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Date: Interview recorded in 2006 about events surrounding the Eastern Corporation's Mill in Brewer Maine before it closed in 2004.

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Interview with Lois Andrews about her experience being employed at the Eastern Corporation's Mill in Brewer, 2004.

Lois Andrews: He was devastated. He had bought a house like a year before the mill went down and he had to sell his house and he barely got out of it with the skin of his teeth. He lost his job. He lost his house. He just has been at loose ends here for awhile and then he started, he got a job working last summer at the Bucksport mill but it was a temporary position and it was again at the low end of the totem pole and you'd end up doing anything. I mean things that he used to do 20 years ago but he knew at the time that that job would end in October but fortunately he heard that the Lincoln mill was taking applications and he went up there and he's only been there a couple of months now but hopefully that will turn into something because he's got so much knowledge that...

Pauleena MacDougall: And when he you know looked around what sort of opportunities were there other than the mill for work?

LA: There wasn't much. You know you would have to work 2 or 3 different jobs just to begin to make ends meet and then no benefits. He did take the tractor trailer driving course but it wasn't good for him because he had a young daughter at home and he's a single dad. Him and his wife were separated a long time ago and that wasn't working. She would call and she was always in a crisis and

it would keep his mind other than on what he was doing. I think he would have liked it if it weren't that problem and the money was ok but it just wasn't for him so he had to let that job go. Now he's back into the mill work again.