

Tammy Remington  
interviewing  
Frank Moody

Tammy Where were you born?

Mr. Moody Right here in National mine, right  
over were Stevy Gazetti lives  
right now

Tammy Oh, that's interesting

Mr. Moody That was my

Tammy And, what year were you born?

Mr. Moody 1918, April 21, 1918

Tammy Oh (laughs) Where did you live when  
you were, you lived right over there  
right?

Mr. Moody Yeah, we lived here, quite a  
while

Tammy How many kids were in your  
family?

Mr. Moody 3 of us, and 1 brother, 1, sist

Tammy Where were you, were you the  
oldest or what?

Mr. Moody I was the oldest one, got

Tammy firstborn

Mr. Moody My sister was second, and my brother was the third

Tammy What did your father do for a living?

Mr. Moody My dad worked for the Hercules powder company for 44 yrs. Here in National Mine.

Tammy What did your mother do?

Mr. Moody My mother was a good housekeeper and a good mother.

Tammy What school did you attend?

Mr. Moody National Mine. Kindergarten, and the school burnt when we were in kindergarten, and they built a new school, and we went to the little Norwegian Church for the rest of our kindergarten year. And in the 1st grade, and then the new school was built.

Mr. moody And present National  
mine School.

Tammy What kind of education did  
they teach you, was it normal  
education

Mr. moody It was general curriculum

Tammy The average stuff

Mr. moody yah, it was the average stuff  
you had history, you had Engl  
you had, a, Latin, you had  
chemistry, you had physics, you  
had biology, you had agricult  
and, uh, it was a good curricu  
in fact, I was sure happy I  
went there

Tammy Did you have any favorite  
Classes?

Mr. moody Oh, yes, my favorite classes  
were, ah, English, chemistry,  
and physics

Mr. Moody everything! haul wood,  
haul water, chop kindling,  
help with whatever projects  
there were around the house.  
And um, some times my parents  
used to send me over to help  
my Aunty and my uncle, who  
were old, and do the same thing  
over there. Also had a horse, and  
we used to put the water  
barrel on the sleigh, and get  
water down at Mitchels Spring  
for the horse & cows.

Tammy what did you do for outside  
play when you weren't doing  
chores and that?

Mr. Moody Oh, ski riding in the winter  
time, skip-a-ride, did you  
ever here of skipper? You  
used to make it out of a  
barrel stave and put a little  
seat on there, we used to  
slide right over here, used to  
call hatter hill, we'd ride  
down there, and go right  
down to the little store. 1965

Mr. Moody And, we used to sleigh ride,  
Oh, and, summertime we'd play  
ball, we always kept busy. We  
there, are a lot of kids down here  
in the end of the location at  
that particular time, and when  
we got older we got into a  
little bit of music, we had a  
lot of fun.

Tommy What kind of books did they  
use in school?

Mr. Moody Same as you have now.

Tammy what year did you gradu-  
ate?

Mr. Moody 1936

Tammy did you have any honors or  
awards?

Mr. Moody no

Mr. Moody and from the  
Mather A to the Mather B  
In the meantime, in between  
then I went in the Marine  
Corps.

Tammy What did the kids do for  
entertainment there?

Mr. Moody We used to have movies  
in the High School, in the  
large assembly room, er,  
not in the large assembly  
room, in the auditorium  
every Friday night. A  
man by the name of  
Mr. Ringet from  
Republic used to  
bring the movies, and  
we made our own  
good times. We were  
affiliated with the  
Church, with the Effort  
League in the Methodist  
Church. With the  
Finnish kids in the

Mr. moody Finnish Church up here.  
We always had something  
going.

Tammy what did National Mine  
look like before it looked  
like it did now?

Mr. moody Well, it hasn't changed  
a great deal, outside of a  
the house look better today  
than it did in those days  
because of the Depression  
Days. Nobody had any money,  
and nobody cared to fix  
them. There were a lot of  
of old company houses  
They didn't spend ~~an~~ there  
money on, so compared  
to now the houses  
look better.

Tammy When you were a kid  
did you consider National  
Mine a special place  
to you

Mr. moody Oh, definitely! (mumble)

Tammy Would you ever consider moving?

Mr. moody Oh, no! not at that particular time, no, we were to ~~very~~ <sup>dumb</sup> to, we thought the whole job world revolved around National Mine

Tammy Did you spend time with people from different nationalities?

Mr. moody Oh, definitely, Finns, Swedes, French you had to learn to ~~Speak~~ <sup>talk</sup> Finn around here, cause' all the kids were Finn. So in the summertime we got out of school around the 24th of May and then Reverend Hulla? and his wife, they were the, he was the minister of the Finnish Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, and he was responsible for this church, Page 10



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They would have summer school that is what we called it cause it was in the summer time. ALL the kids in the location, the Cousin Jackes, the Sweedes, the Finns, we'd go up there and we learned Caticism in Finn. Oh yeah! That's how we learned to talk. Cause when we worked in the mines we had to talk with all the old country guys there ya know. There weren't very many ITALIAN people like there was in Wagoner, Gwinn, and North Lake there was Finn's here. Yeah know. So if you worked in the Barnum ya had to talk Finn.

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Was the population more bigger than it is now?

Mr. moody yes, I would say, I would  
— say that at that particular  
time when I was growing up  
the population was around  
a thousand people.

Tammy How many is there now?

Mr. moody I'd say about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 7. Most of  
the big, old houses were torn  
down, and people moved away.

Tammy Where did you go to have fun, like  
when you were, when you were young  
and that?

Mr. moody Oh,

Tammy like where did you hang out

Mr. moody Every, Everything that young  
people do at that time. And  
then as we were older the  
same thing, as we were  
older we had our own  
cars,

Mr. moody and we'd go to I shpeming. dance  
in the Communist's hall. All this  
garbage, oh, sure

Tammy So it's just like what we do  
now.

Mr. moody That's right.

Tammy What were the buildings like there,  
were they . . . .

Mr. moody Just like <sup>there seen</sup> ~~they seen now~~ today.

Tammy They haven't changed at all?

Mr. moody The homes haven't changed, well,  
maybe a porch or a deck or  
something. Aside from that they  
haven't changed a great deal.

Tammy Were you living during the great  
depression?

Mr. moody Yes, I sure was

Tammy What was your life like then?

Mr. moody Oh, we didn't notice things,  
we were just kids. you know,  
there wasn't as much around, but  
our parants managed.

Tammy Did you learn any lessons from that experience?

Mr. Moody Oh— you bet, learned how to be miserly

Tammy What's miserly?

Mr. Moody Tight, stingy, close. Well, not really, but you thought 2,3 times before you blow your money. Cause there was no money.

Babysitting ~~is~~ <sup>er</sup> used to get 25¢ for all night, Babysitting your lucky to get that. Most of the time, kids like yourself would Babysit all night for nothing, if your parents were out with the other people. We had no money.

Tammy How do you think it's modernized since then?

Mr. Moody Oh, nah, outside of a couple of cars not much, in fact with deterioration, and the railroads gone from here, the mines are gone from here.

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Mr. Moody This would be Cleveland  
Mining camp.

Tammy Did you like it better back  
then<sup>3</sup> than you like it now?

Mr. Moody Well, at that age we did  
because we didn't know any  
better. We were not exposed  
to anything. Being away from  
here and being kids growing up  
in this mining camp. We thought  
this was the best place in the  
world. Like an old shoe, you  
always come home ya know.

Tammy Were there a lot of things around  
that still are

Mr. Moody Oh, yeah

Tammy Like buildings and that?

Mr. Moody No, no, the Hercules Powder  
Company was a plant here ~~AA~~  
and the old Tilden mine was a  
plant here, and, um, a lot of  
cutt jobbers around here those  
days. There was quite bit of  
activity. There was no money, but

Mr. moody And my Dad's people came from Ishpeming. Up to our old home by the school there in 1890. so our family has been in this location since 1880

Tammy Are you planning to spend your whole life here?

Mr. moody I guess so, unless I die in florida or California, I don't know, but as I see it now yah

Tammy Do you still enjoy living here?

Mr. moody Oh yeah, could've changed alot a lot of my friends are dead and gone. Now we're the senior citizens let's face it.

Tammy well, that's it.

Mr. moody Ok