CHARLES T. LEIDIG
Son of Yosemite hotel owner

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The following photograph is Charles Leidig, first white man born in Yosemite
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TAPE 1, Side 1

TOPICS INTRODUCED

Introduction
Charlie's birthplace
Rattlesnake problems
Leidig Hotel (1873)
Early roads to Yosemite
Black's Hotel (operated by the Leidigs)
State purchased "squatters' claims"
Drinking and gambling at the Black Hotel
Charlie was first white boy born in Valley
Early school days

Side 2

TOPICS INTRODUCED

(Some repetition)
Flooding in the Valley
Theodore Roosevelt visits Yosemite in 1903 -
Cooking for Teddy
John Muir and Teddy
Experiences on the trail

TAPE 2, Side 3

TOPICS INTRODUCED

Reminiscences about his Park Ranger career
(17 - 18 years)
Rattlesnake tales
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TAPE 2, Side 3 (Cont'd)  TOPICS INTRODUCED
Indians gathering acorns and plums
Yosemite and Miwok Indians
Charlie's association with the Indians

Side 4  TOPICS INTRODUCED
Association with Indians (Cont'd)
Reminiscences about Hutchings family
John Muir
Pine killing insects
Rattlesnake swallowing her young
An eagle nest
Weather in the Valley
Charlie's problems as a Park Ranger

TAPE 3, Side 5  TOPICS INTRODUCED
Discovery of the Mariposa Big Trees
Death of 3 prospectors near Bridalveil Fall