

Lucy Damiani March    March 21,1972

1. Pietro Martinelio
2. None
3. Wife's maiden name Maria Rinaldo
4. 31 Second St.
5. 679-5608
6. 59 years old in April, my wife is 53 (don't tell her I told you)
7. Castelfranco Province of Veneto in Italy
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9. Italy we're Italian from way back
10. I came in 1954 on May 19th
11. I came by boat from Italy to Halifax
12. By way of Halifax Montreal and North Bay to Cobalt
13. My wife and I with my son and daughter
14. I was a miner at Silver Miller Mines
- 15 ..Housewife
16. I work clamping boxes that are made up at our local foundry
17. She is working as a chamber maid at Fraser Hotel
- 180 It was a good sized town and impressed me as being friendly right from the start.
19. Certainly was much busier that it is now. I get depressed when more mines keep closing up and some families move away. When I came there were quite a few mines still working - the Silver Miller Mine employed 400 men then there was the Agnico O'Brien Mensilvo, Chamber Ferland, Silver Lode, Mayfair and a few small properties being worked by private leasers.
20. I came to Cobalt to work and I knew I would get a job a few days after being here - there was no work back in Italy and I was finding it hard living with my parents my brother-in-law had come to Cobalt back in 1950 and he sent me the money for the fare.
21. You could still get a job at any of the mines the Cobalt Foundry employed about 40 people the Smelter at Gillies had about 100 men and the TTL Temiskaming Testing Laboratory had about 15 or 20 men employed nearly all the mines had a payroll of 300 or 400 men each
22. I worked 8 hrs. per day for a 44 hour week
23. About \$100 a day - \$1.25 per hour
24. I rented a small 3 room apartment from an Italian family and in 1955 I bought this bungalow type home I am now living in, it has a kitchen room- dining room, .3 bedrooms and a bathroom I have made many repairs to it I have built a glassed in veranda
25. We spent it at home with our family and relations hadn't met too many people yet.

26. Water in home I just put in a hot water tank about 6 years ago, when I built in a new bathroom
27. Electricity with a few of the commodities toaster iron, washer, stove fridge, 1 radio and TV
28. A wood stove for working that I have kept through the years and I now use for easy heat in the kitchen
29. Oil heater for heating I am thinking of putting in a furnace, the repairs have to come a little at a time, I find the cost of material and labour very high
- .30. We still had Buckovetskys, TBS, Smiths clothing, Shaws drug store, Peter's variety, Woolworths Minerva, Boston Grill, Despres. Grocery, Damiani. Dominion store, Tressider Quality grocery, Empire Meat Market'
31. We had a theatre the Community Centre, the Finn Hall, the skating rink and there were quite a few restaurants and of course the Miners home Hotel and the Fraser House and Legion for drinking
- .32. No time for sports I went to work at an early age on the farm my uncle owned
- .33.I went to school in Italy
- .34. I was lucky I got 5 years in before I had to get out and work my mother was a widow and it was really hard for her bringing up 4 children
35. Cars, trains, buses, air travel, as a matter of fact there's\_ less trains now and only one a day in those days there were two a day.
36. Dr. Dunning
37. There was no hospital when we arrived we used the Misericordia Hospital in Haileybury
- 380 Mary 21 was born in Italy, Walter 19 was born in Italy
39. Mary quit at 18 years of age, Walter is still going to School Mary is working at office in Hamilton
41. I didn't mind working in the mine fellows back home had led me to believe I would be going down in a dark old hole but I found conditions quite good and safety measures were certainly good.
42. Diamond drill contests, hand steel and mucking contests.
43. I always lived close enough to home that I came home for lunch and so didn't have to carry a lunch pail
44. Our main meal has always been supper time the family always eats together for this meal.
45. Don't dress up through the week always wear work clothes
46. And on Sunday sports clothes I don't like getting all dressed up
47. In winter shoveling snow. In summer working in my garden
48. Watch I brought from Italy
49. Its a good quiet town to raise a family and you can get along 'with less here - all the entertainment or I should say some is free of charge - fishing, hunting, swimming, walking in the woods.
50. As a resident of Cobalt my family and I benefit from these privileges
51. The town has done a terrific job of cleaning up some of the messy looking lots where where Scullino's fire was on Lang Street has been

all cleaned up the block down town was taken down before it fell down and a nice park put in"

52. Like all the changes

53. Yes, there are a few things I don't like but I don't know if you can blame it on Cobalt

54. First of all the employment situation is grim. I worked at the Foundry and since Christmas we have been off 5 times for 5 weeks without pay. It's pretty hard to make a living this way and our Smelter they closed it up - now government met with officials and they said they couldn't do anything surely this can be utilized for some industry, also street signs would help us and visitors.

55. Summe we can go out and enjoy the weather the only thing I have minded since moving here are the long winters.

56. Gardening and watching TV

57. I think we should definitely try to encourage business men to invest in small business or industry and we could use a drug store a clothing store for men and women 8:children one of the bigger ones like Walkers prices, reasonably and carry a variety of styles and sizes" Senior Citizens home would be nice. I hear the High School may be closing this is sad I vvas going to say

58. A technical school for the young people to take a trade might induce some of them. to stay around

59. I like to go for walks play cards or watch TV not too much for social gathering

60. gardening

61c I'm not sure the answer but it seems secondary industry is important maybe we need government assistance.

62. Be should definitely encourage thE tourist dollar as we have much to offer in the way of c8I!lpinggrounds, beach areas, mine tours, fishing, hunting, historical sights, to visit like the Old Mission, Drummond Cairn and the natural scenery is beautiful.

## Highlights

I have been in Cobalt 18 years and my family and home are here , I wouldn 't want to move to some other town as I find it comfortable and friendly here. My wife & I have adapted very well to the Canadian way of life.