Name of Interviewer: Joanna Stubinski Date of Interview: March 9, 1972

1.Robert Raeburn

Time 1 1/2 hrs.

- 2. Bob
- 3. 49 Galena St,
- 5, 8163
- 6. 65 born March 10, 1905
- 7. Gateshead, England
- 8. Dad Scotland, Mother England
- 9. England
- 10. May 1913 the year before WWI
- 11. Boat to Quebec City, came over on the old Empress of Briton it was sunk during the 1st war.
- 12. Train to Montreal, North Bay to Cobalt
- 13. Dad came a year ahead then sent for us, My sister mother and I joined dad here. My Mother had 2 sisters in Cobalt. Mrs. Pescod and Mrs., Hamilton, she's dead
- 14. miner
- 15. nurse
- 16. retired because I was sick just had a leg amputated.
- 17 Nurse
- 18. I was 9 yrs., old, Got off the train in Gillies, Where Murray Watts, house is today. There was a station there. From the city and taking a look around it was all different. We stopped there in 1913, because my dad met us there from there to river, got in a motor launch and went to Hound, Chutes, there was no road there at that time, My dad was working on construction. They were building the ragged chutes air plant when we got to hound chutes there was a team of horses, there and wagon, that took us 3 miles to Ragged Chutes
- 19. Pretty busy you could hardly walk down the street for people
- 20. We camp because my dad was here for 2 yrs.,
- 21.Lots of work in mines, My dad got me a job with old power corporation. At that time they called it the mines power, driving to team of horses
- 22. 7 to 5
- 23. \$90.00 a month
- 24. It was a small apartment over the machine shop. 1 big room, curtain divided the bedrooms
- 25. We had Xmas trees here and in England garlands, Garland was 2 rings of wooden barrel criss-crossed and decorated with paper, put your tinsel on it.
- 26.in house
- 27.Hydro
- 28. A living wood range
- 29. Electric heater hand made on the wall, you couldn't be allowed to use them today
- 30. All kinds rough looking and busy.
- 31. Mostly shows, 6 or 7 theatres here then that had live talent. When my dad got off

the train he was thirsty, he saw a policeman and asked him where he could get a drink the policeman took him and showed him.

- 32. Slide down hills, made our own skating rink
- 33. The old Public School
- 34. 8 my dad said if you don't want to go to school you have to go to work
- 36. Horse and buggy wagon. Street cars to New Liskeard to Cobalt, trains
- 37. Dr. Mitchell
- 38.
- 39.
- 40.
- 41. Not bad mostly miners in the hospital they never wore hard hats then just soft rubber hats.

I tried to get jobs in the mines and they wouldn't hire me so when I was 17 I headed west on the harvest excursion, Job, was easy to get but darn hard work.

- 42. All kinds they held them out at old ball ground Park Hand steel drilling. Mucking contest
- 43. pretty far
- 44. dinner time
- 45. Just what you had
- 46. If you had a suit you put it on, no place to go,
- 47. If you had a ball game we would sit on the hill and watch them or go skating in the 48. old rink.
- 49. nothing
- 50. I got a new home here
- 51. It's cheaper to live here
- 52.no
- 53. I went away lots of times but always came back
- 54.
- 55. yes
- 56. I would like to see some, new mines open up it they can find new silver mines
- 57. summer
- 58. before I was sick, had the odd party
- 59. Wood working refinishing paper
- 60. Find new mines, some other type of industry where they make things that would employ

men.

- 61, people with money to do exploration work tourists
- 62. Show them the old mine workings, rock cuts, ice stays the year round never melts.
- 63. Get ice to keep beer cold

Bob built the new house, it's on the property that used to be the old Nancy Helen Mine Wised the same foundation the concrete is 19 inches thick in 2 corners of the foundation there were two pillars for steam engine the other a generator the steam engine drove the generator to make their own electric lights.