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**MEMO OF CONVERSATION, OVER THE PHONE, WITH MRS. J. DODD ALLAN, "BAINSMORE APARTMENTS," CORNER ELEVENTH AVENUE AND HEMLOCK STREET, VANCOUVER, 31 MAY 1940.**

**WILLIAM HAILSTONE. FRANK MARRION.**

Mrs. Allan phoned respecting an item in the Vancouver Daily *Sun*, of today, 31 May 1940, under the caption of "Romance of Vancouver," reading in part as follows:

In 1881 the first "old timer" returns to the [Burrard] Inlet. Sam Brighthouse leases his farms on the Fraser, and come back to the future "West End." Shortly before he arrives, Hailstone's third is reported sold, and William vanishes from our sphere of interest forever, with "a mere pittance" for his property.

ALWAYS "NEAR" SUCCESS.

Poor Hailstone—he seems to have been the type of likeable but unimpressive fellow who is forever "just missing" success. The return of Brighthouse is significant. [Etc., etc., etc.]

Mrs. Allan said: (obviously annoyed) "That is not true; William Hailstone died rich; there was the property he sold, and his relatives in England are still in possession of his competency, and living on it. I have returned from there recently."

Major Matthews: There was a similar reference in the *Sun* of Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> which read:

Hailstone on the other hand seems to have lost his opportunity shortly after this time, for we hear little more of him than that in later years he is living retired in England in moderate circumstances, and under the impression that he was "swindled out" of his potentially valuable stake in the so far unmaterialized city of Vancouver.

I can assure you, Mrs. Allan, that I strongly disapprove of what has been published, and in more than one instance, remonstrated with the author.

Mrs. Allan: "Mrs. Frank Marrion" (Frank Marrion, formerly of City Hall staff) "and I are nieces of William Hailstone; William Hailstone married my mother's sister; it was my mother's money which started William Hailstone on his trip, the first to British Columbia."

Approved by Mrs. Allan after reading, 4 June 1940. J.S.M.

**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. J. DODD ALLAN, "BAINSMORE APARTMENTS," ELEVENTH AVENUE AND HEMLOCK STREET, VANCOUVER (NIECE OF WILLIAM HAILSTONE, OF THE "WEST END") WHO, TOGETHER WITH HER OLD FRIEND, MRS. WALTER M. GOW, NÉE COUGHTERY, BOTH PIONEER DAUGHTERS OF VANCOUVER, CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES, 4 JUNE 1940.**

**WILLIAM HAILSTONE. GENEALOGY. FRANK MARRION.**

Mrs. Allan said: "My uncle, William Hailstone, was brother-in-law to Mrs. Christopher Arkle; that is, Mrs. Arkle and Mrs. Hailstone were sisters; both had been the Misses Wilburn" (sic.) "Mr. Hailstone married Miss Wilburn, and her sister married Mr. Arkle. I was Miss Arkle, and married Mr. J. Dodd Allan; my sister married Mr. Frank Marrion, formerly of the City Hall staff.

"We came out here in 1888 as a result of Mr. Hailstone's representations; that is, my father, Christopher Arkle, and mother, Esther Dorothy Arkle, and with Father and Mother came four children" (in order of birth):

1. Ettie, now Mrs. Frank Marrion.
2. Lucy Kate, who married a Mr. William Middler. She died in Vancouver about 1905.
3. Christopher Arkle, who died in Vancouver just before the first Great War.
4. Florence, that is, myself, Mrs. J. Dodd Allan.