

### **Interview with Garth Anderson: A Summary**

The Silver Fox claims were originally discovered in the early 1900's, but were abandoned in 1927. They were staked in the 40's by Garth's Father, Tury Anderson, who had already been prospecting all over that country. A small portal was already there, however they put in a new portal right next to the old one because there was better ore. Tury is the one who named the mine Silver Fox. It was a family operation run by Tury and Garth along with Garth's brother and mother. The ore varied as they went in and probably still exists under the current mine. The present day sump area is where they decided to take out a lower cut to follow the ore down. They blasted about every 3 days, used a jackleg drill and dynamite, and pushed the ore carts out by hand using the rail. They hand sorted the rock and filled 55 gallon barrels with high-grade galena. The barrels were shipped at first to a smelter in Montana, then later, one in Tacoma. Finally, after those two smelters were shut down, to one in the Bay Area, but that was becoming too costly. They did make a decent living. They stayed in frame tents and shut down for the winters. The mine was later run by Tury as a tourist mine using ore carts with seats. Tury had a small mill on site which was sold and removed. Frank Delong is who "stirred the pot" to get Tury to donate the mine to the university.