

Me: My name is Ian Pesola & I'm interviewing my grandma at her home in Ishpeming on Jan 26

me: Please give me your full name

H: Helen Elizabeth Macky Pesola

me: Tell me when you were born

H: Ishpeming July 27 1920

me: who were your parents names

H: Lisa Mackonan John Henry Macky

me: Tell me of your siblings

H: 5 brothers 2 sisters Ina oldest Matt John Tavo Jacob Eino May & I was the youngest

me: Who did you like the best

H: probably my sister May

me: which teacher did you like the best

H: History, Mr Fernal shorthand Mrs. Eckland Typing Mrs. Donn

me: what schools did you attend

H: K-6 at the widge street school in Ish, Grammar school 7-8, Ish Highschool Grad in

me: <sup>1938</sup> which was your favorite school

H: I don't know I liked school

me: where were you a secretary & for how long

H: I was a sec. for a dentist in Ish for a year August 1959 I was hired at champion

me: Tell me of your hobbies

H: (laughing) reading, I used to like to walk but not any more & crossword puzzles

me: tell of some things you did with your family

H: not much - we were poor we used to have fun playing with the neighbors not many toys we improvised poor but never hungry

me: Did you do any traveling

H: Florida 2-weeks down there visiting my brother, Omaha with my son Sambo  
My sister-in-law Edith St. Paul & Minneapolis

Me: Tell me of you pets

H: we had a dog when we were growing up Samba had some pets

Me: Tell me of Holidays

H: They were pretty quiet we didn't do much we had a tree a big one candles on it my mom would light them & we'd stand there for a minute looking at them then she'd put them out. ~~we put~~ My brother John bought a set of outdoor lights the bulbs were really big it had 8 lights & we put on the tree

Me: what was your favorite present

H: I like every present I get I like home made ones my grandchildren make for me

Me: what is your favorite sport

H: not really a sport but I like to watch little league base ball & girls basketball

Me: what was the scariest moment in your life

H: I was 14 and it was a nice summer nite I had been babysitting for my brother & his wife when I left I lived about 2 blocks away it was real dark lots of trees & not many lights. I heard steps behind me I looked back & couldn't see anything I started walking faster & so did the steps then something touched me & I went "nope" it was a dog. I was so scared I couldn't talk

Me: Did you ever go hunting

H: no

Me: what was the best thing that ever happened to you

H: Getting married & having a family

Me: what is your favorite T.V. show

H: the news, biography, Booknotes, C-span

Me: what is your favorite book

H: none I've read so many some I've read twice my series biographies not books with too many bad words in them <sup>not</sup> Stephen King

Me: What's your best memory of school & why

H: I liked school b/c of good friends

Me: what was a day of school like

H: Mrs. Stienky  
Mrs. K, teachers aid, Mrs. March teacher, 1st my teacher sent a spelling paper I had done at the Stat Fair for penmanship I didn't know I did the teacher was strict

she told me I had to stay after class I won a blue ribbon & 75¢ for my paper

me: was 75¢ alot back then

H: yes a nickle was alot

me describe a day as a secretary

H: I'd get to school around 7:30 at 8 the office was open students came in to buy lunch tickets or supplies teachers would check their mail until class started then I started office work the book keeping the payroll make out the checks every one was friendly at noon collect lunch tickets then I would eat the food was good I started to get fat

me: do you have any memorabilia

H: Just my yearbook from Ish. & some champ. in Humboldt

me: do you have any pictures

H: Just my graduation picture venison

me: can you tell me some things I forgot to ask

H: I worked at champion until 1972 2 years at North Lake the high school in 1974 worked until 1983 then I retired