

Simone Bedard            May 19, 1972

3 hours

1. Jeannette Haden

3.        Jeannette Nadeau

4.        13 Pyrite St.

5.        679-5991

7.        My mother was born on Jan.24, 1878 at St. Jean Chrysostone Levis, My father was born in 1873 at Hamsud Quebec. As a young man he lived at Capelton and Shawinigan Falls, where he worked under water as a diver.

One of Cobalt's earliest pioneers, Mr. Joe Nadeau came to this district in 1902 coming up Lake Temiskaming by boat as the railway had not yet been built. His business here was mainly contracting, though he did work as a professional diver on occasion. Dad saw Cobalt grow from a few tents and shacks to a hustling mining town, and always took a keen interest in town affairs. He served a number of years on the council about the time when Thomas Wainwright was mayor.

In 1901 he married Miss Henedine Lapierre of St. Jean Chrysostone. He came North in 1902 but did not bring his family until 1907. When we arrived there was Albert, Jeannette, Maurice , Mom and Dad. Our first home was on Lang St.

In the first years of Cobalt there were a lot of people from different nationalities and Cobalt was a very tuff place ever so often we would hear w gun shot going off and there were a lot of fights.

My dad was a miner when he first came to Cobalt and then he bought a team of horses and started selling water by the Pail every home in Cobalt had a rain barrel to collect their water supply for washing clothes etc. Being a

diver he was often called out of town for diving. Then he started to buy himself more horses as he went on. He dolt with farmers and he exchanged for cows, he also sold milk. He had race horses and we'd go to Earlton Thornloe, Ville Marie and New Liskeard for the racing. He also owned a livery stable with cutters, sleighs and buggies and as the boys grew they each had their jobs with the horses, they had weight pulling and lifting with horses and his two sons Gus and Maurice use to work the horses in these competitions events. Dad was one of the first ones to open the road to Boston Creek with his team of horses.

Dad did the repairs on the Meteor boat, that travelled people and livestock across Lake Temiskaming and there was piano music and entertainment on every trip. The bottom part of the boat was used for livestock and the top part for the travelling people.

Dad was the first one to dig a grave at the Silverland Cemetery and he also dug graves at the Catholic cemetery and did both until hid death.

The last time my dad dived it was at Baie des Quinze and he was 68 years old.

I went to St. Hillarion School and was married in St. Hillarion Church on the O'Brien Property. Dr. Routier was one of the first DRS. in Cobalt.