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2 hours

1. George Miner Kenty
2. 48 Nickel St.
3. 679-8204
6. 58. born 1913
7. North Cobalt, in tin shack next to Bob McCauleys Haileybury Rd.
8. Dad in Enfield, Nova Scotia, Mother in Quyon Que
9. They met in N.Cobalt and were there Dad used to paddle a canoe down Mill Creek when he was courting mother. Mrs. Fawn MacDonald. Fawn stood up for them
10. Born in North Cobalt 1913. Came to Cobalt 1952 Bought a house on Hudson Bay property. Then went to Yukon, stayed there 3 years and came back to Cobalt
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13. There were 4 of us.
14. Assay office - engineering office.
15. Hairdresser
16. Prospector
17. Merchant "Laura's Shop"
18. Busy place
19. different than today it was active
20. Left Belleterre - Because Murray Watts gave me a job engineer at Penn Mine - Cobalt 1952.
21. There were lots of jobs for miners underground, carpenters.
22. I was time keeper for Northern Development. We looked after Highway from Matheson to Englehart. Bob Pollock and I worked for \$90. a month
23. In Silver Centre I remember dad got me a gun and shells, we used to use snow shoes to go hunting and snaring rabbits. After the 1922 fire we moved to Silver Centre. I was 10 years old. Dad worked at Belleterre Mine.
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26. We had to carry water
27. We had power from the mine and lived in the cookery
28. Old wood stove. Dad bought day maple to burn \$2. - \$5. a cord
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30. Silver Centre. Provencher and Brenans had a General Store. At Lorraine consolidated. Mickey Bolger had a store. Close to Frontier Keeley & Belle Isle
31. There was a theatre, before you went up where the blind pigs were
32. Ski, skate, snowshoe, fish in Lake Temiskaming, also at the mouth of Montreal River, I remember having bags and bags of pickerel.
33. In Silver Centre there was a school between the Frontier and the Keeley Mine. I went to school with Bill Hammerstrom, George McGinnis, Sydney Dexter Victor Levesque, Tellie Levesque, Tom Whitebred lived there too , at the Belle Isle
34. Silver Centre. North Cobalt Public passed entrance. 4 years at mining, 2 years at Queen's and this winter took a course in prospecting

techniques. Brushed up on minerology and geology. I really enjoyed this as my dad spent all his life prospecting

35. The stage was moved from Silver Centre to Haileybury on a team of horses. It was a closed in caboose with a stove in it to heat it.

36. Dr. Creaser - lived next door to us.

37. Dr. Schmidt took my tonsils out in the Cobalt Mine Hospital

38. St. Catherines

39. They went through school

41. In the early days miners were miners you didn't have to lead them around by the hand. There were no unions and the men had to do what the bosses told them to do or else.

43. When dad went prospecting, mother had to bake him bread, cured bacon, dry beans and rice and cheese

44. Running shoes old clothes

45. Best clothes

47. Sunday school. Visiting or fishing or we'd drive to North Temiskaming so dad could get a drink of beer, visit at Giroux to see Jack McLeod and Mrs. McLeod.

48. My dad's gold pocket watch (Waltham) with a pure silver watch. Dad had it since 1910. It still goes

49. Its a small place. Go at your own speed. The air is so different from Toronto. Its fresh here. We have one of the best climates in Canada.

51. You can see a difference from years ago there's more paint and quite a few new houses

52. If I want anything I have to go to Haileybury or New Liskeard to get it. With a bus system through town, there should be a bus shelter where you can wait on the bus and buy your tickets. We've no drug store. too many payrolls have left Cobalt.

53. I like Cobalt

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55. yes

56. We need provincial government, adequate participation to plan a long range program suitable for this area. Restoration program should be with people trained for the job.

Would like to see larger mining companies do exploration in the area.

57. Spring and fall

58. Fishing & hunting

59. Carpenter work

60. I feel that there are able men receiving welfare that could be working and will not and have also refused jobs. Two or three light industries using our raw materials. I think there should be a mining property opened up in Cobalt, connected with the Northern College of Applied Arts and Technology to train their students in actual mining. The mine being staffed with experienced miners, millmen and teachers

61. tourists

62. Good clean fresh air, historical background, Old Mission, Drummond Cairn, Mining shafts & properties. Old Mills. Back roads that 40 or 50 years ago were thriving with mines. Very nice lakes, nice setting, good bush and scenery.

Highlights!!

My dad Miner Kenty came to Cobalt in 1907. He died at the age of 66 in 1954. After mining a few years, he started prospecting in 1924. When we lived in Silver Centre, he started there also in : Kanichi, Cedar Lake, near Goward, Chambers Township, Gowganda area Timmins. In Bu Mines Township Swassi area, that's where the Kenty Gold Mine was. Uncle Jay and Uncle Jack staked the mine. Brett Threthwey Co. He prospected in Ungava for Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines. He made 3 iron finds there. Prospected in Que. for McIntyre from Belleterre to Mount Laurier Highway. He sank the Jupiter shaft at McIntyre. Also the sturgeon River area. My mother always went with him over the years. Finally her knees gave out and she had to stay home. He prospected in Onakawana near Coral Rapids. They always attended the Prospectors convention in Toronto. One year mother won a gold bar at the event. Mother died in 1968. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Belle Isle. They had a party. I remember dad saying one day he was at Trout Lake No. 1 for mining corp. He gave Harry Miller a job. Dad walked 3tmiles, 2 ways every day back & forth to work.