

Lucy DAMIANI, Apr. 24/72

8:15 - 10:30

1. Jackson David BURTON
2. Helen TURGEON (wife) born in Shawville in Otter Bay
3. 23 Ruby Street
4. 679-8314
5. Unemployed
6. Haileybury, July 11th, 1917.
7. Mother and Father both born in Queens Line near Cobden, Ont.
8. Great grandfather on fathers side born in Nottingham, England.
Great grandmother on father's side born in Scotland.
8. Married - 2 children, Wendy 21, Harry 22.
9. 55 years old.
10. I say Cobalt is the only town in Canada where the Bank Manager stops to talk to the garbage collectors on a Monday morning. This is a typical mining town and I would not trade it for 2 dozen Haileybury or Liskeard or any other town. There is no class distinction here and anybody moving in with high and mighty airs or ideas soon changes or nobody will bother with them. We 've had our ups and downs and I've seen worse times in Cobalt. The smelter has opened up and will later on employ about 50 or 60 men. They are working with Cobalt mineral and we have plenty of it here. They say Silver Shields is going to open up soon and Agnico will be again on the producing list so the picture looks brighter. I wouldn't like to see industry come in because we would soon have pollution in the air, water and earth. Anyone coming up from down south keeps saying how clean the air is. What is so unique about Cobalt is our water sources are unpolluted I am now working with Mr. Gore on trying to get to the proper authorities to have building on Cross Lake stopped before it is too late. We have one home there with water facilities from and to the lake and this should be stopped now while there is still time to prevent pollution. We have four lakes here now for drinking water where it is unlawful to put a boat on the water so let's do all in our power to keep it so. We are ahead in Canada, if our border sister the States where they have no control in soap for phosphate education. Both countries have cut down Lumber and we are now going to lose our best forests.
I am really against losing students to school there are too many going out of town like this for schools - they are leaving earlier, coming home later, there is no supervision, we are better off with our own schools in our own towns. I'm against taking away grade 13 from Cobalt High School. We have carried on with grade 13 when lesser students were attending. Now we could bring in Temagami and Latchford students. People are losing their individuality and so are the students they are becoming a number. The teacher doesn't get to know her students as they used to in our days. A few years ago Walter Cole and I were in charge of track and field competition and public speaking contest for the local Canadian Legion. We sent out invitations to participate to 7 schools. Ten days before the public speaking contest we got in touch again with the same 7 schools for an immediate reply and we heard from no one. The contest was held on a Sunday at 1:30. At 1:00 p.m. Walter and I were at the auditorium and the principal of St. Pat's came with 4 girls 2 in grades 1 to 6 and two in grades 6 to 8 - total contestants from 7 schools there were just the 4 girls who entered track and field contest it was the same. -Brian Richards

and Gary Meehan were the only teachers to show, so the Legion abandoned the project. There is no interest in students, their welfare or recreation facilities - the lack of interest also by teachers. Price of silver is big reason for our depressed state. There aren't too many industries using silver. There is still a lot of silver to be mined. Speak to any old-timer in the area and he will tell you it's still underground. An example of setbacks is the holding companies are JJ Grey and P Hugh Sutherland who have properties but are not using or releasing for use so the silver just sits there, When Mr. Reinhardt passed away his property was released and that was where Glenn Lake had some of their richest finds. My grandfather came to Haileybury from Cobden in 1911 and worked at the Nipissing Mine, he also worked jobbing in lumbering for P O Murphy Lumber Co. died you know before the 1922 fire in Haileybury. There was a box factory and a brick factory. These factories were both in the vicinity of the new park up there. As a matter of fact there's a big hill there with a big cone shape where they had taken day out for brick making. We lived there on the settlement and it was called Lawlor town after Mr. Lawlor who was an early business man in Haileybury. In 1928 - 1930 the -hockey games were terrific entertainment, that was when Cobalt - Haileybury - Liskeard had junior, intermediate and senior hockey games.

Some of the Cobalt teams later went to form a nucleus of the N H L teams.

There was always much rivalry between Cobalt and Liskeard but we got along fine with Haileybury. I can remember 3 outstanding players in that league - "Gerty" Tuppling, "Baldy" Northcott and "Noisy" Clark the goaltender.

Dr. Banting was an amateur artist who painted with the Group of Seven. He came to Cobalt for holidays and was a great friend of Dr. Armstrongs, the dentist here. Dr. A. Y. Jackson often came to Cobalt to paint. I have three

of his reproductions. There were others from Group of Seven came here to paint. It was a favourite place for artists with its rolling countryside and unique architecture. I enlisted in the Army Aug. 2, 1940. I was already in the Algonquin Regiment before the war and became a qualified Signal Sergeant in 1933. I still read and send Morse code. There were other Cobalt boys in our regiment. Dave Thorne, Bob Clark, Aldege Primeau (killed in action K.I.A.), Dave Armstrong K.I.A., Michael Boland K.I.A., Arnold Todd, Bob Herbert, George

Herbert, George Cassidy, Jack McLeod, Clark Robertsonl Tommy Cole, Ted Underwood, Emerson Cote, John Tasse, Brit Mathers, Jack Mathers, Davy Orr, Armand Levely, _Clarence Pearce, Cord Watts, Zeo Church, Romeo Dworski, Roger Boissonneault K.I. A., Dick Fenton, Bill Fenton, Gordon Fenton, Herbert Long, Dominique Bolger, Bert Folco, Braden Bolger NC, Gordon Wyatt, Harold Brunette, Adelard Godin, Mike Bolan, Jeff Gauthier, Woodley Soucisse, Edmund Soucisse, Irving Orr, John Gordon, W.C. "Doc" Price, Jock Price, Walter Harvey, Ralph Richardson, W.L. Pidgeon, George Powells, Lloyd Pellette, Bill Buckland, Jim Bailey, Wib Sullivan, Paul Guilbeault, Ed Jabour, Clarence Campbell, Tom Adshead, J.K. Nugent, E.J. Primeau, mobilized on July 22, 1940. We spend 1940-41-42 going from Haileybury to Camp Borden, Port Arthur, Shiloh, Manitoba, Niagara Falls, Buttwood, New Brunswick, Debert, N.S., England, France, Belgium, and Germany. We ended up in North Bay, Jan. 1945 for demobilization. In Jan. 1946 I got my first job 6 weeks guarding a condemned man at Haileybury Gael. The hardest Job I've ever had to do. Then I went to Ausic Mines, it was the former Silver Cliff. These were all A.B. Pilner properties. Worked until

Mar. 20, 1947, then I went to Lowery grocery wholesale until Oct. 15, 1949, then I worked for Purdy's Modern Hardware, located in the lower street level of the Fraser House Bldg. until Feb. 26, 1955. I worked from March 10, 1955 until Nov 15th, 1957. Worked one year for R.J. MacArthur machinery. June 22, 1959 I started at Liquor Control Board of Ontario, Cobalt, and worked until October 1964. I quit for reasons of health. I have a part time job as secretary treasurer for Canadian Legion Branch 44, Cobalt. People in Haileybury and New Liskeard have spoken about wonderful recreation program we had in Cobalt. We had a girls bugle and drum band, majorettes, dancing school, glee club, art club, ceramics club and miners festival every year. Most of these things we didn't have going before our director organized them. It might be difficult to carry through a program now with all the difficulties which had arisen. There is a pottery shop in town, an off - shoot of recreation program. I think it would be quite appropriate to have a silver jewelry business. After all this is Cobalt's main industry. I think the local municipal government is doing a terrific job in town. They are renovation old buildings and adding to the business section of the town. We have a good snow removal and garbage collection. We have a summer school for artists every year and we would like our old buildings preserved and we won't get tourist attractions if we are going to work on a tourist trade. We will have to preserve our head frames and old buildings, and mine shafts. I wouldn't like to see it too beautiful -keep some of the rustic atmosphere. This is paramount for tourists. Over in European Countries there is always a town square, a park with benches. These are no facilities for sitting in the parks down town. So often it has been said that we do not have a resourceful source of information for the tourist or people stopping to enquire. We should educate our citizens, maybe these are newcomers but when stopped by a stranger and queried as to what is there to see in Cobalt quite often the answer is - "I don't know". We very much need tourist information on local sights, and historic spots to see, places to fish, with maps on how to get to the different lakes, this should be in form of a big bulletin board down town or perhaps leaflets at a central store in town that is open after 6:00. This booklet should have motel, hotels, and rates, a list of eating places, how to get to mines, Mat project, etc., etc. My favourite hobbies are art and pottery. I use local clay from the little clay belt which stretches from South Loraine to Englehart. In Liskeard clay belt is from 100 to 200 feet deep. At the pottery shop we are making our own glazes, use Cobalt oxide, iron, nickel and copper, buy ingredients and make own glazes.

We have applied for a government loan and we hope to have our little industry going. For sports we have ski village in Lorrain Valley. In earlier 1940, Jean was on ladies baseball team. I bought my home from Dr. Lyons. It was a two storey Chinese Laundry for \$285.00 and I and my wife went up to Haileybury and tore it down board by board and brought salvageable lumber to Cobalt. I bought a lot on 23 Ruby Street and built the home myself. Moved in on Sept. 4, 1948 and my son was born three weeks later. I covered roof with tarpaper and a big wind storm blew most of the paper off. Then it started to rain and we just didn't have enough pots and pans for the drips. We moved our bed from the bedroom to the other end of the house. When my brother down the street heard of my plight, he came up and took us to his house for the night. Here I was earning \$25.00 a week and trying to build a house, boy I'll tell you there were some rough days. My friend Bill Conroy helped me put the sewer pipes in, the electrical and other fixtures I put in myself. It now has six spacious rooms and is very comfortable. I added another

room in 1966. There is a nice lot at the back of the house for a garden. When I first moved in there were only 9 houses on the street, now there are 16 homes. And since I've been there in 1948, some 23 people on my street and street opposite have passed away.