

Name of Interview: Lucy Damiani Date of Interview: Mar. 3, 1972

Time 6:45 to 8:00

1. Giuseppe Elio (Chilittarone) Tittonel, Joseph
2. Joe
3. Anna Simoni (wife)
4. 203 Lang St.
5. 679-5726
6. 40 yrs. old
7. Piene di Salego
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9. Italy
10. May 1952
11. By boat to Halifax train by way of Montreal and North Bay
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13. came alone married in 1955
14. miner at Cobalt Lode mine
15. Housewife
16. Jack Koza Ltd
17. housewife
18. I found Cobalt a nice little town about the size of the one I had left in Italy I only found it more hilly and certainly lots of rocks and bush, which we didn't have too much of back home.
19. Quite active little town. All the mines were still working
20. To work in the mines. In Italy everyone filled me with apprehension working in the mines in Canada was difficult and dangerous but after I had been on the job a month I adjusted quickly in a few months I operated a machine and soon after I became one of the two bonus makers, in a work hard to be a bonus maker.
21. mines, foundry, the Smelter, T.T. Laboratory, Northern metal Co. and Jack Koza Ltd.
22. Day and night shift. 8 hrs. a day six day wk.
23. I started as a laborer .90 an hr. later as machine man \$1.10 hr. in a year I was up to \$1.25 an hr.
24. A two storey home which I remember living quarters downstairs and rented the upstairs in the last few yrs. I have completely remodeled and taken it over for myself started with a new foundation central heating, 3 bedrooms kitchen, living room, dining area laundry room, and two bathrooms.
25. When I first came I lived with my Aunt and Uncle for 3 yrs. the first Christmas we had a party with some Italian friends who had come over here to work in the mine also, we had a sing song. I'll always remember she made popcorn we had fruit cake and my Uncle served wine. We all enjoyed it very much and it was so nice of my Aunt and Uncle to do this as for most of us it was our first Christmas away from home.
26. We have always had hot and cold water system
27. Electricity for lighting cooking with all the conveniences washer, dryer, T.V. toaster iron mix raster

28. Electricity for cooking
29. Central heating system now wood stove and oil space heater years ago
30. Buckovetsky's, TBS, Charlie Hutt's Clothing Aimones pool room and tobacco, Purdy's .05 and .10, to Tom Black an eccentric hardware merchant who was quite a legend, Damiani's Grocery, Charbonneau Jewelry and many others
31. Theatre, lots of house parties the Italians were always asking us to their homes, I can remember lots of fun dances at the Finnish Hall where the young and old both went. Sometimes we went to Kirkland in bus loads or carloads for the Italian Dances at Belvedere Hall. Mr., Giachino used to go around to the different houses showing slides.
32. When I came we formed a soccer Club in the Tri Town area "Cohalis" the first two words from Cobalt, Haileybury Liskeard, Sometimes on Sunday a group of us would go down to Loon Lake and play bocce all afternoon.
33. Went to school in Italy and when I came to Cobalt my wife and I both started to English Classes at night at Cobalt High
34. Up to Grade 10, also took elementary carpentry
35. Air travel, busses, trains, cars, bought a little Volkswagen, which I had 10 yrs.
36. Dr, Dunning
37. Only Misericordia Hospital in Haileybury
33. Sylvano first child and Dolores second child both born in Cobalt
39. Sylvano is 14 and still school age Dolores is 11. Won first prize in piano at Temiskaming Festival.
40. In school yet.
41. In drifts they had mucking machines, in sub drifts and shafts there was hand mucking
42. Every year we had hand steel, and hand mucking drilling contests. In 1953 I won a hand mucking contest at Buffalo Slimes
43. Took a lunch with a thermos of coffee
44. Always ate good solid meals, chicken roasts, stews, spaghetti, and it was at noon or supper depending what shift I was on
45. Mostly work clothes during the week, always shower every night before coming home, and changed with sports clothes
46. On Sundays the family and everybody dresses up
47. On Sunday was church first then would take turns at different homes getting together playing cards, and having a good sing song.
48. I have a coin collection which I treasure.
49. It's a good friendly town to live in and bring up your children. I could have gotten a job in St. Catherine's or Niagara when I was on holidays but we just couldn't leave Cobalt. It was our first and only town after coming here from Italy,
50. Because it's nice to live in a town where everyone is so friendly, and the cost of Living is reasonable we feel safer bringing up our children, there doesn't seem to be as much drink and drugs as some places.
51. Renovated some of the old buildings, tore down some of the shacks, are building up the down town area nice parks.
52. I like all the changes think it has given Cobalt a definite lift
53. Yes, some of the snow removal

54. With the no parking signs I have no place left to park unless they do a better job of snow removal on back streets so I can at least park, my car there while they are cleaning front streets

55. Yes

56. We should have more one way streets, and we should have our streets and houses named and numbered. There isn't a street sign up anywhere

57. Summer it's the nicest time of the year. Our winters are too long

58. Like carpentry work

60. Industry of some kind, mining is too uncertain and it will help to keep people employed when the mines aren't working

61. I don't think tourist dollars help much, nowadays the average tourist brings with him, his food, camping gear, gas, boat, you name it they have it, so they don't spend much here.

62. We should try to organize some ways or something for the town, the Cobalt people are better spenders than strangers and we would help the town with any scheme.

I adjusted easily to Canadian way of living in a small town and I was never lonesome in Cobalt thanks to the friendly atmosphere here. I wanted to learn the English language and when I did I applied and was accepted for citizenship you won't know what it means to live in a good country, some of us are apt to take it all for granted.

I went to Denison Mine to work for 5 or 6 months and one week end when I came home Jake Koza offered me a job that was all I needed to get back here.

My home is very good

We badly need a drug store, shoe stores, children's clothing, a Doctor, a Dentist, and maybe to come in. We are in a good spot for store with the large area surrounding us.