

I am Interviewing my grandfather who is  
retired from the mother B mine

Q: where were your parents born

A: My mother was born in Nequanne  
and my father was born in Helsinki  
Finland

Q: where were you born

A: I was born in nequanne

Q: where did you grow up

A: I was born (stuttered) or grew up in Nequanne

Q: what did you do for a living

A: My father was a druggist who worked  
in a drug store <sup>years ago</sup>, and then he  
went to the Mines

Q: what was your first job

A: I worked for the city of nequanne as a <sup>labor</sup> admin

Q: what type of pay did you have

A: at that time it was 21 dollars a month

Q: ~~when~~ when did you first start work in the mine

A: December 9, 1942

Q: How many different jobs did you work at

A: I worked at five different mines, I worked at the ~~mass~~  
Bunker Hill, mother A, Humbolt, and the mother B

Q: what type of job did you claim in the mine

A: well I started with the ~~mass~~ as a motor man

as a motor man I went to mining contract mines

Q: what were working conditions then compared to now

A: In them days they used timber to support the mine, and later on they started to use steel, it was a stronger method

Q: how many hours did you work a day

A: 8 hours

Q: did you have a surtion time for coffee breaks

A: we were aloud 20 minutes for our coffee breaks

Q: what type of transportation did you have when you first started working

A: well I didn't have a car at that time I had to walk

Q: what type of machinery did you use in the mine

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A: well we used a drill for drilling the ground for blast, and then they had puffers with were used to scrap dirt with, and they had motors to pull the cars with

Q: is mining dangerous work

A: yes to a certain extent you had to be careful at all times

Q: what types of accidents were there

A: well there was caving grounds, alot of drilling accidents and powder and dynamite caused alot of accidents

Q: why did you decide to retire

A: The mine I worked at last the mather closed down

Q: do you enjoy retirement

A: yes very much