2: Yes, it was right in here. That's why the railroad has retained some of that...

M: Oh, Ok.

2: Let's see. Now there's a (unintelligible) ditch goes there, too. It's kind of hard to cross there. (unintelligible) got it all plugged up. But accordin' to this in here someplace, it wasn't called... as soon as people started doin' somethin' here at Tamarack, they changed the thing to Tamarack.

1: I wonder who did that?

2: I don't know.

M: Well, that turntable, that's when they were building the railroads?

2: Yes.

M: So they could turn the cars around?

2: Yeah, yeah. I don't know what kind of cars they had. I s'pose they had some little side dumpers and a donkey engine and whatever. They had a big steamshovel in there yet. Burnin' wood could fire up the steam.

M: Who built that original... what was the name of the railroad company?

1: Northern Pacific.

M: It was Northern Pacific even then.

1: There's a sign there in Carlton, this side of Carlton, where they started building it this way.

M: And that was built in 1970s

2: Eighteen! 1870s.

M: 1870s.

2: "In the early '70s, North Pacific Railroad began to build its leg westward from Duluth towards the Pacific."

1: I don't know how long it took 'em to get here.

2: Well, that was... (jimony?) Christmas! That must have been a job!

M: Who would want to take on a project like that nowadays with the equipment they have now?! Not too many people, though, I don't think!

1: But they got so much land in exchange.

2: Well, sure.

1: They still got big timber. Here's a truck they used for makin' the highway here. I thought it was a Mack. But I see it's not a Mack. I thought it was a '26 Mack.  
(unintelligible)

M: Oh, that's when they built 210? (Highway 210).

1: Yeah.

2: Yeah, I can barely remember some of that.

1: You saw some of those trucks? I don't remember...

2: They had some chain guys, too.

1: Oh, there were probably chain drivers.

2: Yeah, that was quite the deal.

1: You know those (unintelligible)? The sisters?

2: Well, I used to, you know. I kind forgot about it.

M: He was mentioned as someone to talk to.

1: Harry grew up in Tamarack.

M: He's over at Carlton and Cloquet or something.

1: He still gets around.

2: Oh, yes. He walks his dog like he always did!

1: Oh, he's quite a talker.

2: Well, I guess I haven't seen him since...

*(end of Side A)*

## **Side B**

2: ...this one-house legislation... (laughs)

1: Yeah, he's got a lot of get-up-and-go yet.

M: The worst thing is just the time element. Gotta get...

2: What's your deadline here?

M: End of April.

2: To get it put together?

M: Well, no, to get the research done. Then we gotta put the book together, so...

2: Oh.

M: ...we don't have a lotta time left.

1: Will you have to hire some new workers, secretaries, or whatever?

M: What's that?

1: Do you get to hire some more help?

M: There's no hiring involved. This is all volunteer.

1: Oh, it's all volunteer.

M: So it's a little tougher to get people.

1: Yeah, I'll say. Tremendous to get it, and then try and get it after it, you know...it's easy to get screwed up a little bit.

M: Yeah, but I imagine that's history as long as it's been there, there's probably not exactly...

1: That's right. It's one person's viewpoint. About all you got to go on.

M: Well, we got a lot of good stuff today.

2: Heck of it is, you know, if you... as soon as you walk out the door, I'll think of something else to mention.

M: Well, you know if you do, and you got a plat book, and you think of these things, just mark 'em down, and you know, we might not include it in this book, but the Historical Society would want it, you know. Just as far as location. They're gonna be aggressively – I think since we started doin' this and they saw some of the things that were comin' in, I think they're gonna be more aggressive going and actually...

1: They don't have a lot of money to work with either, do they?

2: No.

M: No! But, well I can... I guess were we done here, you think?

*(end of Side B)*

*(End of tape)*