

JACK COMBS - May 1, 1988

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PART 1 - SIDE B

001 Where the Combs family lived. Freeport & Massapequa, Bay House. House Boat on Goose Creek. Current bay HOUSE.
015 Photos of bay house. Run running story. Coast guard.
040 Where Jack grew up. 52 years old. Changes on Long Island.
058 Father & grandfather. Fishing in Greenport. Bay house. Oyster shucking. House is gone.
100 Getting along with grandfather. Combs and the bay.
11- Lessons from grandfather. Rum runner.
120 Loaned immigrants money. Sense of humor. Story about nuns.
140 Captain Jack's Bait Station. Stunts & tricks Grandfather pulled. Station: 1940-50. '
175 How business changed. New House in Massapequa. Bay House & border issue/
200 Growing up. June- horseshoe crabs. 22- Guy Lombardo
235 Trap building. Taught by Grandfather. Treading for clams.
Record keeper of bay life. Trapped mink. Characteristics of mink.
287 Seasons of bay life. Crabs.
300 Nets. "Push" nets. Shrimping- bait shrimps. Stopped shrimping- 1980
370 Green crabs. Changes in bay.
380 Ditches. DOT.
410 Crabs & cycles. How trapped and transported.
430 Left bay in 1968. Worked on tug boats. Why he left. How bay has changes. Which family worked where. Respect among families.
465 STEALING eel Pots.

End

TAPE 2 - SIDE A

001 What he did when they moved. Scalloping in Freeport.
012 Bedell & Scallop dredges. Tools- jacking.
019 Rock crabs
030 Fikes. How caught. Treading clams. Treading shoes. Rubber booties. Hitting horseshow crabs,
055 "Baymen" who is and was.
066 Rescue. Winter hunting.
106 What he was taught about survival.
120 Working on tugboats. Inquiry. Wink Carman
144 Learning to carve decoys.
155 Illegal hunting. Story about federal agent.
190 Hunting & restaurants. Duck trap, "Shot Marks."
220 Crow story. Doesn't shoot crows.
240 Kinds of ducks. Geese.
254 Foods. Prepared- roast, stews. Process clams.
280 Other foods.
295 Where they worked. Towing catch.

305 Storing food and bait.
330 Shrimp have disappeared from the bay.
335 Attitudes of baymen towards the bay.
375 Who worked on the bay. Verity family of Baldwin.
408 Doxsee Family & Point Lookout
440 Clam Diggers. Differences from baymen. Morse family- Freeport
475 Carving Jack does today.
490 End

TAPE 2 SIDE B

001 Time to carve. Carved at bay house. Fishing guide . Got into music. Carved to classical music.
025 Getting a car. Dating. Travel by boat. Learning to drive. Worked bay with wife. Duck hunting too.
047 Baymen and wives. Campbell's soup bought clams. Clam crop . Turned green.
070 Father's whale. Caught it.
106 Wild dogs on Meadow Island. Game wardens. Combs' reputation.
135 Building garveys. Materials. Fiberglassed edges. 1960- Started buying garveys.
173 Building gunnin boats. Jack bought his. Ice runners. Ice hunting.
200 Bay house burned down. Boat burned too.
^ 215 Vandals burned house down. Caught two, family tempers.
242 Soft clamming illegally. Arrested by police. In the Daily News, 1975-6. Fined \$50
296 Other wardens. Clamming. New regulations.
329 Making chowder, lick-dob. Family recipes, Family history.
376 Family pride. Antiques.
435 End.