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but srsly some random stuff from the internets,

*"Cliff Wyatt owned Wilderness Flyshop in Santa Monica in the from the 50s through the 70s. Legend has it that he was related to Jane Wyatt, Ronald Reagan's first wife. There is a bronze placque to him on a famous pool at Hot Creek Ranch. He built many flyrods over the years and his rods were much sought after by Southern California fly fishermen. I would guess that the rod is probably a 6 wt. Cliff built bamboo rods at first and then switched to fiberglas rods. You didn't say what your rod was made with."*

*"Cliff was a custom rod builder, a fly tyer, teacher of fly tying. and a tournament fly caster. I believe he won the Western Open Fly Casting championship one year. When I met him, he was building fiberglass rods. He told me he was the designer for the Flyrod blanks for the Harnell Rod Company (later to be called Harrington). I purchased my first fly rod from him. He included fly casting lessons when you purchased a rod from him. He was a pretty crusty old guy when I met him and I was pretty intimidated by him. When I arrived for my first fly casting lesson, he slapped the rod in my right hand and began his lesson. I was too intimidated to tell him I was left handed. As a result I still cast with my right hand although I have taught myself to cast with my left hand.*

*I don't have any information regarding his bamboo rods. If he paid as much attention to detail with them as he did with the fiberglass rods, they would be well made. One thing I found out was that he had built all of his rod wrapping equipment and it was all manually operated. He also used only 2/0 Silk thread for his rods. The rod he sold me had two agate stripping guides and a nickel silver ferrule. You should check your bamboo rod to see if it has agate stripping guides. Since that was a time when there was not a lot of Tonkin Bamboo available, I can only wonder where he obtained his blanks or the bamboo to make the blanks.*

*He was a very interesting person who was well read and could discuss any topic with you and give you his considered opinion--with gusto. He loved to fish in Hot creek in the Sierras."*

*"For his fiberglass rods he always used the red/black classic twist with a sunset yellow trim."*

etc, etc.