

Mrs. Warren Lougheed, 86

Interviewed April 10, 1972

1543 Westminster Highway

Born Bertha Carroughs at Parry, Ohio near Paynesville June 7, 1885.

-father died when 10 so moved to Eugenie, Northern Ontario til 1904.

-married Warren Lougheed 1904 came to Ladner husband worked for municipality then rented Kirkland farm.

-came to Westminster Hwy. 1919 to farm 160 acres to early house on Island

-belonged to Trites farm buildings.

-fall 1941 built moved into present house, still on land.

-mixed farming, dairying 15-20 holsteins - bottled own milk awhile was picked up later - trucked in bottled milk - ended up dealing with Fraser Valley Milk Producers.

-grew oats, hay, own help, Mr. Savage's threshing machine at harvest.

-had work horses.

-went back 1908 1 yr. to prairie, crop frozen August - returned, got tractor, pigs, chickens 1919-1941 threshing - cooked for 28 - 2 days.

-daughter (16 and another woman helped - neighbors brought teams, man owned machine (steam engine) had man to run it - Lougheed supplied teams men to drive them, food

-around piano evening, singing.

-seated 17 at one time in dining room

-husband was a butcher - one meal had large fish roasted - then a roast made biscuit, pie dough in stone crocks - made 1 dozen pies.

Afternoon took lunch to field, hot biscuits, tea - roads not good -

No. 5 Road thru bog part way was plank - Westminster Highway not through

-had to go to Cambie to get through.

-part way from farm to New Westminster was plank - turn out places on road.

-didn't see many bog fires - hard to put out - peat plants across street still working - Acme Peat Plant - one also at No. 7 Road and back on No. 6 Road - one further towards Westminster bought this one - peat loads go by every morning while we're at breakfast - huge peat piles visible on ground - little peat on Lougheed property - worked with clay underneath - drainage big problem - no big floods.

6 children: James, Powell River - died
 Clara - Now Mrs. Chisholm, Vancouver
 Elmer - died at 8
 Hugh - Vernon
 Glen - Patterson Rd., Richmond
 Ken - Petts Road
 Nelson - Hetley Creek near Kamloops

husband died 1946.

-used to buy meat at Grauer's store, Eburne - went by Cambie Rd. and old Marpole bridge - sold farm produce at Farmers Market, New Westminster, (especially veal) or Main St., Vancouver - for clothing went to Woodward's downtown, also sold them produce.

-once sold 200 pounds black currants to the Bay.

-daughter had own 3 acres to care for for 3 years.

-picked wild blackberries along the ditches - became a pest in grain - kept a few bees - early church was near present Mitchell School - Anglican and United both used it.

-neighbors visited each other's houses for parties - played cards - danced - refreshments - used largest houses such as Randall May's still at No. 6 and River Rd. and Savage Home and Thomas home (now Savage has it) on No. 7 Road and Lawley family on corner Westminster Hwy. (originally held by Boyd, then Ginter) now subdivided - granddaughter of Lawley married, now living on corner.

-when Lougheeds came Trites school was on corner of property - later moved towards New Westminster - younger Lougheeds attended Trites school then

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went to Bridgeport school for high school in horse and buggy or democrat
5-6 miles - shed at school for the horses - buggy had no cover so girls
mitts wet so Mrs. Willie Estabrook dried mitts.

-2 other girls lived down No. 6 Rd., May Williams and sister also drove
buggy.

-teaching at Trites School: May Williams, Miss Georgina McMyn, Bentley
Edwards - went on Transfer boat to Ladner - early days boat to New West-
minster - took boats, New Delta Ladner to Steveston - left horse and
buggy in livery stable first - took tram Steveston to end old Granville
St. bridge and change - took Toonerville Trolley - ~~took~~ 1 day to Ladner.

-chose Richmond to live, farm as more central than Ladner - life member
United Church - loved quilting, active with Red Cross - went to Vancouver
Marpole for medical aid - no flooding even 1948 - kids went to Bath's
Slough 3 miles to swim - worried re-skating on North Arm, father tied
ladder to car to be ready.

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