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George talks about the Germans that were kicked out of Canada by the Mounted Police and they came over to Eagle, Alaska. George said Max Drews was offered his citizenship if he enlisted during the Spanish American War. George said that Max Drew was active in many ventures. Max Drew was an old Prussian guard.

George said that Charlie Ott was a German who prospected. They discuss the Martin Otts from Rampart who are now living in Fairbanks.

Mike asks about the Steele Roadhouse. George said that Bob Steele built the roadhouse.

Mike talks about the demolition of the Steele Hotel. They discuss Danny Agbaba.

Mike asks about characters that lived in Eagle. George talks about "Nimrod" E. A.

Robertson who was a watchmaker and jeweler. Charlie Beaterman, Gus Douglas and Doff Schoenberger found his body on the river ice. He is buried in the Eagle cemetery.

George talks about "Nimrod" E. A. Robertson killing a bear and keeping the meat in a hardrock tunnel. He had the bear's teeth made into false teeth. They talk about Horace Beaterman. His stepfather was Ed Beaterman. Tom Hunter was Horace Beaterman's father.

George talks about the Eagle cemetery. A lot of the marker's on the graves can't be read anymore. Wyman Fritz made markers out of redwood which are easier to read. Mike talks about a diagram of the old cemetery in Fairbanks so people can tell where people are buried. George said the Eagle cemetery was also a military cemetery. George talked about George Williams from Dawson falling in the river. He was found in a fish wheel. They buried him in Eagle.

Mike asked about the Alaska Historical Society coming in to help Eagle with historical places. George said that would probably be appreciated. Some artifacts have been removed. George believes when the mail contract was in Eagle things were better. Mike talks about flying into Eagle. George talks about carrying a leather shoestring to tie up the airplane door to keep them shut when he would fly with Jim McClaufen. They discuss Jim McClaufen's airplane business.

Mike asked George about the Redman Lodge. George said that it was active at one time. Wyman Fritz was the clerk for them. They were a fraternal organization. Arctic Brotherhood was also in Eagle for a while, too.

Mike talked about the number of artifacts in Eagle. George talks about getting a peanut roaster from Jack Hillard. George donated it to the Eagle museum. They talk about Buster Thompson, George Sympathen, and John Powers. Mike asked if there were any Klondike stampedeers who ended up in Eagle. George said Bob Steele and Bob Murry were Klondike stampedeers.