

INTERVIEW WITH MR. HENRY MOHNS

JULY 21 1982

MR. HENRY MOHNS Petawawa

Mrs. Lloyd Allan suggested that I meet with Mr. Henry Mohns. I called him and set up an interview with him on July 21 1982.

When I went to see Mr. Mohns I introduced myself to him and explained to him what would be done with the information.

I talked for a little while with Mr. Mohns and decided that I wouldn't turn on the tape recorder because he does not speak that clearly. I continued talking with Mr. Mohns, I found out the following information about Mr. Mohns. Mr. Mohns was born in Petawawa and has lived here all his life. He attended school at SS#1 Petawawa. When he was thirteen he went to work. He drove a team of horses and skidded logs. He said that they drew logs from various areas around Petawawa.

He told me that he worked for the Munro Lumber Company. He worked six days a week for \$30.00. For this company he was the cook for the lumber camp. He told me food was brought from North Bay to the camp.

He was also a blacksmith for some time. He told me that he welded the o rods on the second bridge in Petawawa. After his first year as a blacksmith he then worked for the Government, shoeing horses and doing other jobs.

He told me that he was also a steam show attendant and that he built the first dance hall in the Petawawa village.

I did enjoy meeting with Mr. Mohns however I was disappointed not being able to tape him. Mr. Mohns memory did seem to be quite good however when I did ask him for any dates he couldn't remember any dates.

Later Mr. Mohns got out a photo album and showed me quite a few pictures but unfortunately they were quite recent pictures. I did ask him if he had any older pictures but he looked for them and couldn't find any.

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