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My name ^(Oscar Qho) Jeremy McNeil and I'm interviewing
my grandpa at his house in National Mine

Me: Where were you born

Gr. May 2, 1919 in National Mine

Me: Do you remember the stock market crash

Gr. Yes I do every thing just went and everything
you owned went in an outside toilet

Me: ~~were~~ you old enough to realize how serious
it was

Gr. Not quite but I remember all of it

Me: What kind of effect did it have on National
mine

Gr. I didn't seem to effect it just not any more
than it was then. It kept in longer than other
was only a couple of mines around and my dad worked
in a mine he used to walk to work and back

Me: Hmm

Gr. Well

Me: What did you think of the president at the
time

Gr. President Roosevelt that's the guy

Me: Ya and Hoover

Gr. Well I didn't think much of Hoover at the
time

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Gr. But Roosevelt he was good

Me How different was national mine than it is now

Gr. Oooo just a couple more roads that's all

and all of the hiking trails are gone

Me Was the store there

Gr. Ya ourst nae ya the store was there and up

here were Art Anala's house's and beside Heblins

house there was August Norala used to run the

barbershop right up there and in one part of the

building there was a pool room they played pool

up there while they were waiting for there haircut

i was a nice place

Me Was National Mine called National Mine

Gr. Yes It was My National Mine my

National Mine The home of Finns and

Porcupines Ha Ha Ha Ha

Me What was the main source of Family

income

Gr. You went to the mine working when the

mines start sticking off you go to the CCC

camp and WPA and what not

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Me How old were you when you got your first job and what was it

Gr. I got in the CCC camps when I was 16 years old. Mind you they weren't supposed to let anyone in until they were 17 at that time but I used some of that Barnhouse Bull and that's why I got in

Me What kind of transportation was there

Gr. Not much. Not much transportation when we got a chance to come home from CCC camps up by Burma. We just rode the freight and got on the Boxcar well

Me No cars or anything

Gr. There were some cars ya

Me Were there any ~~businesses~~ ^{sicknesses} around here people dying

Gr. Oh yes ya ya, ya, ya

Me What was, do you know?

Gr. Ge I don't know

Me Flu

Gr. Y's there was flu and pneumonia I had pneumonia when I was 16 months old and they operated the scar's still on my back they gave me a chance to live

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Mr. What did young people do for fun

Gr. Hide and Seek most of the time
and they never had any real basket ball
or foot ball they just made there own
out of rags keep winding rags and rags
the basket ball it wouldn't bounce ha ha
ha ha it was like a football we
didn't have very good shoes you took
one of them rags footballs you'd break
your shoes before the football

Mr. Were there any businesses around here

Gr. Well this Anala's store was here the one
that's over there now and there was Pernel's
house over there. there is somebody living
over there were Annie Pottala lives now

Mr. Were there any CCC camps around here

Gr. Yes one down by Gwinn and one down by
Munising there was two by Baraga or Alson

Mr. What was the name of your school and
where was it

Gr. Well I started kindergarten when the first
opened up that school in ~~Adrian~~ ^{Adrian} was it right
up there it kept is now in the Brick one ~~in~~

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Me Same place

Gr. First Year the opened it up from the day it started Kingarden well up there at that school

Before going to that New school there when they were finishing it up well we were going to old churches we were all in the Norwegian Church, And the Cousin Jack Church and the Swedish Church ya

Me What did the people out of jobs do?

Gr. What did they do sign up for Welfare

Me Was there a WPA around here at all?

Gr Ya well we worked 7 days and of so ^{seventy} days

We worked every seven days and we were off every seven days and we started again you didn't work steady on that