

INTERVIEW WITH MR. B.G.WATT

May 23,

PLACE OF INTERVIEW: At Mr. Watt's place of  
residence, Pine Ridge

1984.

Park and Resort, R.R.6, Pembroke.

PERSONAL HISTORY: Year of Birth - 1916

Place of Birth - Edmonton, Alberta. At the age of 5, Mr. Watt and his parents moved to Pembroke, Ontario, where Mr. Watt has been living ever since. He has lived at Pine Ridge since 1970.

WORK:

Mr. B.G. Watt was a "jobber" at Master and McKay Townships in 1947. Master Township is connected with Montroy Lake through to Grand Lake, while McKay Township "butts" Petawawa Township. At this time, he was working for Canadian Splint, and he cut near the "First Chute," which is on the Barron River, just above Black Bay, where the Barron River flows into Black Bay. He also cut near the "Squirrel Rapids," and worked near Paquette's Landing. He mentioned that the Grey Nuns' brick house is situated at a previous stopping place of the log drivers.

Mr. Watt briefly mentioned a few items of historical significance:

Hoffman's gravel pit was at one time the site of Wilson's sawmill. Wilson Lumber purchased Petawawa Pulp and Paper Co.

During the years 1950, 1951, and 1952, Mr. Watt worked in Cameron Township (Deux Rivieres) and returned to work in Master Township in 1958.

As a jobber, he would ensure that the logs were placed on the banks of Montroy Lake, and then on a dump. He explained that the tools they used were generally the Swede saw and the crosscut saw. The wages at that time were \$85.00 a month plus board. He also gave some insight to the camp life in general.

\*This interview was most informative.

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