

Interviewer: Carmen Stubinski            March 31, 1972

3 hrs.

1, Marion Sutherland (Mrs. Jack)

2. Marion McLeod

3. 46 Galena Street, Cobalt

4. 679-6116

6. 78 yrs. old

'8. Picto County, Nova Scotia

9. Mother and dad both born in Nova Scotia

10. Westville, Nova Scotia

11. Cobalt, Dec. 1929

12. 3 of us

14. Fox rancher and prospector

15. Helped in the past office at home

16. died 1969 age 87

17. retired

18. It was pretty bad, there were lots of empty buildings, the only mining at all was leasing and picking the dumps. There were so many men traveling the freight trains when the trains put cars in at the siding. I'd have us high as seven a day asking for meals never missed a day without someone begging meals. They were fine people and just couldn't get a job. We'd take them in and feed them. Then it petered out to a different element. They started to steal. Then we'd feed them in the back kitchen or shed. We never let anyone that asked go away hungry.

19. There were more people then than there are now.

20. Because we were in Porcupine and the Dome Mine burned, So the people were leaving the Porcupine for the other jobs.

Jack was working in Noranda and his brother Hugh wanted him to come to Cobalt. His company General Securities Corp. had several properties in Cobalt area such as the Lawson, LaRose, Violet, Princess, University and Mastermet Mine Properties, later Hugh , my husband Jack took a lease on all there properties.

The main ones he worked were LaRose, Lawson, Princess and Violet. My husband and son—in—law Robert MacArther, built a mill on the Violet Property.

I think they prospected in every township in Northern Ontario. North of North Bay to Cochrane, Timmins, He never carried a compass, he never got lost in the bush. He had a sense of direction, don't know how he did it.

He staked where the Noranda Mine is today in Que. on the Horne Fault. He sent the samples to his brother Hugh and Hugh said forget it there's nothing in Northern Quebec So he let the claims go also milled being wealthy thats a prospectors fate.

He also worked putting in a Hydro Line from Matachewan to Timmins before he came to Cobalt. He was helping them lay the line for the power line.

The reason we came to Toronto. I came first. I was very sick and they couldn't operate in Nova Scotia for Thyroid goiter. So I came to Toronto and Dr. Primrose did the operation. That operation was very rare at that time. Dr. Primrose came from Westville Nova Scotia, That's what brought my husband out from Nova Scotia. He brought out our little daughter and we made our home in South Porcupine.

The hydro line they worked on was private. Not built by Northern Hydro when we moved to Porcupine. The first place wasn't much more than a shack. We had no bathroom facilities we had an outdoor toilet.

We used to buy water by the barrel. We used coal oil lamps Cooked on a wood stove, one thing there was lots of wood

30. Shops weren't too bad.

35. Street car line. Niel McIsaac was motorman

36. Dr. Schmidt and Dr. Kane

37 We had a hospital on the site of Buffams funeral home to-day. They had a big parrot In the window. He was on a stand with a claim on his leg. He was beautiful bird

38. Westville, Nova Scotia

39. She gave dancing lessons. Now she's teaching art. She does a lot of paintings yet, very active in arts and crafts. She has been painting since she was a public school.

43. I know more about a prospectors meal. I'd have to pack his pack sack and it really was packed as we couldn't forget anything as there was no other way to get food. There would be flour first, soda, cream of tartar, bean, salt pork, canned milk, it was heavy to carry. They always took honey, peanut butter, jam sow belly, tea and coffee and sugar. Their main meal was pancakes and banock

48. Have my family bible I got when I was married. My brother helped me pay for it. I like the way they had put in parks. I'm hyped on the flowers and I like the museum

52. no

53. I would like to see the mines going again and more industry

59. Church, Daughters of Scotland, T.V.

60. More work I don't know what type of work just more work. People that are hard enough up, any kind of work shouldn't bother them.

61. I think tourists might be interested with Cobalt's historical background.

62. So many things. It not our climate thats a cinch. Scenery is beautiful, facilities for swimming excell old mines, rocks very fasinating to them. Open rock cuts, with the ice. Cobalt is terrific as a painters paradise and the hospitality.

My brother in law Hugh Sutherland. He was the Chief of the Clan. He was the oldest and my husband was the youngest. He died at the ripe of age 104. He was 100 yrs. old in confederation year, He was married to his

second wife 50 yrs. He was a millionaire.

He was also owner of the Masternet property of Cobalt till 3 yrs. ago he mellowed and sold the property to the town of Cobalt.

For a good many years he kept the people on North Land St. the French church, hotel in hot water. He would not sell the homeowners the land their house or shack stood on.

They could or would not do repairs on their houses every so often he was going to evict them

the people were very upset. It made headlines in the newspapers across Canada many times. Since they have the deed for the land their houses stand on. They have repaired painted and improved their home's..

Mrs. Sutherland is a woman with a keen memory.

Mrs. Bob MacAuthur had a good hand in getting her uncle to sell the land to the town of Cobalt.

