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Interview: Time 3 hrs.

1. Laura Cole Mrs., Walter
- 2, Shorty
- 3, Laura Ferris
4. 66 Baker Street Cobalt
5. 679-8139
6. 46
7. Cobalt
8. Sheba, Syria
9. Syria my parents came through Cobalt in 1911 they went through to Timmins and saw Timmins when there was only 6 shacks there
10. 1925
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13. 5 of us
14. farmer
15. Worked in the store, my mothers, pop factory. Gamble Robinsons and sold tickets at the Classic theatre at nights 4 jobs at once.
- 16, Jack of all trades, Walter lost his leg in the Second World War
17. Housewife
18. When I was a child it was depression years. An at that time there were 35 Syrian families living in Cobalt, now there are only 2 Syrian families
19. Walter was overseas from 1942 to 1945. He belonged to the Calgary Tanks. He was all over continental Europe, North Africa, Italy, France, Holland Belgium and England. He lost his leg outside of Belgium. He got his training in Canada and England. They were sitting around an open fire eating their dinner when a bomb dropped and he lost his left leg. Then had to come home in 1945. When he got off the train in Toronto on a stretcher to go to the hospital, the first guy he saw was his brother Hector. His brother Hector broke ranks threw down his gun took hold of the stretcher and helped carry him to where the stretchers were waiting to be taken by ambulance to Christie Military Hospital. Walter says it was so good to see Cobalt and all his friends again.
19. It was home
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21. There were lots of mines working in Cobalt Chemicals, The splint factory 10 or 12 hrs. a day
23. \$90 a month at Gambles \$8.00 per week at the Classic at the store for nothing. It paid for my room and board
24. Lived in a bungalow on Silver Street
25. Down at Walters mothers in Gillies
26. taps
27. hydro
28. Oil stove to cook on and I hated it. It took so long to cook a meal
29. Oil we burnt 45 gals. a wk. It was so cold in that house. My husband got Pneumonia in that house. Between the cold and delivering Christmas cheer parcels for the Canadian Legion

30, Bucks, T.B.S., Cain's, Dominion store, Woolworths, Cora's Gift Shop. Minerva Sweets, Damiani's, Conter's, Chinese Laundry, Millers Shoe Repair, Vellis, She's, Drug Store, Costello's Drug, Doug's Barber Shop, Steve's steam Bath. Old Tommy Blacks, Oblin Coffin Mfg. Boston Grill, Bata's shoe store, Curries' Store, Ansara had a repair shop and did leather work. Augers had a confectionery Store beside my mothers. Cobalt Taxi has been in business for over 30 yrs. Jack Mathews Garage. Zion's had a clothing store. Bazata's had a clothing store on Lang St. Assaf had a business before Phil Calm took over that building. Assaf bought the Fraser Hotel from Mrs. Fraser when Mrs. Fraser died they waked her in the lobby of the Fraser house. Red Saddler had a barber shop on Prospect. There was Giachino's Grocery also sold tickets for air 'lights and overseas. Red McKivens, Lavery's, Gamble Robinson's, Larry Stadelman was a character in himself. Harry Ramey managed the customs office. Herbert Fuels, Stock exchange. Post office was in the Fraser House, later moved to the Inch Block where Florence's ladies wear is today,, Later the Federal Government built the New Post office.

31. Country Club Orchestra, I was their mascot. There were all formal dances in those days everyone wore long dresses to the Easter, Christmas and New Year dances.

33. Public and High School

34. Grade 11, one year Special Commercial in North Bay Collegiate on Algonquin Ave.

35. Street cars, Horse and Buggy. Model A Ford, My sister owned an Auburn. It was owned by Larry Stadelman. It was a McLaughlin Brick. We used to Bob Sleigh from the top of the hill at the High School down to the Lake. There were no cars in winter. So it was free sailing. We had look outs at the Boston and Shaw's Drug Store for the sleigh riders,

36. Dr. Schmidt

37. Yes, It was just like a house I had my appendix out there

38. Haileybury Hospital

39. Still going

40. School, Michael does summer work he is second Lieutenant in the air reserves

41. Going strong. Very poor in safety equipment lots of accidents

L2. Same as they have today on the same lines more modern

43. lunch pail

44. heavy meals, meat beaus and stews

45. hand me downs, I was the youngest girl

46. Had one good dress

47. Anglican Church, Belonged to Y.P.O. went for walks we walked everywhere

48. Walters war pictures

49. It's quiet I wouldn't want to live in any other place

50. I'm a Cobalter. I love it. It'd fight for it, Wouldn't want to die anywhere else

51. Parts they made, Fixing up old houses. The real asset is the mining museum, Restoration of Cobalt Lake

52. No work for young people. No recreation program for teenagers. They are hanging around down town when they could be useful. All the businesses they took to New Liskeard. We lost several large payrolls

53. No

54. I like it

55. Yes.

56. More employment for men that have families. Work for teenagers in the summer to keep busy 2 or 3 light industries. If the mines were producing or reopened with aid from the government, the price of silver has to go up. We could produce our own raw materials for export. A steady payroll coming into town, to employ anyone that wants to work.

57. summer

58. Bingo's

59. Writing would like to write a book someday, reading I have 5 different positions in the Canadian Legion. Love the Legion work

60. Get the Provincial and Federal Government to put a subsidy on mining to get the mines reopened and working again

61. old prospectors, old timers, tourists,

62. Museum, Drummond Cairn, Old shacks on Park St. on stilts. Mining Tours. Open cuts can always get ice there in the summer, our mining School the best in the World. Rock collecting. New Dam at lower notch operating by remote control from New Liskeard Good picnic areas, Good swimming Freedom of the North. Country for top fishing and hunting

Laura Cole has had lots of sickness but is very active in the Canadian Legion. Walter has lots of trouble with his leg that is cut off. With all their sickness, they are a cheerful couple.