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**SAMUEL MCCLEERY**, youngest son of Samuel McCleery, married Jane Anne Evans, a daughter of Richard Evans and Elizabeth Pyke of Ontario, and their children are **EVELINE ELIZABETH**, born 2 April 1881 (Mrs. H.B. Barton), who has three children, **BERENICE EVELINE**, **DORIS JANE**, and **EDWARD SAMUEL**. Doris is now Mrs. John Ferrier Ross, who is son of William Ross and grandson of John Ferrier Ross who came to Vancouver in 1889 (Ross and Howard).

There are other descendants of the McCleery family of North Arm, Fraser River.

As narrated by Mrs. H. Logan and her sister Miss McCleery at City Hall, 2 March 1938. J.S.M.

Approved by Miss M.E. McCleery, 15 December 1939.

**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MISS MARGARET ELIZABETH ("GRETA") MCCLEERY, DURING A HURRIED VISIT TO THE CITY ARCHIVES, WHEN SHE BROUGHT ME AN OLD 1890 MAP OF VANCOUVER, IN BAD SHAPE, AND WHICH I HAVE SENT TO BE MOUNTED, 6 MARCH 1938.**

**POINT GREY MUNICIPALITY. SHAUGHNESSY HEIGHTS. HENRY MOLE. FITZGERALD MCCLEERY.**

Miss McCleery, who is distressed due to her financial affairs, i.e., the heavy taxes which are taking her property from her, the old farm, and has been to see the Mayor about it, said:

"I just ran up to see you."

(And then later) "The C.P.R. were putting on the new Shaughnessy Heights, and they wanted to have a separate municipality from Point Grey; they wanted to have everything to themselves, and Frank Bowser came to Father" (Fitzgerald McCleery) "and wanted him to go to Victoria to see Sir Richard McBride, the premier, and protest. I heard the whole thing, the whole conversation; I was just a girl. Mr. Bowser said to Father, 'Fitzgerald, you are the only man who can stop this; will you go to Victoria with us.' So Father said he was willing to go if Greta, that's me, would be taken along; he said she" (Greta) "is my right bower. He was deaf, and I told him what people were saying.

"So with Henry Mole, Father and myself, we got on the boat, and when the other people saw us going down on the boat, I suppose they wondered what we were going down to Victoria for; they were on the boat, too. I remember it all so well. We went into the big room, and all the what do you call it, the cabinet, I suppose, were sitting at the big table, and Sir Richard McBride was at one end, and Frank Bowser's brother was there, too." (W.J. Bowser, attorney general.) "And they talked.

"The C.P.R. wanted to have Shaughnessy Heights all to themselves. They did not want to have the rest of Point Grey tacked on. Nice thing for us who had been there, the pioneers, all those years, to be left out in the cold to do for ourselves as best we could."

Major Matthews, City Archivist: Well, perhaps in view of what has happened since, it would have been better if you had been; you would not have had to pay the frightful land taxes.

Miss McCleery: "I don't agree. The C.P.R. just wanted Shaughnessy Heights to have to do what they liked with, and Henry Mole and Father stopped it. Sir Richard said to Father, 'Oh, I remember your place down the North Arm when I was a boy; I used to go down there. I remember the old farm,' and he seemed to [be] pleased with his recollection of our old farm."

J.S. Matthews.

Note: see explanation and elucidation of Shaughnessy Heights in conversation with Newton J. Ker, for a quarter of a century Land Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, conversation, 9 March 1938, Newton J. Ker file.