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super, that is exactly the type of stuff we need to get the synaptic nerves firing. thanks, Anchorage is easier. Bill

On Fri, 11 Oct 2002, Gordon Harrison wrote:

- > My cousin now lives in Anchorage. While working for the railroad, he
- > lived in Healy and Fairbanks, but after he and his wife retired they
- > moved to be closer to children.
- > Gale has two main sets of stories:
- > 1. Growing up in Talkeetna, where his stepfather delivered mail and
- > supplies to the mining camps and his mother ran one of the roadhouses.
- > He had a number of adventures helping his stepfather. One winter he
- > dropped out of high school to trap with an older man, something of a
- > character. He also had a number of close calls crossing and traveling
- > on the river.
- > 2. Working for the railroad starting in the late 50s until
- > retirement about 2 years ago. He was influenced to work for the
- > railroad by an engineer who used to let Talkeetna kids ride in his cab.
- > He started working after high school, then quit to find an easier job
- > and attend community college Outside. After working on a farm, in a
- > factory and finding out that his RR wage was higher than a college
- > instructor's, he returned to Alaska and had to start by working on a
- > maintenance gang. Eventually he became a brakeman and a conductor.
- > Over the years he was in a variety of train mishaps and accidents, was
- > part of various experiments to get moose off the tracks, and remembers
- > the track at every milepost.
- > I can try to make a list of stories I remember and will ask my sister
- > for suggestions because she & I & Gale had a two-hour lunch in Fairbanks
- > last year during which he entertained us on the subject of the railroad.
- > (Because of family adoptions, my sister is also Gale's sister, and
- > lived in Talkeetna until she started grade school; she may know some of
- > his stories I haven't heard.)

Sarah

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