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Harold Peterson Caught in the Storm Interview

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"In 1959 we had the last of the slips on the range, that I had anything to do with. There was a big slip on the elbow, the top side of the elbow, which closed it right off and Arther Pullen, whose son Barry is here today, I don't know what happened to him but he had broken ribs and we had to get him down the range and we got him past the slide and took him down to Netherdale.

There were three or four of us together; my old mate Jack Bailey, Jack Clarke, and I think there was Jeff Cove, all the old timers. We started to come back up the range and it was night time and we got to Cattle Creek it was pouring rain and lightning, there was a big storm, and we saw there was a big slide started to come down.

There was a heap of pipes just above Cattle Creek so we got in there. Then we got a bit frightened about staying there, we thought the bloody slide might come down and cover the pipes so we couldn't get out.

So we had to head back to Netherdale and stay the night at Netherdale.

It was bloody scary eh I tell you - bloody big rocks coming down it was just all like lightning, and sparks coming off and that's about the scariest part. That was a real eye opener that one."