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Glenn Burrell

Neville Jacobs, interviewer

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Glenn Burrell talks about hunting along the Taylor Highway. He would always get a couple of moose a year. He used a dogsled to haul equipment and supplies to Nabesna. He was prospecting in 1942-1943 in the area.

He talks about working during the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam running a saw mill. He worked at that job for five years. He returned to Alaska in 1940.

He worked at the Whittier saw mill run by the Columbia Lumber Company. He talked about the source of the logs for the saw mill. They would come across Prince William Sound. They shipped their lumber by train out of Whittier. It later burned down in the 1950s.

He worked at Attu Island after World War II in January of 1946. He talked about seeing the bones of the Japanese soldiers all over the hills of the island. He was working for the Navy maintaining the base. He stayed there for about ten months.

He moved to Anchorage and started buying property and building homes. He still owns apartments in Anchorage. He talks about other commercial development in Anchorage. He is happy with his life in Alaska.

He talks about lending his car to Hubert Wilkins and Ben Eielson when they would fly into town. He talked about the first cabin plane coming into Fairbanks in 1926.

He talks about his children and grandchildren. Both his sons live in Washington. His surviving daughter lives in Anchorage.

He relates a few hunting stories.