

[Monologue while in plane.]

Interview with ~~Rhodes~~: **CARL CLARK, HOPE, JUNE, 1981**

Steve: When did you come here? You said 1913, is that what you said?
Twenty years ago or so then.

~~Rhodes~~^{CLARK}: Yes.

Unknown: Weren't you at Sunrise, too?

~~Rhodes~~^C: No. There were quite a few people in Sunrise then too. That burnt about '15' or '16'.

Steve: It burnt down also, in 1915?

~~Rhodes~~^C: Most of the men were out fiddlin around in the creek there trying to make a living. A few women there, about half a dozen women, and the darn grass caught fire _____.

Steve: We flew in today. We come down from Seward flying the route. I have an old map here with a bunch of things I wanted to try to check with you...

Interview with Carl Clark:

Steve: How old are you?

Carl: Seventy-three. I'll be seventy-four.

Steve: We've tried to take a look at that old trail a little bit and a lot of what we found--a lot of this information--we found a bunch of old railroad surveys--The Alaska Northern Railroad and they got just everything along this route pretty well nailed out as far as places through the years, when they were located. We got a lot of maps from 1908 up till present time. We are just taking a look at some of these trails--the Johnson Pass Trail, Moose Pass Trail. The understanding is that there was also a trail that ran along the coastal area at one time, over from Sunrise?

Carl: Not that I know of.

Steve: Not even a winter trail?

Carl: No trail up there.

Steve: --at that end at all. On one of the maps we had drawn up we had located some sort of seasonal trail. But, you don't know of any?

Carl: I don't know anybody ever traveled a trail there and I know some of them here are ninety-five, old friends of mine. I know if there had been a trail there they would have mentioned it. No, they went up through here (Granite Creek). There was a trail up there, they had done a little mining up there. There was an old wagon road that went up in there.

Steve: Who had the mining road up there?

Carl: Well, old Al Peales, who used to be in Seward. He had some claims up there about where the road goes through now. They prospected all them creeks--never amounted to nothing. ~~Links~~ ^{LYNK} Creek was the main one up there.

Steve: Is that Links Creek? Should have been on the left or the right.

Carl: White's had a roadhouse there.

Steve: There's a couple of old cabins there, do you know whose those are?

Carl: I don't know who has got them now, but they are old ones.

Steve: Are they? Are they White's do you think?

Carl: The biggest one burnt up.

Steve: The main roadhouse burnt up. Do you know when that happened?

Carl: Oh, late thirties, middle forties.

Steve: Is that right? The other ones, do you think they are outbuildings that were with the old roadhouse?

Carl: Yes, that's all they are, just outbuildings. They mined up there. A guy had a mine there _____ through there.

Steve: Which town?

Carl: White, I guess, put the tunnel in. Then Anderson had it afterwards.

Steve: You've got Anderson's right down here a little bit below White. Is that right?

Carl: Well Anderson had the whole works afterwards. White had the roadhouse, him and his wife they were in the roadhouse.

Carl: Yes, up from the cabin. He mined right in the creek and then some more guys tried it later. Seven of them got killed in a slide over there.

Steve: A rock slide?

Carl: Snow slide. They got up the creek a little too far.

Steve: We show Anderson in there about 1910.

Carl: Well, he was in there after we come here because my dad worked for him. He was in there up until 1915.

Steve: We show Whites in there 1896.

Carl: Oh, he was in there after that, because we hauled old Anderson and his crew over here with a boat and we didn't start that till around '22'.

Steve: The old trail over at Johnson, of course the Forest Service trail you can see through there now, but you really can't see much of any other trail. Of course it's all that low willow. How did the trail follow through there, pretty much right down on the creek?

Carl: Pretty much the same way.

Steve: We really didn't see any cuts up on the ridges or anything that would indicate that the trail...

Carl: Well, about the only thing that has changed much on that is this road into Hope, they call it Beach, _____.

Steve: That was right down on the beach?

Carl: Well, close to it--it was off the beach and on the beach , but it hit the beach quite a bit.

Steve: And they'd go out on the ice too.

Carl: Well, not too much. There was a regular trail that crossed out there.

Steve: But, it was right...

Carl: It come down over them points.

Steve: So, it's more or less between Hope and Sunrise, between the highway and the ocean.

Carl: Right, it crosses the highway about half way to Sunrise, on the upper side.

Steve: You mean from Halfway Point to Sunrise, it was above the road. Then from Halfway Point it was below the road.

Carl: Yes, followed pretty close to that, beached (?) in the timber and out of the timber.

