

## Oral History Index

Narrator: J.T. Ward

Interviewer:

Topics: Work for Nickel Plate Railroad

Date of Interview: February 5, 1987



### Listing of Points of Interest

**Hour: Minute: Second  
(Topics or Questions)**

Introduction/Biographical Information	
Uncle who died working with sandblaster	
Relocation to Lima via train (from Georgia)	
Job repairing steam engines in railroad shop (Nickel Plate, once Lake Erie)	
Typical day at work	
Working at railroad was bad for health	
Different jobs within the railroad shop	
Wages (39.5 cents/hour)	
Ran wheel press with older brother	
Pushing wheels	
Blacks and whites working in the shop	
Strike at the railroad in the past	
Years working for Nickel Plate (42)	
Education (country school in Georgia)	
A few obstacles due to race, even in the North	
"Charlie" who worked for the B&O Railroad	
Duties at work	
Time to strip engines down	
Opinion on working for the railroad	
Better jobs in the North	
Places to eat and drink	
Railroaders' personalities and activities	
Favorite/least favorite things about work	
Grandkids	
Railroad pass	
Describing pictures	
Steam engines versus diesel engines	
Unemployment money	
Showing photos	
Conclusion	