

Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Eburne

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Unit 31 - Minoru Blvd, Kiwanis Court

Born Goldwin Roy Eburne, Feb. 29, 1896. Father Harry Eburne had a store and Post Office at North end of North Arm Bridge - in 1885 - 1891 father moved business to east end of Sea Island between the two bridges to catch the trade - 1894 name of post office changed to Eburne Post Office - sold store to Churchill and McKay 1898 - 1898 started a chicken farm beside his store - successful*

*excerpt read by Mrs. Eburne from 1958 History of Richmond compiled by Crown Zellerbach.

Father had 13 acres Ontario St. and Marine Drive until G. Roy Eburne was 16 - Roy Eburne went on Thomas Crosby, first Methodist Mission boat - there till war - joined Canadian Navy as gunnery Officer, Atlantic coast - boat sold to Federal Fisheries 1920 - 1921 skipper of boat for 34 years out of Prince Rupert - 1956 moved down to stay with Mrs. Goldie Harris on No. 4 Road - then to Kiwanis Court - park on Sea Island named after Eburne, father.

G.R. Eburne married Elizabeth Lindfield 1919 - wife lived in South Vancouver until moving to Prince Rupert - she was born in Scotland - her Uncle Capl. Wm. Oliver brought out parts, portholes, steam boilers for the Thomas Crosby (completed 1912, Vancouver)

-were married 1919 on board same ship - boat used both for Mission and Fisheries Research - G. Roy Eburne also on other mission boats - incident from Sandspit, took mail to Cape St. James lighthouse 120 miles, heavy waves have to put in chuck mail ashore and return to boat in surf running.