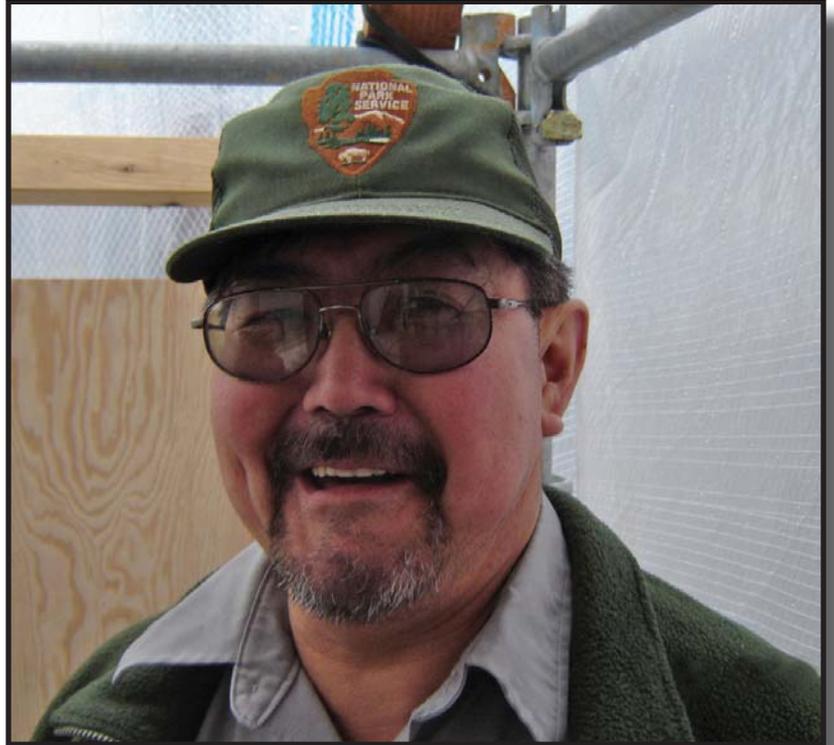




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My great, great grandfather was a Native packer in the Gold Rush...

and my family is Tlingit and Haida. Growing up in Skagway, Alaska, I was drafted into the U.S. Army after high school. After receiving Advanced Infantry training, I became a helicopter mechanic and gunner and fought in Vietnam from 1968-1969. After returning home, I worked as a longshoreman. In 1982, I was recruited by the National Park Service as a carpenter to work on the historic preservation team for the White Pass Depot. I remember learning so much with that first job working with skilled experts and saving our buildings. That was some of my best work for the park.



Today I enjoy being part of the NPS team...

and helping all the divisions get their jobs done. I helped the curators recently by building customized props to assist with preserving taxidermy exhibits. When the Junior Ranger Center needed a new donation box, I took the design and crafted something unique for the kids. After all these years working at Klondike Gold Rush, it is rewarding for me to help in many ways, including answering questions for the park visitors. I like to tell them a few stories and watch their amazement when I say "I've lived here all my life."

