

Mark Jacobs Jr. talks with Kristen Griffin and Robi Craig on December 21, 1998 at the Sitka Tribe of Alaska offices in Sitka, Alaska about...

[Kiks.ádi clan leader Al Perkins gave his permission for this non-Kiks.ádi telling of the Kiks.ádi battle story to be included.]

1) His personal background and family.

Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- brother Harvey/ Navy/ language -- Native/ birthdays/ Tlingit names/
 Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- brother Hamilton/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- brother Ernie/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. --
 -- sister Bertha Karas/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- sister Roselyn Osborne|

2) His grandmother's remarriage after her husband died and his father's birth in Sitka.

Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- parents/ Angoon/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- father/ Sitka/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. --
 grandparents/ death/ marriage -- traditions/ Iceberg House/ clans/ Deisheetaan/ Mark,
 Jacobs Jr. -- step-grandfather/ Jacobs, James|

3) Life in the Tlingit village versus life in the Cottages, and use of the Park when he was a boy.

Jacobs, Mark Jr -- father/ Iceberg House/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- father's childhood/ potlatch/
 clan house/ Jacobs, Mark Jr -- sisters/ Cottages/ changes -- move to Cottages/ language --
 Tlingit/ Park -- playground/ Park -- maintenance/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- grandmother/
 medicine -- Indian/ medicine -- plant|

4) His grandmother's use of medicinal plants collected in the Park.

Park -- Tlingit placenames/ medicine -- plant/ medicine -- Indian/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. --
 grandmother/ walking/ medicine -- preparation/ Fort Site/ Second Russian American
 Conference -- speech/ contact -- first European|

5) The battle between the Russians and the Tlingit at Sitka.

Lituya Bay/ battle -- Russians & Kiks.ádi/ clans/ battlesite/ battle -- skirmish/ Second
 Russian American Conference/ speech -- publication/ Alaska Magazine/ University of
 Alaska/ Russians -- occupation/ boat -- canoe/ shore -- rocky|

6) Use of the Indian River area of the Sitka National Historical Park, and old cars getting stuck trying to go up the steep hill at Shaman Point.

Indian River -- Tlingit name/ fish -- King Salmon/ Park -- use of/ Park -- automobile
 road/ Littlefield, Esther -- house/ hill/ car -- four-cylinder/ Shaman Point -- Tlingit name/
 graves -- shaman|

7) The layout of the trails and roads of the old Sitka National Historical Park, and the reconstruction of a blockhouse on Kiks.ádi property in town.

Metlakatla Street/ boatshop/ Park -- Visitor Center/ playground -- location/ totem poles/
 Merrill Rock/ road -- blocked/ trails/ Crooked Road/ buggy/ bicycle/ blockhouse/ erosion|

blockhouse -- replica/ Kiks.ádi/ Williams, Jimmy/ Nielsen, Peter/ Bidruckson, John/ clans|

8) The Kiks.ádi relationship to and use of the Park.

abandonment/ 1926 Indian Village Site Act/ clan -- house/ trees -- use of/ totem poles -- borrowed/ St. Louis World's Fair|

9) Using the Park as a boy.

totem poles -- Haida/ Park -- use of/ Park -- lack of restrictions/ playground/ tree -- hollow/ bats/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- mother/ bats -- Tlingit name/ Park -- cattle/ Burkhardt's dairy/ cattle -- kids clearing from Park/ tree -- Witchcraft Tree/ tree -- Russian Cemetary/ tree -- Devil's Fork/ tourists/ graves -- Russian sailors|

10) The battle between the Russians and the Tlingit and the difference between Russians and Indians flying a white flag.

Easter -- Russian/ church -- Russian Orthodox/ battle/ Kiks.ádi -- refuge/ trees -- use of/ land -- sacred/ tree -- Tlingit name/ white flag|

11) The skirmish between Chief Katlian and Alexander Baranof during the battle.

Russians/ boat -- whale boat/ Chief Katlian/ helmet -- battle/ battle -- attack/ Baranof, Alexander/ Baranof, Alexander -- clothing/ land -- sacred/ graves -- shaman|

12) The Kiks.ádi abandonment of the Fort Site and march across the island to escape the Russians, and the peace negotiations that followed.

fort -- abandonment/ history/ Angoon/ Kiks.ádi/ white flag -- explanation of/ battle -- march/ Deisheetaan/ Hanus Bay/ Point Craven/ Baranof, Alexander/ peace -- negotiations/ Chief Katlian/ party -- peace/ party -- deer dance|

13) Conclusion of Russian and Tlingit peace negotiations, and the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program during the 1940s.

peace -- negotiations/ Russians/ gift -- bronze eagle/ Kiks.ádi/ museum -- Juneau/ Great Depression/ President Hoover/ program -- unemployment/ CCC Program/ President Roosevelt/ New Deal/ CCC Program -- benefits/ Alaska Native Brotherhood/ Moller, Dan/ US Forest Service|

14) Sitka men repairing the totem poles in Sitka National Historical Park as part of the federal work program.

Alaska Native Brotherhood/ work/ work -- wages/ totem poles -- repair/ totem pole -- White Man|

15) Stories behind the poles, and clan representations on them.

totem poles -- repair/ Park -- use of/ Lover's Lane/ totem poles -- stories/ clans/ Raven Totem Pole/ Clan -- Shark/ bird -- cormorant/ totem pole -- eagle side/ National Park

Service|

16) The story of the accidental death of the first John Cameron and John Hope's adoption into the Cameron family.

Civilian Conservation Corps carvers/ Willard, John/ Willard, John -- wife/ Cameron, John/ Cameron, John -- wife/ Hope, John/ Cameron, Don -- brother John/ death -- accident/ boat -- skiff/ Cameron, Don/ Hope, John -- adopted/ Hope, Andrew Jr. |

17) Repair and duplication of old poles in the Park.

adoption -- Indian/ family -- care of/ totem poles -- repairs/ totem poles -- location/ trails/ totem poles -- discarded |

18) Impacts on Indian River from the removal of gravel during World War II.

gravel/ World War II -- impact/ gravel -- digging out/ Indian River -- impact/ salmon -- spawning/ salmon -- impact on/ Indian River -- erosion |

19) Erosion and stabilization of the banks of Indian River, and changes to the river and salmon spawning grounds.

erosion/ spawning beds -- loss of/ Signikovitch, Roger/ gravel -- hauling/ Sheldon Jackson School -- hatchery/ water level -- changes/ military/ pump station |

20) Impacts on the water volume in the Indian and Cascade Rivers.

pipeline/ Victoria Dock/ World War II/ water level -- changes/ Indian River/ water -- city system/ Cascade River/ Indian River/ pump station |

21) Changes in the Indian River continued, and impacts from the military use of the Park during World War II and possible pollution left behind.

river -- log bank/ Willard, John/ Alaska Native Brotherhood/ flood/ nature -- control of/ prophecy/ World War II -- impact/ Park -- military use of/ Halibut Point Road/ Sandy Beach/ Camp Dixie/ Seabee camp/ pollution/ land -- contamination/ land -- military/ Superfund/ land -- residential |

22) Military land use in Sitka during World War II.

land -- military/ land -- restrictions/ Halibut Point Road/ Carvel Mountain/ radar site/ Navy/ radar/ Park -- military use of/ Kean, Dan/ machine guns |

23) The site where the Tlingit defended themselves against the Russians.

Park -- military use of/ Lewis, George Sr./ blockhouse/ archaeologists/ battle site/ defense site -- location/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- father/ battle site -- ceremony/ armistice |

24) A treaty between Sitka and Wrangell clans, and restrictions on telling other clans' stories and histories.

peace treaty/ deer dance/ Kaagwaantaan/ Wrangell/ Hoonah/ Sitka/ behavior --

restrictions/ stories -- clans/ history -- telling/ oral history/ storytelling|

25) Rules and restrictions of traditional storytelling, and economic and social changes resulting from the Park.

storytelling/ stories -- discrepancies/ oral history/ Park -- changes/ Park -- Visitor Center/ Park -- cultural programs/ IRA/ National Park Service/ land -- claims/ Russian Bishop's House -- renovation/ funding -- competition for/ artists|

26) Feelings about the National Park Service's allocation of funds for projects and programs.

funding/ programs -- reduction of/ Visitor Center -- construction of/ Visitor Center -- feelings toward/ Kiks.ádi/ Kaagwaantan/ marriage -- practices/ park -- use of/ fort -- abandonment|

27) The battle march, Russians killing Tlingit, and traditional Tlingit beliefs about death.

fort -- abandonment/ stories -- battle/ Russians/ Tlingit/ death -- beliefs/ reincarnation/ Kuxqatan|

28) The National Park Service relocating Kaagwaantaan house posts to the National Park.

totem poles -- moved/ totem poles -- Kaagwaantaan/ Chief Anaxóots/ National Park Service/ Johnson, A.P./ Alaska Native Brotherhood/ clans -- property/ clans -- separation/ Paul, Patrick|

29) Land claims conflicts.

Herring Rock/ places -- sacred/ Kaagwaantaan/ clans -- debts/ Johnson, A.P./ Paul, Patrick/ land claims -- Tlingit-Haida/ Alaska Native Brotherhood/ Jacobs, Mark Jr. -- grand uncle/ Young, Ralph/ Chichagof Mine/ Chichagof Island/ Indians -- treatment of|

30) Ralph Young and his uncle's effort to file and fund a mining claim on Chichagof Island.

land claims -- Tlingit-Haida/ mining -- claims/ Young, Ralph/ Young, Ralph -- uncle/ Chichagof/ Sheldon Jackson School/ Dr. Beck/ Degraw -- merchant|

31) Ralph Young's mining activity.

Chichagof/ mining -- ore sampling/ Tacoma/ mining -- income/ Newell, John/ Mark, Edith/ Churchill, Charlotte/ Young, Ralph -- first wife/ Young, Ralph -- son, Gibson/ Lewis, George -- wife|

32) Ralph Young and John Newell's houses in the Cottages Community, and Ralph Young's marriages and children.

Lewis, George -- wife/ Newell, John/ Young, Ralph/ Frederick, Neal/ Cottages -- building/