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Of course my memory may be at fault, but that can be settled by looking up the newspapers of both 1901 and the 1902 August.

(See photo No. C.V. P. Tr. 11, N. St. 14.)

JOHN MOLE. HUGH MAGEE. F.M. CHALDECOTT.

Excerpt, letter, 21 April 1937, F.M. Chaldecott to City Archivist.

"In order to give access to his farm D.L. 315 and 321, Hugh Magee and I gazetted this road" (Magee Road, now 49th Avenue West) "which was cleared by Hugh Magee, who made the first rough wagon road, which saved Mr. Mole and himself several miles haul for their milk wagons."

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH F.M. CHALDECOTT, SOLICITOR, ONE OF THE ORGANISERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH VANCOUVER, 15 AUGUST 1935.

TWIGGE ISLAND, NORTH ARM, FRASER RIVER.

"Twigge Island was not named after S.K. Twigge, or General Twigge, his brother, but after the nephew of both, that is, Conley Twigge, who owned it, and had a milk ranch on it. He was there in 1890 or 1891; how much before that I do not know."

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. J. CHARTERS, 2725 STEPHENS STREET, KITSILANO, VANCOUVER, BAY. 3382Y AT ARCHIVES OFFICE, CITY HALL, 20 FEBRUARY 1936.

SIMON FRASER RELIC.

Mrs. Charters brought to the office an inlaid needlework box, probably of walnut, inlaid with pearl, about nine inches by twelve inches and six inches deep, with little boxes, done in pink silk lining, inside for needlework accessories. The box is undoubtedly early Victorian.

On the bottom of the box is written—outside bottom—the following inscription:

A GIFT TO JANE S. WARD FROM HER DEAR KIND OLD FRIEND GRACE MARIA FRASER
AUGUST 19th, 1864 COTEAU DE LAC

and below the above, in writing of later date:

FROM JANE WARD TO HER DEAR DAUGHTER ON HER 21st BIRTHDAY, PORT HOPE, OCT.
1868

(Note: Major J.S. Matthews has since—March 1936—purchased the sewing box; it is now in City Archives.)

Mrs. Charters said: "It belonged to Grace Fraser, sister of Simon Fraser, and was presented to Jane Ward. Miss Ward was her friend, but was probably no blood relation.

"I" (Mrs. Charters) "am a close friend of Mrs. Mary Miller, and am acting for her in the disposal of her relics of which this is one, as Mrs. Miller is contemplating breaking up her large home at 3968 Beatrice Street, South Vancouver, preparatory to going east. Mrs. Miller is a widow and is now about—approximately only—say, 70; no descendants. Her husband, S.L. Miller, was a teacher in the King Edward High School here. Miss Winnie Ward, who is now 89, and living at Port Hope, is a daughter of Jane Ward, to whom the box was originally presented by Simon Fraser's sister.

"The Wards originally lived at Coteau du Lac in the home of Simon Fraser, which they purchased, and in which Simon Fraser, his sister, Grace, and Mary Miller, were all born.

"Jane S. Ward was sister to Mrs. Mary Miller's father, Capt. Michael Wilkes Bailey, who also owned Fraser's old home.

"Her dear daughter is Miss Winnie Ward of Port Hope, now aged 89."