

Mr. and Mrs. J. CookInterviewed October 15, 1965.

Came to Richmond in 1912 and lived with her parents on the McKinney farm. She worked on May Days - started when Miss McNeely was at Bridgeport School, these were held at Brishouse Race Track - took May Queen to other Municipalities. Marie Grauer - first May Queen, Mrs. Leaf, Barker, and Skuse looked after refreshments - Mr. Cook took May Queens to all Municipalities would go and have dinner at the Hotel Vancouver. Mr. Cook was an Alderman for 23 years under Reeves Shelton, Thomsett, Miller and then Grauer. Mr. Cook came to Richmond from Ontario by train in 1890. They had the Ward system then, but he was Chairman of the Board of Works and therefore had to work in all Wards, but he had the time. He quit working for McKinney and bought his own farm and took Mrs. Cook's father on the farm to work also. He bought the farm for \$150.00 an acre. He had a tank on his wagon and went to Marpole for water. There was a spring of water where the Hospital is now. Brought it back and kept it on the barn floor. They grew oats, barley, hay, mangels, potatoes and mixed farming.

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