

Mrs. Sam FluryInterviewed March 27, 1972

311 No. 5 Road (Violet Myra Irene Bath) - Born Ladner, January 11, 1897 - moved with Mother (Father there?) to Richmond Dec. 1, 1901 - went to Lulu School No. 2 and ~~Stevenson~~ ^{RIVER} at 7 years - walked 1 mile - home was old Crosby house River Road near No. 1 Road - originally the Vermilyea house - rented to Abercrombie - bought by John McCallan 200 acres - lived there 5 years (to March 1, 1906) - then came to No. 5 Road, father bought 80 acres from Thomas Laing, Art Laing's father - property goes east 1/2 mile and extends past Bath Slough - Alex Mitchell farm between Bath's and Gamble. - 10 room house on Bath's - 1 brother Grier, born 1905 and Violet - mixed farming - Holsteins - 1 doz. then increased - oats mainly and wheat for chickens - had hired man - now went to North Arm School (location later called Koberly, then Blue Boy Motel) - walked 1 mile - no cars on Island.

-Later Bridgeport school following entrance exams - drove horse and buggy to school - trustees built a barn for children's horses - kids fed hay to horses at noon hour after eating - boys played football, lacrosse. -Winter 1906-07 very severe; river frozen ice took out Bridge - to get to school, school board hired man and row boat to row children across from Lulu Is. to Twigg Island then walked - boat held a dozen - 5 Scratchley's (had 200 acres at River Road and No. 4 Road) - one Blower boy - 2 Lanoville girls - 3 or 4 Hornbrook - children out of school from September to beginning 1907 - Mitchell School built 1908 - Bridgeport School started up wanted to make consolidated. - too far to walk - trustees wanted put school No. 6 Road or No. 7 Road - first teacher at Mitchell School, Miss Hazelwood Shaw, then Miss Baston, Miss Reevly, Miss Marshall.

-after school chores - gather eggs, help Mother, sold milk to City, milkman came out, Mr. Cochener.

-When Bridge out city milkmen bought boat left on Twigg Is., rowed over to get milk. - summers on farm, picked berries, father cultivated strawberries, raspberries, black currants for family.

-recalls Dec. 26, 1901 flood morning they arrived at Richmond - everybody had a wharf to load their produce - all went in flood except McCallan's lumber held, granary moved - went to Normal School, Vancouver 1 year - next year 1922 taught in Steveston Lord Byng, taught Japanese English (separated) until 1926 or 1927 - Japanese children went to Japanese school after regular - boarded at Mrs. Seymour's Steveston during week

lively Steveston, quieter - Cold Storage Plant closed - canneries operating

-Police Chief Waddell stationed at Brighthouse - Alfie Johnston, Steveston,

-Indians came for fishing - Mrs. Branscombe said people walking along Steveston dyke at 2 a.m. 3 a.m. - Mother not well, took care of her at home

-recalls aircraft from Minoru Park - accident - one accident plane, pilot, passenger killed - brother now ran farm in 1930's - dairy cattle - had own milk route daily, South Vancouver - a few did this -

July 29, 1942 married Sam Flury, father's herdsman, farmer, moved to house across No. 5 Road.

-War: Red Cross supply convener for unit - met at Legion hall, Granville Ave. - picked wild roses, no beads - dances in large homes - in South Vancouver - concerts, dances, plays in Opera House early - Miss McNeely, Principal at Bridgeport - as children didn't play on road, less cars but run-away horses - father always had horses to work land Clydesdale - also driving horse - incident about her frisky horse, Dot and Chinaman and steam rollers.

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- recalls 2 first cars that part of island owned by Sam Mitchell, a Franklin and Randall May - a Napier.

- hog fires - Garden City Station No. 5 Road - blueberry pickers - Chinese with baskets and poles walked by - then truck picked them up - when Fraser Bridge out, McBride rowed you across for 10¢

- Mr. Spittle murdered in scow house outside dyke early days, hunting and trapping - at Steveston, 24 May had food, cart races - May Day dances at Brighthouse - pretty in costumes - school teachers did lot of work - Miss McNeely did that.

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