

Carmen Stubinski      March 9, 1972

Time: 4 hrs.

1. Beatrice Tresidder ( Mrs. Thomas)

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4. Apt 1., 89 Nickel St. Cobalt

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7. Cornwall, England

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10. 1920, April

11. Boat to St. John New Brunswick, Train to Montreal, North Bay, then Cobalt. The trains were dirty in those

12. they put us in a wring coach which had wooden seats. There were stoves where you could boil a kettle and make a cup of tea, when you opened the window you got soot in your eye.

13. I came with a bunch of young fellows that were coming here to look for work. there were 5 or 6 of them. I was the only girl. We had to have a guardian to get to Canada as I was only 16. We all had to name a person to get through the customs. When we left the customs we had all named Eph Triplecock who lived in Cobalt. I lived with Mrs.

Triplecock when I first came here.

14. miner

15. worked for Dr. Mitchell when I came here

16. died 1965

17. retired

18. The first world war I was in England we were on rations, one night a big woman came to the door. She turned out to be a german male spy. I thought it was pretty nice when I came here

19. There were lots of people on the streets and the station was just packed when we got off the train. Lots of people at Kerr Lake. It was booming lots of mines operating at that time.

20. I came to live with Mrs. Triplecock who was my sister. She was going to start a boarding house, but it fell through

21. all mines

22. lived in was on call anytime 16 hrs. per day as a made I did the washing by hand on a scrub board and boiled the clothes

23. \$15 per month

24. Log Cabin on the Coniagas Property divided in 3 little rooms.

25. At my sister's in Kerr Lake. We walked to Kerr Lake and back to Cobalt. Sometimes snow up to our waist. We had turkey something we never had in England, Plum Pudding.

26. Had a pump in the house. It was froze up all winter, we had to carry water from Bob Price's house

27. Hydro

28. Little wood stove

29. Just with the little cook stove tea in the teapot would freeze at nights sometime. I'd put beans to soak and sometimes the water in the beans was froze solid.
30. All kinds, Lang St. was full of stores on both sides the st. mostly Lang St. Pugsley store on Miller Ave. West Cobalt had a store Mayberry's'
31. 3 stores, sleigh riding with horses, Bijou, Lyric, Grand Tobogganing. Bob Davidson had his own horse and cutter. Our churches had box socials. I had one toboggan ride and that was it.
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35. Street cars, trains, street cars went to Kerr Lake, New Liskeard and Haileybury we hopped it most of the time.
36. Dr. Mitchell
37. We had a Cobalt Hospital here then
38. Ontnoggging Mich. U.S.A.
39. Stan 16, all 16 except Joe he could have had the education, but wouldn't hake it I had 9 children
40. Started to work before they quit school. They use to deliver on their bicycles. Ivan did too.
41. My husband drilled with a hand drill underground
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43. Can of sardines, Bread butter, thermos of tea in Lunch pail
44. Depending on the shift. my husband wood come home to a good cornish pasti.
45. Cotton dress, High black or brown boots.
46. Beaded silk blouse, pleated serge skirt, Pure silk black stockings Nice long brown fur piece with muff to match, string of beads, a tam always and a fancy hankie.
47. Went to church, afternoon went for a walk. Go to church again at night visit at a friends house after church and have a sing song
48. Pictures, I was marriedin June 1922 silver covered butter dish I had
49. everybody's friendly
50. Home It wouldn't be anywhere else. Its small you can get around even it there are hills
51. Downtown looks better with the old Stadelman block gone. We have a new post office where Jack Ough's meat market was.
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55. yes
56. Id like to see a little more work there are a lot of unemplyed young people in town. without jobs even if they have education they can't get jobs. Would like to see a Sr. Citizens home here. Id like to see something that will make more jobs.
57. All seasons, summer best
58. Read, crocheting, go to Church meetings Feed my grandchildren
59. cooking
60. To make more jobs for the young people who want to work, and men that need it. When a person gets to Z5 or 50 once they are laid off at the mine. Its hard to get work I'd

like to see mines reopen. if possible. My husband always said theres lots of silver at the Commie that theyve never mined.

61. Tourists

62.. Take them out to Kerr Lake to see the Drummond Cairn. Museum, go to lakes. Most people think it's a grand place to live. Rock cuts, are unusual. We used to get our ice out of the rock cut on the Nancy Hill for our ice box all summer.

Tresidder says this is no B.S. its all true.

Later when Mr. Tresidder couldn't work in the mines anymore. He became caretaker of the Bilsky block we lived upstairs with a sky light window. That's where Ernie was born under the sky light window.

In 1930 Mr. Harrington who was town Clerk at the time use to collect the rents. We all were still there when Alex Fraser bought the Bilsky block and changed the name to Fraser Hotel: They started a bar in the basement Prohibition was over. We had 5 children then so we moved out. When Prohibition was here they would have to go to Haileybury to get a bottle.

First floor of the hotel was for travelers Second for housekeeping rooms. Mr. Belgriene the jeweler had 2 rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Morrisette had 2 housekeeping rooms. They were newly married then. Mr. Morrisette was a miner later diamond drilling contractors in Haileybury.

Several school teachers had rooms in the second floor. Mrs. Tresidder has a picture with Mrs. A. Fraser owner of hotel in picture Mrs, Irvin, Mamie Reeves, Miss McDevit, Miss English, Miss Francis Cameron, later married Carm Dunigan mining engineer, Miss Kennedy lived there she worked for Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Case, Elsie Ross worked in the new liquor store with Mr. Jim Medcalf, who was manager of the new Liquor store. The first liquor store ever was in the Fraser house where the laundry mat is today. Matton That lived under the bridge in the house with all the flowers on 1 st street worked there two.

Ted White had a garden on top of the Fraser house on the roof.

We left the Fraser house 18 months after Ernie was born.

They had a jacket heater in the basement that had to have coal shovelled in every hour. It was a 24 hr. job on the hour putting the soft coal in the furnace they burnt a tin a day.

Later they got pea coal and it was fed with a hopper.

More tenants on second floor. Miss Wheeler who worked for light Power

Evelyn Cane, high School Teacher, Phil Gains sister. Mr. Elliott was public School Principal .:Les MacMillan was school nurse. Fran Donaldson stayed there, Mildred Row was a school teacher. Victor George was in the picture too. Also Eva and Mana Malouin who worked at hotel in 1930. It was an old time party picture.

Thomas came here in 1907. He was at the opening of the New Public School in 1907.

Frank and Mamie Smitheram were care takers at the New School. Frank died in 1918 in the flu epidemic. Later the Munro's took over as janitors and lived upstairs.

My husband was sick for 25 yrs. So I had to raise 9 children on \$50. per month and 11 to feed. Things were a lot cheaper for quite a few years.

When he worked he got \$3.75 per day. We could get a roast of beef for \$1.00 then, that we pay \$5.00 for now.

I used to use 100 lbs of flour a month made my own bread. Made everything.

Got a big soup bone on Saturday and made a big pot of soup with barley mix. That pot of soup did the whole week end. There was a lot of meat on a soup bone then.

I'd cook a big pot of beans with salt pork. They'd eat the beans with syrup some with ketchup etc.

They never went hungry even if they watched me given their porridge to the cat that they wouldn't eat.

I would to wash their clothes on Saturday so they'd have clean clothes for Sunday. They were always clean.

We had to watch our penny's lots time there wasn't any money for a stamp.

We were on relief before I got mothers allowance \$50. When Stan started to work on week ends. They cut my Allowance cheque \$5.00 Can't remember the amount of the relief voucher. They gave an extra voucher if the children needed clothes.