

Peter Hill's interview with Earnest Hill

Me: This is Peter Hill doing an autobiographical interview on Gramp's in Marquette Mich.

Me: When and where were you born?

Gramp: Dunom, Michigan

Me: What year were you born in?

Gramp: 1910

Me: Did you have any brothers or sisters?

Gramp: 4 sisters 3 brothers

Me: What were their names?

Gramp: Anna, Tenny, Peter, Louie John Travis

Me: What were your parent's names?

Gramp: Henry Mary Ann
Harrietta

Me: When and where were your parents born?

Gramp: Finland

Me: When were they born?

Gramp: Oh, sometimes in the ~~late~~ Mid-1800's

Me: What did you do for a living when you were younger?

Gramp: worked in the woods, did construction.

Me: How many years did you work?

Gramps: about 60 years

Me: When did your parents come to America?

Gramps: Oh, that was the late-1800's I guess.

Me: Why did they come?

Gramps: Oh, to look for work.

Me: Did you have any children?

Gramps: 3

Me: What were their names?

Gramps: Kenneth, Carl, and Mary Ann

Me: What were schools like when you were younger?

Gramps: They were all right

Me: What was the name of the school you attended?

Gramps: Well the first one was Dunham School and the last year was Roosevelt School in Marengo

Me: What were the teachers like?

Gramps: They were all right but you had to behave (chuckles)

Me: What kind of punishments were there?

Gramps: Stay after school and study (laughs again)

Me: What were your favorite subjects?

Gramps: History was the most interesting I think.

Me! How many years of schooling did you take?
Gramps! 9

Me! How did you get to school?

Gramps! Well the first seven years I walked to school and the last year I rode horse and buggy.

Me! Were classes very large?

Gramps! Oh, there were about 15 or 20 people.

Me! Yes, that's about how big some are now.

~~Mr. Gramps!~~ Gramps! there was a big location ^{here} in Dunsmuir, lot of families.

Me! How were you expected to behave?

Gramps! Well you just had to behave, (chuckles) they had to pull my hair once in a while.

Me! Did you have to wear any special clothes?

Gramps! Wear anything you want.

Me! Do you remember any funny events?

Gramps! funny events? playing hookey (laughs)

Me! Did you get caught?

Gramps! Oh yeah.

Me! What kind of responsibilities did you have when you were little?

Gramps! Oh do the house chores

Me! do wood and all that?

Gramps: ~~yes~~ yes lot of farm work and garden work.

Me! What did you do for recreation when you were smaller?

Gramps: Hunting + fishing + trapping

Me! Did you go to church?

Gramps: Not much _____

Me! Did you have any special community events?

Gramps: NO

Me! For Holidays were there any?

Gramps: Had some then

Me! Did you have any family gatherings?

Gramps: Well, we used to get together on a ski ride or when we went hunting or fishing.

Me! Did you have a job before you were an adult?

Gramps: yea, I was 16 when I went to work + quit school.

Me! What did you do?

Gramps: workin on the road job cutting brush.

Me! Did you go to college?

Gramps: (Laughs) NO!

Me! why not?

Gramps! We didn't have any _____

Me! Did the stock Market crash affect you?

Gramps: yea, the fur prices went down lower, didn't get much for the furs (laughs)

Me! How did the great depression affect your

Gramps! Oh, it affected ~~them~~ ^{family?} pretty hard they were trying to make a goal ^{of it} on the farm, had dairy cattle

Me! What kind of jobs did you have to do? ^{& chores}

Gramps: bring wood in, split wood and saw wood and haul it in from the woods.

Me! Could you describe your most clear memory of the depression?

Gramps! _____

Me! Was it hard to get food and everything?

Gramps: yea, we had to save and pinch.

Me! What was your opinion of Franklin D. Roosevelt?

Gramps: Oh, Cookie

Me! Was he a good president?

Gramps! (laughs) yea

Me! Did you or any of your friends or relatives work for any government programs?

Gramps: no

Me: How did the Depression affect your life?

Gramps: Well it didn't change it much, just had to take things as they come that's all

Me: Do you like this area where you live in now?

Gramps: Yes

Me: What was the most memorable event in your life?

Gramps: Oh, nothing really much just sports

Me: Well, thank you for your interview.

Gramps: Your welcome (laughs again)