

Bula Lathem

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6. 53 years
7. Haileybury
8. Mother Toronto - Father Chicago USA.

My grandparents Huard came to Haileybury in 1912 and had a dairy farm on West Road where Earnest Sauve is now and sold milk in Haileybury and my dad said in winter they covered milk with blankets as it often froze and bottles broke and they would have to return to farm for more. Joe Huard took over farm when my grandfather died. My father bought the store on main street in 1915. We lived across tracks at that time and my mother would walk down in winter pulling us in a sleigh to help. My father died in 1926 and my mother carried on with business herself till my brother came back from second World War then they went partners. My mother made many trips for one cent of candy in early days it was all this price and also ice cream. They always called t Huard's Ice Cream Parlour. My mother retired from there seven years ago she was 81 years old. The night of the 1922 fire my uncle who lived next door to us was out on a taxi call and my mother and Aunt were packing a few personal things to take and left in such a hurry they took wrong things. We came as far as North Cobalt and my mother & Aunt said we should go back, so my father was not well and there was a field and no fire near so they spread a blanket and Buster and myself and cousin Ted Liscomb stayed there. They were getting things together and someone ran in and said the house next door was on fire so they ran with what they had. When they came to car the six people from next door were sitting in car. She had just had a small baby so we did not have the heart to tell them to get out so had to leave things there and in the meantime fire had come close and my father had taken us ahead down the road and when they caught up to us my mother, Aunt and the other man had to stand on running board to Cobalt. They wore long skirts then and they were afraid they would catch on fire. We came back the next day as the house for hired man at the farm had not burned. The fire went around it and we slept 27 in the house for awhile. My parents rebuilt store and built this time living quarters at back.