

Carmen Stubinskis May 10,1972 4 1/2 hrs

1. Mrs. Olga MacMillan(Mrs. Lloyd)

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3. Olga Sirr

4. 56 Silver St. Cobalt

5. 679-5924

6. 75 years old

7. Parry Sound

8. Both born in Canada

9. Sundridge. Then we moved to New Liskeard 1908. I remember was the mud on the streets. We were in mud up to the axel on the way from the station.

George Kennedy had a stage coach too. He took passengers from and to

train from Grand Union Hotel. My mother had a boarding house on Rebecca

street. The room and board was \$3.50 per week double was \$4.00. Dad sold

machinery, farm machinery, stoves etc. We children were still in Sundridge.

Mother came ahead bought a house from Mr. Murray at the corner of Murray and

Rebecca. She wrote and told us about the phones. She said you could pick up

this thing and order from the store 5 cans of salmon etc. and they would

deliver it. She was staying at Marslands when she was getting settled.

Marsland boarding house was on Catherine Street. When I was 15 years old I

worked for Peter Petrakus's ice cream parlour and confectionery I got \$3.00

per week worked from 9 a.m. to 11 pm when there was a hockey game on I

worked till 11:30 or if there was skating I worked for Malloy's another ice

cream parlour got \$6 per week at Greenwoods I got \$9. per week. I stayed there

till my sister and I bought out McKenny ice cream parlour. We operated our own

ice cream parlour called Misses Sirrs. Mr. Greenwood bought his ice cream from

City Dairy North Bay. Sam Eplett started to operate in 1914 and 15 in the

basement where Canadian Tire is today. I remember buying a piano when I was

15 years old. Mother had to sign because I was too young. I paid \$10 per

month for it was \$300. Bought it from Thorpes furniture store in New Liskeard

there were no carrying charges. We used to go to Sharps Bay that was our water

hole for swimming, there was no New Liskeard Beach then. Sharps Bay was where

Barretts live today. It was a lovely beach. It served the tri town. They

used to hold a fall fair up the north road. Where the Dept of Agriculture

farm is today. I used to ride horses and drive buggies at the fair. One time

I took a riding horse out to the Casey Mine where Lloyd could come back with

me. My rear was sure sore. I had 2 brothers drown in New Liskeard, Frank and

Reg. Their canoe tipped on Lake Temiskaming Justin joined the Mounted Police

the same year, then on to the British embassy in Washington till he returned.

5 of us left home that year 5 of us got married Stella and I. Lloyd and I

married in New Liskeard at my mothers home on Rebecca St. Jan.19, 1920.

we had a turkey dinner at home. All the wedding party stayed after dinner. We

got on the street car and came to our home in North Cobalt. We bought the house from

a Mr. Wood who lived in Toronto for \$900 When we left North Cobalt we sold it to

McGrab who had retired from the Hydro for \$700. in 1936. All the guests came

by street car to our house. Mr. Warren had the house ready for us. The fire was going Everyone stayed till the last street car left for New Liskeard when they had all gone. I cried silly thing to do eh? When we went to bed our bed was full of rice. We had our first baby 11 months after we were married. Nov.26, 1920. We bought our baby cutter from Bill Park who was motorman on the street car. Got the baby carriage from my sister she sold it to me for \$5.00 Lloyd started to work for Nipissing Central railway when he came out of the army. Nipissing Central till they took the trollies off in 1935 as motorman. His street car burnt on the N.C.Siding the night of Oct.4,1922, fire along with a sweater I had knit him and his lunch pail. The names of the men that worked as conductors and motormen are Bert Precott, George Geroge, Alex MacRae Niel McIsaac, Angus MacAuley, Paddy Quinn, Bill Park, Lloyd MacMillan, Dick Richardson, Guilie McDonell

Tom Currie, Ray Cloutier, Albert McDonough, Bill Bush, Fred Beer, Forest Findlay, Charlie Warren Arnold Davies, Phil Lemieux, Bill Hills, Charlie Peterson, was also a motor man, but he drove the shunter in summer snow plow in winter. Jenny Boyd work in the N.C.office from the day it opened when it closed Niel McIsaac wanted Lloyd to go into partners with him and start a bus line. Lloyd went into the garage business but Niel started the bus line and Jenny Boyd went to work for him. She married Burt Page in the meantime and continued working at McIsaac's till she took sick and passed away. I had 4 children in 5 years in North Cobalt when I had Frank I went to Timmins to visit , I was told not to go. But I went to visit. I sent a telegram to George Gibbons station agent in North Cobalt. He put it on his desk it blew away. Lloyd didn't get it a week later he heard about the baby came rushing to Timmins with a suit case full of baby clothes he had gathered and got me. The first baby Lloyd felt bad about it.

25. Our first Xmas we spent at the MacMillan's in New Liskeard

26. We had a pump outside out door plumbing Cemical inside.

27. Bill Dagenais had a grocery store, we paid him every pay day. He had 2 deliveries daily In North Cobalt mother gave us our first cow. She hatched a hen and brought us the chickens, I churned and sold the butter to Mr. Dagenais, one time the black cow went through the chickenhouse window got stuck in between and couldn't get through the window. She was hanging there, I managed to get her out alone. We had some 30 chickens and we had our own eggs. Then we got 2 pigs, we would kill them and put the pork in bryne for summer use. We had a large garden where the public school is today. When Lloyd would go to work. I would go over to the garden and weed. I worked so hard I don't know how I did it. We took in the first boarder after the 1922 fire. Fred Allan his wife and 2 children. They had no place to stay. We didn't go to the College like a lot of the people in North Cobalt did the night of the fire. We stayed on the bank of Mill Creek. Lloyd kept going home to put the fires out. We had a carbide can full of water, we kept a blanket in the water when the fire came close we covered ourselves with the wet blanket. Our house didn't burn. The next day our house was full of people. Lloyd got an insurance check from Evans McQuaig in Haileybury. Lloyd took it back as our house didn't burn

We didn't lose one of our animals. We moved to Cobalt 1936. In this same building we bought it from Oliver Blais Before Blais it was a hardware store owners lived up stairs, before that it was McNabs funeral home. The apartment over Blais Garage was an old fashioned V-Joint walls. It was very dirty. I had a Mr. Dairy come and wash walls and a Mr. Hyatt did our wall papering, he lived on the silver center Road Emily Prescott stayed with me 6 weeks cleaning the place up. Lloyd started the garage and hired mechanics. He had 5 people working for him. Shop foreman was George Brackenburg, Lloyd employed a body man and 4 mechanics Ray Cloutier, Isaac Dunn, Jack Cloutier, Pete a drifter did painting , I befriended Jim Lew because people were very good to our boys. He stole money to buy the boys clothes, he even took a knife to Audrey. He was crazy we put

him out.He even broke in the Community Hall, we got rid of him. Frankie went into the army he was training to be an air gunner. Paul was an airforce mechanic. We used to buy all our groceries from Pete McKewen, Bill Ross had a store on the hill before Percy Lemon bought it. There was Swartz store on Lang St. Ansara, Vellis Ladies wear, Mrs. Vellis was a little short woman. Rodden Deacon Shoe Sore, Peter Petracus. It was his father who had the store in New Liskeard. I remember the beaded curtains he had in his store, to divide the rooms. There was the Bijou on Lang st. Tripps livery stable. I used to ride my horse from New Liskeard to Tripps. He used to get baulking (the horse/ He wouldn't move for no one, he was a hackney,. There was a team there. I went into the livery stable and said come on Doc. He came out for me. The men sure looked 35. Street cars, trains.

36. Dr. Kase

37. Frankie got his appendix out in the miners hospital Mrs. G.W.Dixon was a nurse there. I had Paul at home in New Liskeard also Margaret Audrey was born at home in North Cobalt. The ball park was not too far from our place, when they had a circus, hundreds of people would come. The street car passed our door.

We made tea and coffee also pies and sold them to the people. The Vinkles, Landrys Whitneys lived near us.

48. Many pictures, dishes of Mothers etc. Percy Lemon and Lloyd had claims at Lorraine, Pere, Edith Loyd, Hugh MacMillan and I went to Silver Centre by train, got off the train before we came to silver centre where our claims were. We did assessment work. Edith and I would get the meals ready and take them out to the claims where the men were working. I remember when the old fire hall burnt on Silver Street in the spring of 1946. There was room at the back underneath for the firemen to keep their horses. People coming in from the country used to leave their horses there. Thats where the fire started. It was the old red fire Hall. We bought the old fire hall across the street for storage space. We had cars stored there, lumber, old furniture to put in our cottage at Bass Lake. Logs for our new cottage. We had to peel the black off the logs. We had lumber from the mine managers house in Silver Centre. They had torn down. There was just everything in that building. All we saved was a hand made table. Its at the cottage now. Bill Burton and Holly Cook boughtt a piece of land at Bass Lake. Bill divided it into 11 lots. I bought 4 lots. Cecil Messenger and Dr. Dunning bought lots.

Helen Burton still has a lot. Latimer & Smith, Harold McLean, bought Shaw's cottage. Shaw had bought from C.Landry.

59. I made 17 quilts this last winter, out of tailors samples, and patch work. Two years ago I made 9 quilts.

58. I used to swim as a youngster now entertain, grandchildren, travel, visit children. Love it at Bass Lake. Its my outlet. Lloyd died in 1956. He had his first heart attack 8 years before he died. Paul took over the garage when Lloyd died. The Canada Hotel across the wooden bridge in New Liskeard 1917. It was 5 stories high right beside the wooden bridge. I remember the boats on Lake Temiskaming the Zara, Dora, Gypsy, Blanche, Meteor and Temiskaming boats. I used to ride on them. Worked for Sam Greenwood old home across the bridge. My store was named Ice Cream Kandy Palace. The Misses Sirrs. When Epletts first started they started in the basement of the old opera house. Their ice cream was so good after City dairy. Mrs. MacMillan Sr. took a picture of their first plant after they moved out of the opera house 1916 and 1917 Era. I like it here. I don't want to leave Cobalt as long as I can drive my car, I am still driving. Its home

Mrs. L. MacMillan has lots of pictures of New Liskeard in the early 1900 era One inside of opera house with Miss Bevis.

2. Mrs. MacMillan has a very keen memory re pictures etco