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Jeff Frank: My name is Jeff Frank. I am interviewing Ray D. and Kathy Anderton of Helper, Utah. The date is September 28, 1989, and the location in Zion Nature Center, Zion National Park. It is now ten minutes to five pm. Are we ready or what? (Laughter) Now we can at least talk a little bit. Welcome back to Zion National Park. Have you been here since?

Ray Anderton: Yes, we've been through three or four times, I guess.

Kathy Anderton: Four times.

Ray Anderton: When we've been passing this way we come over through here to show our children the park and where dad worked. We have a son with us now, an adopted boy that we've raised. He just finished school and is working in Salt Lake, but he and his girlfriend came down to spend this weekend with us down here so that he could get a little more acquainted with the area.

Jeff Frank: Any excuse to come down I think is a good excuse.

Kathy Anderton: Yes.

Jeff Frank: Where did you first learn of the Civilian Conservation Corps? Were you coming out of high school and all of a sudden a buddy of yours said . . .

Ray Anderton: Well as you know, it was public knowledge in the newspapers and that. I was looking for work. I usually had summer work, that is I could keep busy, but there was no money. I'd work all summer and a lot of times I'd take a load of hay or sack of grain or a pig or a few chickens or whatever else a farmer might have to pay me with. Sometimes I'd work in the beets in the spring and get paid that fall when the farmer would dig his beets.

So it was an opportunity to have a job, not just for the summer, but year round and get some money for it, get paid for it. I felt like it was a good experience even though I was twenty years old when I come in. I had been raised to work; I'd been taught to work from the time I was just a little kid. I'd gone out and thinned beets and helped raise a garden at home. I'd always had livestock to raise to help me with my needs for clothing and that to go to school. So I'd been taught to work. It wasn't that I didn't know how to work, and I'd had experience in a lot of things in common labor, like building roads and things like that, working with a team of horses mainly. It was a great experience to come in here to have the opportunity to come in the CCC camp and be able to work. I had the opportunity of teaching and helping other boys that hadn't had the opportunity that I had had to learn how to work.

J. Frank: Did you walk into an office and they loaded you up on a truck? What city did you leave from?

R. Anderton: I left from Elsinore.

J. Frank: Elsinore.

R. Anderton: Yes. We signed up in Richfield. I don't remember now what they called the office, but it was to do with government unemployment and help for the needy. So every program that came along I signed up for. Being young and single I didn't qualify for most of them. I was selected to come to the CCC camp. There was three of us that came from Elsinore at the same time on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1934. I was the only one that stayed. One of the boys, I don't think he stayed a month 'til he got homesick and went home. The other boy stayed a little longer than that, but he didn't stay very long. I don't remember whether he finished out that first three month enlistment or not. But I stayed for the nine months.

Then I decided that I'd take my chances on the outside again. I could at least work for the farmers in the summer time if I didn't have anything else to do. As it turned out I got a break. I went into Salt Lake to visit. Well I went with the purpose of getting a pick-up truck, driving a truck home for a fellow that run a garage in Elsinore. He asked me to go with him to deliver a car in there and pick up a couple of pick-ups and bring back home. When we got there, we couldn't get the trucks, so I went up to visit my father and mother. My dad asked me if I wanted a job. I told him "Yes" that's what I was looking for. He said, "Well go home and get your things and by the time you get back here I think I can have you a job on the railroad." So that's what I did and I went to work on Memorial Day, 30th of May in 1935 that I started to make my first pay shift on the railroad and stayed in for 44 years.

J. Frank: Was this the Union Pacific?

R. Anderton: Rio Grande.

J. Frank: Rio Grande, out of Salt Lake City going points south or east or west?

R. Anderton: From Salt Lake, in pretty near any direction. At that time they had main line trackage from Ogden to Denver, but you had a lot of branch lines at that time too, little branches that went out to these different locations. We had the Marysville branch that run from Thistle to Marysville which I worked for about 17 years on that branch as an engineer.

J. Frank: Is that right?

R. Anderton: Yes.

J. Frank: So you took care of the locomotives and this sort of a thing?

R. Anderton: Run the engine.

J. Frank: Maybe it's time to go down to Williams and get on board with all that going on bringing trains up into the Grand Canyon.

So when you left from Elsinore, Utah, did you come in by truck? Did the CCC pick you up?

R. Anderton: No, they brought us down on open trucks, an open stake truck. We stopped in Marysville for our physical examinations, and Dr. Paul Frank there from the camp in Bryce, he was there in Marysville to meet us to give us our physical examinations. Then we proceeded on to Bryce from there.

J. Frank: So you began at Bryce then?

R. Anderton: Yes, I was in Bryce from the 13th of July until the 31st of October. Then they moved us down here.

J. Frank: To Bridge Mountain camp?

R. Anderton: Yes, the camp over on the east side of the river. I worked there then 'til the end of March in 1935.

J. Frank: When you came down here in October, it must have still been pretty pleasant much like it is today.

R. Anderton: Oh it was nice here then. What I was telling her this morning, I was the assistant educational advisor so at Bryce I had all the stuff that pertained to that, the pool tables and all of our books and stuff like that. That was my responsibility to get that all ready to move. I about froze to death in Bryce that morning getting those pool tables tore down and wrapped and loaded on the truck. We got down here that afternoon and went swimming in the river.

J. Frank: Coming down from almost 8,000-9,000 feet?

R. Anderton: Well it was closer to 10,000 where our camp was there in Bryce, right near 10,000 feet.

J. Frank: When did you leave, in the morning sometime? It sounds like you got here within the day.

R. Anderton: Yes, well it wasn't really early in the morning because we had to load the trucks, had to load our equipment there. But it might have been ten 'o' clock when we left Bryce, something like that on an open truck again and rode down here.

J. Frank: You came in from the east side I guess.

R. Anderton: Yes, we came in from the tunnel.

J. Frank: Is that the first time you had ever seen Zion, ever been there?

R. Anderton: Yes, it was my first trip into Zion.

J. Frank: Did you stop in one of the galleries and take a look over the edge?

R. Anderton: Not then, no, not when we came in on the trucks. We have done since; used to when we'd travel they would let stop there at the galleries and look out. You can't do it anymore.

J. Frank: So you came down here in October, and you had a truck full of recreation equipment and books and all this stuff.

R. Anderton: Pool tables, books and magazines and just a little bit of everything. One of the gentlemen there in the program this morning made mention of the classes that they taught. Well we didn't have anything elaborate, but I did feel that we might of helped a lot of young fellows that maybe hadn't [finished high school], because through the depression, there was a lot of them that didn't finish high school. There was a lot of them that didn't get in to high school. I think we helped some of those with some English and math and a few things like that.

J. Frank: You got a brand new camp to set up?

R. Anderton: Well the camp was pretty well set up when we got here. They'd brought a group down earlier from out of our camp that had come down here. Now Carl Headman, I remember he was one of them. He had had the assistant educational advisor job there in Bryce. It was when they brought him down here then that they gave me the job. Then Frank Holland had been the mess sergeant up there and he had come down with that first group. I don't know whether you ever knew either one of those gentlemen or not. I don't remember just how many men they did bring down here to set up the camp and get it ready, but it was pretty well ready for us when we got here.

J. Frank: Well I know Orril came down. He was one of the first men down here I think. He was telling me about setting this up, you know, as far as getting the paper work going and stuff.

R. Anderton: Yes.

J. Frank: When Orril was here did you work with him at all? He was the company clerk. If you were the education advisor, I imagine you two fellows worked together every so often.

R. Anderton: Well I don't remember when he went on as the company clerk. We had had a young fellow by the name of Jackson, I can't remember his first name now, that was the company clerk in Bryce and when we first came down here. I don't remember when the change was made. I knew Orril. I was thinking that he got the company store job, supply and that. That was when I left here in the spring of 1935 that he had got that job. I had been a kind of relief and helper in the company store, shortly after we came down here. A fellow by the name of Sharon L. Hatch had been the educational advisor. He got involved some way or something that he was supposed to have been a communist sympathizer, and through it all they let him go and they brought another fellow in here. Well I had really liked Mr. Hatch and I never did ever hear him make a remark pro or con about communism or that, and it was all news to me when I heard that he had. I still don't think he ever did because I know that he worked in a government job later on then in Salt Lake. I run on to him in there.

J. Frank: Well if he survived the fifties, he couldn't have been too...

R. Anderton: Several years later...

Both: (Laughing)

R. Anderton: Anyway this new fellow that came, he didn't take to me because I was sympathetic towards Mr. Hatch and he moved me out then and put another fellow in as the assistant. So then I went back out on the job to work.

J. Frank: What particular projects were you involved with in the field?

R. Anderton: Well down here, I worked some up on that, well I called it the Bridge Mountain Trail. I think that is what it was first started. I don't know whether they changed the name later or what. We started a trail up Bridge Mountain way there.

J. Frank: Is that right?

R. Anderton: We had it up there quite a little ways.

J. Frank: Going up to the bridge?

R. Anderton: Yes. I worked on that, and then I worked a few days up at the garage. They were building a new rock building up there and I worked for a few days there addressing rock, cutting rock. Then they took me up the canyon. I worked up there for about thirty days dressing rock for culvert heads. I worked on that project. I guess we must have completed that then and then I came back down and I worked at helping carpenter and putting a roof on a couple of buildings there in the warehouse and I don't remember what all we did build there. I learned how to pound nails left handed up there putting that roof on because it had been a roof that they'd taken off from another building in sections. We put it up on that new warehouse and in sections. So getting up there and nailing that down to the beams, I learned to pound nails either left or right handed whichever way I was working.

J. Frank: Ambidextrous for this job.

R. Anderton: We were working on another building when my enlistment was up and there was about five or six of us that worked together there. I can't remember the other fellows now. One of them was from down in St. George. I can remember him real well, but I can't remember who the others were. The foreman on the job...just about all of us left at the same time and he begged us to stay. He said, "I'll guarantee you if you'll stay here for another six months that you'll be able to go out and get a rough carpenter job anywhere you want to go to work," but none of us stayed. We all left at that same time. I still learned a lot on that job and working with that fellow. He taught us quite a bit then in making cuts on rafters and things like that. It has helped me a lot through the years even though I haven't been a carpenter; I've done a lot of building around my own home and things like that. So it helped me a lot.

J. Frank: Comes right back to you.

R. Anderton: She [looking at his wife] used to say that I tore things down so I could get to build them again, so that I could keep busy during my spare time at home.

J. Frank: You liked him putting together all that work experience when he comes home huh? Before you know it he's got too many projects going?

K. Anderton: Yes (Laughing).

R. Anderton: Well there have not been very many things that I haven't tried at some time in my life. That is things to do around home; I've usually been able to take care of them myself. I've never been one to play much with electricity.

J. Frank: (Laughing). That's probably for the best.

R. Anderton: And auto mechanics, that's another thing that I never learned, never tried to monkey with.

J. Frank: Well there were two camps here. There was Bridge Mountain Camp and that was a fairly new camp, then there was the camp on this side of the river.

R. Anderton: Yes, there was the one on this side. We used to have a little competition with them, basketball games and boxing matches and things like that. We had a few fellows in Bridge Mountain Camp that were fairly good with their mitts, fairly good boxers. So we had some pretty good times. We didn't visit too much with them other than that, but we did have those little competitions with them, a musical program occasionally with them. We had fellows in our group that were pretty good on the guitar and fairly good singers. We used to have some pretty good times.

J. Frank: Did you know anyone that played the clarinet on that side? Do you remember any clarinet players?

R. Anderton: I can't remember, no I can't remember. I worked with a fellow on the railroad . . . Well there were some of the boys that were in here when I was that went to work on the railroad. I think they just went to work and stayed long enough through World War II to keep out of the service. That's an awful thing to say about them, but they disappeared shortly after World War II, off from the railroad. But there's one fellow and he's down here now that I worked with him for years on the railroad. He got to be a conductor. He and I worked together quite a bit and he was in the Bridge Mountain Camp, but it was after I had been. He was here later than what I was.

J. Frank: So you were meeting people all along there that had more or less the same kind of experience you had, well at least the same year? Yes, there was a fellow there by the name of Belden Lewis who was on the other side and he had a little band there. He started mentioning dances that were attended together, you know, when you were here. He was here at the same time. You know, again, to me it's interesting that out of the several people I've talked to today, three people have been in the camp with the same year and the same time frame. You're familiar with Mr. Sorenson, you know.

R. Anderton: Yes.

J. Frank: Well I haven't had a chance to say "Hey you remember this guy, Mr. Anderton?" you know. I haven't had a chance to ask him that, but then this other fellow across the way here, neither of you seem to remember him. He kind of remembered a little bit about your camp. So it's just interesting; there's a lot of common denominators, they're all together and maybe you did not all know each other back then, but give it a few more hours and I bet it gets scary.

Both: (Laughing).

J. Frank: It would be interesting to do all this after everybody did have a chance to talk to each other and see what else comes up, you know, what else anybody wants to remember. I don't know if it's what you can remember; it's what you want to remember.

How would you describe the project work for yourself, would it have been more administrative here at the camp? We've talked about several projects that you worked on, you know, up in the canyon. Where was most of your time spent?

R. Anderton: Well I guess most of it was spent on trail work, and like I said on the buildings up here. Most of my time in Bryce was on trails down on the Fairyland trail in Bryce. That's where we started on that Fairyland trail, building that. I have a picture here that was taken. We were kind of the finishing crew after tying the Fairyland trail, then came around the head of the canyon around to some of the other points. We were kind of the finishing up and cleanup crew on that, the four or five of us fellows there.

J. Frank: This is you sitting up in here?

R. Anderton: Yes.

J. Frank: All these fellows just sort of sitting there reading books, it looks like a Sunday.

R. Anderton: Yes, I only have two or three pictures that were taken down here. This one here and this one. This was at Bryce on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. I took this down here. Some of the fellows there just at the barracks door. I believe I have one other one here...I thought I did anyway, maybe not. This was another one here and then this was two of my friends that had just got the washing done and had been out and hung their laundry out on the clothes line.

J. Frank: They've got the Watchman right out there in the back, that's pretty good.

R. Anderton: I thought I had quite a few pictures, but those were the only ones that I could find in my collection at home. Through the years I've lost a lot of pictures moving and things like that. I consider it was a good learning experience for me because I had never been one to put myself forward, you know. I hope I've never been a show off anyhow.

Up in Bryce, Marion Willis was one of the park rangers, and he had a group there on that Fairyland trail. We got a new group of boys in from Salt Lake and most of them were fresh out of school. Believe it or not, they didn't know how to use a pick or a shovel. So he gave me about a half a dozen of those fellows to teach them how to work and how to read a grade and do grading and that on a trail, to follow a line and follow a grade on the trail. I'd turn them loose and turn my back for five minutes and they'd have a hole dug there that they could bury themselves in instead of following a grade. Marian got kind of disgusted with them, so he asked me to take those few fellows and teach them how to work and how to follow a grade. So that gave me a little bit of feeling that I maybe did know a little bit anyway and could help others and show them that.

In later years it has helped me, benefitted me in kind of supervising, not really in work but in other matters and being able to take over and plan and go ahead with projects and things that way.

J. Frank: It would be. It has been a long week, you know, Friday would roll around. At a CCC camp what did you enjoy doing on those Saturday and Sunday nights?

R. Anderton: Well usually we'd go out and play ball, played a lot of basketball both here and in Bryce. I never was much of a baseball player, but I'd go out with the boys and try to help out, play what I could a little bit. I was quite a hand to read, did a lot of reading and things like that.

J. Frank: Well 20 years old, you would have been one of the older fellows, or one of the more mature fellows, however you want to put it. There had been a lot of, I would imagine, younger fellows there with you. Did you ever enjoy going up to like Springdale, maybe

tip a few beers up there or anything like that or meet any of the local color up in that area?

R. Anderton: Well not much down here, no. Up at Bryce we'd go up to the Y there once in a while, if there was something going, you know, a special event or something we'd go and have a beer or two, but not too much of it.

One of the highlights of our time down here and in the CCC camp was the trip to Las Vegas and down to Boulder Dam. We were at Boulder Dam the day they closed the gates there to start backing the water up.

J. Frank: Is that right? So you saw all the towers and all that right behind there just prior to them closing?

R. Anderton: Yes, well the day we were there they wouldn't let us go to the top of the dam because it was pay day and when we got there was right at shift change time too. So we had to go down to the bottom, but we got to see the bottom of the dam and jump across, when I say jump, just step across the streams. So we got to see the bottom of it, something that we haven't been able to do since then.

J. Frank: (Laughing). I would say so. With these kinds of projects, the Hoover Dam project, this sort of thing, were many of the three C folks getting work, you know, with these kinds of job sites, anything like that, anybody there that you met or any job offers when you fellows were down at Zion, "Come on down here and we'll put you to work." Did you see any of that sort of thing?

R. Anderton: No, because right at that time, jobs were hard to come by anywhere. We had one young fellow; he lives in Richfield now that he had kind of been the medic here along with Dr. Shrank. He'd work with him, you know, able to take temperatures and maybe give you an aspirin or something like that. But he had the opportunity to go to work in a gold mine out at... Oh can't think of the place right out on the Nevada line, west of Cedar City. I had acquired an old Model A Ford, so he got me to take him out there, about four or five of us went out there that day. He went out there, but the job only lasted a week or two and he was back here again then. But no, I don't recall any of the fellows having an opportunity that is having a job come to them while they were in that period of time when I was here because things were tight all over.

(Silence, tape cut out abruptly).

Well I broke in on about every job they had there, laboring job that they had there, building fire, supplying engines and doping rods and just about anything that they had to do. I broke in on all those jobs, so if they needed me anywhere I could handle the job. But he broke me in principally as a fire fighter so I could take his place. He was a fireman on the road, but there was a period of time that he was cut off on the road and he got the job in the roundhouse. So he talked the foreman into letting me break in so that they'd have a man available when my father got called back on the road that fall. So that's how I got on

the railroad. If it hadn't been for some of his help to get me a job, I wouldn't have had one.

J. Frank: In a roundhouse no less, you don't hear about that too often. Here you are in a CCC camp and you're making five dollars a month.

K. Anderton: Our kids are supposed to be here at five-thirty so I'll go look for them.

J. Frank: Oh okay, Kathy, you probably can count on maybe 25 more minutes, unless you need to go.

R. Anderton: No.

K. Anderton: No, he doesn't.

J. Frank: All right. I was going to ask how you met Kathy in the CCCs? Tell me about that.

R. Anderton: Well I never met her until 1943, and she was working on the railroad in Helper. There was kind of a story attached to that too. I lived with my grandmother. Now maybe you noticed on my discharge papers there that it's "Ray Nunley."

J. Frank: Yes, Nunley.

R. Anderton: I had lived with my grandmother and I had gone by that name all of my life. So I was more or less her main support right then. So the money went home to her, five dollars of course I had that here and I usually made a few extra dollars selling odds and ends, cameras and pens and things like that. So I'd usually send home another ten or fifteen dollars a month that she put away for me so that I had a little bit of money, not very much but a little bit of money when I left the CCC camp. That's how I bought that Ford that I said I had; I used what she saved for me and sold a horse that I had.

J. Frank: That was a few dollars a month and a horse could get you an automobile, a Model A.

R. Anderton: Yes.

J. Frank: So that money then that went back was for your grandmother?

R. Anderton: Yes.

J. Frank: That helped that...

R. Anderton: Well I appreciated having it and being able to have it go home to her to help her because she needed a living and someone to kind of look out for her. I more or less was her support and looked after her as long as she lived. She died in 1944. It was a big help to the boys, maybe the country boys like me and the others that came in from Sevier County and that. As I said before we knew how to work because we'd been raised in a

farming area and on farms and knew how to work. You take the group who came down from Salt Lake that were fresh out of high school; they'd never had an opportunity to work in their lives. It was a bigger help to those young people. It was a help to us to be able to help them and get them started and it helped them to realize what work was and to have an opportunity to earn a little money.

J. Frank: There is one thing we've talked about. I don't know if this will be repeating ourselves here, but if there is one thing that has stayed with you all these years, you know, something that you would want remembered about the three Cs, what would that be? It could be just about anything really but something you would want to be remembered about the three C's, what would that be?

R. Anderton: Well I would say the help that I gave to young men, principally, to teach them to work and to have responsibility, take them off the streets. I feel like a lot of times in the last few years that we needed a program like that again for young people. They don't have a chance to work, an opportunity to work, because there's not that much work anymore without an education. I have a grandson, well this boy that we raised, then I have another grandson just the same age. They just turned 21 years old but they've been lucky. They went to work when they were kids in high school at drive-ins, you know, in fast food and that. But it taught them responsibility and it taught them how to work. I have a neighbor boy that's the same age as those two kids that has never worked a day in his life because he hasn't had the opportunity and didn't want to learn to work, so therefore he hasn't worked. I think that's one thing that's wrong with our country today is our young people don't have the opportunity and the initiative to go out and try to work.

Now, our boy's working for a thousand dollars a month. He just finished electronic school in Salt Lake, but I told him, "It's an opportunity to get the experience." After he gets the experience under his belt then he can start looking out in the field and looking for a job in electronics. So it's a big help, but the CCC camp, right at the time that we had them, I think was the best thing that could have happened to this country. That's my assessment of the whole thing, the best thing that could have happened to the young people of this country, and it helped a lot of older people too. We had fellows in this camp that were 30, 40 years old. They couldn't find work so it was a help to them.

J. Frank: Would you consider these some of the veterans, the bonus Army people?

R. Anderton: What?

J. Frank: Were any of these gentlemen some of the veterans, World War I vets or Bonus Army?

R. Anderton: No, we didn't have any of the veterans. They had a World War I veterans' camp. Well it was first up at Mt. Nebo and then for the winter they moved them down here to Veyo.

J. Frank: Veyo, Utah?

R. Anderton: Yes, but we didn't have any World War veterans. They were a little younger men; what we had here in the camp were a little younger men than that.

J. Frank: Well what are we forgetting to talk about Mr. Anderton? There has to be something that possibly you've been wanting to say or maybe we haven't said or discussed.

R. Anderton: Well I think we about covered everything pretty well. We had a lot of fun experiences along with the work. We made our own fun. At Bryce Canyon it rained every day there for about three or four weeks, just as regular as the clock, about ten minutes to twelve and ten minutes to four we'd get soaked before we could get back to the trucks to go into camp. Things like that, you know, that we can look back on now and laugh about. They were funny, right at that time they weren't so funny, but we can look back on them now and chuckle about them and reminisce about the things that we've done.

We had one old man here... Yes I can call him an old man because he was, Mr. Anderson and he was quite a religious man, so he took several of us younger fellows kind of in hand and tried to get us to go to church. Well we'd go with him occasionally. When we were in Bryce, they'd have a little meeting up at Ruby's Inn and when we moved down here we'd go down to Springdale to the ward down there and go to church with him. As I have watched some of the men that I knew, boys that I knew, and that I had respect for and had palled with, the progress that they've made in their lives, watching them through the years and the progress that they have made, it has really been marvelous. I don't know whether you're a member of the Mormon Church or not, but Arthur Kay [from Annabella and Elsinore, UT] that was in the camp here. I'd known him in high school and we were chums in the CCC camp. He's one of the general authorities of the church [First Quorum of the Seventy, appointed 1984].

J. Frank: Is that right? He was a member of a camp down here?

R. Anderton: Yes, he was a big, tall, slim fellow. Well he was two or three inches taller than I and we chummed around together all through the camp here. He wanted to go in the merchant marines, but he was too tall.

J. Frank: (Laughing). Is that right?

R. Anderton: I think he's a dentist if I remember correctly and got up to around Portland, Oregon. He made quite a career for himself in the dental field and is now a general authority of the church.

J. Frank: An old Zion alumni, you know from that time and from those camps, that's so interesting?

R. Anderton: Lieutenant or Colonel Brothers, as he is now, as he said there this morning, he came down here to you might say a green horn as a second lieutenant; we used to get quite a kick out of him. We always looked to him to kind of a Casper Milquetoast.

J. Frank: (Laughing).

R. Anderton: His wife was the boss. I guess he was all right; I never had any troubles or problems with him. He was our lieutenant. We had another lieutenant; I can't remember who he was now in Bryce. Then after we came down here there was just Captain Whitney and Lieutenant Brothers and Dr. Shrank.

I've always been proud of my time in the CCC's, of what I done, what I was able to accomplish and what it has meant in my life and that I can tell my kids about it and my grandkids. I've always been proud of it. I have never been sorry that I spent that much time down here. I could have stayed longer. Maybe I would have been better off but who knows. I made a career out of railroading and had a lot of fellows ask me, "Did you enjoy it; did you like it?" Well I must have done to stay for 44 years I must have liked it. It was a good living and good income. I feel like the CCC camps were partly responsible for that in teaching me responsibility and work and what it meant to have a job, a steady job. Before I came to the CC's like I said I had work, but it was a little job here and a little job there, you know, working for farmers and whatever I could find to do. I usually kept busy in the summer time, but it was whatever I could find to do and whatever I could make out of it. So I have greatly appreciated the CCC camps and what they did for me in particular and what they did for the whole country in general.

J. Frank: To a man, I've never heard anything against them, that's for sure.

R. Anderton: Well I don't know why you should. I don't know why anyone should ever have a derogatory remark about the CCC camp. We had some characters. They weren't bad fellows; they were just fellows that wanted to have a good time and have fun and maybe unintentionally they might have hurt someone somewhere along the line but I don't know of any cases like that if they did.

J. Frank: Well Mr. Anderton, are there any other parting things that come to mind?

R. Anderton: Well, I can say that I'm happy for this opportunity now to come back and meet with the fellows. I haven't seen many that were in the camp with me, but to meet the others, a few that were here before me and a lot of them that were here after. It has been a great opportunity and a great privilege to be able to come back and visit with them. I have one cousin here today. He came down in 1936, and I think he was in here about two years if I remember right or maybe a little longer. I'm not sure. I know I used to torment him and tell him that they was going to have to abolish the CCC camps to get him out of it, but I think that he feels the same way as I do about it, that it was a great opportunity and a privilege to have it.

J. Frank: We've got a couple of start drills and picks out here you know. We have a real special activity for all you fellows pretty soon. You might build another trail.

R. Anderton: Well anymore I'm not able to handle those things.

J. Frank: Well you guys can supervise and teach us young folks how to do it.

R. Anderton: (Laughing).

J. Frank: We can do it that way.

R. Anderton: No, the wife and I managed the bishops store house there in Price for a little over three years after I retired off from the railroad. The Church called us to that position and we worked in there and managed that. I guess I never thought that I was getting a little older and wasn't used to that kind of work. I was never one that could sit around and watch someone else do something that I felt like I should be doing. So I'd get back there throwing those fifty to sixty pound cases of meat around and things like that until my back went out on me. I'm not able to do very much physical labor anymore. I still keep busy, but not with physical labor. It's all book work now.

J. Frank: Well they still have some old locomotives down in Williams with commercials runs the south rim. You ought to start looking into that.

R. Anderton: (Laughing). Well, you know, those old steam locomotives they bring back a lot of memories and I liked the diesels in the respect that they were clean. I didn't have to worry about cinders in my eyes. But I still like the old steam engines, I got a joy out of firing them; I got a joy out of running them. They were a challenge to a man. A diesel wasn't any challenge, but those steam engines were.

J. Frank: These are Baldwin's. I don't know if you've ever operated a Baldwin before.

R. Anderton: Yes. We had some. Steam engines were they?

J. Frank: Yes.

R. Anderton. Yes, we had some

J. Frank: There's two that I know of and from what I've been told they're Baldwin. This is sheer rumor, but I hear there's five more coming.

R. Anderton: They're coal burners are they or oil?

J. Frank: There's one that I know of that does burn coal. The others are oil burning.

R. Anderton: I never did learn much about the oil. About the only experience that I had with oil was when I'd be working in the roundhouse or after I hired out [unintelligible] and WP had oil burners on their passenger trains out of Salt Lake and we took care of the WP engines too. So we'd have to take them over to the passenger depot and have them over there for the crews to take out on their train. I got a little experience just firing them that way and that's the only oil experience that I had. All of mine on steam engines was coal,

some of it hand fired, some of it diesel. I liked to hand fire the steam engines. I had a master teach me how and I always enjoyed it.

J. Frank: That's one skill I wish you could pass on.

R. Anderton: (Laughing).

J. Frank: I'll volunteer. Ever hear about the Golden Spike and see what they do?

R. Anderton: I was thinking about that today. I've never been up there to one of their times that they've had there, but I'm going to have to try the next one and see if I can't make it up there and get to see that once before I die anyway.

J. Frank: In May, if you do go up in the spring they have, you know, Railroader's Day and they have all sorts of competitions ...

Tape ends abruptly.

End of Interview.