

Oral Interview Outline
For
Tauno Hill

** Feel free to write any notes you might have on this outline.

- I. Introduction: (Birth, Living in the area, Brothers and/or sisters)
- II. What do you know about your father (Anton Hill's) ancestral family history?

A. Where was Anton born? Try to give location.

1. Focus on any other family connections on father's side in old county.

B. When and why did Anton immigrate to America?

1. Discuss family members already in America - John in Butte, Montana.

2. Discuss what skills Anton brought to America (tailor, watch maker- cuckoo clock, carpenter, mechanical skills etc.)

3. Discuss how Anton kept in touch with old country.

a. Focus on Finn Hall in Roslyn- dances etc. (Have Tauno say something in Finnish)

a. Focus on Anton's return to Finland in 1947 and 1981.

b. Focus on how Anton acquired citizenship.

C. Why did Anton settle in the Cle Elum area?

1. Discuss Anton's work in Butte, MT; Winlock Colorado 1918
*Franklin Mt 1919, Roslyn 1921 (Jonesville & No 4) 1922 No 8
1924 - No 7. 1927 Rothlisberger mine. 1932 Winlock mine
1936 No 9.*

II. What do you know about your mother' (Valva Perkinen Hill) ancestral history.

A. Discuss Finnish roots; Ulaskosted, Finland.

1. Focus on education and reasons for immigrating to America.

a. Became a masuse

b. Claravoyant powers.

2. Focus on settlement in the local area and marriage to Anton.

III. Describe what life was when growing up in a Finnish immigrant's family.

A. Discuss Anton's home in South Cle Elum.

1. Was a service station at one time.

2. Anton struggles with getting water and electricity.-digs own well

3. Excavating a basement. Home for frogs, snakes and crickets.

4. Discuss how the home was a mini farm operation. (cow from Pangrazi dairy; pigs- eat coal; chickens; gardening; hay field, etc.)

B. Discuss environmental changes in the home area.

1. Focus on what happens when the NP railroad realigns its tracks.- water in basement Bring out floods in the area.

a. Focus on how the River Side Cabins develop.

2. Focus on replacing So. Cle Elum Bridge-sulphur spring in ball park disappears. Discuss this spring and how Seattle zoo relied on it. Also bring out the plant life by this spring. Bring out health benefits

3. Focus on creek near the home and why its not there today. Discuss fish life; Valva feeds fish; owls feed on fish.

4. Focus on road changes by the Milwaukee pit.

C. Discuss the South Cle Elum Ball Park

1. As a grazing area for cows.

2. As a place to set up circus.

3 As a place for the military.

D. What chores were required from the children?

1. Getting coal for the winter. Bring out the worst winters.

2. Water for the heater.

3. Mildred teaches Valva English.

4. Livestock and gardening.- warm water for cows in winter; molasses for chickens. Bring out some of Valva's home recipes.

E. Discuss the importance of certain family events in a Finnish household.

1. Birthdays 2. Christmas 3. New Years

4. Easter 5. 4th July

F. Discuss the role of entertainment and recreation in

a Finnish family.

1. Focus on songs,dances, music at home- Anton plays the French horn.

2. Focus on picnics, camping, fishing and hunting. Bring out other Finnish families-Henry Makkala, Toby Wakkuri, Eno and Wayno Wakkuri, Grandpa Jackson.

3. Focus on community events-parades, circus, etc.

G. Discuss home remedies used to treat illness.

1. Focus on Valva's use of huckleberries and whiskey.

2. Anton doctors himself by drilling hole in toe.

IV. Discuss South Cle Elum and the Milwaukee Railroad

A. Focus on the business activity--Argonies, Genes Cafe, Reed's dairy

B. Focus on the Milwaukee R.R.- round house

V. Discuss when and why Tauno begins work for the NWI Co.

A. Focus on the decision to quit school and work at No 9 tipple.

1. Anton starts work at No. 9 in 1936. Works his way up to fireboss.

B. Focus on No. 9 tipple operations 1942-1944.

1. Describe the working conditions-hours, pay, accidents, close calls and job expectations.

2. Describe what the rope rider had to do to prepare cars for unloading and return of the empty cars.

3. Describe the unloading and sorting of rock (Gob) for the slag pile.

4. Describe the purpose of a sprager and oiler. Anton uses inner tube to cover Tauno's pants.

5. Describe where cars were repaired-Roslyn Foundry, blacksmith shop and Lester Connel

6. Describe No. 9 lumber mill

C. Why did you quit the NWI Co. in 1944? Anton retires in 1958. Bring out the careers Tauno has had over the years.

VI. Closing. Is there anything we forgot to mention? What advice would you give a young person in order to cope with the future. What should new residents in our area learn from the local area's past?