

Here's a Pioneer tapes - Tape 4, Side 1-Cut 1

Side 1 - Eustice Paul Ziggler interview (speed variance at beginning) -
Came to Alaska January 1909. Had training in Detroit -
Gale School of Fine Arts. Drawn to Alaska by several
books.

Went to Cordova during building of railroad. Painted
all that time.

Sydney Lawrence was here at the time. His work cul-
tivated taste of Alaskans for art. Ziggler speaks highly
of Sydney Lawrence.

Ziggler was always able to dispose of his painting.

1909 - Copper River and Kennicott region - mostly
tents. Lawrence was living there and getting \$35 apiece
for his pictures.

Ziggler came to Fairbanks in 1919.

Kennicott Steamship Co. has 2-3 boats a week.

Describes "Doing the Assessment Work" and how he
came to paint it.

She asks him about Doc Gillespe. Ziggler relates
anecdote of Gillespe asking for painting of Horse Creek
Mary in Cordova area.

Ziggler claims Horse Creek Mary is an old Indian
girlfriend of Doc's - 104 years old! Doc is the
father of Mary Sachs (?) wife of Tom Sachs.

Ziggler knew Cap. Lathrop when he was doctoring
horses.

Goes to Southern California now. Ziggler is 73 at
time of interview. Sees Alec McDonald in California -
transportation man from Anchorage. Good friend of
"Cap's".

Side 1 - Mrs. Jessie Mather interview (muddy-no high frequency) -
Resident of Eagle on her way to Pioneer's home in Sitka.

She requested that Tundra Topics give day for benefit
of miners in bush who lose track of days.

People in Eagle use Fairbanks time altho they are with-
in 8 minutes of Dawson time.

Been in Alaska 41 years the 22nd of June "this year".
Came from Sheffield, England.

Came to Eagle by accident - were visiting Alaska for
one year. Her mother was ill and they had to leave the
boat at first American port - Eagle. Before they could
return World War I broke out and they weren't allowed to
go back over the sea. Her father was a doctor. He got
interested in mining with George Mattlock.

Mined after she was married.

Came to Fairbanks after her husband's death.

She has glaucoma and is going blind.

Farewell party at the Eagle library.

Talks about establishment of the library in Eagle.

Had 300 books to start with. Charged \$1 each for member-
ship fees.

Dept. of Justice in Fairbanks gave what used to be the
post office for a recreation building in Eagle. "Mar-
velous (?) pinochle".

Sometimes have a visiting minister.

Eagle was pretty good sized. War took people away as

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Mrs. Jessie Mather interview, continued - did better transportation (air) out. She thinks it will build up again.
Mentions new international airport building.

Side 2 - Ed Farrell interview - Came to Alaska at age 14. Landed at Juneau and then back to states - working on a boat. In 1900 family friend coming to Dawson persuaded folks to let him come. Hadn't been back in 52 years (back to states 2 years ago).

Two banks - 2 strings of people 300 yards long each waiting to deposit gold in bank. Stayed in Dawson 1900-1904.

1900 was best year in Dawson. Met Pedro. Mined on creek only a short way from Pedro's discovery. Stayed in Fairbanks until 1915. Summer of '14 went to Livengood Stampede and then went to Ruby (big strike in Ruby was in 1911). Put in about 10 years in Ruby, 5 years at Mason Creek on Yukon and then 3 years at Rampart.

1933 - Staked Golden Creek with his partner Jack Elliott. Now know as Iditarod Mining Co. - leased to Frank Edgington.

1910 - Iditarod

1911 - Ruby

Fall 1911 - Bought horses and drove to Valdez. Took 10 days. Prospected that winter.

Returned to Fairbanks Summer 1912.

Describes roadhouses etc. on road to Valdez. Prices were high \$2 - \$2.50/ meal \$2/bed. Miner might work 10 hours for \$5.00.

1908 - Miner's Strike - had a soup line.

Wedding in Chandalar country during Stampede. School-teacher and another girl wanted to get married - no preacher. Miner's meeting decided Farrell would perform ceremony - miner's meeting was law. Got them up there. Written record by oldtimer told of vows:

Van reads vows - Bride: Agnes Dalton

Has Farrell read: "For \$2 each in Cheechako money, I'll unite this couple etc."

Far as 7 or 8 years ago they were still together.

1949 Fish Wheel - Fabe Stampede. A fish wheel brought up gold. Story got stronger. Farrell went up by Ft. Yukon. Quite a bunch. Counted 12 airplanes circling to land on sand bar.

Thinks his best years were in Ruby. Sociable people. Not much there "now".

Farrell still holds some claims - royalties from Golden Creek and interest in quartz mine in Seward.

Farrell is Dan Regan's (?) uncle - manager of Lathrop Theatre Co.

Side 2 - Mrs. Rebecca Farrell interview - Made 1 of 1st plane trips to Nome 1927. Fairbanks to Nome with Noel Wien. Stormy - compelled to land at Unalakleet overnite. No road house. Charlie Traeger's Trading Post - bed in store for lady. Traeger lived upstairs and men stayed there.

2 passenger plane had picked up Mr. Flat, Supt. of schools.

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Side 2 - Mrs. Rebecca Farrell interview, continued - Went on following Norton Sound surf to Golovin (?). Went into Nome.

She was Wien's 1st woman passenger.

Mukluk Telegraph - the grapevine. Word of mouth - often thought there was a leak in the telegraph.

Was telegraph at Nome.

S.S. Victoria trip - made trip each summer with husband (before Farrell) to gold dredge 50 miles outside Nome.

1 trip - stewardess was not registered nurse and was worried about family who had gotten on at Seattle sick. Mrs.

Farrell was nurse and so she looked at family. They had pox on hands and feet. Mrs. Farrell said smallpox. Told captain and decided not to tell passengers until reached ? .

Had wired ahead to doctor who said no one was to come ashore. Commissioner sent word to Washington D.C. Ordered Army (?) ship from San Francisco - took 1 week for ship with vaccine to arrive. Dr. Walsh on shore had no vaccine.

Took sick family to deserted army post (Ft. Davis) and isolated them. Charlie Newhouse went to take care of them.

Miners anxious to get ashore to mine.

1 man got smallpox because he wiped vaccine off his arm.

Freighter trip to Arctic after mining on Solomon River. Went 50 miles east of Shishmarif looking for new spot for dredge. Had 3 horses. Built house out of bales of hay.

2 horses swam out to sea. Mosquitoes bad. (Noisy record)

She was to go back to Nome on freighter. Adventurous 1st mate wanted pix taken on ice. Went over side on Jacob's ladder. 2nd mate didn't get pix. Men on ice got panicky at being left behind.

Horses - Man in Nome had as many as 18 horses for freight teams from Nome to Teller. Used to have 50 miles east of Nome to Solomon River.

Hay and oats were expensive shipped in.