

LINDALA

John Lindala  
(from Hilma Lievonen Lindala)

John Lindala came out alone from Finland to Copper Cliff, then returned to Finland and brought out his family. He worked at No. 1 Mine right in Copper Cliff.

He had four sons by his first marriage. The youngest, Kauno, was about three years old when his mother died in childbed and her newborn infant with her.

His second wife was Mary Rantala. They had two daughters.

John Lindala first came to Louise Township in 1903. (from Eino Hill)

Old John Lindala, he was the original one around here. (from Oiva Svensk)

The Lindala Company  
(from Hilma Lievonen Lindala)

The brothers John and James Lindala, John Ranta, their brother-in-law, and John Rahikainen, a tailor from Toronto, agreed to form a company for ten years. They claimed two lots in Louise Township; lots 6 and 7 in concession 5. Most of the land was on the south side of the river, but there was a strip of land along the north side. John Lindala was to clear land, put up buildings and raise cattle.

"I don't think that the three other partners ever intended to come up from Toronto and settle on the claims. They thought they could help John and make some money for themselves when they sold the properties." (from Oiva Svensk)

They dropped Rahikainen from the beginning; his lot wasn't big enough. (Lot 7, south half, Concession 5)

John Lindala worked on all the lots. He had his sons to help him and later, his stepson Matti. At times he hired other help. He had two teams of horses. He hauled logs to Victoria Mine where ore was roasted. The refinery was there then, which was later moved to Coniston.