

**Call number: 02-00-123 SIDE B**

**Lynn Smith story,**

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Beginning of the recording is unclear, continuation of 02-00-123 SIDE A.

At 15:49 intelligible recording resumes with Scotty Nubie [sp? Newby?], a WW I veteran, who has been here [at the St. Joseph's Hospital] for over a week. Harrie [? Hughes] asks if he'd like to say a few words. Scotty says he is at the hospital for about 10 days because of a heart attack. He appreciates the hospital. He came to Alaska in 1943 with a construction crew. He was born and raised in Idaho but he came "here" from Spokane, Washington. He also spent 15 years in Canada previous to that. In 1921 he drove 4-head outlaw horses to Northern Canada. [Discussing Pioneer organization in Dawson.] He left Canada in 1936 and went to Spokane again until the war broke out. He worked at the Naval Supplies Depot and in [unclear].

Clyde [? Burkett] asks about his medical condition and they discuss it a bit. He says he's been working 20-22 hours a day for 5 or 6 years. He has a homestead at the trailer park near North Pole, and has 100 acres cleared. The tape is played back for him. [Break in the recording.]

Mr. Nubie says he would like McGrath to come see him at the hospital as soon as possible. [Break in the recording.]

19:06 Clyde Burkett says he is in the room of William C. Waters in St. Joseph's hospital. He's the one the lady at Central City was describing on the tape [ORAL HISTORY 02-00-85 SIDE B]. William [?] says they [the woman?] were trying to figure out where they went from Central but he sure doesn't know. Harrie says the lady up there told that William was trying to help them out or something.

William says that his thing was a mess and his horses had bolted and he was [unclear]. [Unclear talking.] Harrie [?] asks what his advice would be for a newcomer, and William says that newcomers should look at the map so they won't get lost. Harrie tells that he has never been lost and that he has been all over the Interior. When one lives in the country, one doesn't miss things like game animal tracks anymore, or stranger's footprints. Instinct shows one right away. Seasoned people for example break branches or turn stones on the trail so they'll remember where they came from but newcomers don't do that. Clyde talks about Maury Smith who was a forester on the area and admitted he's been lost. One can get lost, admits Harrie, and tells about people who missed a camp by 8 miles and wondered around 4-5 days. That was in Late Night area. [Break in the recording.]

At 22:22 someone reads a poem, Preservation of Man. It's about animals that don't drink alcohol and die young versus the man who drinks bourbon and lives long. Harrie says the poem was by William C. Waters from Kentucky. He's the boy who got lost in Central-Circle –area and is recuperating in the hospital.

Now they are at the desk at the St. Joseph's Hospital, talking with sisters and nurses. A woman's voice says they'll miss Mr. Burkett and that he has been very faithful. She says she's been to the hospital since 1947 and Mr. Burkett has visited every Sunday and every Christmas. They appreciate what he has done for them. Burkett thanks the sisters who have been so accommodating. Another Sister says they appreciate what he has done for the hospital and that they wish him the best wishes. [Break in the recording.]

25:23 Clyde says they left the hospital and are on their way to Julian Hurley's place. [Break in the recording.] Harrie says it's September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1961 and that Frank Mapelton [Mapleton?] passed away due to a heart attack in his home. The recording is a memorandum of Clyde Burkett, Harrie Hughes and Frank Young.

[End of the recording.]