Transcription of Interview with Pearl Modwell.

used to be Pearl Jarrome.

b.1399.

she'll be 80 in September.

father b. Pictou Co. worked in the mines when he was 11 years old, in Springhill. Steven Marrome.

just a boy in the mines. Went to the railroad when he was older, then a driver, a fireman.

worked on the railroad.

engineer on the train.

'My father made pretty good money on the railroad!

stopped school at grade six and did housework--worked for other people.

12 years old. she wanted to quit school. hated school.

teachers were OK. always done church work.

worked for Mrs. George McPherson, Mrs. O.C.Layton, Dr. Simpson's mother, Dr. Simpson's sister. always had good places to work.

50c a day for housework. 'When I went out to work, I went out at eight o'clock in the morning, and-unless I was going to a church meeting--I worked until eight o'clock at night.'

they'd let you go to attend the church.

Wesleyan Church--Methodist church. 1/2

on Sundays, they sat on their swing and read their Sunday School papers. wasn't allowed to raom around like they do today.

married for 56 years. worked in other people's houses eight or nine years.

--husband was internally injured in the mine, he was hurt on Tuesday night and died Friday.

-- Menry was a company policeman, then did work around razing houses and things like that. (husband didn't work in the mine).

after he was company police, he did get a job in the mine. that's where he was hurt.

'That all there was for us to do, unless you got a job in a store....Them days you didn't have to go to college....' [on domestic work]

men on the railroad didn't strike with the miners in 1909-11 strike.

played baseball.

grew up in the Company Rows. lived in three different houses.

'They kept them fixed up.'

can"t remember any troubles with the company.

a lot of relations of hers lived in the same neighbourhood.