

Bernhard Charles Pedersen

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678 No. 4 Road

Born in Norway and came to B.C. in 1925 from Lumberton, near Cranbrook then back Nelson district (lumber camp)

-to Richmond in 1927 - no work -Lulu Island land hunting with real estate agent C. Gray - walked south on No. 4 Road from Granville, cabins -

with 2 acres, no road - chose present site with 4 acres all water on land

- neighbor Mr. McKinney built cabin for Pedersen (family in Norway)

-drained his land by digging ditches.

-got job in Cedar Sawmill, Marpole, near old tram bridge (burned down)

-worked 9 months - company went broke.

-construction, building houses til summer 1928 - started with Eburne

Sawmill - contracting 6 - 7 years - hard times - people worked there

16 - 18¢ an hour as contractor hired men, paid 30¢ an hour - mill had

bank arrangement - worked on 50-60% of wages - from Europe new owners,

Bentley, Canadian Forest Products took over - worked there to 1966,

retired - liked them - old timers Club annual banquet.

1927 when arrived Richmond looked like prairie - few houses - brush

4-5 ft. jackpine - fire every summer at blueberry time - now water, no

fire engine just shovel - after Chinamen picked baskets of blueberries, fi

their intention if put fire on bog next year got good crop blueberries.

-on property planted raspberries, blackberries, apple, plum trees

-during W.W. 2, started chicken farm - 700 chicks until 1948 - accident

at Mill, off 3 months fractured neck, but continued as tally man -

end chicken farm.

-narrow paved road 1/2 way to No. 4 Road from Garden City Tram Station -

there on a plank road, crossways to No. 4 Road - Sundays cars came from

Vancouver to see bog land, drove off planks - helped cars back on planks.

Family arrived 1929 - wife Signe Olsen, sons Ole, 7 on arrival, Sverre, 5 on arrival - started school together - walked to General Currie School 1 year - transferred to Bridgeport School (on tram) - wife worked at Imperial Cannery, Steveston - always had garden - wife grew rose garden - confirmed at 15 years age, event fishing Old Country - engaged at 18 - more fishing sailing to Norway - married 1920 - military service - hard times - lived on small farm - decided on Canada, 1924.

-when first at house had 4" wooden pipe for water but summer no pressure - someone bored hole by No. 4 Road so got bucket water - no electricity, kerosene lamps for 1 year after wife came - incident re lamp.

-1930 electricity came - made application - paid by poles.

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