

REEL 4

One year, Joe says, he got 275 lynx (seems like an exaggeration and he meant 75 perhaps). He would save 15 or 20 of them (frozen as they came out of the traps) and thaw them all together for for skinning...rather than thawing one at a time.

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Prices: Best price he ever got for a lynx was \$69. Mink would range from \$5 to \$30. When Joe started he had four traps. He had as high as 200 traps in his big productive years and 11 or more cabins. He built and operated a fish wheel to catch fish for his dogs. Usually kept 6 dogs. He talks about Dick Martin, a carpenter by trade, and Joe making couple boats that they used in summer months.

Talks about the trails to Schuman House and on to Rampart House on the upper Porcupine River.

Talks some more about the Herberts. They were the Indian family who befriended him early in his trapping days on the Chandalar River. They gave him two traplines.

Describes wood gathering for cabins...so he'd have a supply of wood when he arrived.