

Bula Lathem

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6. 761 years
7. North Cobalt

My parents came here in 1916 and lived on the extreme south end of King Street. My father cut ice on lake delivered to stores in Tri-Town and some homes. Also had a large vegetable garden this was in Argentite I can remember bunching and tying bunches of onions & radishes to take to market in Cobalt. We got our sawdust for packing ice from saw mill across track on Lakeview Ave. We had no electricity in them days our washing was done with wash board. We also helped the Grooms as they also had a market garden. Went to Dan Sullivan Sr. where we helped cut up cabbage for sour kraut in a large barrel. We camped at Silver Centre to pick blueberries. My father bought berries and sent them to Toronto. We kids picked each 8 baskets a day and all you got was 50¢ a basket. I can remember coming out of bush with box tied on my back and a basket in each hand. My grandfather Charette ran a bake shop here to where Joe Arbour lives now. My uncle worked at Fairhursts bottling works and used to bring us home pop. We used to catch fish and also boat in Mill Creek. We had parties on Saturday night with a gramophone you had to crank then we had skates with screws to hold them on. We had 1 pr. between 8 children. My brother and I had lots of quarrels to see who would have skates. We used to draw our wood with our dog. We also went horse back riding. I did housework for \$18. a month. The silent movies at that time were 10¢. When we attended Church near King Street first we only had 5 or 10¢ for collection then after fire we held church at Boys College. When fire of 1922 we led our cow and what things we could carry and went along mill creek to 104 and stayed at Cote's home on Bank of Mill Creek there. They wanted to send our family to Montreal after fire my father said no and built a home where Dessureaults live now.