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Steve Peterson Interviews w/ Sankie Charles, (1980)

timbers approximately eight by ten. _____ structure, structure lying to the south side of the _____. Located a homemade kayak painted blue, bottomed canvass top.

SANKIE CHARLES AT KOYUK.
Person being interviewed,

Interview. S = Steve, I = _____, X = unknown.

S. I take notes kind of slowly but they went up over the portage here, huh?

I. Yes.

S. And then otherwise all the way to the, kind of follow the coast to Elim, run on the beach, or did they go inland in places?

I. No, I don't think so. They cut down straight to Martin _____ is where they _____, then they went down to _____, Moses Point and then to Elim.

S. That's interesting. Was there an old roadhouse that's called Kwik or Kwink up on the Kwik River?

I. Yes, Kwik.

S. Is that where it was upriver on this point?

I. No, just right on the mouth. There used to be a couple of buildings maybe.

S. Is that right? Like right on which side do you know?

I. On this side.

S. Right in here someplace?

I. Yes, just right at the mouth.

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S. And that was a roadhouse there too or just a shelter cabin?

I. Just a family cabin. But there were _____ cabin down at Moses Point but its, you know the bank caved in and took it off.

S. Fell in the river. We talked last night, we gave a fellow from Moses Point a ride back ^{To} Elim, he had phenomia, Hans _____. He had phenomia kind of bad so we gave him a ride to Elim to help. He said he was feeling better but he didn't look too good.

I. He had his lung cut out before. He was in sanitorium before.

S. Tuberculois or something? Oh is that right. The Big Sam Roadhouse, he just ran dogs and you pretty much ran it for a long time. What was his full name, Sam what?

I. Big Sam Iouk. I don't quite know how you spell it. My boy really knows that bilingual but I don't.

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S. I don't know my own. I have a time. You know down by Shaktoolik?

I. Shaktoolik, old village up beside the river.

S. Yes, the old one. Was there a roadhouse in this area someplace where the trails cross? Like here's Dexter Point here. There's Ungalik right there and there is the point. Talked about having a

I. ~~Foothills, it's below~~ Shaktoolik.

S. Below, huh. There wasn't anything in Shaktoolik? A roadhouse or

I. I think there was all right.

S. In Shaktoolik, too. The Foothills, now let's see where that at.

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- I. I don't know about the roadhouse but there was family, two families there.
- S. Oh, is that right?
- I. Yes, and used to be Romans.
- S. Lomans?
- I. Lomans there, yes before.
- S. Did they have a store there?
- I. They had a store, corral.
- S. Oh, is that right?
- I. I think some of the buildings are there.
- S. And the families that lived there worked for Lomans, huh?
- I. I really don't know what, maybe they try to make living for themselves.
- S. Do you suppose the people that own the Big Sam Roadhouse ^{KOTUK} right behind you would mind if we took pictures of it, or would anybody care?
- I. Go ahead. No, I don't think, it won't hurt to take picture.
- S. Is there anybody we should ask?
- I. You could ask store manager down at _____.
- S. What is his name?
- I. Clarence Douglas. _____ Couple of next rooms they are down already.
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- S. Fell down. It's like most of them. Most of the roadhouses are like that. Well thank you very much. We will maybe talk to him. Do you mind if I ask how old you are?
- I. 64.
- S. 64. You've been born and raised here. Born and dragged up here.
- I. Yup. 19__.
- S. You have any relation in the interior. I know there are a lot of Charles'. There is a Charles in Dot Lake. Carl Charles.
- I. Different Charles.
- S. Well I know he came from the coast, someplace out here, but.
- I. I have relatives down at Unalakleet.
- S. I was just wondering. I know that Carl came from out on the coast someplace, I thought maybe you were related. You're not going to claim him, huh?
- I. There are a lot of different Charles'.
- S. OK, well maybe we will go over a talk to Clarence to see if he will mind if we take some pictures there in the old roadhouse.

Big Sam Roadhouse on ridge overlooking town of Koyuk north of existing covenant church, two sections. Original seems to be _____, well taken care of. Presently used for trapper's dog care facility. _____ log structure, peeled log plus or minus six to eight inches diameter. Peeled, tainted with moss. Saddle notched. No indication of inside blazing. Log to gable roof. Square gabled pole, possibly a hand blazed beam. No indication of intermediate purlin, plus or minus three inch pole, G-pole roofing, galvanized moss on top, galvanized tin on top. Addition to structure to south, logs later

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addition. Roof structure same. Six pane window, steep end up. New unit seems to be some kind of a living residence quarters. _____ corner notch or Hudson Bay corner. Drop siding south side of structure. Not sure whether frame or log under. New addition not peeled. West side of old structure double logged wall, sod inbetween, approximately, I take that back, looks like an additional Wanigan addition with a shorter gable.

Bob Bliss, _____, send a copy of management plan when prepared. General Delivery, Unalakleet.

Ungalik Roadhouse, cabin in ruin. Site with a cache probably a later period. Cache has evidence of fish nets, lead line, built with logs part, the bottom part. Top part built with plank wood, perhaps an older cache with a newer top. Log walls constructed with single dove-tailed corners. Hand blazed _____ inside to flatten wall surfaces, suspect possible wall covering inside. Main purlin to secondary purlins with G-poled roof, probably sod, evidence of galvanized tin laying around the structure. Fronts on an old bed, perhaps an old river bed _____ going through area.

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Foothill Roadhouse in ruin. Established in 1920, ran until approximately 1931, called Eben Roadhouse. Previous roadhouse perhaps discussed by Goodwin was found on the beach in front of Bessum Slough. No evidence or remains of structure. I think we found Ebens as shown on map. _____ structure if, not even sure it is the structure however if it is there is evidence of pile of _____ ruins, deteriorated to the point that it is unable to definitely tell whether ruined or not. Unable to land due to thick undergrowth.

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KOLTAG PORTAGE

Well, backside obviously in ruin. Nearly gone from river. Appears to have been a log structure. Saddle notched. Appears to have been a rough saddle notched. Chopped log ends. Spiked together, large spikes on side. Beers cans, recent. Schlitz and Budweiser. No chart made on this one. Presumed well backed corner monument has, lets see corners approximately 41 LKS north 6 degrees east, township S. 54, 54. Range, W. C or O-1, date 7/77. Evidence galvanized roofing along site, at site possibly corrugated galvanized roofing. Possible later use as a small smokehouse. Old wooden cabin directly off the mouth or off the end of the Old Woman Mountain. Probably would be gone within

Peterson Tape #5, Side A

Stanley Anarok, ^{OF} Golovin, Roadhouse ^{WERE} ~~is~~ only at Bluff, Golovin, ^{ELIAN} ~~Belum(?)~~, Moses Point. Intermediate cabins were shelter or relief cabins. Including Walla Walla, Cheokook, Portage Roadhouse, shelter cabin at the mouth of Portage Creek. Cheokook which is the pronunciation Stanley gave me. _____ corral approximately one mile east of Golovin onshore. No trail marking system according to Stanley Anarok, north of Cheokook. Rocks carried across by miners and established that section of the trail as land monument. Tripods and telephone line post evident on trail coming down on the west, down to the Portage site from Summit cabin.

~~Portage Roadhouse~~ site. Inside of center section of rear section lined with canvas, roof and middle section and entire walls and ceilings in rear section from an old canvas tent. Portions of flour bags on walls for lining. Logs axed and blazed as necessary. Clear stubs for canvas facing. Chinking material of old cloth and moss. Homelike pat and flour bags. Howard Brothers Milling, Pacific Coast mark in tile. Bags full of, flour bags, fisher flour bags stretched over walls. Tin construction and obvious wear of materials indicates perhaps long period of occupancy of this cabin at Portage landing. Wood cook stove, wood stove in the rear room indicates that this may have occupied for some time, including the cellar. Cabin probably Eskimo lady garb, parka, summer parka hanging by doorway at entry. Yellow printed.

Talk to Cary concerning trail monument location along the trail and how to go about perhaps by using local people or local support groups of the Iditarod race. Producing monuments perhaps more permanent than tripods.

Walla Walla Roadhouse above Portage about six miles as designated on USGS map. Existing site on west side of creek emptying into ocean consists of existing good condition cabin, galvanized metal roof on west side of site. Immediate adjacent to the east, dog ruins of perhaps a dog barn approximately four rows of logs standing. Roof fallen in. It has been down many years towards the stream 200 yards consists of contemporary native structures. One being a poor man's teepee shelter cabin. A small approximately 12 foot by 12 foot fishing