

MR. H. Howse
Mrs. H. Howse (was London)

Lucy
Interviewed Feb. 15, 1972.

Born in Richmond 1898, lived on London Road. Went to school at Steveston. Went along dyke on way to School. Chinese were first here then came Japanese. London Landing her Uncle's store and Post Office. Turned over a pamphlet on the Opening of the London School which gives all the London Relations. Married in Richmond, home wedding in parlour 1919. The Custom then to get married in the house. Went to San Francisco by boat on honeymoon, C.P.R. Steamship. Built home at the end of Gilbert Road. Years ago crossed the river on ice. Went to Westminster by boat, once a week. The boat stopped at Woodward's Landing and London Landing, Ewens Landing. Children swam in the river. Dredge came and put sand up on the beach. They drained the land themselves. Municipality came along and fixed the dykes and farmers paid for it. The First car he saw in Richmond was a McLaughlan, owned by Mr. Tait. There was a plank road from Woodward's Landing. There was an Opera House where the Fire Hall is now. Entertainment - Box socials- They made their own bread and butter, never traded. Sold goods, 10 gal. can of milk 85¢; \$7.00 and \$8.00 per ton for potatoes. Worked hard. Dressmaker made clothes. The Telephone came through first. Electricity came in 1936. They put in 7 poles, strung wires to house and wired all the house himself. The first sub-station was at the corner of Cambie and Railway. They lived in the house from 1919 - 1936 with no electricity. Everyone that lived near to a road had electricity. Mr. London had a tank and saved rain water for bathing and cooking. They put a bag of lime in the water. When they built their home on Gilbert Road they had municipal water which came from No. 2 Road across the dyke. Pine came over Marpole Bridge to Sea Island down No. 2 Road.

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Mr. Howse was tempted to work in shinyard things were so bad on farm. Mr. Sharpe, Father-in-law of Mr. Howse daughter, worked on the jetty in Steveston 50¢ an hr. for working. There was a great potato competition each year, at one time he got 24½ tons to the acre. 75 men and women would gather for lunch on "Potato Judging Day".

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