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VILLAGE OF RIB LAKE

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Interview 5-11-71 Chester age 86



RIB LAKE HISTORY

Taped interview Harry Curran of Chester Curran

Bert Aitkens foreman at Camp 8; Bob Hess ran steamhauler first year with Chester Curran fireman; 15 - 16 sleigh loads 4-5 thousand feet per sleigh; from Heintown; Camp #2 on Trout Creek near Wood Creek.

HEINTOWN

Train hauled up to 30 load cars of logs.

Wye used to turn train in woods; turn table in village; steam engine used its steam to turn engine on turn table.

Chris Winkel cook from Medford.

Frogs used to put engine back on track. 3 spot passenger train; twice daily to & from Chelsea; Frank Hayward.

Big engines 67 and 102; Dynamite hill; big engines used there.

Curran family from New Brunswick (Canada); arrived in Rib Lake c. 1890.

Wood lake; storage for logs in summer to protect logs from fire; loaded out in fall; railroad branch from mainline ran to Wood lake

Rememberz no oxen in camp.

(additional taps owned by Harry Curran of Chester Curran and Bert Aitkens; apparently records at 1.7 speed)