

**Tom Wisner and Bernie Loveless talk to Albert Shaver about the Boardwalk in 1980.**

**Mr. Wisner:** Let me ask you — let's come off that a minute because we could go a long time with that. You came in 1921?

**Mr. Shaver:** Right.

**Mr. Wisner:** And worked for Mr. Donald?

**Mr. Shaver:** Yes, John Donald.

**Mr. Wisner:** And his job was?

**Mr. Shaver:** Superintendent.

**Mr. Wisner:** Superintendent of the boardwalk?

**Mr. Shaver:** Boardwalk, right — and everything.

**Mr. Loveless:** Park?

**Mr. Shaver:** No, there was no park. He wasn't here then.

**Mr. Wisner:** How long did you work for him?

**Mr. Shaver:** I worked for him from '21 till '29. They tore the boardwalk down in '29. And it opened here in the Park in 1930.

**Mr. Wisner:** Okay, good. This is interesting. Boardwalk down in 1929.

**Mr. Shaver:** '29.

**Mr. Wisner:** Did you help tear it down?

**Mr. Shaver:** I was here, yes. See, we had a lot of electrical equipment and stuff, and I took all that stuff — moved it back up here in the Casino building. Yes, I was here, yes.

**Mr. Wisner:** You remember dates real sharp, too.

**Mr. Shaver:** Oh, yes.

**Mr. Loveless:** — torn down or was it burned down?

**Mr. Shaver:** No, no, it was torn down in 1929 — completely tore down in 1929. And then the Andrews and another man — I can't think of the name — from Seaside Park, California, came in here, and they were the ones supervising this thing in here. Thought it was going to be a wonderful thing to move everything back, and Mr. Donald told them — he said, "You tear this boardwalk down, you'll kiss the place goodbye." He was about right, too.

**Mr. Wisner:** I wonder why they tore it down.

**Mr. Shaver:** Because these promoters from Seaside Park, California, they were promoters — came in here and thought they were going to make a big thing out of it and move them back on the shore. Then the mosquitoes were bad, too, you know, in them days the mosquitoes were bad here, too. As soon as you get back on shore, you had mosquito trouble.