

# CRANBERRY PORTAGE HERITAGE MUSEUM CORPORATION

## INTRODUCTION TO QUESTIONNAIRE

### **Part A – Personal History Questions relating to Cranberry Portage**

Questionnaire is

- Designed to cover considerable territory.
- Broad in scope.
- To be considered a guide only.

Questions

- Answer only those questions that you feel comfortable replying to.
- Not relevant to your life in the community of Cranberry Portage, your choice as to whether you choose to answer or not.
- Insufficient space. Please do not leave information out because of shortages of space. Just add the necessary sheets and we will take it from there. Please be assured that we are very interested in all the information you have to offer.

### **Part B – Community Development** [*Refer to page 15 of Questionnaire for more detail*]

Community development is an area in which you can provide valuable insight.

For example:

- How did we come to have a first class volunteer fire brigade?
- How did the first curling rink get built?
- The first frame school is a very interesting story and a far cry from how things would be done today.
- How did a small community such as Cranberry come to have an ambulance service?
- etc.

### **Part C – People** [*Refer to page 15 of the Questionnaire for more detail*]

Do you have information about some of the people that resided in Cranberry?

#### **ATTACKING THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

- Work through the questionnaire in easy stages. In this manner you will more likely trigger your memory for information.
- Do part A, B, or C in whichever order you wish.
- Do the questions in whichever order you wish.
- Keep a pen and paper handy to jot down a phrase or word that will remind you that there is a story to be told.
- Set aside time each day to work on the questionnaire.

If you find that you're not up to writing all this down, please don't let your stories go untold. If you wish assistance in completing the questionnaire and you are a resident of Cranberry then contact a member of the museum and we will do our best to get you the help necessary to get the stories in print. If you're from out of town, ask for help from a family member or friend. If you have an e-mail address we can work it through the system. Whatever you do, do not leave your story untold!

**Your contribution to the history of this community is a valuable one. Only you can best tell the story of yourself and your family. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated, not only today, but also for the generations that follow.**

**CRANBERRY PORTAGE HERITAGE MUSEUM CORP.  
History Questionnaire Form – A (Moved to CP as an adult)**

Questionnaire/interview of \_\_\_\_\_ Accession # \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Box# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of interviewer/Author \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview or Form Distribution \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Interviews \_\_\_\_\_ Form distributed by \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**\*Answer only those questions that you feel comfortable replying to.**

1. What is your full name? \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Given

2. Do/Did you have a common nickname, which you were called by? (This applies to a name that you may have been or are known by such as 'Butch' which does not resemble your own given name.)

Nick Name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where were you born?

Cranberry – Does that mean you were born right in the town here or did your mother travel to, for example, Flin Flon or The Pas?

If **Cranberry Portage** – Do you know the midwife that attended your mother in Cranberry?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

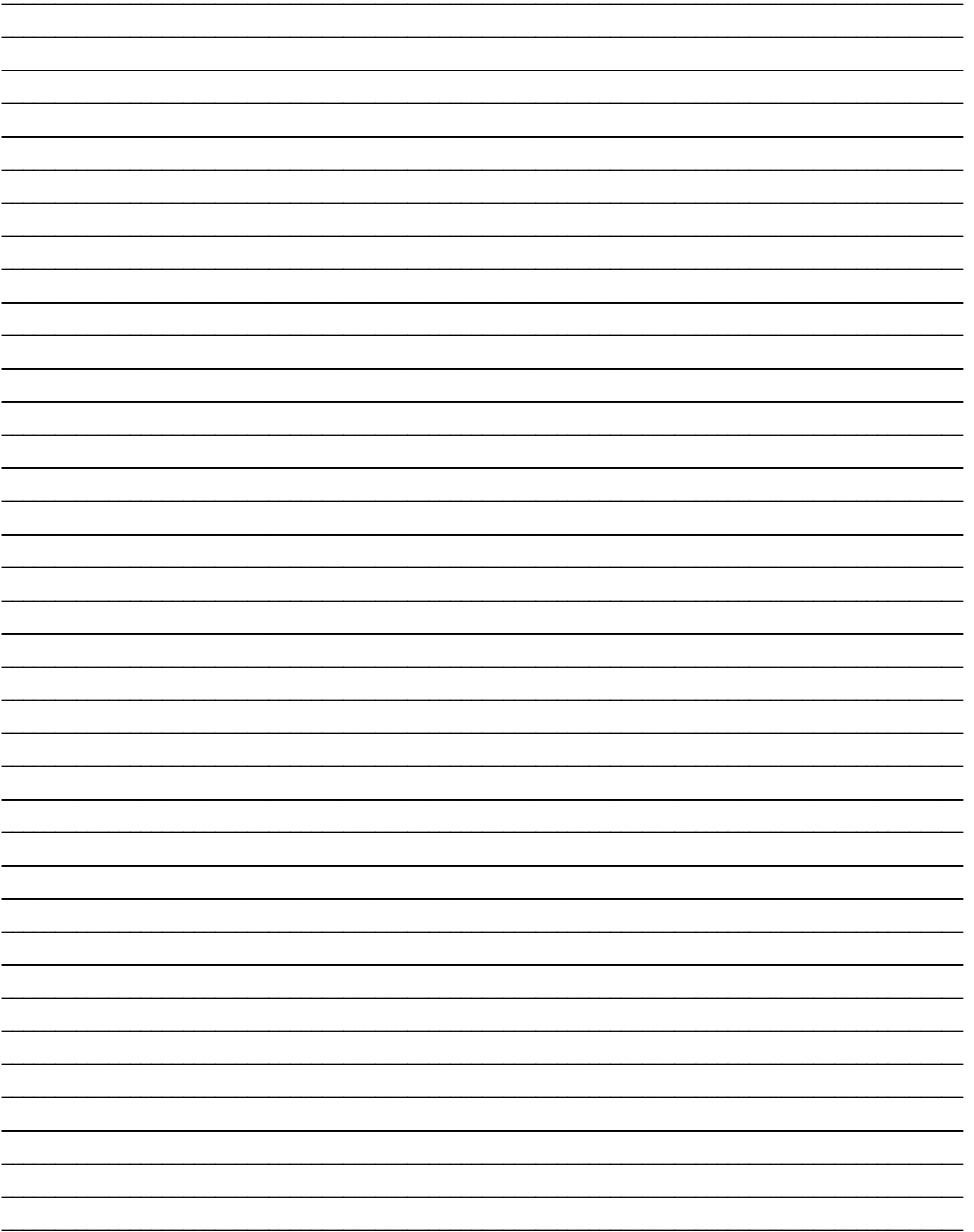
5. Parents: Names: Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

6. Siblings: [Please number according to placement in family – #1 being the oldest]

Brothers \_\_\_\_\_

Sisters: \_\_\_\_\_



**\*Answer only those questions that you feel comfortable replying to.**

7. **Marital Status:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. **Child(ren) Information:** Should you require more space, please add a page.

**Child # 1**

I. (M or F) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Mo Day Yr

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchildren

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Child #2/3/4 etc.**

**Please continue in the same manner for each of your children.**

**\*If your children were born, raised or spent a significant number of their growing up years in Cranberry Portage and would be willing to complete a History Questionnaire, please provide contact information.**

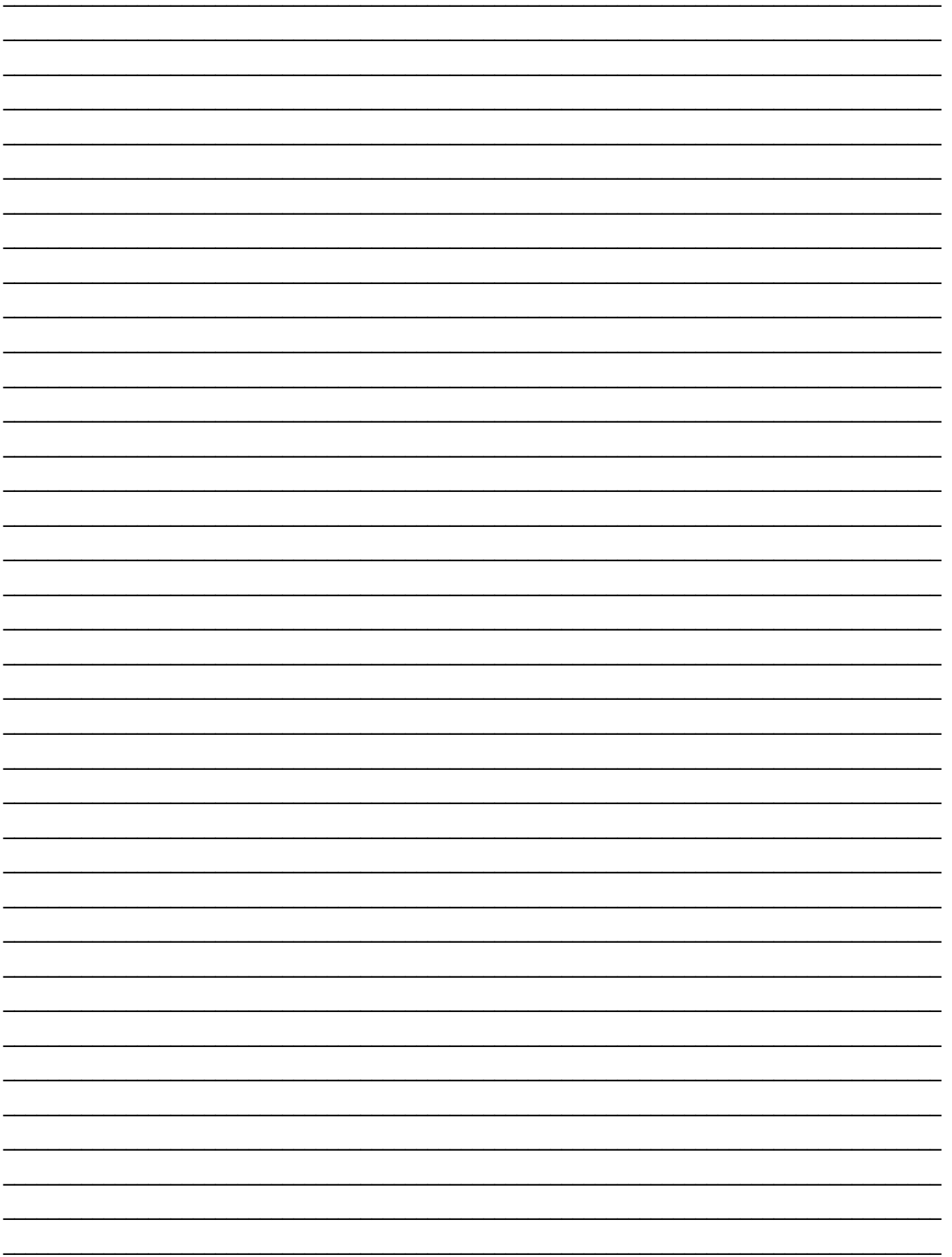
**\*Please Note:**

**MOST IMPORTANT:** this questionnaire can only be considered the most elementary guide for a person/family history.

- Do not feel limited by the number of lines given for any of the answers.
- Feel free to add.
- We are interested in your stories and in making this as 'complete' a history as possible.
- We sincerely appreciate your taking the time to help us in this endeavor.

9. **What attracted you to settle in Cranberry Portage?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

- Transportation? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was your first remembrance of Cranberry?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**See reverse for more lines.**  
**HOMES IN CRANBERRY PORTAGE**

**10.** What type of a home did you share with your family when you were living in Cranberry Portage?  
*If more than one briefly describe each.*

- Was it a log or a frame building? #1, two, etc.

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- By the standards of those days, was it (they) small or large?

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- Electricity or not. Not, what then?

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- Bathroom facilities. Inside or outside? Comments:

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- Water, Hauled, Delivered, well or town supply? If delivered who did so?

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- Heat. Oil, gas, electric, wood?

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**11.** Where was your home(s) located? Please refer to the map of Cranberry Portage to mark in the location.

- Was the surrounding area developed, bush, or just cleared?

*You can make note of this on the map as well to give us some idea of the area at that time.*

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**12.** Is there anything that you would care to add in relationship to home development in Cranberry?

*Perhaps some interesting incident. Who was involved if your home was made from scratch. Did it get moved in from someplace like Gurney Gold Mine site? Was it a building that had another purpose before it became your home?*

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**LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

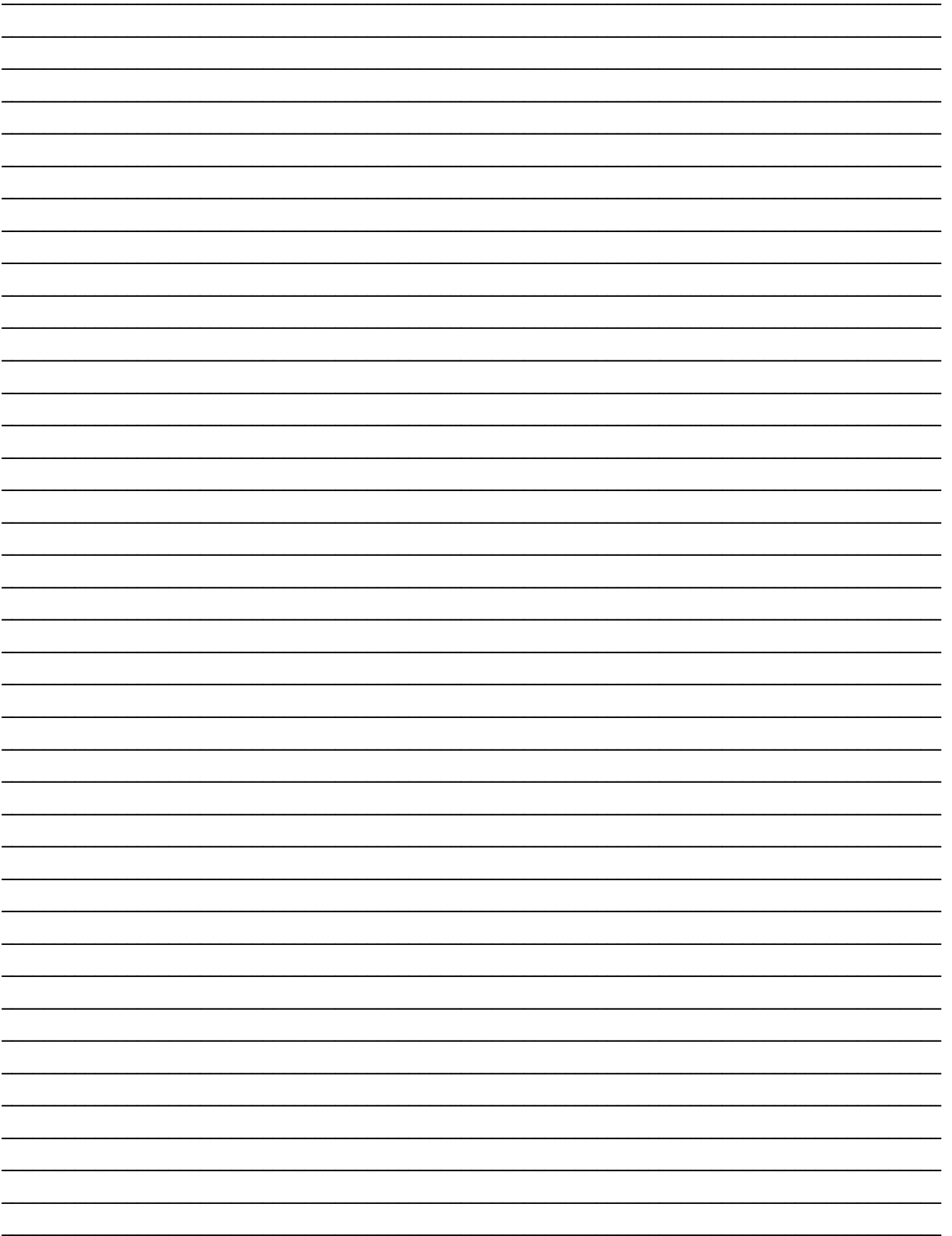
**13.** What type of 'indoor' leisure activities would you do? Play cards? Listen to the radio? Listen to records? Have people visit? Did you have a television?

At Home

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Away from home: (dances, visit, other)

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14. Were you a member of a band or some type of group (drama) that offered entertainment? \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, please provide information.

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- No, can you recall anything of this nature? A name (s) to lead us in the right direction would be appreciated.

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15. Outside the home what sort of entertainment did Cranberry Portage have to offer?

*Please provide some information*

Theatre: \_\_\_\_\_

Pool Hall or Bowling Alley: \_\_\_\_\_

Dances or Socials: \_\_\_\_\_

Other e.g. concerts \_\_\_\_\_

16. Do you remember anything distinctive about special occasions? Were they celebrated in the same manner as they are today or were there something unique about the times?

*Please share anything that will give us insight for those times.*

- Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

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- NewYears \_\_\_\_\_

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- Easter \_\_\_\_\_

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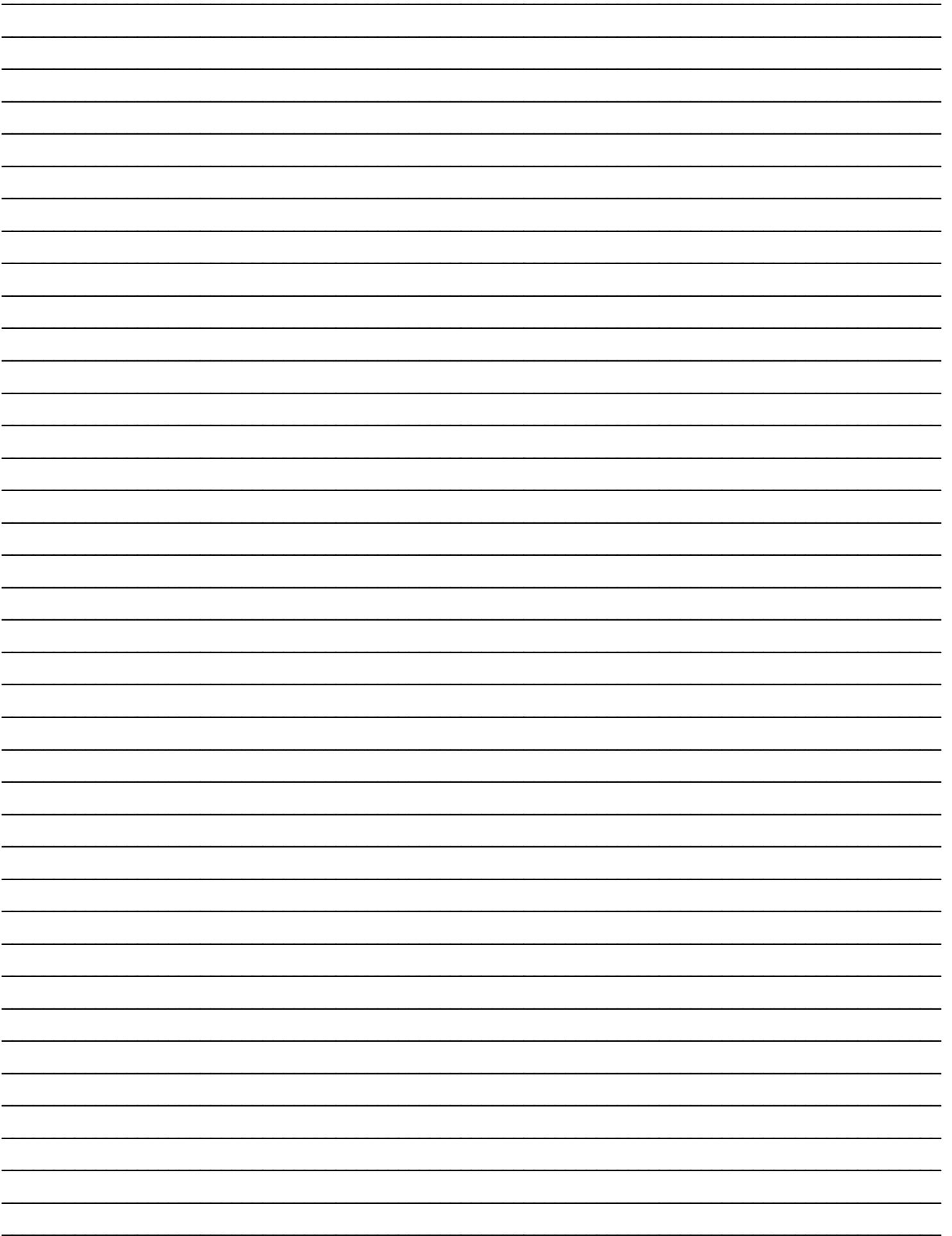
- Valentines \_\_\_\_\_

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Halloween \_\_\_\_\_

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- Canada Day

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- Winter Festival

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- Trout Challenge or some other summer competition

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**RAISING CHILDREN IN CRANBERRY PORTAGE**

*Please answer those questions that are relevant to Cranberry Portage.*

17. Can you give us some idea of what it was like to raise children in Cranberry in those early days?

- How would you compare it with today?

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18. What sort of activities did you do with your children? (Picnic, fish, pick berries, snowshoe, hunt, **other**)

- Winter(Fall) \_\_\_\_\_

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- Summer

(Spring) \_\_\_\_\_

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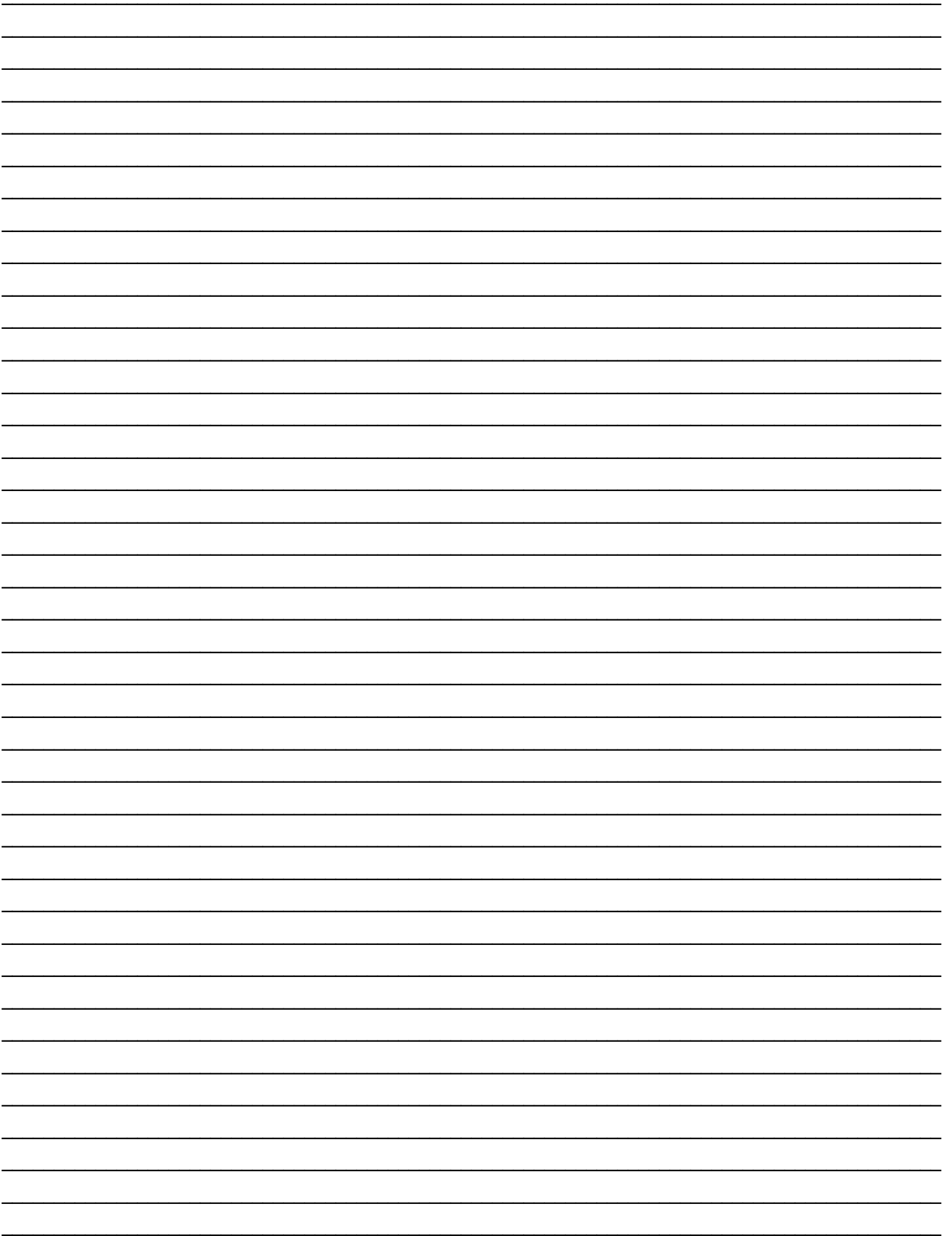
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19. What did your children do for leisure activities both inside and outside the house?

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**20.** Did your children participate in any organized activity? Sports, Scouts, Guides, Drama, Music, Dance, Other?  
*Please give us some information about those activities in which they participated?*

*Do you recall any of the leaders' names?*

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**21.** What chores did you expect your children to do?

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**22.** Did your children attend school in Cranberry Portage? \_\_\_\_\_ Year span? \_\_\_\_\_

- Which of the school buildings did they take their schooling in? *Description would be appreciated.*

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- Can you provide any information regarding the building of any of the schools or names of someone that is able to do so?

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- Can you provide us with some information as to how the schools was run in those days? Areas such as Physical Education, Music, Discipline, Parent/Teacher Interviews, School Board or Other.

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- Did your children attend school on a regular basis or did they, from time to time, accompany you on the trap line, fish camp, mining camp etc.

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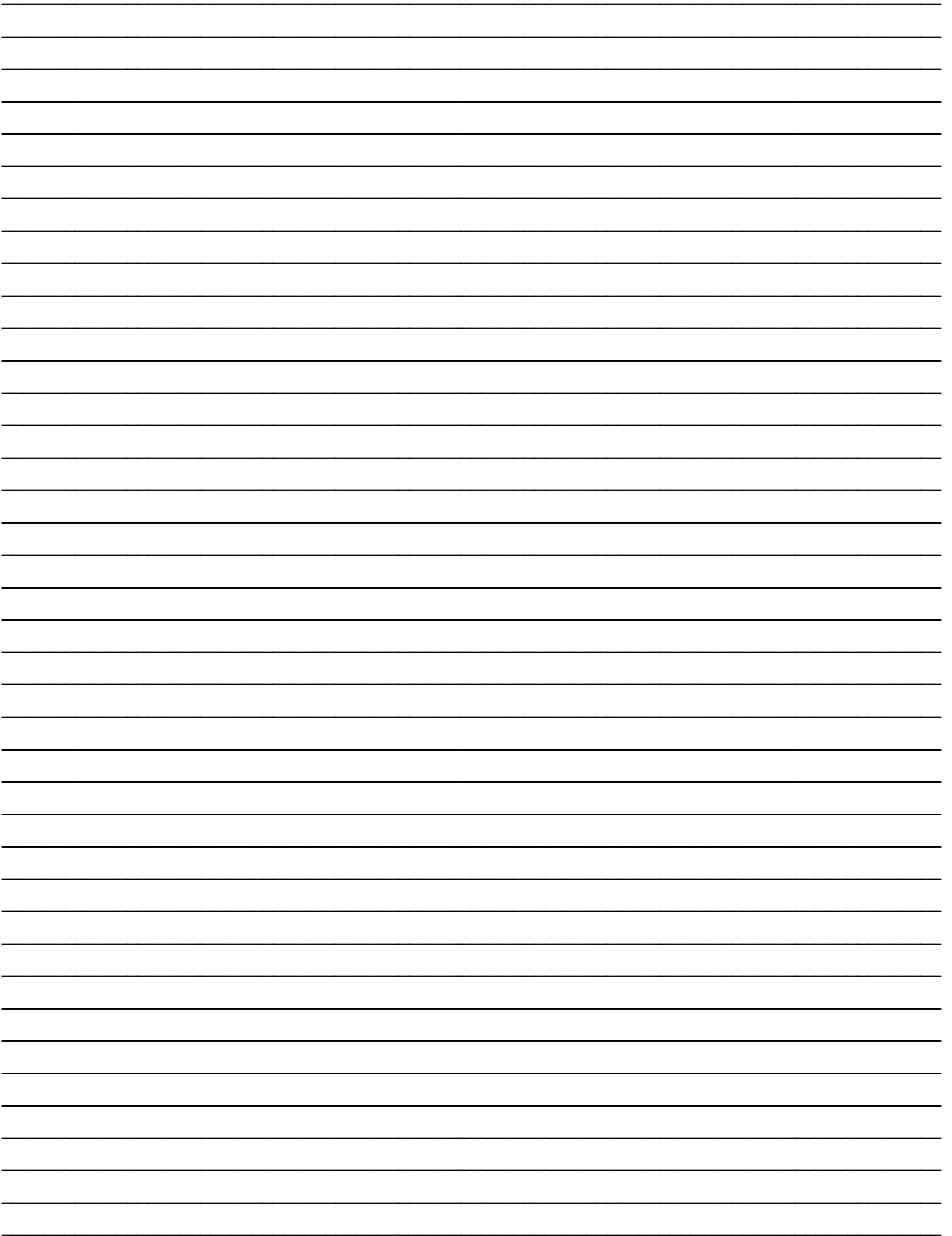
- On the whole, how would you rate the education that your children received?

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- Did any of those early teachers stand out in your memory and if so, why?

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Please provide information as to any special incidents, occasions, or programs regarding those school years.

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### MEMORIES OF THE MILITARY

23. Did you or an immediate family member serve in the military? \_\_\_\_\_

- If so, which branch? \_\_\_\_\_

- Where did you or he/she serve?

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Do you have any special memories that you would like to share regarding those years?

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### MEMORIES OF JOBS/CAREER(S)

*This section of the questionnaire refers to years as an adult.*

24. When you resided in Cranberry Portage, what work experience were you involved in?

- Did you have just the one career or did you work at a number of different jobs?
- Did you work in Cranberry Portage or was it necessary for you to leave the community?
- Did any of the jobs require training outside the community?
- Were you self-employed or did you work for someone else?

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25. Please share an interesting story or incident that occurred regarding your employment years.

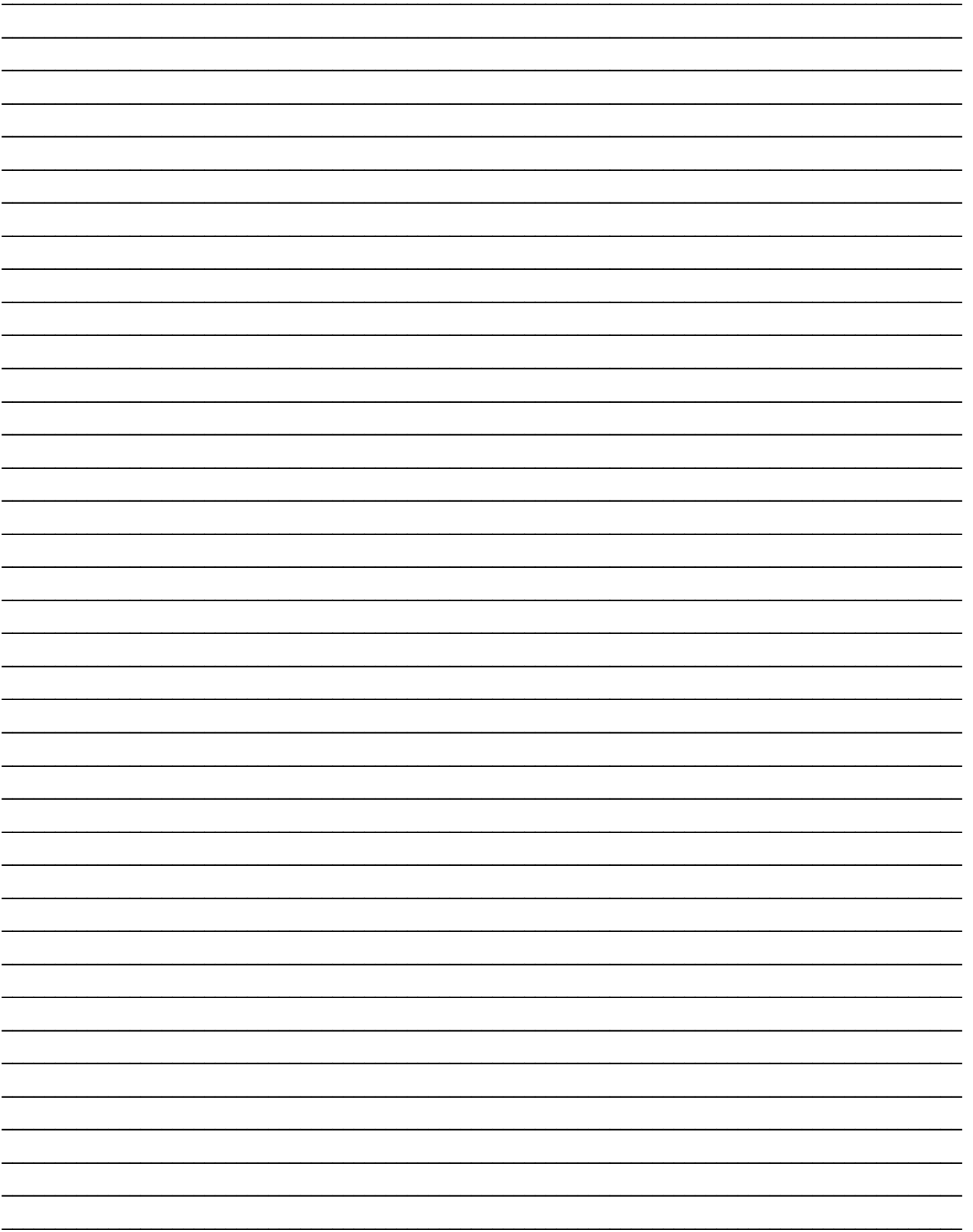
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Can you remember the amount of your first paycheck or perhaps the hourly rate? \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (adult)**

**27.** Were you part of a group or organization in Cranberry Portage? E.g. Leader of youth group such as guides or cups, etc., member: curling, baseball, Legion, Lions, Odd Fellows, Firemen, Church, **Other**.

*Please include information so we have a better understanding of your involvement.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**28.** Did you help to launch a program, start a group or perhaps build a community structure such as a rink? If so, please give us some information as to how this came about and your part in it.

*This information is vital to show how the community developed.*

*We would appreciate any dates, approximate or actual that you could provide.*

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**29.** Did you serve on any community committees such as Town Planning, L.G.D., L.U.D., School Board, School Committee etc.? Please give us a little information as to your participation e.g. years involved, special projects realized etc.

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**30.** Over the years what would you say is the most significant change in the community of Cranberry Portage?

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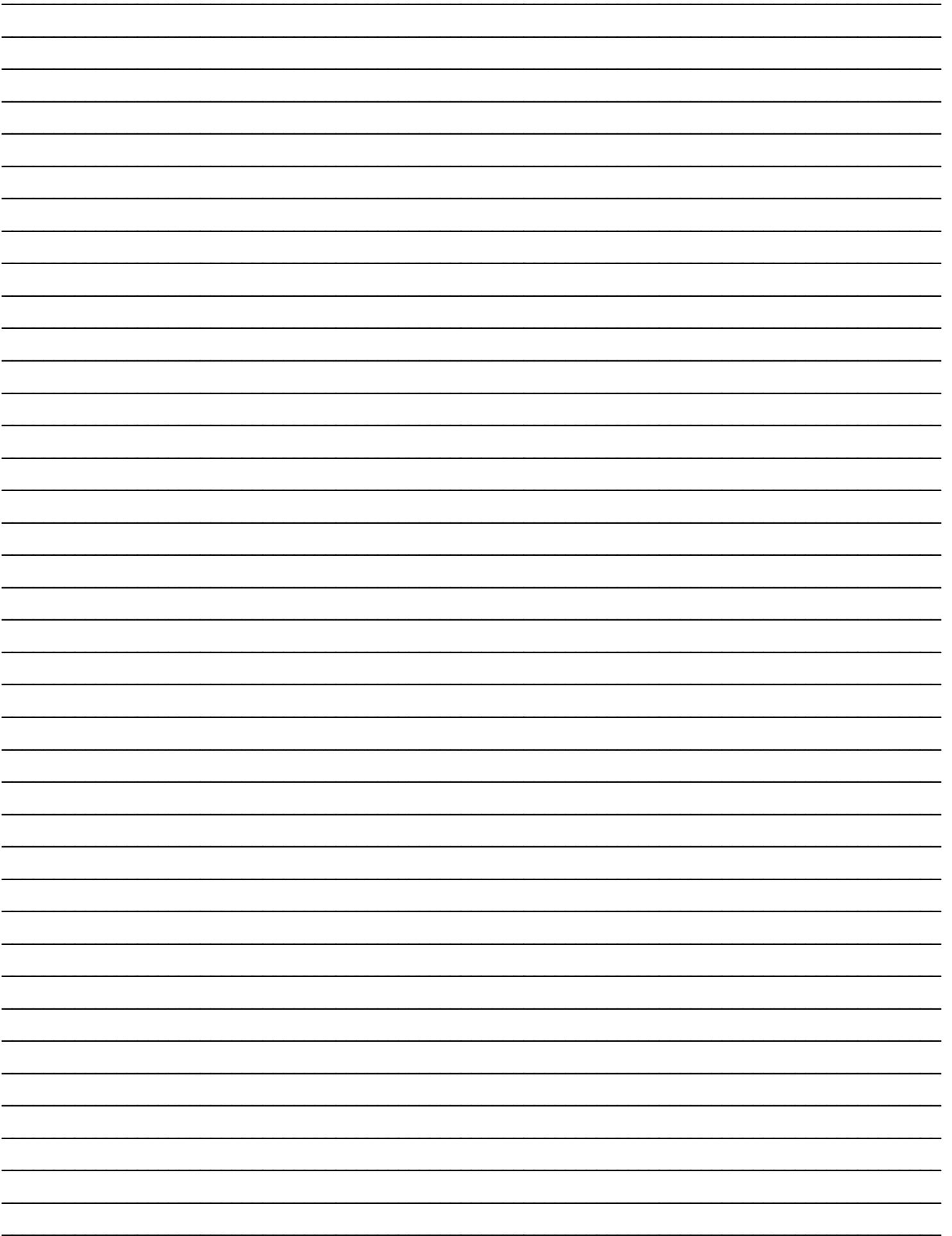
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**31.** Do you have an interesting story (hopefully 2 or 3) that you would care to share?

- Humorous incident
- Frightening – medical emergency, lost in the Bush, **Forest Fire**
- Nature – animal, storm, fishing
- Hardship
- Special achievement

*Do not feel limited by the number of lines. Please do not hesitate to add.*





The information that you provide in your History Questionnaire will be typed into narrative format. This information along with the pictures that you chose to share will be compiled into your Family Booklet.

You will approve the first and any following drafts before the final draft is entered into the archives. This will permit you to make corrections, additions or deletions if so required.

If you are interested in typing your own history narrative using the questionnaire as a guide, please feel free to do so. I will then scan it into the computer archival records and make further copies from that for any hard copies that are required. If you are using a computer and wish the format adopted by the Museum just drop me a line or e-mail and I will be more than happy to send them to you, pronto!

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Should you have any questions or wish assistance in compiling your contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me and something be arranged.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Along with the written histories we are also collecting photographs for the archival file. We are prepared to preserve originals or copies in a manner that meets the standards of the Canadian Association of Museums. Those pictures that are on loan will be copied in a manner that does not cause undue damage to the photograph.

*\*\*If at all possible we encourage you to supply a copy for donation, as our resources are limited\*\**

We welcome any picture that you feel will be of significance to the history of your family and will be entered into your history booklet.

We welcome any picture that you feel would be of significance to the history of the community and areas pertinent to Cranberry such as Gurney Mine, Elbow Lake mines, Athapap Siding etc.

- **Please include all pertinent information, names, date, location, occasion etc.**

If the picture is in an album and you would cause damage by removal, then please make no attempt to do so. Make note of the picture and using our resources we will be prepared to make a copy or offer suggestions as to how you may have one made.

CDs: we are prepared to make copies sent by CD but please make sure you include the necessary information.

E-mail – cpmuseum@netkaster.ca

‘Snail’ Mail – it is recommended that each picture be placed in a separate small envelope with the accompanying information written on the envelope **before placing the picture inside**. Pictures that are sent through the mail should be placed in a proper support envelope clearly labeled, **FRAGILE – DO NOT BEND**.

All information that is sent is assigned an Accession Number that you will be made aware of for your own records should you or a relative wish someday to check the files for information or possibly copies.

Should you have any questions or wish assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Museum Board.

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## **COMMUNITY HISTORY**

We are asking for your help in compiling as complete a history of Cranberry Portage as possible. In order to reach this goal we require your assistance. If you have any information or photographs (originals or copies) that you could contribute, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you should know of anyone that you feel should be contacted we would appreciate name and, if possible, address.

We are looking for information on the following topics. It could be a personally related story, newspaper clipping, scrapbook entry, photographs etc.

- Stores: first to existing. Location. Ownership through the years.
- Curling Rinks:
- Skating Rinks:
- Clubs or Organization histories.
- Telephone Service history
- Electricity Service history.
- Water Service history.
- Medical Station history: Nursing Station, Public Health
- Radar Site
- Churches
- Logging Industry: history through the years and companies involved.
- Tourist Industry
- Schools
- Buildings: Halls, Old homes of Cranberry Portage, etc.
- Frontier School Division

Please feel free to add to the list, as I'm sure some have not been mentioned and we are interested in having information on them all.

## **PEOPLE**

There have been hundreds of people that have passed through or for a time, made Cranberry Portage their home. Many are not with us to share their stories but they did play an important role in making Cranberry the community that it is today. Many do not have family that we are able to contact. Some of these people will have been noted for their community involvement, others may have provided local color. Whatever their role, they are a part of this community's history and we would appreciate any information that you could share of pointers in the right direction to obtain such.

Are you looking for a meaningful project to spend some time contributing to? We would certainly welcome your research skills or assistance in helping another complete his/her questionnaire.

**We sincerely appreciate any assistance that you are able to offer. Thank you!**

