

Lucy Damiani February 17, 1972

6 - 7 p.m.

1. Gettulie Gabbani
2. none
3. Wife's maiden name Malvina Corbelli
4. 5 Third St.
5. 679-5952
6. 73 years old
7. Montelabate Pesaro, Italy.
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9. Italy
10. To Cobalt in 1923 arrived from Italy to Montreal 1914
11. train
12. by North Bay
13. With my brother and sister-in-law.
14. Worked with the town on maintenance crew
15. Housewife
16. I am retired
17. Retired Housewife
18. They told me it was a booming mining town but I guess after the strike (I think it was 1916) people started leaving and it wasn't as busy as I expected.
19. The town had already been built and had a school, churches, shops, stores, shows and theatres, hotels but our roads were still gravel.
20. Came here to get a job and in a few weeks I had one.
21. Just mining and milling
22. They worked 8 hours a day.
23. The pay was about 411.75 per day.
24. My first home on Earl Street was a two story building.
25. With friends and relatives playing cards, talking and drinking.
26. We had running water in the home.
27. Electricity for light.
28. Wood stoves for cooking.
29. Wood and coal both for heating.
30. Where was a good shopping area with all kinds of stores.
31. Played cards, you could go to shows, beer parlors, dances.
32. No time for sports as a youngster had to work and help with the chores around home.
33. Not too much schooling in Italy.
34. A little over one year.
35. Very few cars we used horses, horse drawn buggies and the electric streetcars that travelled next to the train tracks. You could go to Haileybury for 5 cents. Children free.
36. Dr. Case.
37. We had a small hospital with good facilities.
38. All three were born in Cobalt.
39. All went to lower school one was 16 and went to work on railroad for per day, one was 18 and one was 15.

40. One on railroad, one at match factory, one at housework.
41. The work was hard pick and shovel.
42. They had drilling contests and tug of war.
43. Not as good as nowadays but still hearty meals, sometimes fruit for dessert.
44. All the family ate together at table and ate the same food.
45. I spent my first Christmas here with relatives and friends visiting.
46. Clean plain clothes for work.
47. Couldn't afford fancy clothes for Sunday. They were plain and sometimes made over especially for the children.
48. With friends or at family picnics at the lake. One winter we stayed at home but took turns going to different houses for card games.
49. I have just saved a few pictures through the years.
50. It's a good quiet town and has good snow removal, and garbage disposal.
51. Because at my age I enjoy the quiet and services a small town gives.
52. The parks the new sidewalks we have more parking space down town.
53. like everything about it
54. No we are fortunate the teenagers that seem to pose problems everywhere don't get into trouble here.
55. nothing
56. Yes
57. Would like us to have a better shopping area and especially a drug store which we need badly also a dentist and if we can't get another Doctor, we should go back to the old days of V.O.N. nurse.
58. Summer
59. Playing cards, watching T.V., gardening and fishing.

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60. Gardening
61. A factory or other industry to keep our young people here maybe a collegiate.
62. Develop tourist trade.
63. Have wonderful spots for fishing, hunting, beaches, for the summer also family parks and trailer parks.

HIGHLIGHTS

I want to say I am proud to have been a Cobalter and hope to end my days here. My wife and I find it central for the children to visit and we have everything we need here in Cobalt.