

Video Interview Outline For
John ("Jack") Simpson &
Ester Simpson

** Feel free to write any notes in the outline.

I. What do you remember about the Archibald family history ?

A. Comment on Bow Hill, Scotland and the Archibald family origins.

1. Bring out significance of the Archibald family/ names of family members.

2. Bring out the coal mining activity in the Bow Hill area and mining conditions.

3. Bring out the decision to immigrate to America c. 1914. (Comment on Andrew Carnegie)

a. Bring out grandfather and grandmother's trip to America and settlement in Cle Elum. (4th Str. and 2nd Str./ 1918 fire/ citizenship/ education/ old country customs)

b. Bring out grandfather working in No. 7 mine.

c. Bring out the "Pension Mine" next to No. 7 mine.

B. What do you remember about the Simpson family history?

1. Comment on Bow Hill, Scotland and the origins of the Simpson family. Bring out family names.

2. What do you remember about: what the Simpson family did for a living/ education/ Isabell Archibald marries John Simpson.

3. Comment on John Simpson's decision to immigrate to America c. 1919. (Family left behind/ lives with the Archibald family/ saves money for 5 years to get family to America/ was a Mason / mom and children's trip to America)

4. Comment on John Simpson's coal mining activities in the local area. (No. 7 mine Western Miner's strike)

II. Describe what life was like in growing up in a local coal mining family?

A. Describe old country traditions in your home. (Christmas-ash and stick of candy/Discipline/Chores /No guns/ Education-mother's/ Recipes date pudding/cherry cakes/ mother's dress)

B. Describe the survival skills in a mining family. (wages and the company store/ no car/ gardening/ canning/ fishing/ little recreation/ mother cleans homes/ making clothing/ children have to quit school to supplement family income/ Mrs. Oman.

III. Describe what you did after you quit school

A. Describe how the Great Depression affected your life.

1. Decision to work in No7. mine with father.

2. Comment on New Deal programs you worked in. (WPA & CCC/ MC. Miller) What happens to the money earned?

B. Describe how WW II affected your life. (Tour in Europe and discharge in C. 1945)

C. Describe your return to coal mining in the local area.

1. Comment on No. 9 mine. (wages/ hours/ working conditions and your accident/ mine geography /mining operations)

2. Comment on No. 3 mine. (working conditions/ mining operations/closing of mine c. 1948

3. Comment on No 5 mine. (working conditions/Toni Bailey/ mine geography

4. Comment on the Patrick mine/Jonesville and Bobby Burns Day

IV. What do you remember about:

A. Development of recreation? (Ski Tournaments/ Golf Courses/ Fishing

B. Business establishments (Rose Theater/NWI store/ Cafes/ Taverns)

VI. Closing comments- Taking all the history in the local area, what event or time period should a visitor to the area know more about? What advice would you give a young person to cope with the future?