

---- Lucy Damiani April 3,1972 6:45 - 8:00

1. Donato Marchione
2. none
3. Teresa di Pede wife
4. 15 Third Street
5. 679-8318
6. 55 years old born Nov.27,1916
7. Sora Prov. of Frosinone Italy. wife in Sora Prov. of Frosinone Italy
8. Father in Sora, Mother in Arpino
9. Italy
10. 22nd April 1955
11. by Rosa Star steamship lines
12. Arrived in Quebec City Apr.24,. 1955 came to Cobalt by way of North ,Bay
13. my wife a son Antonio and myself
14. miner
15. housewife
16. miner
17. chambermaid
18. I thought I was coming to a bush camp the town I came from was a lively town of 35,000 people.
19. mines were still operating
20. I came to Cobalt to work in the mines. My brother-in-law was already here and he wrote me to come out to get work and it was a good country to work in
21. mines, TTL, Cobalt Foundry, Northern Metal, Koza Ltd.
22. 8 hours a day 6 days a week
23. \$1.25 per hour. I feel miners are not paid enough nowadays for the work we do its raised to \$3. per hour this is low wages in comparison to other mining towns and also according to the higher pricing of commodities food, heating, etc. I worked at the O'Brien mine from May 1955 until it was sold out then I went to school for my new boss, Agnico under the shift manager Pete Labelle.
24. I moved in with my brother in law for a year when I first came. Then I bought a large two storey frame building on Lang street in 1957. It was a 5 room house. Two years ago I bought a newer home on Third Street and sold my first one. This is a two storey dwelling with cement foundation three rooms upstairs three rooms downstairs and a large lot beside the house which I use for a garden.
25. My first Christmas here was quite memorable thanks to many friends in ~and han a good time.
26. Water in home hot and cold, 3 piece bath
27. Electricity with a few commodities iron toaster, washer, small radio, fridge, stove and TV
28. Our first home we cooked with wood in this home we are using oil and electricity
29. Oil for heating

30. Buckovetskys TBS, cuckoo clock, Shaws drug store, Cains Furniture, Rowdon Hardware, Blacks Hardware, Damiani's Grocery Dominion Store & Empire meat market, Smiths clothing, Woolworths
31. Classic theatre, bowling alley, Finn Hall where we had a lot of good Italian parties and dances, two hotels
32. Bocce mostly
33. no I went to school in Italy before coming here
34. 5 years equivalent to 8th grade here.
35. Cars buses, trains, air travel
36. Dr. Dunning
37. There was a good sized Red Cross Hospital when we arrived
38. In Italy Antonio born in 1947.
39. Quit school at nineteen
40. Went to work in Toronto as a mechanic
41. My friends back home kept telling me it would be a hard place to work, but I found conditions for working and I soon adjusted to it. I worked with a nice gang of fellows and this also helped to make it easier.
42. Diamond drilling contests mucking machine contests held every first of July on the Buffalo Slimes
43. I used to carry a lunch pail to work with a couple of sandwiches, a piece of ,cheese some fruit and a thermos of coffee
44. We have always made the main meal supper at our house and its always a meat, macaroni, chicken roast lasagna, very good my wife is an excellnt cook
45. during the week I wear slacks and sports shirts
46. On Sunday I like to dress up in a suit or nice shirt and trousers, but if I'm just relaxing around the house I wear casual clothes.
47. I like visiting with friends playing cards in the summer we play bocce or go to the beach in the winter I like watching TV
48. My wife brought all her linens, when she came she has since used them. We have some old pictures we cherish and I have an Italian pocket watch. I brought with me when I came
49. Its a quiet town maybe too quiet when there is no employment
50. Because as you get older you can enjoy the peace and quiet.  
It has been a good town to raise my family. We don't have too many teenager problems with our children.
51. I have to say the town looks better with the new buildings the parks, nice new subdivision with new homes the town has cleaned up a lot of the old torn down buildings It is trying to revive the shopping area by fixing up the buildings down town and now that Mastermet settlement came through people are looking after their homes and grounds.
52. I like all the changes the only thing I really mind is not having training schools
- 53 or job opportunities for the young my son left to go to Toronto to work in another year my daughter will be leaving.
54. I don't think these people should leave Cobalt. We are losing future homemakers and citizens

55. No particular change other than employment or opportunities to keep our people or opportunities to keep here so we may keep expanding and bettering our community.

56. We have so much in our favour. Weather conditions are good we have natural bundance in lakes fishing hunting no pollution in lakes or in the air, living conditions are good as far as raising a family goes in the way of city facilities. I would like to see more for entertainment for our young people, organized sports a good recreation program and certainly a complex where indoor activities and sports could be held Since we are going to have to go with regional schools(I don't agree with this or sending students out of town)there will be at least two large schools in Cobalt that could be utilized for useful purpose so perhaps a .- youth complex.

57. I like the summer its so nice for going for walks to the beach, playing bocce gardening or just talking over the back fence.

58. I like fishing hunting going to Caboto Club meetings and parties thanks to the festival of summer, 1970 we formed an llalian club and although it has a small membership of about 50 we do appreciate having our own kind of club

59. I like to garden

60. I'm not sure but I know if we could get a price for our silver we'd be alright because as any miner will tell you there is still much silver in the Cobalt mines.

61. I don't know tourist trade is so profitable do they spend that much money when they come. I have seen American cars with a trailer and a boat They come loaded with groceries except a few perishables. They bring their own boats fuel etc. is this the kind of visitor we want

62. We do have much to offer but is all for free lakes, parks, hunting grounds most historical sights so if we intend to get their dollar we have to charge and this they don't like. I also feel we the residents should have the benefit of hunting and fishing for ourselves for a few weeks before the tourists come in.

#### Highlights

I want to say that I would like to continue living in Cobalt I have been unemployed since Christmas and if something doesn't soon come up I may have to leave. I don't like to keep living on my benefits. I would rather work. Maybe we should get government aid in a subsidy on silver to keep mining it. In any event I am hopeful something will soon come up. This is "the Best Old Town"and I want to keep living in it.