

question 1. when did you start mining and how old were you

answer. 1939 18

question 2. How much did you get paid like what per hour.

answer 7 dollars and 15¢ a day.
grandma chats Erve

question 3 what kind of mining conditions were there at that time

answer Well they were pretty good I was working on the motors

question what did you do

answer (muttering) Enaming dirt Enaming iron ore

question 4 was it underground

answer It was underground yeah

question 5. Um was there a lot of people from other countries there working. (pause)

answer From other countries?

me. You know like Finland and Italy

Grandpa. Oh yeah sure there was all but they were all from this country

me. could they all talk English?

Grandpa - yes

question 6. Um what kind of clothes and stuff did you have to wear, you know like safety stuff

answer Well we had to wear, we had to wear hard toe boots hard hat and a carbine lamp

question 7 what hours did you work

answer 7 to 5

me and you only got 4.45

grandpa a day

Did you work seven days a week

answer - no only six days

question - Did you get paid vacations

answer - we never had a vacation

question - What mine did you work at

answer - Negauner Mine

question - Was that what it was called

answer - yep Negaunee Mine

question - How long did you work there

answer - until 1957

~~question - Did you get promoted or anything~~

~~answer - w~~

question -

grandma Did you ever go on ~~any~~ strikes or anything

answer - ya ya what year was that

grandma - weren't you on strike in 52, there was that big big strike that you were home for 1 hundred + something days. I don't remember what year it was but weren't you home for 100 days

What kind of stuff did you ask for when you were on strike + why did you go on strike

answer - for higher wages I suppose I dont know why in the hell we went on strike I know I didnt want to go on strike

question - During the war what kind of hours did you work, Did you work 7 days a week

answer -
question - ^{6 or 7} Did you work eight hours a day

answer - well ~~no~~ we used to go on Sundays and clean up we had shifts

grandma - I wonder when you did have that big strike cause I know you werent allowed to strike during the war.

question - Did you say you were a boss -

answer - yeah

question - When was that

answer - 1950 up to 1972

question - what did you do then

answer - retire

question - I mean what did you do when you where a boss

answer - take care of the miners

question - How much money did you make then

answer - Well I was getting 5~~00~~ every pay day every 2 weeks.

question - Did you get to fire people

answer - no were not allowed to fire people

question - How many mines did you work at

answer (never answered)

question - How long did the great depression last that the mine stayed closed

answer - It was closed all summer + then they went back in the fall then they where laid off the next year

question - what kind of work did you do during the depression

answer - 25¢ an hour, 10 hours a day, 2 days a week \$5 for the whole week.

question - for what job was that

answer - For working on WPA ^{stuff during}

question - How much was food ^{like} bread during the great depression

answer - bread was 15¢ for 2 loafs no 2 loafs for a quarter and meat was 11, 12¢ a loaf. 14¢ a pound of pork chops

question - How old were you when you started working

answer - 18

question - How old where you when you retired

answer - uh almost 61

so you worked in the mine that long

answer - 42 1/2 years

How did you get started in mining

well so I could earn money to live

ques: What other jobs could you go into

answ: none of them there were no other jobs

ques: What's tramming

answer: tramming? Chats uh on the motors
were the dirt goes out of the chutes
and on the motors then we used to dump
it on the shaft. There was 4 of us
on the tram: motormen, breakmen, + 2
chute men.

ques: what if somebody died what would they
give his wife

answer: them days nothing, no they used
to give them a little bit.

ques: What order did you work in these
mines

answer Negaunee mine first, then during
the great depression I got a job up the
^{Chambria} Cabria mine, then in the fall Cleveland
Cliff opened up again so I went back to
CCI. Then ~~he~~ went to Moss from the
Moss I went to Atens from the Atens
I went to bunker hill and from there
I went to Mather B.

ques: Is there anything else you can tell
me about mining

answ: "Well I dont know I never complained
anyways (pause) A lot of people complained
but I anyways like it anyways."