

## Early Vancouver

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Florence Pedgrift  
Florence Gregory  
Jessie Stewart  
Jemima Reed  
Bertha Burnett  
Milly Mathison  
Cora Card  
Tom Costello

.W. Palmer,  
Teacher,  
First School Vancouver, B.C.

Harvey Hall  
George Favor  
Dot Bellanger  
Maurice Ballanger  
Janie Kenworthy  
Mabel Blair  
Maggie Kenworthy  
John Costello

Presented by Mrs. Charles Lester Austin, née Elida Bell, 980 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

### **VANCOUVER'S FIRST SCHOOL, 1887.**

Copy of scholar's essay.

Our school house is situated on Oppenheimer Street. It is quite a large building, containing four rooms, two on the upper floor, and two on the lower. Our room has forty seats in it. There are blackboards all around the room.

Lida Bell

Vancouver, Jan. 26, 1887  
Wednesday, 1st day of school

Excerpts, copy book, "Penmanship," pages 1 and 2.

Vancouver, Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1886.

Make haste slowly is Palmer's motto.

Note: J.W. Palmer, the only teacher, Hastings school.

Excerpt, page 20: "Dec. 3rd 86, Friday."

Excerpt, page 23: "Written the last day of school. Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1886."

Note: June 11<sup>th</sup>, the day the famous photograph was taken of Hastings School, with 51 children on the steps, two days before "The Fire."

Excerpts, copy book, "Penmanship," pages 7 and 8 (no date).

#### Scholars of Vancouver Public School

Burletta Balonger  
Augusta Balonger  
Charlie Balonger  
Boska Balonger  
Mabel Blair  
Ada Blair  
Sophia Grimshaw  
Mary Plant  
Laura Campbell  
Nannie Johns  
Archie Johns  
Freddie Johns  
Minnie McCord  
Stella Soule  
Edith Cordiner

Isabella Hodgson  
Charlie Hodgson  
Lillie Card  
Cora Card  
Louie Card  
Lida Bell  
George Clair (Clare)  
Annie Stewart  
Hector Stewart  
Jessie Stewart  
Jemima Reed  
Michael Costello  
John Costello

Thomas Costello  
Alice Sessions  
Nellie Nash  
Herbert Martin  
Acie Martin  
Carrie Martin  
Albert McLain  
Willie Hall  
Harvey Hall  
Leon Ridley  
Harold Ridley  
Louis Silvain  
Timothy Collins  
John Kenworthy  
Willie Kenworthy

Janey Kenworthy  
Maggie Kenworthy  
Harry Alexander  
James Grant  
Bertie Gregory  
Sidney Gregory  
Florence Gregory  
Maurice Dallinger  
Laura Dallinger  
Florence Dallinger  
Florence Pedgrift  
Jennie Pedgrift  
Jessie Muir

Bertha Burnett  
Lizzie Smith  
Florence Ann Smith  
Lizzie Ward  
Louise Peck  
Laura Hayward  
Lottie Reed  
Maria Reed  
Grace Fraser  
Janey Fraser  
Ernest Miller  
Eddie Miller  
Harry Burnett  
Annie Moor  
George Favor  
Millie Mattheson  
George Mattheson  
Alex Mattheson  
Maggie McPherson  
Daniel McPherson  
Willie Gonion  
Gracie Green  
Leda Gillis  
Walter Gillis  
Ernest Gillis  
Katie White  
Jessie Plant  
Poppie Reddish

Total 84

### **HASTINGS MILL STORE.**

Excerpt, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 3, Matthews. Conversation, Harold Ridley, 18 October 1933.

### **HASTINGS MILL STORE.**

“The Hastings Sawmill store at Alma Road is not the first store the Hastings Sawmill people had; there was one earlier than that, the one they used when they first built the mill, a bit of a place. They had three in all. The first little old one, then the one at Alma Road which did for many years, then the third one to the south of the second one, and they combined the two—they were attached—and put a ‘store front’ in front of both.”

Excerpt, letter, City Archivist to Fred W. Alexander, 16 July 1936.

(Query 2) Was the old store building below the Hastings Institute the first store the mill had, and if so, about when was the old store building built. Why was the flagpole put in front of that old building, afterwards used for storage?

Excerpt, letter in reply, 17 July 1936.

My dear Major:

Yes, the old store (used after as a warehouse) was the first store built by the mill; should think the first store was built the same time as the mill, i.e., in 1865. The flag pole was placed in front of the old storage building because it was on land; the other store buildings were on piles over the water.

Excerpt, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 3 (and C.P.R. survey plan signed by H.J. Cambie.)