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INTRODUCTION

Twenty-two original tape-recorded interviews were collected by the Iditarod National Historical Trail Project Office, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, during 1980-1981. These master cassette audio tapes, use agreements and interview data logs have been placed in the Alaska Historical Library for preservation and scholarly use.

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Phonotape-C

1627	49-80-1	Gularte, Tony (Flat)
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	49-80-11	Baldwin, Bob (Nome)
	49-80-12	* Larson, Pete (Nome)
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	49-80-14	Evans, Charlie (Galena)
	49-80-15	* McCarty, Billy (Ruby)
	49-80-16	Bahnke, Sr., John (Nome)
	49-80-17	Carlo, Charlie (Ruby)
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	49-80-18a	Kalland, Edgar (continued)
	49-81-1	* Aulaye, John (Unalakleet)

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GULARTE, TONY

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General Topics of Interview: Early history of Iditarod & Flat mining camps.
Roadhouses. First airplanes into Flat.

Date of Interview: July 12, 1980

Location of Interview: Flat, Alaska Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck, Steve Peterson, BLM

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Tony Gularte

Due to mechanical problems, sound

Address: 1403 W 34th Pl. Anchorage

quality gradually deteriorates.

Telephone: 279-1846

Tape becomes inaudible at approx-
imately 13:00

Name and address of relative or friend:

Birthdate: 1908

Birthplace: _____

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-01 Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00:05

INTRODUCTION

1:15

IDITAROD TRAIL ROADHOUSES: IDITAROD-DIKEMAN AREA

Shermiers R.H. Fritz's R.H. (Jerry Wynn-proprietor).

Time:

Subjects:

_____ years. Work Experiences.
 _____ Voyage on "W.M. Tupper" from Seattle to Bethel, Ak. 1930.
 8:44 _____ WORK ON BOARD STEAMSHIP "TANA"
 _____ Work as deckhand. Liskeyville: Bill Liskey's camp near
 _____ Stony River. Work as a "flunky." Frequency of trips -
 _____ navigation. Dances.
 11:17 _____ ARRIVAL IN McGRATH Preparation of "Tana" for winter stor-
 _____ age.
 14:25 _____ "LITTLE CHARLIE SMITH" (WHITE DOG SMITH)
 _____ Dogtem, mail runs. Frank Lange: Partnership of Smith &
 _____ Lange: summer freight business on "Annabelle" and poolhall.
 _____ Boat "Langley" built.
 16:55 _____ DESCRIPTION OF OLD McGRATH. Kruhm's roadhouse.
 _____ Smith's poolhall. Langley house. Gamewarden Halson's.
 _____ Northern Commercial Co. (NCC) store. Pete Michael's
 _____ roadhouse. "Spitten Jim" Ebnaw's house.
 19:34 _____ CHARLIE KONIG family. Dog team and mail runs. Replace-
 _____ ment of dog teams by airplanes. Later years. Later years
 _____ of Frank Lange and "White Dog" Smith.
 22:06 _____ ROADHOUSE IN OLD McGRATH. Bill Kruhm's. Dave Clough's.
 _____ Clough's mink ranch in Takotna, and his move to old McGrath
 _____ in 1930. Supplying wood for roadhouse. Clough builds.

Notes

_____ Russ Stallcud, Tib's Sawmill, Cap McLain, Warren Alfred.

p: 4 of 4 Narrator: Jack Morris 80-03

Time:

Subjects:

Thanksgiving trip to Takotna - festivities.

Route from McGrath to Takotna. Trip to Ophir: weather,
clothing, sled and equipment. Charlie Konig.

20:14 DAILY OPERATION OF ROADHOUSE. Arrival of steamboat and
social activities. Dances. Roadhouse employees, hours of
operation.

23:20 CREW ON THE "TANA Number of crew, duties, "flunky."

Notes

See tape 80-03A for continuation of interview.

p: 2 of 2 Narrator: Jack L. Morris 80-03 A

Time:

Subjects:

Kruhm's mink pens. Christmas time at Kruhm's roadhouse.

New NCC building built (approx) 1930. Population of old

McGrath: (approx.) 150, population of "new"McGrath.

6.00

TAKOTNA AND KUSKOKWIM RIVERS JOIN AT OLD MCGRATH

(Discussion with map)

MISCELLANEOUS. Jack's claim near Apple Mt. River

changes direction. Candle Creek trail. Stores in old

McGrath. Jack Morris work experiences. Howard Langley:

watchman on steamboats. "TANA" replaced by "Langely."

TAPE 80-03 A, SIDE B

BLANK

Notes

Time:

Subjects:

	RECONNAISSANCE (1972)
7:20	MT. CLIMBERS ROADHOUSE Pictures
8:45	KNIK HISTORIC SITE: LOG STRUCTURE History. (Built c.1906.) Use.
11:00	KNIK HISTORIC SITE: KNIK HALL, HISTORY Restoration. History of use. Use as a R.H. run by Lee & Grace Ellexson. Built c. 1914.
12:10	WALKING TOUR OF KNIK HALL: FIRST FLOOR
14:45	WALKING TOUR OF KNIK HALL: SECOND FLOOR Pictures of early Knik. Knik site plan.
20:00	IDITAROD TRAIL: KNIK AREA
23:10	O.G. HERNINGS STORE: KNIK Sale to Teelands.
24:20	OLD SITES AND CABINS: KNIK/SUSITNA AREA "Churchill." Burns cabin.
27:05	HALFWAY & MT. CLIMBERS ROADHOUSES Location
	TAPE 80-04, SIDE "B"
00:03	ROADHOUSES ALONG THE IDITAROD TRAIL: KNIK-RAINY PASS Location of R.H.'s and trail segments. Lee Ellexson

Notes

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General Topics of Interview: Safety Roadhouse and ferry. Charlie Dalquist.

Date of Interview: August 3, 1980

Location of Interview: Mamie Maloney's apt. Nome, AK Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck, BLM Historian

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Mamie Maloney

Address: Box 185, Nome, AK

Telephone: _____

Name and address of relative or friend: _____

Birthdate: 1923

Birthplace: Nome, Alaska

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-06 Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00:08 INTRODUCTION

1:48 BLANK

2:04 MAMIE MALONEY: BIOGRAPHICAL Born in Nome, 1923. Moved to Safety while still a baby with her father, Charlie Dalquist.

Time:

Subjects:

10:00

FLOOD OF NOME AND SAFETY (1940's) Large flood about 1947,
according to Mamie. Mamie and Charlie Dalquist spent three
days living on second floor of R.H. Flood washed away
Lincoln Hotel in Nome.

12:00

SAFETY ROADHOUSE: HISTORY/DESCRIPTION. The second building
has survived many floods, the last in 1974.

Original building burned down before 1913. Second was built
between 1910 and 1913. Second R.H. sleeping accommodations:
one large bunk room with six beds, four individual bedrooms.

13:35

MAIL CARRIER: PETE CURRAN, JR. Mail carried by dog team;
stopped at Safety R.H. every two weeks. Pete's father ran
Solomon Roadhouse.

15:28

SAFETY FERRY: DESCRIPTION Ferry pulled by small boat.
often problems with cables, tide.

17:10

MAMIE TRAVELS BY DOG TEAM TO BLUFF (1935)/HUSBAND GEORGE
TUCKER/MINING ACTIVITY
Route.

Mining activity. Carl Olsen operated a R.H. Tucker family
had a mining outfit on Swede Creek, above Bluff. Mamie married
George Tucker: 1947.

19:50

PHOTOGRAPHS: MAMIE SHOWS INTERVIEWER HER PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM.

Notes

Time:

Subjects:

<u>4:00</u>	<u>PHOTOGRAPHS Safety R.H. and ferry. Dirigible "Norge".</u>
	<u>Charlie Dalquist. Lindbergh's airplane.</u>
<u>7:05</u>	<u>GEORGE TUCKER</u>
<u>8:55</u>	<u>SOLOMON R. H./CAPE NOME R.H. History</u>
<u>11:40</u>	<u>LIFE AT THE SAFETY R.H. & FERRY. Mamie recalls visitors,</u>
	<u>boarding dogs, summer horse travel.</u>
<u>17:15</u>	<u>FLOOD OF 1945 AT SAFETY</u>
<u>21:45</u>	<u>VILLAGE OF SOLOMON, Families. Schoolteachers.</u>

Notes

p: 2 of 2 Narrator: Bob Baldwin 80-11

Time:

Subjects:

1918.

4:17

CAPE NOME ROADHOUSE. Acquired by Mission c.1920. Used as summer camp for orphans. Used as R.H. in winters. Run by "Cap" Schriener for the Mission; Mission closed in late 1920s, R.H. sold; subsequent owners. Alterations in R.H. made by CAA. Description of second story dormitory rooms.

11:00

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES: CAPE NOME R.H.

13:40

SAFETY WIRELESS TOWER, SAFETY FERRY & R.H. Description of tower. Charlie Dalquist: owner of R.H. & Ferry. Travel between Nome and Solomon, road conditions.

16:55

REV. & MRS BALDWIN. Biographical. Arrival in Nome 1909 on honeymoon.

20:45

CAP SCHRINER. Sea captain. Arrival in Nome. Travels. Scandanavian population of Nome area, 1920s.

22:05

ALASKA GOLD CO. Founded 1923/24. Company history.

23:00

BOB BALDWIN's WORK FOR ALASKA GOLD CO. Mining methods. Productivity. Wages. Hours.

24:30

END.

Notes

CARLO, CHARLIE

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General Topics of Interview: Ruby-Poorman areas in 1930s. Mail service by
dog team: 1930/31. Roadhouses in Ruby from 1931.

Date of Interview: September 14, 1980

Location of Interview: Ruby, Alaska Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck, BLM Historian

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Charlie Carlo

Address: Box 7, Ruby, Alaska

Telephone: _____

Name and address of relative or friend: _____

Birthdate: 1909

Birthplace: Rampart, Alaska

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-17 Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00:10 INTRODUCTION

1:10 BLANK

2:10 CHARLIE CARLO: FAMILY BACKGROUND

p: 3 of 3 Narrator: Charlie Carlo80-17

Time:

Subjects:

00:10 LOCATION OF BOSTON R.H. Remains of R.H. are at curve in road called the "Oxbow"

2:50 LOCATION OF 15 MILE R.H.

3:20 LOCATION OF HUB R.H.

5:50 TRAIL LOCATION NEAR DEVILS THUMB

12:10 WILD GOOSE R.H: LOCATION, DESCRIPTION
Last proprietor: Walker.

14:15 POORMAN R.H. LOCATION, DESCRIPTION

15:15 SULATNA CROSSING R.H.

16:20 HORSES: FREIGHTING AND USE IN MINES, 1930's

19:00 LOCATION OF LEWIS LANDING AND "YUKI" TRAIL

23:25 TELEGRAPH LINE AND TRAILS ACROSS LOUDEN SLOUGH AREA

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General Topics of Interview: Walk-through tour of Cape Nome Roadhouse.

History of use, and building alterations.

Date of Interview: August 4, 1980

Location of Interview: Cape Nome, Alaska

Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck, BLM; Bob Spude, HCRS

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Bonnie Hahn

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Name and address of relative or friend: _____

Birthdate: _____

Birthplace: _____

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-09

Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00:10

INTRODUCTION

2:04

ACQUISITION OF THE CAPE NOME ROADHOUSE BY THE HAHNS (CIRCA 1960)

3:45

CAA USE OF THE RH AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. Changes in the

p: 2 of 3 Narrator: Edgar Nollner 80-13

Time:

Subjects:

_____ 14 miles from Galena. Father (Al) came over Chilkoot Pass
 _____ in 1898. Father opened trading post at Louden in 1906.
 _____ Mother - Native from Louden Slough area. Family moved to
 _____ Galena, 1920. Father trapped, cut wood for steamboats,
 _____ carried mail: Old Village-Tanana-Kaltag, by dogsled and
 _____ boat.

6:30 _____ SERUM RUNS OF 1925/DOGS. Edgar ran both runs: January:
 _____ Whiskey Creek-Galena. March: Galena-Bishop Mtn. Dog
 _____ races in Ruby - 1919. Weather for serum runs. Serum
 _____ package. Hauling wood. Lead dogs. Sleds. John Evans
 _____ and Charlies Evans. Pay.

13:36 _____ LEONHARD SEPPALA. Trip from Nome-Nenana.

16:25 _____ JOHN ANTOSKY'S (?) ROADHOUSE IN GALENA.

17:35 _____ ROADHOUSES AND TRAILS ALONG YUKON RIVER. Bill Dalquist's
 _____ Roadhouse at Nulato. John Evan's Roadhouse at Koyukuk.
 _____ Mail cabin at Bishop Mtn.

19:17 _____ MAIL SERVICE. Frequency. Carriers: Ben Derrick, John
 _____ Summers.

20:03 _____ EDGAR'S FATHER. From Missouri. Dawson. Fortymile.
 _____ Bear story.

Notes

Time:

Subjects

<u>19:15</u>	<u>CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ACCOUNT OF 1925 DIPHTHERIA SERUM RUN</u>
	<u>Tribute to "Balto" lead dog of Gunnar Kassen.</u>
<u>20:13</u>	<u>PICTURES Colonel Vaughn. "Old Man" Perry</u>
<u>23:27</u>	<u>NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF SLED DOGS</u>
<u>28:53</u>	<u>TRAIL TO UNALAKLEET Winter trail from Kaltzg to Unalakleet.</u>
	<u>Condition. Marking. Need for improvement.</u>

Notes

BAHNKE, JOHN (Sr)

Phonotape C-
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General Topics of Interview: Cheokuk R.H., Bluff, R.H.s between Bluff and
Nome, Trails, Quigley's mine.

Date of Interview: August 17, 1980

Location of Interview: John Bahnke's home Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck, BLM Historian

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: John Bahnke (Sr.)

Address: Nome

Telephone: 443-2527

Name and address or relative or friend: _____

Birthdate: 1907

Birthplace: Rocky Point area below

Cheokuk

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-16 Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00:08 INTRODUCTION note mistake in INTRO. John started mining at
Quigley's mine at age 13. He worked for several years but not
13.

1:16 BLANK

Time:

Subjects:

- 11:45 DEXTER'S R.H. IN GOLOVIN Golovin Mission run by man named Ost.
Joe Dexter ran R.H. in Golovin. Joe Dexters' children and
Grandson.
- 14:05 CHEOKUK R.H. DESCRIPTION Single room. Doghouse. John's
father had a partner: "Cyclone" Hanson.
- 15:15 TRAPPING AND MUSHING AT CHEOKUK IN 1930s and 1940s
- 16:05 MINING AT BLUFF John mined on the beach at Eldorado Creek.
Description of surf washer.
- 17:45 OTHER FAMILIES LIVING IN BLUFF. Pete Curran, Sr.,
Charlie Fagerstrom. Sam Tucker. Curran's R.H. at Solomon
- 18:45 TOPKOK ROADHOUSE Operated by Nick Christianson around 1918.
Roadhouse closed after Nick left.
- 19:55 ROADHOUSE, SOLOMON Tom Shaughnessy (?) sold to Pete Curran, Sr.
in 1920s.
- 22:05 POSSIBLE R.H.'S BETWEEN SOLOMON AND TOPKOK. Spruce Creek.
R.H. at Pine Creek (4-5 miles from Solomon.) Very early 1900s.
- 22:05 SAFETY R.H. Charlie Dalquist. Mamie Maloney.
- 22:55 CAPE NOME R.H. Cap Shriner. Frank Martin, FAA.

Notes:

p: 2 of 3 Narrator: Pete Curran, Jr. 80-07

Time:

Subjects:

moved from Dickson. Original location of Solomon (mouth of Solomon River). Storm of 1913.

6:45 PETE CURRAN, JR: MAIL CARRIER. Pete carried mail by dog team from Solomon-Golovin (c 1924-1938). Length of trip. Dog team cargo limit. Other carriers.

10:20 SOLOMON ROADHOUSE: DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY. Use as store and roadhouse. Prices. Purchases. Pete Curran, Sr: family.

15:20 VILLAGE OF SOLOMON. Early growth. Families. School. Mining. Decline of population.

18:45 PETE CURRAN, JR: MAIL CARRIER. Routes.

21:10 SEWARD PENINSULA ROADHOUSES: CAPE NOME-GOLOVIN Proprietors: Cape Nome (Cap Schriner); Safety (Charlie Dalquist); Bluff (Meegan (?)); Golovin (Joe Dexter). Shelter cabins: Topkok, Chiukak. Old miners cabin at Spruce Creek (Knute Drange).

24:20 PETE CURRAN, SR: MAIL CARRIER. Drove route from Golovin-Unalakleet. Later (c 1916-1924) drove Golovin-Nome.

TAPE 80-07, SIDE "B"

00:10 INTRODUCTION

Notes

URRAN, Pete Jr.

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General Topics of Interview: Dog Mushing: Seward Peninsula. Trails. Bonanza and Safety Ferries.

Date of Interview: August 4, 1980

Location of Interview: Nome, Alaska

Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Pete Curran, Jr.

This is the second tape of a two tape

Address: Senior Housing, Apt. 10,
Nome, Alaska

interview. The first tape is #80-07.

Telephone: 443-2732

Name and address of relative or friend:

Birthdate: 1905

Birthplace: _____

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-07-A

Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00.05

LOST ON GOLOVIN BAY ICE Story continued from tape 80-07.

1.20

TRAIL MARKERS How dog mushing trails are marked.

4:40

CLOTHING WORN FOR DOG MUSHING. Pete describes clothing he

ABLOOGALOOK, MARK

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General Topics of Interview: Reindeer herding on the Seward Peninsula: early
20th century. Seward Peninsula trails.

Date of Interview: August 4, 1980

Location of Interview: Mark's home, Nome, AK Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck, BLM

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Mark Abloogalook

Address: Box 747 Nome, Alaska

Telephone: _____

Name and address of relative or friend: _____

Birthdate: 1906

Birthplace: Unalakleet, Alaska

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-08 Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00.35 INTRODUCTION

2.30 MARK'S EARLY YEARS AS A REINDEER HERDER

Born in Unalakleet 1906. Starts herding at early age

EVANS CHARLIE

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General Topics of Interview: 1925 Diphtheria Serum Run. Yukon River R.H.s and
cabins. Lewis Landing. "Yuki" Trail. Koyukuk. Dog mushing

Date of Interview: September 12, 1980

Location of Interview: Charlie Evans' home. Length: _____
Galena.

Interviewer: Tom Beck, BLM Historian

Personal Data

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Charlie Evans

Address: Box 47, Galena

Telephone: _____

Name and address of relative or friend: _____

Birthdate: _____

Birthplace: Koyukuk, Alaska

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-1 4 Side: A'

Time:

Subjects:

00:06

INTRODUCTION

1:19

MAIL CONTRACTORS/ROUTES, MCGRATH AREA

3:02

CHARLIE'S FATHER ESTABLISHES STORE ON KOYUKUK RIVER.

PETERSON, ANDY

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General Topics of Interview: Travel and Roadhouses on Seward Peninsula

Date of Interview: Aug. 15, 1980

Location of Interview: Nome, Alaska Length: _____

Interviewer: Tom Beck, Historian, BLM

Personal Data:

Comments:

Narrator's Name: Andy Peterson

Yet to be transcribed and annotated.

Address: Nome, Alaska

Telephone: _____

Name and address of relative or friend:

Birthdate: 1888

Birthplace: Finland

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-10 Side: _____

Time: _____

Subjects:

p: 2 of 2 Narrator: Pete Larson

Time:

Subjects:

4:00

ROADHOUSES: SEWARD PENINSULA. Safety RH,

Solomon RH, Bluff.

7:15

PETE WORKS FOR US SMELTING CO.

10:40

END

Notes

Interview Data:

Tape No.: 80-15

Side: A

Time:

Subjects:

00:09

INTRODUCTION See "Comments" above

1:30

BLANK

2:07

ROADHOUSES RUN BY BILLY'S STEPFATHER: KALTAG AREA

Stepfather ran two R.H.s below Kaltag: one six miles south one, Slough R.H. approximately 16 miles south on "Steamboat" Slough. Six Mile R.H. was summer fish camp. Stepfather also cut wood for steamboats. (Slough R.H. dates - see below).

4:14

TRAVEL ON IDITAROD TRAIL, EARLY 1900s.

Slough R.H. on Iditarod Trail. Much traffic: foot, skis, sled. Description of "Yukon" sleds. Travelers from Kaltag stopped for lunch at Six Mile, overnight at Slough R.H.

5:37

SLOUGH ROADHOUSE: Description. Long log building.

16 beds on each side. Single story. Dogbarn. Natives supply R.H. with moose meat.

7:55

USE OF HORSE TEAMS. Teams carried their own feed. Six-horse teams. Worked at mining camps.

8:30

HARRY LAWRENCE: MAIL CARRIER Ran mail from Kaltag to Iditarod country - also down to Holy Cross. Trip made every 20 days.

Notes

p: 4 of 5 Narrator: Billy McCarty 80-15

Time:

Subjects:

21:30 DIPHTHERIA SERUM RUN OF 1925. Billy ran Ruby to Whiskey
Creek segment. Ran at night. How Billy came to
participate. Temperature. Clothing. Trail conditions.
Serum package.

26:10 OTHER DIPHTHERIA SERUM MUSHERS. Edgar Kalland. Leonard
Seppala. Seppala races at Ruby.

28:02 DOG SLED RACES IN ALASKA. Many communities held races,
including Ruby. After Seppala quit racing, many races in
Anchorage, Fairbanks, Tanana, Nenana, Ruby, Nulato, Nome.

29:18 BILLY TRAVELS TO NOME ON SAILING SCHOONER. Billy travels
with Eskimo traders from Unalakleet.

28:58 REINDEER FAIR AT SHAKTOOLIK. Billy and 10 other boys from
Nulato travel to reindeer fair held by Laplanders. Lapps
picked Billy to be trained as herder.*

TAPE 80-15, SIDE "B"

00:07 REINDEER HERDING.* Billy herds reindeer in Unalakleet
for Laplanders.

1:10 SHAKTOOLIK REINDEER FAIR. Many events: races, load-
pulling by reindeer, etc.

2:29 THE LAPLANDERS, REINDEER HERDERS IN ALASKA.

Notes

*Side "A" ends as Billy is discussing how Lapps chose him to be trained as a
reindeer herder. Side "B" begins with Billy discussing his reindeer herding
days.

RECEIVED

1981 MAY -6 PM 12:38

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ALASKA AREA OFFICE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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the tape recordings and their contents listed below.

Bonnie Hahn
Name of Narrator

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