

Linda Cote

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1½ hours

1. Orville Burns
2. "Cap" after father who was a captain on the boats on Lake Temiskaming
- 3,. 392 Lakeshore Road
4. 672-3011
6. Moores Cove
7. Mother-Mattawa, Father-Bawshing
8. married
9. 58 years old
10. Mayor Jack Mathews is trying very hard and has done a very good job. Educational facilities are better and he is trying to some industry into Cobalt to make work available for towns people.

I am not sure of the exact date my father came to Haileybury but I believe it was 1884, he made his home in Moores Cove and worked at the Northern Ontario Pump Mill where Rexwood is now situated, he was a milright.

At this time there were no roads so peoples supplies and people had to come by boat only. There were very few houses. Around this time a boat line started and he named one of the boats after his daughter "Dora" it made many a trip up and down Lake Temiskaming, when this boat was salvaged by P.M. Fleming (the mechanical parts) my brother and I chopped the rest up for fire wood.

There was one called the "Ridge Queen" a dredge boat which had like a back hoe on it , this picked up the mud and put it in a scow which a tug boat towed away and this is how they made the river deeper for the boats to come in. Following is a list of the opening and closing of the navigation seasons given to me by my Uncle Dan Burns, who is 89 years old and was a captain also on one of the boats. He is still living in good health in South Temiskaming.

YEAR	OPENED	CLOSED
1893	May 16	Dec.3
1894	April 25	Dec.7
1895	May 4	Dec.1

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1896	April 29	Nov. 29
1897	May 8	Dec.3
1898	April 27	Dec.3
1899	May 5	Dec.15
1900	May 7a	Dec.10
1901	May 2	Dec.5
1902	April 23	Dec.6
1903	April 27	Dec.2
1904	May 7	Dec.3
1905	April 28	Dec. 11
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The last passanger boat to run on Lake Temiskaming was the "Keego" my brother and I were deckhands on this boat. We always stopped at the Montreal River at Mr. Pete Bonin's where we got a pail of milk form his mother.