

Joanna Stubinski April 28, 1972

2-1 hours

Mrs. Charles Dean

2. Charlie

4. Township Road

5. 679-5741

6. 89

7. Ossiolu - Renfrew Gouty

8. Father - Haley's, Mother - Ossiolu

9. Ottawa Valley

10. 1908 Came to McKinley-Darragh Mine in 1909. This was the original silver find. In 1908 was working with CPR, I knew there was no way of getting ahead so hired on the TNN0 on the CPR was relieving agent at the foot of the lake Temiskaming. Freight came up the lake on the Meteor and Temiskaming. Robbins was manager of McKinley Darragh

11. Came from

12. North Bay by train

13. Came alone

14. I was cashier in freight office at the station then started with Rick. D. in

15. Wife's father was superintendent at the Savage Mine. She looked after the children

16. retired

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18. I was told nobody comes to stay. The people come to make what they canard get out. The McKinley Darragh closed in 1927. 16 years after Bobbins 1ft. I just stayed here and leased the ground. I now own my own house and also the ground

19. Pretty wild. When I first came worked nights at the station. Police supplied me with knives, a gun and handcuffs and a Billy. I always carried the gun. I had a terrible time of getting rid of the men. They world always hang around the station at night. Cobalt had bath Town & Provincial Police. Railway very busy. Had a shunting crew a brakeman and engineer here in town. If you wanted your car spotted you'd have to pay the men. There were about 10,000 people in Cobalt with the mining camps.

20. Came here because I got a good offer with the TNNO thought I would have a better chance of making something. I worked with the railroad here for a 1 1/2, years then to McKinley Darragh. It had paid 6,000,000 in dividends since it started.

21. Mine work, gambling, in town the gamblers would hire on as a machine helper. They couldn't handle it so would only last a couple of days at the job. There were also men around that rolled people every day, the big shots gambled heir

22. About 9 hours I worked in the office, but the miners shifts were a little longer.

23. \$20 with the mine, with the railroad between \$75 and \$80. a month Brought mother and father and sister we first lived at the mining corp.

house then moved to the top of Cobalt St. opposite the school, we had roomers that year Sir. W. Laurier came to Cobalt, Conservatives beat our liberals. Steinman boarded with us. He wrote Cobalt song, the Harmony Hall was next door. A very lively place. McAdam was the pianist. We then moved to Nickle St. for 3 years then to New Liskeard for 2 years. Would travel on the street car everyday to work at McKinley-

Darragh. Then in 1922 married Mr. Brocklebank's sister lived next to Keen's for 5 years, then to mine house in 1928 have been in same house for 44 years.

25. Always had my sister down from New Liskeard a big due at Xmas 12 or 13 people

26. Have our own spring water draw it in with pressure pump.

27. Electricity,

28. Used to drink Laurentian water that was bought for .10 cent a gallon Had them in cases of 5 - 1 gallon. bottles. Drank it after flu epidemic. Lived down Swamp St. when I first came at the Crown Hotel could sit on the side of the bed and look through the walls and floors. Had a room and 2 meals a day

29. wood and coal

30. George Barber had a blind pig where the street cars came in. Had a good shopping area good merchants Pipe & Presley, MacDiarmid & Sullivan, Pod & Deacon's Shoe Store, Logan & McNab Furniture also the undertakers. After the fever McNab visited. the Mines hospital looking for business. He was quite a joker.

31. Live vaudeville very cheap. Some actress that played here married a Lord over in England still living 5 theatres.

32. Tri-Town had a hockey team. Haileybury also, They played against Ottawa and Montreal, Big betting went on Harry smith owned the winning goal and all kinds of money was lost. I started to play hockey when I was 17. Started cut as a forward. Played with Sturgeon Falls we won the 2oso Cup. Intermediate CEA I was goalie then. I played goalie for McKinley. Darragh 1910-11-1911-12. In Those days Charlie was the best goalie in the area. I remember one night at the arena In Cobalt when a 2 by 4 gave out and about 20 people fell into the ice. Bill Laird the barber got a broken leg. I was in the section above watching.

33. Went to school in Ossiola

34. One year of high school

35. Trains Horse and buggy. We had a driving team at the mine all the time.

Everybody met the train there were usually more at the train going south. In awful lot of freight trains

36 .Dr. Hare & McLaren

37. Mines hospital in visiting only

38. Cobalt

39. All born at home had 5

40. Margaret lives in Ventura, California, Florence, buyer for Eaton's, Kathleen, Dep't of Highways, James Hydro, Abitibi Canyon, John, Temiskaming TV

41. Quite safe, but there were a lot of accidents

42. Drilling. Page & Pickings upset the contest once, drilled much faster, they used a smaller size of steel. Big days in North Cobalt they would send a big balloon up. Always went up by streetcar.

43. The Mine ran a boarding house it a loss, only charged 200 a meal, the foreigners, Rumanians ate about a doz. or more eggs each day

44. Very heavy mostly ate raisin pie, the staff wouldn't eat it because there used to be cockroaches in the pies.

45. Work clothes. Always wore flannel shirts and hob nail boots Had a tennis court at the mine. We all played and had our own outfits

46. Dressed up a bit
47. Went fishing , hunting. Always worked Saturdays.
48. Pictures, albums, little paintings and treasures from grandchildren
49. Just go over everyday there isn't too much to like about it now
50. Lived here so long
51. Museum, developed, town looks cleaner, Paul Hermiston deserved a lot of credit for the m4seum
52. Don't spend too much time in town
53. Would like to see it busier and new development. McKinley Darragh is owned by 3 Jews from Toronto
- 54, I like the area but spends most time at home
56. Spend most of my time at home
57. Fall and late summer
58. TV and radio drive to town everyday
59. Cut woods for exercise I have a lot of tonnage piled up, but can't chip It.
60. Raise price of silver
62. Not much except the scenery around. Ragged Chutes. Museum Bass Lake, towns

Highlights

1922 Fire

Picked a baby out of lake, I was; wanting to set to my sister to see if she is alright, couldn't set through so went down by the hospital to the lake. objects of tin flying all over, McArthur the Public School principal helped to hold down the tin, It was very windy, I saw a carriage in the lake. So I backed up to it and here a baby was in it, I carried it to shore. There were a lot of women sitting on a log, so T. gave them the baby. I later found out it was Jerry Dunn's baby, they gave it drops of brandy to make it survive it was only 2 days old. I went on down the shore found a Rock place made a fire to dry my clothes; my eyes were very badly blistered. I could hardly see, T went too look around came back and some people had taken my place. I left and went back to Cobalt. My eyes were really bad. I never did get to my sister's. She was safe. Thanks to the wind changing. Jerry Dunn was cage tender at the mine, that's how I found out whose baby it was.

The Original Find

McKinley and Darragh worked for the railroad. They were cutting ties at the end of Long Lake to swim. They saw something shining in the water, later found out it was silver. They started staking claims in 1903. F.G.Chopin bought it from them for \$30,000 then sold it for \$300,000. They blasted out vein it let water into the mine then built proper dam, to keep out the water. We had an aerial tramway from the Savage to McKinley Mill. There must have been at least 100 or more mines working then Raspberries grew all over. We would a pail full before I went to work all wild berries.

1908 fire in Cobalt

All Lang St. burnt. I remember seeing a 3 storey cake, and was going to come back for it. When I finally got finished fighting fire and came back the cake was gone I remember one load of freight being delivered to a merchant by horse. They later found out it wasn't Laurentian water but bottles full of Whiskey to Kelley's drug store. We also found kegs of whiskey in store, Dr. Armstrong I helped every time there was a fire pull out the hose reels.

1911 another fire:

But can't remember what burnt. Charles is a remarkable elderly gentleman his memory just fantastic. The only thing that was he was worried him when I was there was he was going to try his driving test again. When you're over a certain age you must try every year. He was really striving because actually his only outing is taking his car to town everyday And as he said my eye sight and hearing are still perfect. I sure hope I'm the same way at 89