

Fred Harwood, 82

Interviewed April 5, 1972.

931 Bridgeport Road.

Born - Yorkshire, England.

- to Vancouver 1913 as an apprenticed electrician - took lumberyard job 25¢ hour, North Vancouver - worked as machinist helper C.P.R. shops for 28¢ hour - board and room was \$6.00 week - joined Canadian Army 1914 - overseas service - 3 years German Prison camp - had met future wife before W.W. I (born P.E.I.) - returned April 1919 - promised job Hotel Vancouver - summer work Sicamous and Glacier - married August 20, 1919 old St. Andrews Church, Vancouver - job as head electrician H.B.C. store downtown - Gov't. loan build house Vancouver - had 4 little children - danger street cars.
- moved to Richmond 1931 - all farm land -bought house next door to present one from Col. Rorison who owned 50 acres farm, Railway tracks to No. 4 Rd. - was only house then Bridgeport Rd. - 3 bedrooms and 1 acre land paid \$2,750 cash
- sold house next door 1946 - built present house - later sold 1 lot along back - was offered 1 acre lots at \$400 each on north side Bridgeport Rd.
- Bridgeport Rd. finished at their house.
- worked 28 years chief electrician H.B.C. - own power plant - Richmond Municipal Hall right on No. 3 Rd. (not back of it) - 4 stores in Brighthouse
- named schools he remembered - all children went to Bridgeport school
- 2nd son Bob graduated B.A. at U.B.C., President of University Students Association of Canada. - after W.W. I land sold cheaply for Soldiers Settlement down to River - groceries from Grauers, Sea Island Store - (between the 2 bridges) - 200% discount still at H.B.C. - anecdote re bell ringing at store - remembers peat burning - Fraser flood 1948 - 2 sons working nights filling sand bags.
- brought children out to see canvas and wire one-seater plane, Lansdowne

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Race Track - retired 25 years ago - Fred Hall built cottage for Harwoods on Saturna Is. - first fishing - canned grilse (2 year old salmon) and applesauce from orchard.

-toolshed at back was Lansdowne Stations - Donald bought 3 stations.

Children: Jack, Burnaby; Marion, Richmond teaching; Bob, Toronto; Donald Richmond, 12 grandchildren - singing 40 years choir United Church, formerly at Cambie and River Rd.

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