

Born - Sandbach, Cheshire, England Dec. 19, 1890. Came to Canada at the age of 19, stayed in Vancouver and then to Steveston, married in 1917 - Bought small farm on Steveston Highway and No. 2 Road. Grew berries that were picked up by Van Dusen and taken to Jam Factory in Vancouver. Recalls the heat fires in earlier days in Richmond. Mr. Branscombe would bring water - no electricity. 1923 worst fog ever seen, had to drive with door open to see where they were. She lost her husband in 1929. Went to work in cannery when Japanese were sent away from the coast. All the Red Cross women went to work in Cannery - Great West. Lost her oldest son in the war. Worked in the Telephone Office and stayed on the board until it was taken over by the dial system. Worked for St. Anne's Anglican Church, the Boy Scouts Assoc. Girl Guides, was made a life member of St. Anne's Church W.A. in 1945 and received award of merit from the Red Cross. She was made Richmond Good Citizen for the year 1959, and was given a silver tray. She read a letter from the Rural Dean which ~~read~~^{said} that Mr. Gilbert had unearthed an interesting document at the Synod Office which fixed the date upon which St. Anne's Church was erected as 1893 on the foundation of a Baptist Church. About this time there were 3 Anglican Churches on the Island, but the one near to Sea Island was burned down while the one we use as a Parish Hall was then situated on No. 9 Road and dedicated to St. Jerome. The beautiful chair in the chancel of St. Anne's Church was made, carved and presented to the Church by one Metla Katla Indians in recognition of great kindness shown them by the Rev. and Mrs. Donaldson during the time they resided in Steveston.

The Farm across the street was a McKinney farm, they raised cows, had a winery and it was now being subdivided and new houses going up. The drainage was so poor at one time the water came so high she packed the suitcases and thought they would have to move out.