

This is Kevin Kantola interviewing George Kantola at his home.

Q- what mine did you first start working at?

a- I started working at the Tracy mine Jones and Lofton

Q- what did you do at this mine?

a- when I first started there I was a dryman then a laborer then I was a watchman for a while, then I got into mechanic work which was surface and underground both

Q- what did the mechanic do?

a- well you fix loggers and scrapers and jack hammers piping, ropes and stuff like that the skip shoes and cage shoes which the men rode in, make shore the stop ok and fix the ~~ropes~~ wireplates on skips check the skip ropes to make sure they arnt frail

Q- where there a lot of caveings?

a- no, not when I was there

Q- how long did you work at that mine?

a- six years until it closed down

Q- Did you work at any other mines?

a- the empire mine in palmer

Q- Did you have good lighting when you worked at the traccy

a- we had batterie that went on our hats the batterie was on your belt

Q- how did you haul the ore up?

a- well they use to fill the ~~logs~~ ore

cars up underground with tuggers and stuff like that and then they had a

camel back at the main drift which used to go over a hump and then empty out into a pocket from there they used to scrap it

into the skips and haul it up to surface

Q- was there good safety there?

a- yes there was real good safety there the safety men were nice

Q- did they close any tunnels?

a- yes the ones that werent in use like the mills

mining industry
typical
mention - drayman + laborer
description of job

underground mining
now ore has brought to
surface.

