

Bill Ladoucer
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Bill Ladoucer was a lovable free spirit who wouldn't work for his keep on PK Smith's farm

"Bill was one of the most liked people in the Valley because of his good nature and because of the product he produced. You couldn't have him as an enemy because you couldn't afford to drink whiskey other than what was given to you. So I guess that made Bill a popular fella. Well, he came from the Ladoucer farm, but he never worked and he never... He would work on the drive maybe for a short period of time and he found that he could live by his small income. And he seemed to want to live a life like all of us would really want. He wasn't tied down to anything, he just lived from day to day or year to year. Bill never owned anything that I have ever heard of. And I believe it was his choice because I don't think he would have paid taxes on anything because he never seemed to earn much so he didn't spend much.

Although Smith wanted him to work for him, he seemed to admire his free way of living, because in a sense I think Smith wanted a part of that himself. Because he never said anything hurting about Bill Ladoucer. He always spoke well of him, but always let you know that his opinion of him, that he was a free living person that wouldn't be nailed down to a job anytime. I think that's about all I could say about Bill Ladoucer."