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## Mining in the old Days

I am interviewing my grand father who is retired from the mother B mine.

My grand father was born and grow up in Neg<sup>gy</sup>onne.

His mother was born in Neg<sup>gy</sup>onne. While his father was born in Helsinki, Finland.

His father worked as a druggist in a drug store, and later on he went to the mines.

My grand father's first job was working for the city of Neg<sup>gy</sup>onne as a common laborer. The pay at that time was only \$21.00 a month.

My grand father started working in the mines December 9, 1942

He worked at five different mines, he worked at the Moss, Bunker Hill, Mother A, Humbolt, and the mother B.

He started at the Moss as a motor man, <sup>from</sup> as a motor man, he went to mining contract mines.

Today's mining operators have steel

Beams instead of wooden beams used in older operations.

He worked 8 hours a day allowing 20 minutes for coffee breaks.

He didn't have a car when he first started working.

They had drills for drilling the ground for blast, and they had buffers to scrap the dirt, and motors for pulling the cars.

Mining is dangerous work to a certain extent. You had to be careful at all times. They had caving grounds, and lots of drilling accidents.

He decided to retire because the Mother B closed down.

He enjoys retirement very much.