

18. Item # MANZ 3290 (internal security badge)

Art & Tom Williams [AW] [TW], MANZ 1042, interviewed by Richard Potashin [RP]

Tape 3, Side A, Excerpts Only (CD), Track 2, 0:00 – 1:53

RP: What do you think his overall feeling was about his experience at Manzanar?

AW: Well, overall experience? I think he loved the valley so much that nothing else really was big enough to take away from that, that thrill that he had of living there. There were some disappointments. We discussed on a couple of them. But he loved hunting and fishing. It was his whole life and that was the place for it. So I think he was very happy with it.

RP: And that was his—his safety valve, too, for him, to go out from camp and, and go and hunt and fish.

AW: Oh yeah.

TW: But see, he would do that by himself. He'd go back into the Sierras on the top for as much as a week to ten days all by himself.

AW: Yeah, he'd take a horse and pack a mule and go back there for a couple of weeks every—every deer season.

RP: He did this while he was in camp too?

AW: Yeah, he did it forever. He got to know all the old cowboys and packers and those people.

TW: They were—both had mixed emotions, 'cause you had the elements, you had the gangs, you had that aspect of it. But I think the over—that was a part that probably made the camp—if there was excitement there, it was probably that part of it, the riot, the gangs. I think the majority of the time it was probably rather frustrating to see an intelligent people in the environment they had been forced into.