

Lucy Damiani March 16,1972 7:45 - 9:00

1. Mrs. Clorida Nixon
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3. Clorida Dubois
4. 146 Lang St.
5. 679-8351
6. 80 years old
7. Saint Pierre Wakefield Quebec
8. Mother in Clarence Creek,Ontario, Father in Quebec
9. Ontario & Quebec
10. Came to Cobalt in 1908
11. by train
12. by way of North Bay
13. Just my sister and I
11. He worked on TNO for 3 years then worked for Charles Reckin wholesale until it closed
15. Helped my sister in the bording house later worked at Athletic Cafe where Broskos is now, the cafe was situated in a large hotel on bottom floor
16. wild widow
17. retired housewife
18. I came here to visit my sister and really liked it it was a lively town full of people and anyone could get a job. so I coaxed my mother to let me stay here and work. My aunt promised to keep an eye on me so we finally convinced her. I was a little lonesome at first but not for long. Everyone was so friendly and I got along fine.
19. Stores on both sides of Lang Street and it was a very busy place. It was in 1909 the fire wiped out half of Lang Street, my sister lost the boarding house she owned and she had no insurance.
20. I came for a visit but stayed on to work with my sister in the boarding houses. There was also a typhoid epidemic that year and quite a few people died.
21. Just mining bush work in the area this is the town that raised the first National Hockey Team
22. Worked long hours from 5 in the morning until 9 at night
23. I was getting my room and board and \$15. cash every month.
When we first married we were renting in an apartment two doors from where I now live. Mr Presse exchanged houses with us because he needed a bigger place and so we moved into the house I am now living in, have been ever since July 1920. Its a two store" frame building with 3 rooms downstairs and 2 large bedrooms upstairs
25. We helped serve a big Christmas meal at the boarding house for friends and relatives.
26. The first two years we were in town a wagon went around selling water from door to door but in later years we had just cold water at the start then later on my husband put in a hot water tank which was heated through the wood stove I can remember in the heat of summer keeping a bit of fire

going on washdays to heat water.

27. Electricity for lighting but none of the commodities we have now until just recent years.

28. A wood stove for cooking there was always lots of wood in the area.

29. A big heater with wood in the kitchen and a large coal heater in the front room,

30. Joe Robitaille Chalette works Dworski Rava groceries and George Tasyolor Hardware Vellis, Battah, Buckovetsky, Koury Lebovitz men's and ladies wear many jewelry stores, shoe shops, barber shops, drug stores at least four now we don't even have one

31. Theatres, Princess, Empire, Bijou, Lyric, plenty of halls for dancing Town Hall, Harmony Hall, Imperial Hall in the winter sleigh rides and skating there were many house parties and there seemed to always be something doing.

32. skating and sleigh riding

33. Went to school in Quebec

34. Went until I was 14.

35. Horse & buggy, trains, no cars yet.

36. Dr. Taylor

37. We had a Red Cross Hospital here at one time. I don't remember how many rooms but it was a good sized two storey building

38. I had no children

39. same as above

40. same as above

41. Everybody seemed to like working in the mines they didn't make much but vve lived on a lot less

42. Miners contests, mucking, drilling hand steeling,

43. Carried a lunch pail with sandwiches, pie or dessert. In those days a lunch pail was really a tin pail in the bottom, We put the tea and on another layer on top we put the sandwiches, cake or dessert. I often wondered how the men could drink the tea and coffee after it sat in the pail all that time.

44. Meat, potatoes, dessert, tea and coffee

45. worked in a restaurant in black skirt, white blouse and a small white apron

46. on Sundays wore same clothes when we worked and just plain clean clothes didn't make enough to really dress up.

47. most of the time I worked

48. I still have a Cross on a Stand that belonged to my mother

49. Its a quiet town and I like the people

50. my home and friends are here

51. Its nice and clean and the appearance of the town looks better since we have the park, new buildings and renovations to old buildings which has improved the looks greatly.

52. No most of the changes are for the betterment

53. Yes, People are allowed to park cars trailer hook ups or snow machines in front of their door- quite enough in front of neighbours door if there

isn't room.

54. Because it makes it hard for someone to visit you who has a car they in turn have to park it somewhere else.

55. yes

56. Would like a senior citizens home more stores and most of all a drug store its so hard if you don't have a car you have to ask someone to go to Haileybury or if you go by bus you have to wait one and one half hours.

57. Summer its so nice to get outdoors winters are too long

58. Play cards visit friends watch TV

59. No just read

60. Another industry would be good and I still don't know why our Smelter closed down it employed 100 men.

61. I don't think the tourist trade would be too good

62. In my opinion we don't have that much to offer and the season is too short

Highlights

I can remember when I was young going to Church we had 5 miles to walk and it was very cold. And even when we went with a sleigh and cutter you couldn't keep warm. I froze my foot once of course the clothing today is warmer and more practical then we had just cotton stockings didn't have the proper boots we just had thin woold mitts so I think we dress much better nowadays.