Oral History Index

Narrator: B.A. "Spike" Carson

Interviewer:

Topics: Logging and Steam Engines

Date of Interview: October 27, 1984





Listing of Points of Interest

Hour: Minute: Second (Topics or Questions)

Side A: Procedure for starting steam engine
When to put in the atomizer
Keep enough fire for the steam to heat the oil
Superheated and saturated engines
Is Shay at Fort Steel a good steam engine?
Air reverse option
Standard equipment on Pacifico Shay
Westland Maryland Shay engine
Is the procedure for firing a steam engine the same for all types of boilers?
Perspective of expert in steam engines compared to
average person
Could camps repair parts on location?
What shops were there in Vancouver?
Side B: Boiler work
Preserving engines for future generations/remains of old mills
Why steam engines went out in the U.S.
Training future generations in the art of operating and
repairing a steam engine
Specialization vs general workers
Unions
Process of loading machines
Carson's interest in running engines in the future
Wrap-up and conclusion