

Carmen Stubinski April 15, 1972

Interview 1 hr.

1. Mrs. Lititia Bowers (Mrs. James)

Helen Street, Cobalt

Born 1874. In Mono Township Dufferin County

She married my dad in Toronto in 1904 and moved to New Liskeard in 1907. Later in 1907 moved to first Brook in a deserted prospectors log cabin. Dad was a logger. He prospected High Falls Mine. When dad took his job of, jobbing he'd hire his own men, 5 or 6.

Mother would cook in the lumber camps in the summer. She did all the cooking for the men. She made her own bread, pies, cakes, etc.

She was a midwife. Whenever there was a baby coming she'd go with the husband that came for her, regardless of the distance. Many a child was brought into the world herself. When Leslie was so sick Dad had to walk the 10 miles to New Liskeard often to get medicine for him.

Mother often has told us the story about the bear, when we lived in the one room log cabin in 1907 out in first brook. The same bear used to come and put his 2 front paws on the window and look in. One day 2 prospectors were there when it happened. Mother would rattle the lids on the stove to chase him away. This window sill had scratches all over it from the bear.

Dad was in the wood business till the day he died. He was sick for 2 days. He died at the age of 80 in 1950.

Granny Bowers, better known to us all as granny led a very active life. She never had an electric washing machine. Her home today on Helen St. had a wood stove for cooking with a sad iron on the back of it. She went down town daily till 2 yrs. ago played bingo wild loved it. She still wants to play bingo. Her friends were scared something might happen as she is

so fragile. Just a little fall to the window and she'll crack a rib or break her wrist. You're never go into Grannies house, that she doesn't want you to leave without a cup of tea. They have lived in Cobalt 22 yrs. and still own a bush camp 5 miles south of Latchford for the last 20 yrs.

Granny Bowers had 2 children, 5 grandchildren 27 great grand children, 7 great great grand children.

Granny Bowers always had a special birthday party given to her on her birthday till she was 97 by her friends. She is now confined in the Hospital. She has been in the hospital since 71.

She says the first place she is going to when she gets out is a Bingo

Always a sweet smile for everyone. Anyone knowing Granny Bowers will say she is a grandlady still living April 17, 72,