

Bula Lathem

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1. Paul A. MacMillan
2. Red
4. Hermiston Street
5. 672-5569
6. 48 yrs.
7. New Liskeard living in North Cobalt
8. Mother Parry Sound District, Father Kilaloe
9. Married in New Liskeard moved here.

My dad came with his parents to New Liskeard in early 1900 from the Ottawa Valley where they were farmers. Came by train then up Lake Temiskaming by boat. He attended school here for awhile. Then delivered meat on a little two wheeled cart. Then he went off (shunter) electric yard engine for Nipissing Central hauled ore from Silver Centre and Kerr Lake also had car for passengers. Then he was motorman on street car for same company run went from Argentite St. (Swamp St.). Cobalt to Wabi Bridge, New Liskeard. He sold his first Nash car for Norman Bartlett in 1927. In the early thirties he took over the Nash franchise and sold cars from North Cobalt after working hours until street cars discontinued and moved to Cobalt in 1936. He assisted Neil McIsaac get his bus line started. He worked for him about a year. McIsaac wanted him to go in partners but he did not want this. He bought Oliver Blais garage in 1936 He assisted and he moved to Kirkland Lake. My dad also opened up a Dodge and Desota franchise in 1937 in Kirkland Lake. He ran this till 1943 when he could not purchase parts supplies and mechanics as this was war time. Mr. Jack Clow and myself ran garage in Cobalt from 1937 - 43. My dad died in 1956 and I took over garage. I like the way North Cobalt is laid out for further development. General improvements housing and roads. Did not like to see our seat of Gov't moving out of town. Like names of streets brought up to date. Enjoy summer and winter. In the Township of Bucke we could have a cement plant as we have they clay and lime stone or a brick yard manufacturing plant. An up to date marina as our shoreline in Haileybury is a disgrace pretty good launching place. Residential Town.