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1. Marguerite Campbell
2. Northdale Manor, New Liskeard
3. 78

Marguerite came from Burford Ont. Her dad was in Cobalt at the time and she came up to visit for two weeks, her dad talked her into staying so she went back to Burford got her mother and sister and came back to Cobalt in 1916. My father worked at Knight Bros and McKinnon Lumber Co. as an accountant. I worked in the town hall for 1 yaar with Bob O'Gorman he was the town clerk. Prior to that I worked with my dad for 3 years. Then with George Taylor Hardware in Cobalt till 1933. Then they moved to New Liskeard and I went to - New Liskeard and I in all I was with them 44½ years. I worked 8 hours a day and got $25. a week when I started. I was the billing machine operator and taught several girls to do the billing then these girls were sent out to different places and George Taylor had branches in Northern Ontario. In 1917 we were all in church Cannon Simms was preaching when a man rushed up the aisle and said he wanted people down at the town hall to help some of the fire victims from the Ramore Fire. I remember them putting rough boxes on the train to be sent up there to bring back the dead people.

In 1922 Fire - I did a lot of work then. My father had gone to Kirkland Lake to work. I went home from work earlier because we had heard the fire was getting closer to Cobalt. They had box cars already to take us out of town but by 4 p.m. the wind changed and the fire stopped at Mileage 104. We sure were frightened. That night I never got any sleep. I helped at the Town Hall serving lunch and taking care of people. I'll never forget this one woman telling me how she had held her baby up in the air down by the lake to save it from the fire. This same woman had 4 other children. One night a few years later I was sound asleep when the phone rang. It was Mae Neil (nee Monroe) to tell me that George Taylor Hardware was on fire. I tore down the steps on Galena St. but it wasn't too bad as we were back in the building within two weeks time.

I was organist at St. James Anglican Church in Cobalt for 16 years.

May things came back to my mind. I'll never forget Armistice Night and how everyone in Cobalt rejoiced because the world war was over. I ended up in bed very sick with a diptheric throat. I have been in the manor 4 years this coming October and really love it. They are so good to me here. The reason I came here was I had quite a bad stroke when I finally went home from the hospital. I thought I could manage. So one day I had put a loaf of bread in the oven and when it was finished I thought I had turned the oven off but hadn't. So then I

realized I couldn't look after myself. So within a week I got in the manor and l e loved it ever since. I really liked Cobalt when I got there. Cannon Simms asked me to join the Church and I met so many nice people. Mrs. Bill Nixon. Miss McKenzie Mrs. Adam Davis - Henrietta Boyle who is still a good friend of mine and Bert Stadelman and many others. Cannon Simms and Mrs. Rowden came over from England on the same boat and settled in England. I sure found a big difference when I moved to New Liskeard. The Cobalt people were always so friendly. My father was also in the theatre business with Tom McCauley of Galena St. I saw every show twice that came to the Bijou. I remember going to the Knights of Columbus Hall for card parties and dances. My father took very sick and was in a coma, X-mas day, we put him in the Cobalt Mines Hospital. He was in 16 weeks till he died. Miss Reed was matron and Miss Knight the nurse. It really was a lovely hospital then and the staff was wonderful. There were lots of shops in Cobalt. Stadleman's, Pete McKuen's, John Ough, Giachino, Ferris', Abraham's, Damiani's, Patti Hasset, Mops Dixon and many others. Our first doctor was Dr. Taylor then Schmidt. I'll never forget my first X-mas here, we had never had a tree at home. In Burford - we always had hung our stocking up though. Butin Cobalt we went and bought up all the d orations we could and did we every enjoy it. My sister Mary went to the Conservatory of Music in Toronto..

When I got off the train in Cobalt thepeople I never dreamed I'd see so many, and the scenery was just beautiful all the way up. When my mother first came up we had an apartment in the Fisher Block. I said to Marguerite how is it with all the men in Cobaltin the early days, you never snagged on to one. She said her father used to tell her she walked too fast to get a man. Marguerite still has her christening she wore when she was 8 months old. Its hand made islet dress from Scotland one of themost beautiful dresses I've seen. It's 78 years old and believe it or not it looks almost new. It must be at least 4 ft. in length. She also has a picture of herself in it. With many other photos of her parents and family/