

Lucy Damiani Feb. 29,1972 2:20 - 3:45

1. Mrs. Mary Martin
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3. Mary Angeline Morrow.
4. 64 Lang St.
5. 679-5521
6. 88 years old
7. Vensicle settlement
8. Mother was born Tower Minnesota, Father was born Tower Minnesota.
9. Grandparents in Vensicle.
10. 1923
11. By train from Tower Minnesota.
12. By way of North Bay we changed trains at North Bay to come to Cobalt.
13. I came alone.
14. First husband in Tower was a diamond driller he came to the states from Sweden. My second husband Patrick Martin had a furniture and second hand store.
15. Helped husband in store.
16. Widow - husband passed away in 1960
17. Retired housewife.
18. I thought it was a nice place certainly much busier than it is now, more people crowds everywhere.
19. There were street cars going steady we had wooden sidewalks, dirt roads, buildings, went up everywhere and stores were plentiful.
20. I came with my son Carl to live with my sister who had told me there would be work for Carl here with the town was booming - it was a good place to live.
21. There were mines in Cobalt logging in Haileybury and sawmills in Latchford.
22. Twelve hours a day.
23. Don't remember but I think a miner made about \$4. a day
24. A big 2 storey frame building with 8 rooms on Grandview Ave.
25. We used to have about the same Christmas as we do now spend it with family. We all enjoyed opening our gifts which weren't as elaborate as now.
26. We had water in the home it was just a cold water tap but it was in the home.
27. For lighting there was electricity but some of the poorer homes still used kerosene lamps.
28. Wood stove for cooking
29. Wood and coal for heating, usually you found them in the living room large Quebec heaters that burnt coal and wood.
30. Woolworths 5¢ and 10¢ store Jacks grocery, Giachino grocery, Taylor hardware, northern Canada Supply, Sullivan's Shillington wholesale, Buckovetsky clothing stores and many more shops of all kinds.

31. Shows, dances, card playing, Church groups, many organizations and the town hall, Knights of Columbus Hall, YIMCA centre for entertainment and gym classes.
32. Didn't partake in sports.
33. I went to school in Minnesota but my son Carl went to Cobalt Public School.
- 34.. Went to 8th grade.
35. Horse and buggy, very few cars and street cars that went to Silver Centre Haileybury, New Liskeard.
36. Dr. Case.
37. Red Cross hospital where Buffams is now.
38. Carl was born in Tower Minnesota
39. He was about 18 when he went to work.
40. Used to go drilling with his father in the states when he came here he worked for Robinsons Garage, owned a taxi service went on drilling job to Korea.
41. Never went underground but I used to listen to stories of the miners. How hard they worked and poor conditions - there weren't the safety measures they have now and many men died in the mines.
42. They had drilling contests on the square every year.
43. Families in general as well as the miners ate well in those days meat was plentiful and cheap. We had fish vendors, vegetable vendors going by the door often.
44. We always ate supper together after the store closed.
45. Christmas we spend as a family opening our gifts usually practical things like clothes and the children if they got a toy received something they had been wanting all year, sometimes a doll, a game, a rifle etc.
46. Just about the same all week, clean work clothes.
47. On Sunday we always put on something special to go to Church, but took the clothes off as soon as we got home. Changed to our plainer clothes.
48. Store was closed so we used to go for walks or visiting.
49. A little plate that belonged to my mother and many old family photos.
50. I like Cobalt it's a clean quiet town.
51. It's quiet for older people and the scenery is beautiful.
52. Paved streets, nice roads, park downtown, new buildings
53. None.
54. No, except the lack of stores and drugstore
55. I do like it here both the town and the people
56. Yes.
- 5? Senior citizens home, street markers and numbers and again I would like more stores especially a drug store.
58. Summer - our winters are too long.
59. Like listening to my radio watch TV, go to Rebekah Lodge. Have received my 44 year pin.

60. Watching TV used to like sewing but I can't anymore.
61. Could have another industry to keep . people here and working.
62. Tourists would like it here.
63. Lots of lakes for fishing and beaches for swimming.

### Highlights

When I think of the old days I wish we had more stores and shops - both sides of Lang Street to the bridge were lined with stores and shops of all kinds. I remember our radio station operated by Mr. McAdan, the station was "CKMC" and we used to have boats that would take you across the lake, it was larger at one time than it is now. You went down to the station anytime and you could take a boat over. There are still some of my friends left and we reminisce about the old days. My daughter-in-law's gave me a surprise birthday party on Feb. 2nd and many of my friends came to see me. I received many nice gifts. I am happy here in Cobalt with my family and friends