

Paul Franson interview
with

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Gilbert Bomoun

me: When were you born

Gil: July 21 19¹³

me: Where at

Gil: Clarksburg between here and Humbolt

me: Who were your parents

Gil: My mother was Elizabeth Wilfred Bomoun

me: Where were they from

Gil: My dad was born in Negunee my mother was born
in Canada

me: ~~Well when did your~~
~~mother~~ Family come to America

Gil: My mother born in Canada but it's just that she stayed there
they were on the track and so she was in America practically all
Her life from being born and my dad was born here

me: Do you have any brothers and sisters?

Gil: One brother living and one ^{brother and} dead Four sisters dead two and living there were 9 of us in the family

me: Where were you raised

Gil: right here in this area

me: did you ever move

Gil: no we always lived in Early Township or another

me: What did you do will you where grown up

Gil: (pauses) besides going to school I worked mostly after I got into high school doing carpenter work then I went through high school then college then I started teaching school in 1832

me: What kind of chores did you have around the house

Gil: we had to take care of the poultry chickens we had chickens and turkeys cattle we had to chase milk cows half in the wood shovel the snow

me: did you have any hobbies will you were a child

Gil: hunting and fishing ^{swimming} ~~mostly~~ mostly

me: Where did you go to elementary school

Gil: I went to elementary school in diocite

me: do you have any funny stories about when you were in school

Gil: I don't recall any, school was never funny there were strange things that happened but I don't but I don't recall any of them

me: When did you graduate from high school

Gil: 1931

me: Where did you go

Gil: Ishpeming high school

me: Where did you go to college

Gil: northern in marquette michigan

me: What did you do after college

Gil: I started teaching school after going to college 1 year and 12 weeks then I started teaching school in 1932

me: How old were you when you got your first job

Gil: 19

me: What subjects did you teach

Gil: Well I started in work school I taught kindergarten thru 8 grade and then I taught there for six years then I went and taught 5th and sixth grade for some time then 7th and 8th grade for some time

me: Why did you want to become a teacher.

Gil: Well my dad always worked in the mine he always wanted us to get an education

and uh he didn't want to see us go to the mines I had three sisters that worked in Jersey they did pretty

well so

me: when did you become a principal

Gil: ~~I~~ about 1950 I was a part time principal

me: Why did you want to become a principal

gil: Well there were some things that I thought could help to improve the school and it payed more money to

me: What school were you principal at

gil: first I was principal at double school till 1931 and then I ah transferred to north lake and then I was principal there from 1932 thru 1975

me: do you have any stories about when you were a principal or teacher

gil: Well (pauses) there were some things that happened ~~at~~

sticks out now it been so long since I taught its been over 20 years since I taught school

me: When did you get married

gil: 1939

me: How old were you

gil: 26

me: How long have you been married now

gil: 60 years in october

me: do you have any children

gil: Two sons

me: do they live in the area

gil: the youngest one lives in megene township and he runs ah wildones ^{spit} shop older brother live in Ironwood I mean Ironwood he is a fish ^{shop} _{biologist} for the city of Pg 41

me: when did you retire from being a principal

Gil: June 1975

me: What do you do now to keep your self occupied now that you are retired

Gil: There's always the work around the house mostly out to camp have a camp on Lake Lake we spend all our summers there then I like gardening I like fishing I like hunting

me: What are your plans for the future

Gil: Go on as long as I can

me: I am going to have to have your signature for you have given the school permission to publish this story if chosen and to be aware that nothing you said during the interview will not be used against you or to hurt your reputation in any way and thank you for your cooperation and time

Gil: I wish I had something nice for you. Val