

Carmen Stubinski April 17, 1972

1. Lucine Robinson ( Mrs. Owen) 3 hours

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3. Lucine Holden

4. 85 Jamieson St., Cobalt

5. 679-5601

6. 78 yrs. old

7. Calabogie

8. Mother and dad both born in Calabogie

9. Sturgeon Falls

10. We arrived in North Cobalt in 1907. my dad came first he was here 2 years ahead of us in 1905. The mill had closed down in Sturgeon Falls. So he came here to work for the railroad building stations. The first one they built was in Temagami. Mother and the 4 of us children came together. Dad got us a little shack next to Grooms and Hoodleys behind the Nugget Hotel. I remember the Grooms having chickens. We stayed in that little shack all yd./ter. Dad built the house on Birch St. and we moved in the following fall. We came to North Cobalt in the fall. The mud was terrible when we moved in the little house in Argentite. It was big enough for us to eat and sleep in-the 6 of us. never forget seeing Jack Hoodley and Mr. Jones fighting on the street. I was scared to death. Mrs. Hoodley had had dinner ready for us when we got off the train and we stayed there a couple of nights till we moved in the shack. I was 12 years old when we came here. Fighting on the streets there was a lot of it. It was very rough in those days.

14. Owen was musician. Owen played the violin. He used to give violin lessons.

He worked at the Coniagas mine. We were married in 1920 and built a house in North Cobalt. It was burnt in the 1922 fire. We rebuilt the house after the fire and lived there till we came to Lang St. I still own the house in North Cobalt. I worked at the garage all the time with Owen. Owen and I used to go to Windsor and drive the new cars back with Owen. That we sold. We got on very well working together. Owen was very kind. He has been dead 2 years and there are still lots of outstanding bills owing us that were never paid. Owen was a government licensed driver's tester for issuing licenses. Owen had so many violin pupils he did/lit have to go in the garage business I can't figure why he gave it up. He went to work for Lamb Brothers on Lang St. first he quit there and bought Barkells garage. We lived upstairs in an apartment for 5 years. It caught on fire and burnt down. The fire started from a spark from the steam engine of the train below. Charlie Reckin came along and wanted us to take over the warehouse on Silver St. He bought it and made a garage out of the bottom of it and apartment on top. We lived in an upstairs apartment.

15. I worked at the Haileyburian newspaper office before I was married. C.C. Farr owned the Haileyburian then. Carl Green was office manager. Gladys Greer and Delsie Deseroies worked there. We made \$7.00 per week in wages.

16. Owen was a garage operator. He died in 1970.

retired

17. Owen was in the first World War 1914-1918 He was in the army in France for. 3 years. We were burnt out 3 times once North Cobalt once on Lang St, once on Silver St. and all our records were burnt. We had bad luck with fires.

25. I remember our first X-mas up north in the little shack. We had our X-mas tree outside that year.
26. We carried our water from Groom's well
27. Coal oil lamps and lanterns
28. a cook stove in the back shed in the summer and we ate inside
30. In North Cobalt Mrs. Jean had a grocery store, there was Hoodleys Poolroom. Jones Poolroom, A. Shaw, Delmonte's Bakery a Post Office. St. Cyr's had a livery stable. Legault's had a grocery store on Argentite St. There was a Methodist Church on Queen St., Presbyterian Church on Birch.St.Lilies had a hardware store. Harold and Bill Findlay worked there . Ed Jordon had teams of horses and Joe Christo had horses they hauled ore from the Ruby Greemeighan Mines to the trestle for loading in box cars. There was a mine down at the Lake at Hurley's. Can't remember the name of the mine. It was just below our farm in North Cobalt. I have just sold the block farm to a Syndicate in Toronto.
31. There were dances, concerts, and the show to go too. Ladies Aid bake sales. didn't go to dances and the box social. Jennie used to go.
32. Skate on the creek and slide on the hills
33. In North Cobalt on Cross Lake road. The school burnt in the 1922 fire. It was next to the Anglican Church. The Women's Institute Hall today.
33. Street cars. my sister Jennie Later bar Mrs. Bert Page started to work the car barn office for Nipissing Central as a young woman she worked there till they took the street cars off in 1935. Neil Mclsaac got the bus franchise He had been a Motorman for Nipissing Central all his life. He started the bus route from Cobalt to New Liskeard later after he died Earl Walsh bought the bus line and is operating it today.
36. Dr. Schmidt
37. Cobalt had a good hospital the Miners hospital
38. We never had any children of our own, we adopted a little girl 4 years old and raised her as our own. I am very proud of Anna today. She has been very good to me.
39. Anna never worked.
45. Cotton dresses, black high top laced boots
46. Pure silk dress, Hat, gloves, never felt dressed Without hat and gloves
47. We went to Church in the morning and Church at night. I sang in the choir Our family worked hard for the church
48. I have lots of mother's things - an old cupboard pictures etc. Lots of things. My mother Mrs. John Holden?, when the family was all gone and Jennie remarried again came to live with me. She cooked and looked after things  
She lived to the ripe old age of 99 and 3 months to the very day. She was active till the day she died. My brother Ernie well known to many people was conductor on the street cars. He married Miss Grace Reed who was a Public school teacher in North Cobalt for many years. They had 2 children Marion and Reed. He was offered a good position with Abitibi Pulp in Kapuskasing He quit Nipissing Central and went to Kap. to live.
51. Cobalt is more up to date now.
52. I like Cobalt. Because I live here and have too many happy memories and good friends here.
57. Get out more in summer, but I do miss driving the car.
58. Go visiting and on trips

59. Bake have people in - love putting a nice table.

61. Anyone would come to Cobalt. We have the history of being the first town in the north.

62. It's different from any other part of the country. We used to get ice out of the rock cuts years ago. Mining tours and beautiful scenery

#### Highlights

Owen was an American Citizen. He never took out Canadian naturalization papers. He was a mason, Shriner, Odd fellow. Had his 33rd degree. Several Shriners came from USA to his funeral. He was a quiet kind retiring man and liked by all..Cini belongs to Rebecca's, Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile All the Robinsons married life. She went to work in the morning with him and home at night. She was a familiar figure around the garage down town.