North Fork History Project

Interview Format

Introduction (recording)

My name is <u>(your full name)</u>. Today is <u>(date)</u>. I am interviewing for the <u>(first, second, etc.)</u> time <u>(full name of interviewee)</u>. This interview is taking place at <u>(address)</u> in <u>(town, state)</u>. This interview is sponsored by the North Fork Landowners Association and is part of the North Fork History Project.

Interview Questions

- 1. Tell us about your early background—where and when you were born.
- 2. When did you come to the North Fork for the first time and why?
- 3. What are some of your earliest memories of the North Fork?
- 4. What was the North Fork like as you remember it?
- 5. As you think back to that period, what other North Fork residents made an impression on you?
- 6. Did you know any of the homesteaders?
- 7. What was daily life like and how was it different from life in most parts of the country?
- 8. Tell us about North Fork social life.
- 9. Were you a member of any organizations in the North Fork?
- 10. What were the modes of transportation in the North Fork? What was the North Fork Road like?
- 11. How did you communicate with other North Forkers?
- 12. What did you do for fun?
- 13. Tell us about any of the major fires, floods, ice storms or other major events that you experienced in the North Fork.
- 14. What other important events do you remember?
- 15. Who were some of the leaders and characters in the North Fork?
- 16. How did you celebrate holidays?
- 17. Tell us about any close encounters with animals.
- 18. What kinds of changes have you seen over time?