

Mrs. Fred Brewill - Teacher

Interviewed April 27, 1972.

Clarice Lawley - Born Vancouver, November 1913.

1916 - Father John E. Lawley farmed with Uncle North of No. 8 Road for 2 years - returned to Vancouver.

1918 - Father bought farm No. 7 Road and Westminster Hwy.

-Mother born Vancouver (United Empire Loyalist descent)

-Grandmother from Wales sailed around the Horn.

-Father came to Toronto by rail through the U.S. and boat to Brandon around 1875 - lived in Brandon then Vancouver and farming, Richmond.

Clarice started school in Trites School, then at corner of Lougheed property across Westminster Hwy. - Teachers: Miss Georgina McMyn
Miss Ure
Miss May Williams

-when sister went to Bridgeport for High School Mother sent Clarice to Bridgeport School grade 8 under Miss McNeely -also brother taken out of ungraded Trites School and grade 2 at Bridgeport.

-to School driven by Mother in car (8 miles) 4 trips a day in car.

Family from No. 9 Road (now LaFarge Cement) came horse, cart left pony in shed (3 mile trip) to school.

Early cars in family: 1914 Model T when first on farm then 1922 Ford using for school, then old touring Hupmobile - family from Sunbury came to wharf No. 9 Road brought boat over to visit.

-wharf at end of Nelson Rd. father hauled gravel with Mel Mitchell's father (foreman) with trams.

-Clarice to Richmond High School - Mr. McNeil, Principal - to King Edward School, Vancouver for senior matric and then Vancouver Normal - no teaching jobs so did substitute teaching 4 years in Richmond.

-moved Trites School to Westminster Hwy. and Hamilton Rd. triangle - called Hamilton School -

At Hamilton School - 1st teacher, Lola Harris, 2nd teacher, Clarice Lawley.

2 Anglo Saxons at school, rest Japanese - Richmond School Board paid to educate Japanese in Queensboro at \$5.00 a head so decided to move school down and educate in Richmond - taught 4½ years - W.W. 2 - married - husband (medically) discharged - married teachers couldn't teach so end of Richmond career.

-1925 Clarice was 3rd May Queen, Richmond - Ernestine Rose was first May Queen - Helen Smith, second, Marie Grauer was fourth - Jean Ross was fifth.

Clarice as Queen opened up Bridges between Pt. Grey and Sea Island - Mr. Patton (Pt. Grey Reeve) gave her pin.

Maid-of-Honor with Clarice were: Marjorie Hinchcliffe, Marian Ebert (Steveston), Mabel Hanson (off River Rd.) Tini Harris.

Mr. McCullough had a fire in his barn #8 (Gilmore farm now) - everything went, no fire protection.

-Westminster Hwy. stopped at Mitchells farm - was grass in middle so Mitchells came by Lawleys No. 7 and back.

-Westminster Hwy. was a neat trail then -No. 5 Road was plank road - Lawleys going to Westminster travelled over planks - turn out areas (extended planks)

-in summer peat fires burned over the planks - had to replace burned planks

-railway from Westminster came along South Arm of Island often burned out - peat fires every summer started by blueberry pickers, Chinamen - Westonhavens on No. 6 Rd. had buildings burned by peat fires.

-recalls 1 little girl drowned in canals - Maureen Livingston around 6 years - visiting Grandmother Mrs. Ward No. 7 and Cambie.

-picked blueberries, wild blackberries, grew strawberries 3 or 4 years, few acres - sold to B and K store corner Marine and Fraser, later Empress Jam Factory - big deal going to Vancouver - drive to Fraser and Marine take tram - Mr. Waddell police chief gave sister drivers license - Amy taught 7 years in Mitchell School - brother Gordon taught 2 years at Enderby - 2 years East Richmond School (ungraded) - back to University graduated honors Mechanical Engineering - joined army as Officer R.C.E. M.E. - then worked for Massey Harris - finally in Richmond.

-1925 compulsory T.B. inspection of cows in Fraser Valley, father only had 3 of herd of 12 left - bad blow to dairy farmer - milk had gone into Fraser Valley - later skin test proved Clarice had been in contact with T.B. - had 2 horses: Charlie and Kate - Kate got pneumonia - flood Jan. 1935 - end of Kate - wanted to keep Charlie so Dad had to finish - father never had tractor - retired farming 1948 from 60 acres: 30 tillable rest peat - sold peat to Acme Peat Plant - grew hay for feed - root crops - oats - Mother received Life Medal, Red Cross - mailman Stan Roberts came daily - Mr. Dick bus driver - Clarice on bus when sister to Vancouver and from Interurban Cambie Rd. when at Normal - no public transportation in area - on milk truck in morning - with Russel Hawke - took hours - talk - used Aladdin lamps until 1935 - paid lump sum for electricity - always tap water - crossed Fraser Bridges opened by hand - sit 15 min. while keeper opened bridge, recalls Mr. Dobson, then Mr. Cross - eventually electrified so didn't have to lock - water traffic had right-of-way.

Swam once in River - current swift.

-skated Annacis Slough between Annacis Island and Richmond on ice floes, meshed together - sometimes ice jam on Fraser.

-neighbour John Beck with killed around 1930 in air crash at Cranbrook into picnic table.

-others went to Market Day, Friday at New Westminster, didn't have a stall - they were at school - long trip 8 miles to Westminster - followed river to Ewan Ave. recalls dyke being washed away - stopped when roadway washed out - to Vancouver for movies - neighbours made own fun - parties in houses - cards and dance - Trites School had card parties - raised money to buy a piano - school vacant awhile - so Clarice enquired from School Board, got piano returned to Trites School when she taught.

School before moving had no plumbing or lights, pot bellied stove (used coal from shed) - when moved school raised, plumbing put in basement, no lights, gas lamp hung into middle of room, pot bellied stove at back - incident re inspector coming - Clarice in overcoat - event of summer: Savage got out threshing machine kept 8 wagons going - old steam used wood and water - each farmer had stack of wood ready - feed 24 men - turns in neighbourhood - help each other - Clarice has her family piano in basement - one of first in Vancouver - they took few lessons in Vancouver - Lawley farm threshing only 1 day or less - piled grain in sacks - 4 men engaged, 2 filling, 2 piling them - Halfbreed Indian "Woody" turned up to operate engine and separator for Mr. Savage - 2 machines in neighbourhood, Mr. Randall May had other one to feed threshers, Lawley prepared a big roast beef - got their meat at: B and K Store, Fraser & Marine, Woodward's, Vancouver or Paxtons, Fraser Hill, where father sold calves as veal.

had no chickens - bought eggs - had 2 pet sheep, odd "pet" pig - own garden and fruit trees - bought electric milking machine - sold milk whole - Clarice didn't go into barn - Hunting - brother Gordon shot pheasants, plentiful in bog, odd duck - City hunters came by, left open fences, gates - enjoyed childhood - close enough to city, yet country benefits - came into Second Beach, Vancouver for swimming, pitched tent for day - married 1940 to Fred Brewill - moved to Vancouver - substituti last 10 years in Vancouver Schools.

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