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INTERVIEW OF ANGUS WILLIAM (A.W.) BARNES
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I NEED YOUR FULL NAME:
ANGUS WILLIAM BARNES

AND YOUR DATE OF BIRTH:
MARCH 27, 1896

AND YOUR BIRTHPLACE?
OGDEN, UTAH

(THERE IS INFORMATION WHICH WILL NOT BE HERE RECORDED BECAUSE OF IRRELEVANCE CONCERNING THE MONUMENT.)

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME YOU WENT OUT TO CRATERS OF THE MONUMENT?

YES AND I'VE GOT A PICTURE HERE SOMEWHERE AND I WAS TRYING TO FIND IT THIS MORNING AND I HAVEN'T GOT IT. BUT I FIRST WENT OUT TO CRATERS OF THE MOON IN 1919, THE YEAR I GOT HERE. AND WE COULDN'T GET VERY FAR INTO IT THEN BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T DRIVE A CAR INTO IT. 'COURSE WE HAD A CAR. AND I NOTICED THERE WAS LOTS OF FIREWOOD OUT THERE AND I WENT BACK OUT AND HAULED A LITTLE FIREWOOD OUT, 2 DIFFERENT YEARS OUT OF THERE. UNTIL THEY DECIDED TO MAKE A MONUMENT OUT OF THAT AND THEN THAT STOPPED.

RIGHT OUT IN THE LAVAS, YOU MEAN, DID YOU GET THE WOOD?
YES.

DID A LOT OF PEOPLE DO THAT?

THERE WASN'T A LOT. NO THERE WAS ONLY A FEW PEOPLE THAT WOULD GET ANY OF IT, BUT THERE WAS LOTS OF DRY WOOD OUT THERE. AND THERE WAS A BEAR TRAP OUT THERE, I REMEMBER VERY DISTINCTLY A BEAR TRAP MADE OUT OF LOGS. IT WAS ABOUT 8' X 10' WITH 8" LOGS, YOU KNOW, WITH SPACES LEFT IN THEM AND A LOG PERPENDICULAR DOOR. I NEVER SEEN A BEAR IN IT BUT I LEARNED THAT THEY'D CAUGHT SEVERAL IN IT. THEY'D PUT A BAIT IN THERE AND HE'D GO IN AND JUST LOCK HIMSELF IN, IT DIDN'T HURT HIM AT ALL.

NOW WERE THESE GRIZZLY;Y?

NO THERE'S NO GRIZZLY. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A GRIZZLY OUT THERE. BLACK BEAR.

DO YOU KNOW WHOSE TRAP THAT WAS?

NO, I DON'T KNOW WHO OWNED IT, BUT SOMEONE HAULED IT AWAY, WAY EARLY AFTER THEY MADE IT A MONUMENT. THEY HAULED IT OFF SOMEWHERE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT WENT, THEY SHOULD HAVE LEFT IT THERE, BECAUSE THAT WOULD'VE JUST STOOD THERE TILL NOW IF THEY'D HAVE LEFT IT ALONE. BUT IT WAS ON THE AREA WHERE YOU GO OUT TO THE CAVES-EASTWARD; AND THIS SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE TO THERE, THIS SIDE AND IN THOSE AREAS IN THERE WHAT THEY CALL THE DEVIL'S ORCHARD OR SOMETHING. YOU KNOW WHERE THAT IS. WELL, IT SET RIGHT IN THERE. AND THE MAN THAT, THE GEOLOGIST THAT WAS IN THE AREA, THAT WENT IN AND SPENT ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN THERE AFOOT ALL OVER THOSE LAVAS BEFORE THAT TIME.

STEARNS?

THAT DON'T SOUND LIKE THE NAME, I WOULDN'T BE SURE OF THE NAME NOW. BUT HE SPENT THREE WEEKS OUT THERE, HE TOOK HIS WRAPPERS WITH HIM AND HIS GRUB AND WENT ALL OUT THROUGH THOSE CRATERS. AND HE TOLD ME ONE DAY THERE BEFORE THIS HAPPENED, I HAD QUITE A LITTLE TALK WITH HIM, HE SAID HE WAS GOING, HE WAS WALKING UP THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BIG...OH WHAT DO YOU CALL IT THE BIG HILL RIGHT THERE, THE CONES THERE, JUST EAST OF THE FIVE SPATTER CONES, YOU KNOW WHERE THAT BIG ONE IS? WELL, IT WAS JUST EAST OF THERE, YOU KNOW THEY'VE GOT A FOOT TRAIL UP THE WEST

SIDE OF IT NOW. WELL HE WAS WALKING UP THE SOUTH SIDE OF IT AND UP TOWARDS THE TOP THERE WAS A TREE, A BIG TREE LAYING DOWN THERE, HE WAS TIRED, HE WAS GOING TO SIT DOWN AND EAT SOME LUNCH AND WHEN HE GOT UP THERE TO SET HIS STUFF DOWN, THERE WAS A BEAR GOT UP ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT. HE WAS LAYING ON THE SHADE OF THE TRUNK OF IT, GOT UP AND ABOUT SCARED HIM TO DEATH. BUT THERE USED TO BE BEAR OUT THERE. I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE OUT THERE BUT I'VE SEEN THEIR TRACKS.

THERE'S BEEN ONE OR TWO SPOTTED IN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS, MOSTLY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY.

YEA. WELL, YOU KNOW, ERA MARTIN, YOU KNOW WHERE THE MARTIN PLACE IS? WELL, ERA WAS TELLING ME WHEN THEY BUILT THAT ROADWAY ACROSS WHERE IT IS NOW, YOU KNOW THEY USED TO FOLLOW THE SKIRTING OF THE HILL AROUND ON THAT ROAD, AND HE SAID THEY WAS CAMPED OUT THERE. AND ONE NIGHT THEY HAD GOT THEIR SUPPER AND WAS SITTING AROUND TALKING AND PLAYING A LITTLE CARDS LIKE MEN WILL DO. AND HE SAID THEY HEARD SOMETHING IN THEIR GRUB BOX OUTSIDE OF THE TENT AND HE GRABBED A STICK HE HAD THERE AND WENT OUT THERE. HE SAID THE DOGS HAD GOTTEN HIS GRUB AND HE RUN OUT THERE AND THERE WAS SOMETHING BLACK THERE, HE THOUGHT IT WAS A DOG AND HE WHACKED IT ONE WITH THIS STICK AND IT CAME UP A WHOOFING AND A WHOOFING AND RUN DOWN THE STREET AND IT WAS A BEAR. 'COURSE THEY DIDN'T KILL IT BUT HE WHACKED IT ONE BEFORE HE KNEW IT WAS A BEAR. THAT'S ONE OF THE BEAR STORIES OUT THERE. THAT'S THE OLD MAN MARTIN, HE'S BEEN GONE FOR YEARS. BUT, WHEN I STARTED TRAPPING, I USED TO TRAP BY HORSEBACK. AND LIVING OUT AT HARGER POINT I WORKED ALL AROUND THE EDGE OF THAT MOUNTAIN THERE AND OUT THROUGH THE CRATERS, THROUGH BY LITTLE COTTONWOOD AND BIG COTTONWOOD. WELL, I TRAPPED CLEAR AROUND THERE AND I CAUGHT QUITE A FEW COYOTES IN THAT AREA. LITTLE COTTONWOOD BEFORE IT BELONGED TO CRATERS OF THE MOON, BEFORE THEY BOUGHT IT, THEY BOUGHT IT, THERE WAS SOME MINING PEOPLE THEN. AND I TRAPPED AROUND THERE, CAUGHT A COUPLE OF WOLVES AROUND THE OTHER SIDE OF BIG COTTONWOOD. BUT I DIDN'T GET TO 'EM, THEY GOT AWAY, I THINK. I JUST HAD COYOTE TRAPS OUT AND THEY DIDN'T HOLD THEM. I HAD THEM IN BUT I DIDN'T GET THEM.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THEY WERE WOLVES?

WELL, THERE'S THE TRACKS, AND I'VE SEEN THEM OUT THERE. IN THOSE FIRST YEARS, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN A TRACK OF ONE FOR YEARS AND YEARS. THAT WAS SOME OF MY FIRST EXPERIENCES. WELL, ANOTHER THING THAT WAS PECULIAR ABOUT THIS, I LEARNED WHERE THERE WAS WATER OUT THERE. YOU KNOW WHERE THERE'S WATER NOW?

OH, SOME OF THE PLACES.

WELL, YOU KNOW WHERE THE FIVE GEYSERS ARE, THE WHATEVER YOU CALL THEM

(SPATTER CONES)

SPATTER CONES. WELL JUST SOUTH AND A LITTLE BIT EAST, DOWN IN THAT LOW PLACE DOWN IN THERE, THERE WAS ALWAYS WATER EVERY SUMMER. APPARENTLY THE SNOW WOULD MELT AND WOULD FREEZE DOWN IN THE GROUND, AND THEN AS IT MELTED IT WOULD STAND THERE TILL WAY INTO THE SUMMER. SOMETIMES IN THE SUMMER IT WOULD MELT OUT AND DISAPPEAR, BUT IT WAS ALWAYS BACK IN THE SPRING AGAIN. IT WASN'T A SPRING, IT IS JUST SNOW, SNOW WATER. YOU CAN TELL BY THE BIRDS, THAT'S HOW I FOUND IT. YOU WATCH THE BIRDS, THEY'D GO THERE TO DRINK. AND THERE'S ANOTHER ONE, A PLACE PUT THERE THAT I'VE FOUND. WELL YOU KNOW WHEN YOU GO PAST THE ENTRANCE TO THE CRATERS NOW YOU GO THROUGH A ROUGH PART OF THE LAKE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE? AND JUST AS YOU GET TO THE FAR SIDE OF IT THERE USED TO BE AN OLD TRAIL DOWN THERE. ABOUT 200 YARDS DOWN THAT TRAIL, I FOLLOWED COYOTES IN THERE, AND FOUND THAT THEY HAD A PLACE WHERE THEY'D GO IN THERE AND DRINK. AND THAT'S STILL THERE. BUT YOU HAVE TO CRAWL DOWN A HOLE, A HOLE ABOUT THIS BIG DOWN ABOUT 12-15' FEET IS THE WATER. BUT THE ANIMALS WILL TELL YOU WHERE THE WATER IS. THEN EVEN IN THE SOUTH SIDE OF THAT, THE SOUTH AND EAST, ALMOST DUE EAST OF THE CRATERS OF THE MOON, ON THE FAR EASTERN SIDE OF THE BIG, 20,000 ACRES WHATEVER IT IS, I FOUND WATER OUT THERE TOO, THE COYOTES WOULD LEAD ME TO IT, THEY'D BE DOWN IN A HOLE. BUT THE

REASON IT WAS THERE, WAS FOR THE SAME REASON, IT'D FORM ICE IN THE WINTER AND THEN IT'D MELT AND BE WATER THERE ALL SUMMER. THE CATS, I USED TO CATCH QUITE A FEW CATS ALONG IN THERE, BOBCATS. YEP, THEY'D TELL YOU WHERE THE WATER WAS, BIRDS WOULD TELL YOU WHEREVER THEY COULD GET TO IT, BUT THEY WOULDN'T GET DOWN IN THE HOLE. BUT THE CATS WAS ALWAYS OUT IN THERE AND I OFTEN WONDERED HOW COULD THEY BE OUT THERE WITHOUT A DRINK? YOU KNOW, THE SAME WITH THE COYOTES, AND THAT'S WHAT I FOUND OUT.

THEY REALLY UTILIZE THAT. WERE THERE MANY MOUNTAIN LION OUT IN THAT AREA? NO. THEY WAS UP HERE IN THE HIGHER HILLS, BUT I NEVER RUN INTO ANY OUT THERE. ALTHOUGH I'VE HEARD OF THEM BEING OUT THERE AT MARTIN, BACK IN THE TIMBER THERE. SO THERE COULD HAVE BEEN SOME AT DIFFERENT TIMES OUT THERE, BUT I NEVER DID SEE ANY SIGN OF THEM OUT THERE.

WHAT ABOUT DEER, WERE THERE MANY DEER?
OH, THERE WAS ALWAYS DEER THERE.

WERE THEY MULE DEER?
YEA.

DID YOU SEE THEM, AS COMPARED TO EARLY 19..., AFTER 1919 AND THEN LATER WERE THERE MORE DEER EACH....?

WELL, THAT WAS A BIG LOST RIVER, WHAT DID THEY CALL IT? AND AREA THAT YOU COULDN'T HUNT IN. WHAT'S THE WORD I WANT TO USE? IT WAS A RESERVED AREA, THE BIG LOST RIVER WAS ALL RESERVED FOR DEER, THERE WAS NO HUNTING. BUT I TRAPPED IT, GOT SPECIAL PERMISSION. I HAD TO GET PERMISSION FROM THE FOREST TO GO IN THERE AND WORK ON THE COYOTES. SO I WAS AMONG THE DEER ALL THE TIME. BUT I NEVER DID TAKE ANY OUT OF THERE UNTIL THEY TOOK THAT OFF, 'COURSE IT'S BEEN OFF FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW. BUT THERE'S MORE DEER THERE NOW, I THINK, THEN THERE WAS THEN.

DID YOU EVER SEE ANY SHEEP, BIG HORN SHEEP? DOWN IN THAT AREA?

NO. NO. NEVER SEEN ANY SHEEP THERE, BUT I'D HEARD THAT THERE'D BEEN ONE OR TWO IN THERE. AND I'VE SEEN THEIR HORNS, ESPECIALLY RIGHT ON THIS RIDGE UP HERE, RIGHT NORTH OUT HERE. I SEEN THE BIG CURLS, WELL PRESERVED BUT OLD. AND THERE'S MORE ELK OUT HERE NOW THAN THERE IS DEER. THERE WAS NO ELK HERE WHEN I FIRST CAME, NOT EVEN ON THE, I CALL THAT A GAME RESERVE, THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY A WHILE AGO. BUT NOW THERE'S ELK OUT THERE. I COUNTED AS MANY AS 47 OUT THERE IN A ROW ONE TIME, OUT ABOUT TWELVE MILES WEST OF HERE. THEY WAS AROUND A SIDE HILL, JUST NOSE TO TAIL, WALKING AROUND THERE, AND I STOPPED AND PUT THE GLASSES ON AND COUNTING THEM, AND THEY WERE ONLY ABOUT 200 YARDS FROM ME, 'COURSE IT WAS OUT OF SEASON. NOW, ANY QUESTIONS FURTHER?

WELL, WHAT WERE YOUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THAT AREA OUT THERE? YOU'VE BEEN AROUND LAVAS AND SO ON, BUT THAT JUST SEEMED VERY DIFFERENT TO YOU OUT THERE. WELL IT DID, AND I OFTEN WONDERED IF THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITIES OF IT ERUPTING AGAIN. AND I REMEMBER TALKING TO THAT GEOLOGIST THERE, AND I ASKED HIM THIS QUESTION, I SAID "HOW LONG DO YOU SUPPOSE IT'S BEEN SINCE THERE WAS AN ERUPTION HERE?" AND HE JUST ROUGHLY SAYS "AT LEAST 400 YEARS." THAT'S THE WAY HE PUT IT, AND I THINK THEY'VE DONE A LOT OF EXAMINING SINCE, AND IT'S PROBABLY LONGER THAN THAT, BUT THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. AND YOU KNOW WHEN WE HAD THAT EARTHQUAKE HERE, LAST FALL. LET'S SEE IT WAS A YEAR AGO I GUESS, WE HAD AN EARTHQUAKE. THE FIRST THING I LOOKED WHEN I WENT OUT THE DOOR WAS TO SEE IF THERE WAS SMOKE COMING FROM THAT PLACE. YOU KNOW, WE'RE RIGHT IN LINE WITH IT, WITH THE WIND THAT COMES OFF OF THERE. I LOOKED OUT THERE FIRST, THAT'S ALL IT WOULD TAKE TO OPEN THAT UP.

WELL, IT COULD

THERE'S NO HEAT THAT COMES OUT OF IT. BUT I'VE BEEN OUT IN THIS DESERT RIGHT EAST OF THERE, RUNNING COYOTES WITH A HORSE. WE'D CATCH A LOT OF

THEM WITH A HORSES, SHOOT 'EM WITH A PISTOL. WOULD'VE BEEN OUT HERE IN THE WINTER WHEN IT WAS BELOW ZERO, AND I'LL BET THERE'S A DOZEN PLACES OUT THERE THAT STEAM COMES OUT OF. BUT, THAT STEAM IS ONLY WARM AIR, YOU KNOW IT'S WARM DOWN UNDER THAT LAVA. THERE'S A FUNNY THING ABOUT THAT LAVE, BUT THAT'S A PURIFIER OF OUR AIR. YOU KNOW WE HAD TESTS MADE HERE OF THE AIR AND ALSO OF THE WATER. I USED TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD HERE FOR TEN YEARS, WELL I WAS CHAIRMAN FOR FIVE OF THE TEN. BUT WE HAD THAT WATER TESTED, AND IT'S THE PUREST WATER THERE IS IN THIS WHOLE AREA. AND THE NEAREST TO THE, WHAT'S REQUIRED OF THE MINERALS FOR DRINKING WATER. AND THE TESTS WE SENT IN, WELL THE GOVERNMENT MADE TESTS ALL OVER THE STATES OF PURE AIR, AND YOU KNOW WHERE THE HIGHEST TESTS WAS? THE CRATERS OF THE MOON.

THAT'S FUNNY, BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL FINDING THAT TO BE TRUE.

WELL, YOU KNOW THAT LAVA BED OUT THERE IS A PURIFIER OF OUR AIR. IT FILTERS THROUGH THAT LAVA, YOU CAN GO OUT THERE, WELL WHAT I WAS SEEING IS, THE STEAM IS THE AIR COMING UP OUT OF THAT WARM LAVA DOWN IN THERE. AND HITTING THAT COLD AIR LOOKED LIKE STEAM, AND IT WAS BUT IT WAS NOT WARM STEAM I CAN TELL YOU. BUT THERE'S NOTHING LIVE OUT THERE, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF AIR. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I SEEN, THE FIRST WELL THAT I SEEN DRILLED OUT HERE, WEST OF TOWN, ABOUT FOUR MILES WEST, WHEN THEY GOT DOWN ABOUT 200 FEET, THEY WAS DRILLING FOR WATER. SEE THIS WATER SINKS, WHEN IT COMES OUT OF THE VALLEY UP HERE, THE FARTHER SOUTH IT GOES THE FARTHER DOWN IT GOES THROUGH, THE TOP-MOST WATER WHEN YOU GO DOWN A WAYS THERE IS FIVE-HUNDRED FEET, BUT AS IT GOES DOWN WHY IT DROPS DOWN AS IT COMES OUT OF, INTO, WHERE THE LAVA IS. WELL ANYWAY, I WAS STANDING OUT THERE WHEN THEY HAD DRILLED DOWN TO ABOUT TWO-HUNDRED FEET, THREE OR FOUR OF THE FELLOWS STANDING AROUND KIDDING ABOUT IT, THEY WASN'T WORKING AT THE TIME, THEY HAD THEIR DRILL OUT. AND LIKE MEN WILL, ONE OF THEM GRABBED THE OTHER GUYS HAT AND THREW IT DOWN IN THAT HOLE. AND IT WAS ABOUT AN 8-10" HOLE. AND THE WIND BLEW IT OUT. THE WIND THAT COME UP OUT OF THERE BLEW IT OUT. IF THE WINDS IN THE SOUTHWEST IS BLOWING THIS WAY, WHEN IT'S IN THE NORTHEAST IT'S GOING THAT WAY, IT'S GOING DOWN. NOW THAT'S AN ODD THING, BUT I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THAT.

WHEN THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT CREATING A NATIONAL MONUMENT, OR A NATIONAL PARK AT THAT TIME, HOW DID THE PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THAT?

WELL, THEY WERE GLAD OF IT. THERE WAS A LOT OF THEM THAT WENT OUT THERE. THERE WAS A GROUP[P OF THEM HERE, UNDER THE TOWNSPEOPLE THAT WENT OUT AND SET UP COFFEE AND DONUTS AND FED EVERYONE A DONUT AND COFFEE. AND THAT WAS IN 1924. AS NEAR AS I REMEMBER, THEY MADE IT A, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? A MONUMENT IN '25 DIDN'T THEY?

IT WAS IN '24.

WELL IT WAS '24, BUT THEY TOLD ME THAT IT WAS IN '25, BUT IT WASN'T, IT WAS '24. BECAUSE I WAS OUT THERE. 'COURSE, I DON'T KNOW THAT THEY PUT IT ON PAPER AT THAT TIME.

DID YOU EVER MEET OR HEAR ABOUT A MAN NAMED ROBERT LIMBERT?

THE NAME SOUNDS FAMILIAR, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT, NOT OFFHAND.

OK, HE WAS, WELL THIS WAS EARLY 1920'S, BUT HE MADE A TREK FROM DOWN AT MINNEDOKA ON UP TO MARTIN. AND WHAT MADE IT SIGNIFICANT IS HE WROTE IT UP FOR NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, AND GOT THE AREA QUITE A BIT OF PUBLICITY. HE KIND OF PROMOTED HIMSELF AS THE FIRST MAN TO EXPLORE CRATERS OF THE MOON. BUT, THIS IS IN THE '20'S, EARLY '20'S. AND THAT'S ONE THING THAT WE'RE HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF PROBLEM WITH IS BECAUSE HE IS THE ONLY ONE TO WRITE IT DOWN, WE HAVE TO KIND OF ASSUME THAT HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO EXPLORE THAT AREA.

WELL, HE COULD HAVE BEEN, THE NAME IS FAMILIAR BUT HE'S NOT THE MAN THAT I MET.

BUT, YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN A LOT OF THAT AREA BEFORE THAT.

WELL, I WAS NOT OUT IN IT.

YOU DIDN'T REALLY GO OUT IN IT?

NO, YOU COULDN'T RIDE A HORSE OUT THERE AND I DON'T GO AFOOT.

RIGHT. AND, ERA MARTIN, WE DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT HIM, BUT HE EVIDENTLY HAD BEEN INTO THAT AREA, IT WAS SO CLOSE TO HIS PLACE THERE.

OH YEA. OH, HE TOLD ME SOMETHING THOUGH THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTING. THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH THE INDIANS, AND THERE'S AN INDIAN GRAVE OUT THERE, AND I KNOW WHERE THAT IS, HE SHOWED ME WHERE IT WAS.

JUST RIGHT AROUND THE MAIN PART OF THE LOOP?

YEP, YOU KNOW WHERE THAT LOOKOUT IS, JUST THIS SIDE OF THE HILL, BEFORE YOU GO UP GOING THE OTHER WAY. OR GOING TO THE GATEWAY IN, THERE'S A LITTLE BUMP ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD, BEFORE YOU GET UP THERE, CINDER HILL. WELL RIGHT BELOW THAT CINDER HILL AND RIGHT AGAIN THE EDGE OF THE LAVA, IS WHERE THAT IS AND IS MOUNTED UP, OH ABOUT LIKE THAT CASE THERE, WITH SMALL ROCKS, YOU KNOW LIKE THE INDIANS DO. NOW I THINK THERE WAS SEVEN OR EIGHT HILLS THERE AND THERE'S PEOPLE THAT GOT INTERESTED IN IT AND THEY WENT TO DIG THEM OUT. HOW MANY THEY DUG INTO I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY STOPPED THAT AS SOON AS THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT IT. BUT THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH THE INDIANS, AND THEY HAD A BATTLE THERE AND SOME OF THEM WERE KILLED, AND THEY WERE BURIED RIGHT THERE. I THINK I COULD SHOW YOU RIGHT WHERE THAT IS.

EITHER THAT OR I'VE GOT A MAP, MAYBE AFTER WE'RE DONE YOU COULD SHOW ME ON THE MAP ABOUT WHERE IT IS.

YES.

DID YOU EVER MEET SAMUEL PAISLEY?

YES. SURE, I KNEW HIM.

HE WAS THE FIRST, THEY CALL HIM A CARETAKER.

WELL HE WASN'T THE FIRST.

WHO WAS?

WELL, THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE AHEAD OF HIM. AND I'VE BEEN TRYING TO REMEMBER HIS NAME. BUT HE LIVED RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET HERE, THERE WAS A LITTLE LOG CABIN OVER THERE THAT HE LIVED IN. AND THEN HE WAS THE FIRST ONE, HE WAS A BACHELOR. AND HE LOOKED AFTER THE HUT, BUT HE WASN'T APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ANYTHING, BUT HE...WELL HE MAY HAVE BEEN BUT I DON'T KNOW. BUT ANYWAY HE WAS THE FIRST ONE. AND PAISLEY, SEE, PAISLEY'S SON HAD A STORE UP HERE, HE SOLD GROCERIES. AND HIS DAD COME OUT HERE AND WAS AROUND HERE AND THEY PUT HIM IN AS CARETAKER. HE KIND OF LOOKED AFTER THE PLACE. I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HIS FIRST NAME WAS, BUT HIS SON'S NAME WAS OSCAR. OSCAR PAISLEY. DO YOU HAVE HIS NAME?

SAMUEL? SAM PAISLEY?

WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS. MR. PAISLEY IS ALL I COULD TELL YOU, BUT HE WAS QUITE AN OLD MAN WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE LAVAS, AND SO ON, THEY JUST DIDN'T... THOSE PEOPLE JUST AVOIDED IT AND STAYED AWAY FROM IT?

NO. NO. THEY LIKED TO GO OUT THERE, SOON AS THEY COULD GET OUT THERE SO THEY COULD DRIVE OUT THERE, BUT THEY DIDN'T GO AFOOT VERY FAR.

TO THE CRATERS THEMSELVES? THAT'S A RATHER LONG STORY ON GETTING DECENT ROADS OUT HERE.

OH THERE'S ANOTHER THING. YOU KNOW WHERE THAT LOG BUILDING IS, AS YOU...I THINK THEY USE IT FOR A TO STACK STUFF IN, MACHINERY....

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ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO QUESTION ABOUT?

DID THE RANCHERS UTILIZE THAT AREA MUCH IN ANY WAY? SHEEP? OR CATTLE?
NOT OUT IN THOSE LAVAS. NO, BUT THEY DID AT MARTIN, THEY RUN CATTLE.

OK, SOMEBODY TRIED TO BUILD A PIPELINE OUT INTO THOSE LAVAS AT ONE TIME, TO RUN WATER FOR SHEEP OR SOMETHING.

NOT OUT IN THOSE LAVAS. NOT IN THOSE LAVAS, THERE WASN'T ENOUGH FEED OUT THERE FOR SHEEP. ONLY JUST NEAR THE CINDER HILLS.

WELL, THAT'S THE STORY THE I.....
WELL, IF THERE WAS I NEVER KNEW IT.

WELL, WE'RE NOT...WE DON'T HAVE ANY DOCUMENTATION ON IT.
WELL, YOU SEE THEY USED TO MINE THAT MINE ON LITTLE COTTONWOOD, WHERE YOU GET YOUR WATER OUT THERE NOW. I KNEW THE MINERS THAT WORKED THERE. AND THEY WERE MINING THAT WHEN I FIRST CAME. AND ONE OF THEM WAS, LET'S SEE, I'LL TELL YOU UN A MINUTE WHAT HIS NAME IS. WELL, ERI MARTIN WAS ONE OF THEM. BUT HE HAD A BUDDY, AND I WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER WHAT HIS NAME WAS. HE WORKED HERE, HE HAD A BUSINESS HERE IN TOWN, WITH A CONSOLIDATED WAGON AND MACHINE COMPANY, AND THEY WERE MINING OUT HERE WHEN I FIRST CAME. AND IT WAS A PROPOSITION OF LEAD SILVER, QUITE HIGH IN LEAD SILVER. AND IT HAD SOME GOLD IN IT. I REMEMBER HIM TELLING ME WHAT IT TESTED IN GOLD, I'VE DONE A LOT OF PROSPECTING FOR GOLD. SO I REMEMBERED IT, THE ORE THAT THEY SHIPPED THEY WAS GETTING ABOUT 18 DOLLARS, FOR IT, WHEN GOLD WAS 21 DOLLARS. SO IT WAS ALMOST AN OUNCE TO THE TON. WELL, THAT WASN'T MUCH MONEY IN THOSE DAYS, BUT NOW THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING. WELL, THAT GOLD IS STILL THERE, THEY DIDN'T TAKE IT ALL OUT. AND SOME PEOPLE GOT A HOLD OF IT THAT THEY TRIED TO, WELL THEY SET UP A MILL IN THERE. AND I AND A YOUNG FELLOW THAT WAS A GEOLOGIST WENT OUT THERE AND OPERATED THAT MILL WITH THE STUFF THAT WAS ON THE GROUND AT THE TIME, BUT THEY DIDN'T DRILL ANY. AND THEY, THE PROCESS WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO SAVE 'EM MUCH, SO THEY PULLED IT UP, AND I'VE GO THE MILL SITTING OUT IN THE BACK YARD NOW. FROM WHEN THEY MOVED IT AWAY FROM THERE. BUT THE SILVER RUN QUITE HIGH, AND THAT GOLD IS WORTH SOMETHING NOW.

WELL, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OF THOSE SURROUNDING MINES OUT THERE NOW....
OH YES, THERE'S ONE OTHER THING I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU. WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE, I MET A MAN THAT WAS, WELL HE WAS WITH THE, THE NAMES GET AWAY FROM MY HEAD...SO BAD, BUT THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY, HE WAS THE DEPUTY TO HIM, AND HE TOLD ME ABOUT A ROBBERY THAT WAS MADE HERE, A STAGE ROBBERY, YOU KNOW THEY USED TO HAUL A LOT OF GOLD OUT OF THE SALMON RIVER THROUGH HERE TO BLACKFOOT AND THEN PUT IT ON THE TRAIN. WELL, SOMEONE ROBBED THE STAGE OUT HERE, SOMEWHERE, AND TOOK OFF IN THAT DIRECTION. AND HE TOOK A MAN WITH HIM, AND FOLLOWED HIM TO MARTIN, AND THEN THE MAN HAD STOPPED AT THE STORE THERE AT MARTIN, THE OLD LADY, YOU KNOW THE OLD LADY RUN THAT FOR YEARS, SHE WAS THE OLDEST POSTMASTER IN THE STATES AT ONE TIME. WELL, HE STOPPED THERE AND THEN HE WENT ON FROM THERE AND THEY DIDN'T CATCH UP WITH HIM TILL HE WENT UP LAVA CREEK AND OVER THE HILL AND DOWN ONTO LITTLE COTTONWOOD. AND THEY FOLLOWED HIM AND HE STOPPED THERE, WAS GONNA CAMP OVERNIGHT I GUESS, HE HAD...HE WAS HORSEBACK. AND HE WENT INTO A LITTLE PATCH OF QUAKING ASP' THERE AND FIXING HIM UP SOMETHING TO EAT, I SUPPOSE, WHEN THEY CAME ONTO HIM. AND THEY CAME IN TWO WAYS ON HIM, AND HE SAID HE TOLD THIS FELLOW THAT WAS WITH HIM, NOT TO SHOOT HIM TO KILL HIM, HE DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HIM. BUT WHEN THEY TOLD HIM TO STICK UP HIS HANDS, ABOVE HIS HEAD, HE WENT FOR HIS GUN, AND THIS MAN SHOT HIM, KILLED HIM. AND THEY DIDN'T FIND NOTHING, THEY DIDN'T FIND HIS FIND. AND IT'S OUT THERE YET, AND I KNOW WHERE THAT HILL IS.

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, HUH?

WELL, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S THERE. BUT APPARENTLY THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE HAD IT WHEN HE WAS...THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT WHEN HE STOPPED AT THE POST OFFICE, BUT HE STOPPED AT THE POST OFFICE AND WENT UP THAT WAY, AND THAT'S ABOUT SEVEN MILES OVER THERE. HE COULD HAVE PUT IT ANYWHERE BETWEEN THERE AND WHERE HE CAMPED. BUT THEY DIDN'T GET IT.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE SHERIFF'S NAME AT THAT TIME?

YES, I KNOW HIS NAME. THAT IS I KNOW HIS LAST NAME, AND HE WAS ...LET ME THINK A MINUTE...I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HIS NAME WAS. BUT, HIS SON HAD A BUSINESS HERE IN TOWN, WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE. AND, WELL, I'LL HAVE TO THINK. STOP IT A MINUTE. STOP IT A MINUTE, AND I'LL TELL YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON OUTLAWS OR BANDITS?

YES. THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU. WELL, HE TOLD ME, THIS MAN THAT WAS THE DEPUTY HERE, TOLD ME THAT WHEN THEY FOLLOWED THEM OUT THERE, BEFORE THAT TIME THERE WAS A ROBBER'S ROOST OUT HERE. AND I KNOW WHERE THAT IS, HE TOLD ME WHERE IT WAS. HE SAYS YOU COULDN'T GET NEAR THEM, BECAUSE THEIR ROOST WAS ON ONE OF THOSE HIGH RIDGES, RIGHT NORTH OF YOU, OUT THERE, SEE? AND, HE SAYS YOU COULDN'T GET NEAR THEM, BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS HAD SOMEBODY UP THERE WATCHING. YOU COULDN'T CATCH THEM. BUT HE SAID THERE WAS SEVERAL OF THEM KILLED, FINALLY. THERE WAS SEVERAL OF THE ROBBERS THAT WOULD MAKE THAT HEADQUARTERS FOR THEM. WHEN THEY GOT OUT THERE A LONE MAN DIDN'T GO UP THERE AFTER THEM, YOU JUST DIDN'T DO IT.

ABOUT WHAT TIME WAS THAT, DO YOU REMEMBER?

WELL, IT WAS BEFORE I CAME HERE. SOMETIME BEFORE IT HAPPENED, BEFORE 1919. BUT, HE WAS STILL A DEPUTY AT THAT TIME. THAT'S FUNNY. MAYBE I WROTE IT DOWN, I PUT SOMETHING DOWN HERE. I'VE GOT.....AND THE GOLD HOLE UP, BUT I HAVEN'T GOT HIS NAME DOWN.

OH WELL, THAT'S OK.

WELL, ANYWAY.

DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT MOONSHINING OPERATIONS OUT AT CRATERS OF THE MOON?

NO. BUT I DO IN THE VALLEY HERE. AND OUT IN THE CUSTER COUNTY. BECAUSE WE BROKE UP THE MOONSHINING RING, BECAUSE I WAS A DEPUTY IN DOING THAT. WE HAD THE SHERIFF HERE, AND THE FEDERAL DEPUTY FROM POCATELLO CAME UP HERE AND WORKED WITH MY BROTHER AND I, AND WE BROKE UP THE STRING. BUT WE DIDN'T EVER GO OUT THERE.

JUST WEST OF THE SPATTER CONES AREA THERE'S A CAVE AND IN THAT CAVE WAS ON OF THOSE POCKETS OF WATER OUT THERE. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS AGO, BUT, OH ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO THEY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, SOMEBODY WENT INTO THAT CAVE AND THEY FOUND EVIDENCE, YOU KNOW, A BARREL AND SOME STUFF THAT LOOKED LIKE THEY HAD DONE SOME MOONSHINING THERE. AND THEY CALL IT MOONSHINE CAVE NOW. WE DON'T REALLY KNOW THE STORY.

WELL, THERE'S A PLACE OUT THERE THAT MY BROTHER GOT WORD OF A KILLING THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE. AND HE TRACED THEM OUT THERE, AND HE CAUGHT THE MAN THAT HAD DONE THE KILLING. AND HE WAS A FOREIGNER FROM HERE AND THE MAN THAT GOT KILLED OWNED A BIG CAR. AND HE RODE OUT THROUGH THAT COUNTRY WITH HIM, AND TOOK HIM OUT IN THE LAVAS AND SHOT HIM AND LEFT HIM IN ONE OF THOSE CREVICES. COVERED HIM UP OUT THERE. MY BROTHER FINALLY TALKED HIM INTO TAKING HIM OUT AND SHOWING HIM WHERE IT WAS.

ABOUT WHEN WAS THAT?

THIS IS IN THE EARLY 20'S, EARLIER THAN THE...IT WAS BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENED OUT THERE. AND HE TOOK HIM OUT THERE AND SHOWED HIM WHERE IT WAS, IT WAS IN THE SUMMER BUT HE WAS SPOILED SO BAD THAT THEY JUST LEFT HIM THERE, AND HE'S THERE NOW. BUT THERE'S A MARKER THERE. BUT I NEVER DID GO TO IT, AND I DON'T KNOW JUST WHERE IT IS. BUT IT'S WEST OF THE MAIN MONUMENT THERE, AND OUT IN THERE. AND THIS FELLOW WAS FROM, WHERE THE LITTLE RESERVOIR IS, THE LITTLE POND, WHAT DO THEY CALL IT? LAVA

LAKE. HE WAS FROM LAVA LAKE. AND THEY PUT HIM IN JAIL, I GUESS, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THEY HAD HIM, AND FINALLY THEY LET HIM OUT AND HE TOOK OFF. HE WAS FROM BACK IN THE VIRGINIAS, ONE OF THOSE TOUGH GUYS FROM BACK IN THE VIRGINIAS. NEVER HEARD ANY MORE FROM HIM. BUT THE MAN LAYS OUT THERE RIGHT NOW, THAT'S HIS GRAVE.

WELL, THERE COULD BE AN AWFUL LOT OUT THERE, IT'S STILL NOT TRAVELED THAT MUCH.

WELL, THERE WAS A LITTLE INDIANS, THE INDIANS KNEW ABOUT THAT. YOU CAN FIND THEIR SIGNS EVERYWHERE YOU GO IN THAT COUNTRY. BUT THEY WERE AHEAD OF MY TIME, PRETTY WELL. 'COURSE THERE'S SOME HIDDEN THROUGH HERE AND THAT SORT OF THING.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PEOPLE THAT YOU KNOW THAT MIGHT KNOW ABOUT CRATERS?

BACK THERE? I'VE BEEN TRYING TO THINK OF SOME THAT ARE STILL LIVING THAT MIGHT TELL ME, AND I'VE BEEN ON THE TELEPHONE CALLING THEM. I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYONE. THERE'S A MAN THAT LIVES ACROSS HERE ABOUT TWO BLOCKS FROM ME THAT, HE'S TWO YEARS OLDER I AM, BUT HE LIVED IN THE LITTLE LOST RIVER. HE KNOWS ABOUT SOME OF THESE WILD THINGS THAT WENT ON, ALL RIGHT, BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CRATERS OF THE MOON. HE DIDN'T REMEMBER GOING OUT THERE UNTIL THEY WENT OUT AFTER THIS ROAD, SO THEY COULD DRIVE IN. YEA, I TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THAT. YOU KNOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE IN A HUNDRED MY AGE THAT'S STILL LIVING. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT? WELL, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS THAT'S WHAT THEY TELL ME. SEE, THE AVERAGE AGE IS ABOUT 75 NOW. IT HAS RAISED A LITTLE. THERE'S THREE OF US IN TOWN HERE NOW THAT'S MY AGE OR A LITTLE OLDER. ONE OF THEM IS 90 AND THE OTHER ONE IS 92. WELL, THERE'S TWO OF THEM I GUESS, ONE'S 91 AND 92. YEA. WELL, ONE IS ARCH HANSEN. HE'S...I'M NOT SURE WHETHER HE'S 90 OR 91, BUT ONE OR THE OTHER. AND THEN THERE'S TAYLOR, I FORGET WHAT HIS FIRST NAME IS, BUT HE LIVES ACROSS HERE, ABOUT TWO OR THREE BLOCKS. OVER BY THE BAPTIST CHURCH, FRIGHT ACROSS THE ROAD NORTH OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH. BUT HE LIVED ON ANTELOPE CREEK OUT HERE, IF YOU KNOW WHERE THAT IS. THAT'S A LITTLE NORTH OF THAT COUNTRY, BUT IT HEADS, WATER HEADS RIGHT UP IN THAT AREA YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. BUT I DIDN'T TALK TO HIM ABOUT THESE THINGS. HE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING. AND THERE'S A...ANOTHER MAN THAT LIVES OVER HERE, BUT HE LIVED UP AT MOORE. AND HE'S UP THERE NOW, I GUESS. BUT HE'S 92. THERE'S A WOMAN OR TWO THAT'S THE SAME AGE AS I AM.

PROBABLY VERY FEW PEOPLE LIVED OUT IN THAT AREA.

NO. THEY'RE ALL GONE, ALL THAT EVER LIVED OUT THERE AS FAR AS I KNOW.

RIGHT. LET'S SEE, TOM MARTIN WAS ONE OF HIS SON'S.

YES. YES. I REMEMBER HIM WHEN HE WAS JUST A BOY GOING TO SCHOOL.

HE DIED LAST AUGUST.

DID HE? WELL, HE'S GOT A BROTHER. AND HE'S GOT A SISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE LIVING OR NOT, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND HERE.

WELL, HE WAS OVER IN CALDWELL. WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TRACK DOWN ANY MORE THAN THAT. THESE ARE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONUMENT, AND JUST ANY COMMENTS YOU HAVE. THESE WERE, I GUESS ONE OF THE EARLIEST WE KNOW OF, PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CRATERS, AND CRATERS INN MAINLY AT THAT...

WELL, THIS IS BIG CINDER HILL BACK HERE. THE ROAD GOES AROUND AND UP BETWEEN THESE. AND DOWN AROUND THERE AND BACK.

GOES CLEAR AROUND HUH?

WELL THIS HOUSE THAT I WAS TELLING YOU IS RIGHT IN HERE. CAN'T SEE IT, IT'S RIGHT IN THIS SIDE. YES, I KNOW THE AREA, I'VE SEEN IT LOT'S OF TIMES.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT PHOTO MIGHT HAVE COME FROM?

WELL, THERE'S WHERE THEY'RE STARTING, YOU HAVE TO PUSH ON IT. LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GOT A LINE ON THE FRONT OF THAT TRYING TO PULL IT. THAT'S

A MODEL T.

WE'VE GOT QUITE A FEW OLD PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONUMENT, BUT WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE OR ANYTHING ELSE.

AND WAS THAT TAKEN OUT THERE?

WELL, YEA. YEA. WE JUST DON'T KNOW ANY STORY OR ANYTHING ELSE ON IT. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THIS ONE. NOW THIS IS CALLED A BEAR TRAP, AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL WE KNOW ABOUT IT. BUT THAT'S NOT THAT LOG ONE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

UH-UH. NO THAT ONE WAS BUILT OF LOGS, THIS HAS GOT STEEL GATES IN FRONT OF IT.

DID YOU EVER SEE THAT ONE?

NO. I NEVER SAW THAT ONE. I WOULD HAVE BET ON THAT OTHER ONE BEFORE I WOULD HAVE THIS ONE, IT WAS A NATURAL THING, YOU KNOW. JUST BUILT OUT OF THOSE LOGS. AND IF A BEAR WOULD GET IN THERE HE COULDN'T CHEW THOSE LOGS OFF AND GET OUT.

WHEN LIMBERT CAME OUT AND DID THAT WALK UP FROM MINNEDOKA AND SO ON, A LOT OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE TURNED OUT TO SEE HIM.

WHO WAS THIS?

TOWNSPEOPLE FROM ARCO AND SO ON.

TO SEE WHO?

WELL, LIMBERT. LIMBERT IS... WE'RE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN MORE ON HIM, BUT HE WAS THE MAN THAT, YOU KNOW, WALKED THE LAVAS, TOOK PHOTOS, GOT IT WRITTEN UP IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND SO ON. AND HE USED TO REALLY PROMOTE IT, HE USED TO GIVE PROGRAMS, NOT ONLY IN IDAHO BUT OTHER PLACES. I DON'T THINK HE SPENT MUCH TIME IN AND AROUND ARCO, THOUGH, MAINLY AROUND BOISE.

WELL, HE'S NOT THE MAN THAT I KNOW OF, I DON'T THINK, THAT'S NOT THE NAME.

OK, NOW THERE WAS STEARNS. STEARNS IS THE GEOLOGIST YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

WELL, IT WAS A GEOLOGIST THAT MADE THAT TREE COUNT OUT AROUND THROUGH THERE.

RIGHT, HE DID A LOT OF WORK TOO. ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS LIMBERT WAS THERE. IN FACT, THEY HAD MET ONE ANOTHER.

THEY MUST HAVE DONE.

DID YOU HEAR WHERE THERE'S GOLD? IN THE SOUTH THERE.

A COUPLE QUESTIONS I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU. THESE WERE CALLED THE WHITE-KNOB MOUNTAINS UNTIL ABOUT 1930, AND THEN THEY JUST ALL THE SUDDEN BECAME CALLED THE PIONEER MOUNTAINS. DO YOU KNOW WHY THAT CHANGE WAS MADE?

PIONEER RANGE. NO.

AND, INDIAN MOUNDS ARE INDICATED ON THIS MAP. IS THAT...? OK IF WE WERE LOOKING TODAY, MONUMENT WHERE YOU TURN IN WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT, RIGHT IN HERE. AND HERE'S, AS YOU'RE COMING UP HERE'S THAT FIRST CONE THAT YOU HIT, AND THERE'D BE A PULL-OFF ABOUT RIGHT IN HERE. AND HERE'S THE INDIAN MOUNDS THERE. IS THAT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADS FOR THE ONES YOU WERE INDICATING?

YEA. YEA. THIS IS THE CINDER HILL? THERE'S CINDERS HERE?

WELL, YES.

AND THIS IS THE ROAD? THERE'S CINDERS HERE. WELL, RIGHT IN HERE, ABOUT WHERE THAT SPOT IS, IS ABOUT WHERE THOSE INDIAN GRAVES ARE. AND IT'S DOWN, OH TWO-THREE HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE ROAD. YOU KNOW, IT ISN'T VERY FAR TO WALK DOWN THERE. WELL, WHAT I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT IS...IN PROSPECTING, I SAW A RETURN FROM THE SMELTER, A RETURN FROM THE OFFICE IN SALT LAKE, A SAMPLE OF THAT ROCK THAT WENT 800 DOLLARS TO THE TON, IN GOLD...

AT THAT TIME?

AT THAT TIME. IMAGINE WHERE IT SITS NOW. AND I AND ONE OF MY SONS HAVE HAD THAT UNDER FILING FOR A LONG TIME, BUT WE LET IT GO DELINQUENT AND HERE A COUPLE YEARS AGO THE BIG MINING COMPANIES COME IN AND SLAPPED CLAIMS ALL OVER IT. THAT'S RIGHT NORTH OF YOU.

YES. ESPECIALLY OUT IN THAT AREA.

[JUMP IN THE TAPE]

...HAD MY PICK WITH ME, AND A MAN THAT WAS AT THE CRATERS SAW ME THROUGH THE GLASSES, I GUESS. AND HE COME UP THERE AND HE SAYS, "YOU KNOW YOU'RE TRESPASSING ON GOVERNMENT LAND?" AND I SAYS "NO." WELL HE SAYS "WELL, YOU ARE." AND I SAYS "YOU BETTER LOOK AGAIN. I KNOW WHERE THAT LINE IS, DO YOU?" HE SAYS "YES I DO." WELL I SAYS "YOU GO LOOK AGAIN." I WAS ABOUT 50 FEET OFF FROM IT. I KNEW WHERE IT WAS AND HE DIDN'T.

THAT'S THE DARNDDEST BOUNDARY UP THERE I'VE EVER SEEN. IT JUST GOES...IT'S SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW THE SECTION LINES.

WELL, THE NORTHEAST CORNER, YOU CAN'T SEE IT TILL YOU GET UP THERE.

RIGHT. AND IT'S PRETTY WELL MARKED NOW.

OH, I IMAGINE IT'S MARKED. BUT I WAS KIDDIN' HIM. I KNOW HE COULDN'T DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. BUT I'D BEEN HUNTING UP THERE, AND I WAS PROSPECTING AT THE SAME TIME, SEE? BUT THERE'S SOME GOLD RIGHT ON THE PATHWAY OVER TO LITTLE COTTONWOOD. THAT VEIN RUNS RIGHT ACROSS THE ROAD, WHERE YOU DRIVE OVER THERE. ON THAT MONUMENT, AND I DON'T EVEN SCRATCH THE GROUND ON THERE.

WELL, WE SURE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THAT BECAUSE, WELL MAINLY BECAUSE OUR ONLY INTEREST IS IN PRESERVING THE MONUMENT.

WELL, I KNOW NOBODY COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

THEY BOUGHT UP THAT MARTIN MINE CLAIM, I DON'T KNOW, THAT PROPERTY SWITCHED HANDS FOR SEVERAL DIFFERENT TIMES, AND FINALLY THE MONUMENT BOUGHT IT. AND DIDN'T PAY MUCH FOR IT, BUT THE SOUL INTENT WAS JUST TO GET THAT PRIVATE INHOLDING OUT OF THE PARK.

TO GET THE WATER. THAT'S WHAT THEY WANTED WAS TO GET THAT WATER. THAT'S WHERE THEY GET THEIR DRINKING WATER.

WELL, THAT WAS PART OF IT TOO.

YEA. THAT'S WHAT IT WAS AT THE TIME.

AND, WHETHER THAT EVER SHOWS TO.....

[THIS IS THE END OF THE RECORDING OF THE INTERVIEW]