

AUDIO TAPE INDEX FORM

Interviewee: George Schmidt

Interviewer: Dick Ristow

Interview Date: 4/07/07

Summary description of tape contents:

George Schmidt is a woodcarver from Appleton who over the years has carved around 40 sturgeon decoys. In his interview with Dick Ristow, he begins with how he got started carving decoys, and then talks about how the pattern of his decoys evolved. This is followed by a brief explanation of the process and the materials used in making decoys. He continues very briefly with his limited sturgeon spearing experience. George also teaches a few classes a year on carving.

Brief Tape Index

Time	Topic
00:40	George's family background.
01:36	George's first sturgeon decoy.
02:15	Decoy patterns and styles.
03:57	Sturgeon spearing experience.
06:23	Number of sturgeon decoys carved.
07:59	Some materials used and the process involved in making decoys.
09:30	Short story on his evolving art.
10:03	Sturgeon eating.
10:42	Joys of carving decoys.
12:47	Low probability of passing the trade on to family.
13:31	Failed attempts at being a sturgeon watching volunteer.
14:45	Classes and showings that George partakes in.
17:33	Retirement and renewed zeal in woodcarving.
20:00	End of interview.