

ROCK ISLAND EMPLOYEE INTERVIEW NOTES:

EMPLOYEE: Hubert D. Loy

DATE OF INTERVIEW: November 8, 2002

LOCATION: Hemet, California (worked Missouri and Kansas Division)

INTERVIEWER: Tom Sandlin

DESCRIPTION: The 84-year-old shared his experiences about working as a locomotive fireman, then engineer based out of Trenton, Missouri. Loy started with the Rock Island on April 5, 1942 when all locomotives were still steam. He discussed working on steam engines, changes during World War II, and the cities he made runs to, especially Kansas City, Missouri and Des Moines, Iowa.

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TECHNICAL NOTES: During the first 11 minutes he told stories with the cassette recorder being stopped and started between each story. At 11:15 Sandlin begins

asking Loy questions and it becomes more conversational. Beginning at 22:30, Loy is mostly off mic and the quality isn't as good, though it's mostly still audible. The conversation at this point also becomes a little more informal.

At 40:00, in the final minutes of the recording, Loy tells a dramatic story about an accident involving his dad who was the engineer on a stopped freight train which was hit from behind by the Southern Pacific's Imperial passenger train.