Linda Cote

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1 hour

1. Mrs. Jessie Guppy
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I am eighty years old. I moved to Temagami in 1918, we came up Lake Temiskaming as there were no roads then only travel was by boat. Ted Guppy was a captain on the boat, he owned the Iona. My sister and I are married to brothers.

Temagami has grown over half of what it used to be then. I imagine there were about one quater of the people there then as compared to now.

The houses were small wooden ones with no electricty, we cooked with wood stoves and Quebec heaters for heating the house.

We made our own entertaiment dancing, sing songs. We used to wear long laced boots that buttoned up the side.

We lived as a pioneer family, there were twelve of us in the family not counting my mother and dad. My dad ran a big store was preacher and teacher, all the education we got came from him teaching us. One year he hired a teacher to come and teach us but she did not teach Arithmetic like he was taught in Scotland, so he would not let her teach us Arithmetic he did.

We also had a big farm. Out of the twelve children there are still eight of us living. One of my brothers is still making canoes in South Temiskaming. He had his picture in the paper last week with their five generations.

We had to go to church every Sunday from the smallest to the oldest everyone came to it Indians and all. It was an old school house.

My husband used to get up early in the morning and work until late at night he got $3.00 a day. His job was working with the surveyors. He also did trapping, hunting and prospecting. We had a very happy life.