

Hello,

I know "the voice" on the Alice Ramsdell Tapes. She was a precocious ranger who became friends with Alice and was in fact the only ranger that Alice ever allowed to enter her house.

Joanne "JoJo" Cyr became friends with Alice. One day it occurred to her that so much history and wisdom would be lost when she was gone. JoJo took it up on herself, with Alice's consent to do those video interviews that are now in the possession of the Historical Society.

When I met JoJo she was sad, lamenting the fact that as she forced to retire for health reasons, she was unable to convince her superiors to pass on the tapes to the local library or other interested party.

Imagine my joy to be able to share the link so she would know that those videos ended up in the hands of the Thompson Historical Society!

It's been some years since and I cannot find the interviews on your site no matter how hard I try. I know that you have them. And thank goodness you had them at the right point in time.

JoJo has since had a rather serious stroke and been forced to move back to Maine with family. Though she does visit this area occasionally I might not have been able to share the good news with her as easily. And I certainly would not have been able to see the joy and delight in her eyes.

So, you may credit all the powers that be among the Army Corps of Engineers, but had not a young enthusiastic ranger found a way to get past the shotgun Alice kept to ward off all those in uniform, if she had not possessed the charm to disarm a steadfast Yankee there would be no invaluable record in your archives.

She is not the type to seek credit. Her style is most unassuming. But for the record, for the sake of historical accuracy, I think that it is only proper her name as interviewer behind the camera be recognized.

Sincerely,
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