

Mrs. David Huxley (Lillian Featherstone)      Interviewed May 10, 1972.

113 - 803 Ryan Rd.

Born December 10, 1898, in the family home on No. 4 Road, oldest member of Featherstone family, father John Featherstone came to Vancouver 1887 from Ontario - came right to Lulu Island - worked on farm until he could buy his own farm - bought farm No. 4 Road south of Steveston Highway. Was married in 1898 to Nellie Marrington of London England, raised a family of 8. Father was a Commissioner for new Lulu Island Dyking and Drainage District, around 1900 - 1920 - meetings held in their home by lamplight - 4-5 neighbours. Father was in mixed farming - potatoes, dairy cattle, pigs, nice horses - they had 80 acres - mostly work - sister Mildred rode 1 horse - grew oats and hay - took milk to Branscombe Station to tram. After father died brothers got the land and later sold to Richmond Golf and Country Club.

Lillian started English School at the age of 6 - red - 1 room - 1 mile walk - then new 2 room school same place - a sister and Lillian went to Bridgeport High School. 1913 went by horse and buggy to school and stabled the horse in a barn by the school. Teachers: Miss McNeeley, Mr. McIntosh, Miss Maycock. The family travelled to Eburne in democrat up Granville St. to pick wild blackberries. Left at 5:00 in the morning. Not interested in making money as a child as there was nowhere to spend it. On the 24th of May they had horse racing on No. 1 Road - family outing - took picnic lunches. Travelled to Steveston for mail and meat. Entertainment included house parties and Sunday School picnics. There was no electricity so there were lamps to clean.

Helped around the house - took cooking at school, tried the recipes on the family at home.

Strawberry festival at Orange Hall - good crowd - goodies.

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Snow lasted - no equipment - went for bobsleigh rides with bells on horses with the moon shining brightly, slough froze solid (1908) held work horses - Green Slough.

Never learned to swim, but brothers learned to swim, 3 brothers hunted - on the farm and by the River and on the bog.

Saw smoke from bog - Indians picked blueberries - Siwash up river, walk down to the bog and pick berries - Part of No. 4 and No. 5 Roads were plank roads - when the parents went to Vancouver they could hear them coming a long way down the road, the horsestrotting on the boards.

-stayed home until she married.

Married in 1937 to David Huxley, Westminster Hwy. and No. 6 Road - had a Vegetable and fruit stand also canaries 100.

Family Members: Lillian, Mildred McRostie, John Featherstone, Evaline Mort, Frank Featherstone, Herbert Featherstone, Nellie Boyer, Radium Hot Springs, Isabelle Wickerson.

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