

Danny Wiehl, son of Florence Wiehl and grandson of Alfred Mayo. Mayo came to Fort Yukon in 1873, Danny says. Came down river from the Porcupine. Got to the Porcupine from MacKenzie drainage (early route into the north). Trapped in Fort Yukon and down river. Started trading post at Nulato. Mayo and McQueston and Harper and La Due came into the north together.

Danny says his grandfather started a trading post at Old Station. Then he bought a boat. Old Station is between Callands(sp?) Below Tanana 30 or 40 miles...between Kallands and Tanana. Bought a steamer from Sheffling Brothers, the discoverers of Tombstone, Arizona. Mayo sold his boat to LaDue (sp?) and Harper. Mayo went up in the Circle, 40 Mile and Stewart River areas.

Mayo was dead before Danny was born. Died around 1923 or 1925. Mayo about 76 when he died and died in Rampart. Buried there. Old Cemetery is on the way to the airport. Danny Wiehl's father came to Rampart in 1904 with a brother. From Minnesota. Uncle Joe Wiehl. Danny's father (John Wiehl) was reared in Spokane.

Talk between Harry and Danny about Reinosky. Say Everett Ford in Ester should know his whereabouts.

Frank Holly mined on Slate Creek. An old character. Tommy Laporte another old timer and colorful characters in Rampart. Another was Mike Sweeney.

Danny's mother is Florence Mayo born in Tanana in 1897. Auntie (Woods) was born in Old Station in 1894.

Another character in Rampart was Rex Beach. Books "Iron Trail" "Silver Horde" are two that Danny has. Harry...no Danny says that Beach shot himself in 1949...had cancer. Danny's brother Alfred Wiehl lives in Beach's cabin now.

Mayo built a trading post in Rampart. Part of Havrilack's house is built out of logs from that old post. Mayo sold out to the N.C. Co. Six thousand people in Rampart during the stampede, Danny allows. There were seven saloons. Danny was born in Rampart in 1927 and has lived there all the time except for seven or eight months when he worked for the Alaska Railroad. He has five brothers and two sisters. His mother is in Fairbanks now for an eye operation. One of Danny's aunts still is living in Montnan. About 90 now. His father remained in the Rampart area, mining mostly.

Population in Rampart today? About 30 adults.

Danny allows that he worked on the Steamer Alice once. He has never mined. Now he runs a "taxi" service for the aircraft and he is more or less the agent for Ft. Yukon Air Service.

Harry talks about prospecting, sinking holes, etc. He wanted to see Alaska with the intention of returning to the east. One fellow talked him into going prospecting his first winter so they went out together. The other guy went back to Rampart for the winter and left Harry to sink holes by himself. An early lesson.