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Interview with
Ingrid Beckers

me How old were you during the depression

MB twenty i'd like to see the I was about that far back you know
that's almost fifty years ago um, I don't think I don't know what year
was in there, one October twenty eight and twenty nine and I had
just got back from Philadelphia was twenty or twenty

me Were you married

MBI Nope

me Did you have any sisters or brothers

MB um six sisters four brothers

me Did you have a job

MB not at that time

me later

MB yes, I worked at the gossard company in Ishpeming

me how much money did you bring in

me I boy that was what did we make in those days, nothing, we didn't
make anything in those days, but we worked out the work was very
slow, ^{you know} the depression had set in, and they didn't get any orders
and we'd go out to work maybe sometimes eight o'clock in the morning
and had to wait there wasn't anything for us to do we'd have to turn
around and come home.

me what did you do after work

MB walked like five miles from Ishpeming

me what kind of a house did you live in

MB the farmhouse

me did you have a car

MB oh couldn't you, it is the winter, the roads were never plowed

me

MB the roads were plowed but not enough to use the car in those days

me was the car important

MB very important in the summer months when you could use it

me Did you think Hoover was the cause of the depression,

MB not really

me what about FDR

MB No came in or think, too didn't he

me I don't know

MB no then after after FDR came in then we had the NRA and the WPA and ah and ah, and ah and the CCC took care of the younger, younger boys off the streets and whatever.

me Did you invest in the stock market

MB Nope I didn't have anything invested in the stock market

me Where there transactions things like that going through National Mine

MB Not through National Mine but the lead into Ishpeming, not through Ishpeming

me Did you receive mail

MB Oh yes, but we had to go down to National Mine to pick it up

me Was there a place where you got it

MB got Post office

me where was it

MB in National Mine, it was in a old building, but Moody's, Moody's Garage it is now Frank's Moody's Garage was the original post office.

me was there a store up around that area

MB yes, the post office was part grocery store and and then there's Amundus store

me, ah did you go to church more or less during the depression

MB I don't think we went anymore, as much as do not ever did I suppose

me do you remember when the stock market crashed

MB Oh yes I do

me what did you do when it crashed

MB nothing I didn't have any money in it of course it affected the rest of the country

me were there banks that closed

MB yes

me why

MB well they^{at} declared a bank holiday

me did you know anybody that worked for the WPA

MB my father

me what kind of work did he do

MB he worked on the roads

me did the mines close down

MB Did the mines slow down. well I think the mines slowed down

Me Well not during the depression was the only massive epidemic up in National Mine

MB. ah. no

Me. really

MB. No, the flu epidemic was in 1918 and that was long before

Me Did you know any rich people

MB Not in National Mine (chuckle)

Me Did you get relief then

MB Well at my father worked for WPA some ^{were getting} some kind of whatever they were giving away at that time I think we used to get some canned meat

Me Did you get any money there

MB Well he just worked you know he just got his wages for on his job WPA job. well we lived out of town you know we lived on a farm and we had our own cows and chickens and we can produce so ah we existed after a fashion, my mother of course did all of the cooking
me do.