

Washington Gaitor
Born in Rum Cay

Came to G. B. in 1942
from Abaco by transfer
by Abaco Number 1 to Pine
Ridge from Melville

orders
Wilson City

Norman's Castle

Melville close to Sandy Point

In Melville was locomotive
engineer, before that was fireman.
Became locomotive when Mr.
Kris Morrison, Green Turtle Cay,
was transferred to power house
in Melville

Two locomotives when came
to G. B. - #4 & #5. Operation of #5

Before Mr Groves showed
up only got paid after
shipment of lumber cut.
Paid in ~~Balbo~~ Balbo (acorn)
and script good only at
Commissary.

After come to Pine Ridge
the distance for ~~permanent~~
trees was too great steam
dragline to handle by cable.

After Mr Groves came
extended railroad,
After Groves payroll
became weekly & got
portable mills that put all
through forest to get
to lumber.

Groves also got big diesel
trucks to bring in to, belt to mill
where big mill was where could be
dressed and dried in kiln

#5 locomotive flew up
Mr. Santos on day off.
Richard Forbes Abaco,
There was @ grade & if
you have 10 or 12 cars of
Coal - you need a lot
a lot of steam. Relief set
at 150# pressure. But anytime
approaching the grade with
~~Coal~~ - would cut of relief
valve 175# 180# & on
way down grade would open
valve & release pressure.

Forbes forget to release
valve. Puffed engine &
Went to lunch & was
on his way back to release.
Killed 5 people
Early 1950's

Carload was 8 miles
to Harbor from Pine Ridge + $4\frac{1}{2}$ to
5 miles. #4 usually worked
north side when shipped lumber,
Harbor worked south side when
they shipped pitprops + lumber
together. #5 was lowest
was motive. #5 was
rebuilt after explosion.
#4 was first to go when they
stopped shipping lumber to
North Side. Tracks were used
for side tracks for pit-props
parking.

~~to~~ Typical to lumber yard
8 cars + maybe 3 or 4 cars
of pit props.

Gator stayed in Freeport
when lumber operation moved
to Riding Point

10 children living - scattered
around
Bahamas

worked for power company
27 years in diesel plant
1 quick start gas turbine
Retired in 1974

Now working as security
officer at Grand Bahama
Hotel & Country Club.

Millville - location

Cornwall - location just
before Pin Ridge