

Transcription of Interview with Neil Noiles.

LIVED in Cape Breton--year or so down there playing ball.

b.1927 of so.

'THE U W was the big thing in this country.'

--nother's two brothers didn't speak for a long while over the P.M.A

--lot of New Waterford settled by Springhillers, he says--and their families come from Pictou Co

--1891 explosion, there were a few Noiles ahead of that.

--grandfather was here in 1895. 'He lost his leg, I tell you--it was cut off in that moon in there.'

--he and his two boys working together--roof fell.

--headstone of boy who fell on the ice and died when he saw his little brother's remains coming back from the pit.

--that's the headstone down there--Duprix? is his name.

'They'd haul them home in the horse and sloven--old-timewagons, see?'

About Father Doody: "If you didn't learn your religion from him, you never learned religion!"

"But you learned religion, you learned your religion under him."

grandmother's first cousin was Archbishop of Halifax.

grandmother got arrested. Interfering with scabs in this area. Picked her up and took her to the Aherst jail. 'Oh, she was a fiery woman, you know, a big big big fiery woman, too. She thought she was right, you see.'

--all strong union people in those days, and "A scab was a scab."

--still heretoday there are families in Springhill remember who scabbed in the big strike.

--on the Orange Lodge and the Catholics: "Well, I'm going to tell you something. In the old days, my grandmother, she knew all the boys that played in the band. Up here in the field they used to have their big celebration, just up above here. And they used to have a big Orange Hall here, a big, big building. And all the local boys knew my grandmother and they'd be ready for her to come along. Now, Mrs. McNeil, we're hitting her place, we'll play 'The Protestant Boys.' Get her mad. And you know, the following afternoon, they'd be down to get the silverware and dishes for their time here. Eh? They'd be down for extra dishes and silverware. '

--'Soon as they'd hit this area, they'd say, 'Now get ready for Mrs. McNeil, give her a good blow, here.'

--Mrs. McNeil's people all came out of Ireland--she was a little fiery.

--a little bit of bigotry here in those days. old families were P^resbyterians. --division was there: the Presbyterians and the RCs.

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Neil Noiles.

says that Bob Stewart was right in a lot of ways.

says that a lot of NW men were just opportunists--a lot of them became leaders of the UMW afterwards.

ran for district offices of U.M.W.

identifies with Jablonski because he's a firebreed.

He says he "carried a lot of weight underground."

had a joshing relationship with Billy Campbell. "He was a good mine man."

Very interesting relationship with Campbell.

Noiles knows all about his family, his "people" knew C.'s "people" in C.B.

'Sir Andrew Rae Duncan come out for a big commission of coal. You know what he always claimed? That Doc Hayes--a local boy brought up here--was one of the smartest men he ran into. Now that was quite a thing to say, wasn't it?'

--says this of Joe Moss too?

'He was a fighting man, but he was a Church man, a good Christian man.'--Joe Moss.

Elizabeth Kearney McNeil
1839-1934.

James Kearney, b. County Waterford
Ireland, came to Canada after
hon. discharge from British Army.

New Waterford area grant. -

MRS. THOMAS NOILES.

b. Stellarton 1883. (Mary McNeil).

- came to Spizhill with her parents
at age of seven and in 1900
married Thomas H. Noiles
who predeceased her in 1950
- 26 Bennett Rd

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