

Kellie Lundin's interview
with
Francis Lundin

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me: It's December 11th 1990, I'm on my way to third street where I'm interviewing my grandpa, Francis Lundin.

me: What years did you go to National mine?

grandma: What school?

me: National mine.

grandma: National mine?

me: yeah.

grandma: oh.

grandpa: We used to call it the old reddale and then after I left school, they were building a new one. The other one burned down. We used to call it the old red dale (ha, ha, ha,) It was a red ~~red~~ building.

me: ah huh.

grandpa: Framed building you know. I quit in tenth grade, I went to work, I was thirteen years old.

grandma: Did you tell him, ask him?

grandpa: yeah.

me: okay um

grandpa: 1907 March first

me: How many brothers and sisters do you have?

grampa: I had _____ we lost a couple
you know, we lost a couple I had
three brothers, three sisters.

me: um what were their names?

grandpa: The brothers, Clarence Lester,
and Orvill. We used to call
(cheap junk?) and sisters was,
Marian, Evelyn (ha) em, and Gloria
Gloria was. she was a tough
little buggin like yoy hey. I went
down to work _____, Wisconsin
and she came down there went
to school, my older sister was
living down there, and so she
got in a fight with a boy down
there, big German lad, twelve
years old, and she was light.
and she beat the living hell
out of him. She had been _____

_____ bunch of
toughs. She used to fight with
them. She knew plenty
about fighting. and whm. There
there was nothing to her.

(cont.)
grandpa: She was the skinniest thing (sp) you know, and, (ha) that belonged to when she had the had the _____ Now he had been picking on my nephews, my nephew and my niece.

me: um hum

grandpa: they were small see. and then his father came to school, (he had heard this big girl had beaten up his son. He said you, he says you couldn't have done it. Oh yes he said. He didn't mean nothing to me. (ha) She (ha) she was with them tough firms. (ha, ha) that's when she learned to fight. And so the father, he took his son, up in front of the whole class pulled his pants down, spanked his bare _____ (ha, ha, ha,) and told all those kids that's what you call humiliation.

me: yeah

grandpa: why I humiliated _____ (?), he grabbed me, I don't know why. I wasn't doing anything

me: yeah

grandpa: He grabbed me and he pulled my lower lip like this... I squeezed him, he let go of me, and I slammed him up against the building _____

~~His~~ His pants were stained from the _____ and I did that to him several times too.

me: hum

grandpa: He was afraid of me after that. (hahaha) I was just a kid like I said I quit school then I was thirteen. But I was strong, I wasn't big or heavy, but I worked hard, when I was a kid

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 grandpa: with wood and that so. I went to _____, Wisconsin I worked, and I went to Milwaukee I worked on an ~~ice~~ ice truck and a when I left from there I went to Chicago to work on an ice truck and there was, there was a cop come there one day, and a he was talking to me, and asked Krissy cause it's shut the door to the elevator, and you know, it's was 300 lb cakes ~~of~~ of ice.

me: yeah

grandpa: I walked slowly ^{I was freezing} and I told him why, I was freezing. He got the elevator down I went up in the elevator with him, so we went up one hand I dropped the box down to get another one. The chup of pieces. He said just how ^{new} how big of a man are you?

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Grandpa: I said to him, 5'9", 175 lbs.
 He said how can you carry a
 cake of ice? I said — 300 lbs.
 How the heck can you do it?
 What part of Chicago are you
 from? I said I'm not I said I
 come from U.P. Michigan.
~~He~~ says close to Lake
 Superior. Oh, no wonder he
 said you come from where
 the real men come from.
 (Ha, Ha, Ha) I used to carry
 pianos and everything.

Kellie: mmmhmm

Grandpa: (Ha, Ha, Ha) I'll never forget
 though my first — and
 I was carrying a chest of drawers,
 big high chest of drawers. and
 it was so darn heavy,

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grandpa: I got up to the top, went up in the elevator, with this thing that went back you know. got up there and a I was wondering why it was heavy. All the drawers were full of books it must be close to a half a ton. That's how we used to work.

me: umhum

grandpa: (Ha, Ha, Ha,) Now when I was working in the mine,

me: umhum

grandpa: We used to use steel caps. two eight inch side beams. They were together, ya ~~know~~ know.

me: ah huh.

grandpa: and, side by side you know? there was a guy come there watched me, he says "How

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Grandpa: the heck can you lift that?
and he says to my partner,
do you help him lift this?
He says to Herford Do you
know how heavy they are? I said
I have no idea. Know how
heavy they were? 450 lbs. (Ha Ha)

me: Where did you first work?

Grandpa: Powder Mill, where my father got
killed,

me: um hum

Grand: And then I cut pulp besides. I
used to work all over; and, besides
that we used to have plant tomatoes,
we used to bring over 100 bushels of
tomatoes a year. My mother gave
away most of em. People who
had been working in the mine.

me: Do you remember anything else?

Grand: Oh, what do you mean?

me: about the school?

Grand: Oh yeah, it had fire escapes on
both ends.

me: um hum

Grand: And, but there was nobody in
there when it burnt.

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grand: oh it was beautiful school though.
me: Big red thing. That was the second
school up there

me: yeah.

grand: And after the school burnt down, they
went, they went to the old school, for
~~awhile~~ a while. and, and the churches.
the school was down. We lived right
up across from the town hall,
me: um hum.

grand: Across the (?) calved. It was a big,
big, big square house, I had a
heck of a job cuttin' that wood.
to heat that house.
me: um hum.

grand: Four rooms upstairs, four down.
me: An attic and a garage
me: ah huh.

grand: Full basement,

me: Well I have to go now

grand: oh but, I'll tell you honey, it's nice
to see you.