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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. NORMAN EMERSON LOUGHEED, NÉE MISS JANE PAULL, OF 2891 WEST 45TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER, WHO GRACIOUSLY CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES THIS AFTERNOON, 15 MAY 1940.

MRS. CHARLES PAULL. MRS. HENRY MOLE. D.L. 314, NORTH ARM.

Mrs. Lougheed said: "My mother was a widow, widow of Charles Paull, who died in April 1881; he was a steam engineer on the tug *Maggie*, Capt. Jimmy Rogers, and had been ill for a long time before he died. In November of the same year, 1881, Mother married, at the Methodist Church, New Westminster, Henry Mole, and we came down the North Arm of the river to the farm on D.L. 314 in an open row boat. I see Mr. Harold Ridley, of the Hastings Mill, says here in his conversation of September 28th 1933 with you that Father worked at Spratt's Oillery; I don't think that's right; if it is I never heard it. Father was a steam boat engineer. And Mr. Ridley, I knew him quite well, says that Mother gave a ninety-nine year lease of the site of the Ranier Hotel. No. That's wrong; fifty year lease, and not the site of the hotel, but adjoining it."

MRS. J. REYNOLDS TITE. JOHN MOLE. ANNIE MOLE. EARLY BIRTHS.

"Well, after Mother married Mr. Mole we all went down the river in an open row boat. I had been born in June 1878 at New Westminster, in the home of Mrs. John Murray, senior, of the Royal Engineers; her home was on the exact site of the big Russell Hotel in New Westminster. My name is Mrs. N.E. Lougheed, and my sister's Mrs. J. Reynolds Tite, is Mary Louise Paull, born on what is now Cordova Street; on Lot 2, Block 3, Old Granville Townsite, December 1879. Father died in April 1881, and Mother married again in November. After her marriage to Mr. Mole she had two children, twins, John Mole, now of Ladner, and Annie Mole, now Mrs. Samuel McCleery of Kerrisdale."

GRANVILLE, B.I. HASTINGS STREET WEST. CORDOVA STREET. EDWARD MCKENDRY.

"I do not remember Granville very well; you see, I was only three years old when we left there and went to live on the North Arm, but some years afterwards, Mother was driving by on Cordova Street—that was before the Great Fire, June 1886, of course, because that fire destroyed our former home on Cordova Street—and Mother pointed to a little bit of a cottage, and said that was where we used to live.

"I have a faint recollection that it was a very small place, very small, but whether it had a verandah or not I cannot say, and I cannot be sure which of these two squares on this Sanborn Fire Map might be our old cottage. This on the corner here" (southwest corner of Carrall and Cordova) "is, I think, Edward McKendry, the shoemaker, and I am inclined to think this smaller square, with a cabin beside it, on the front of Lot 2, is our old place, rather than the larger one at the back. What I do recall of that visit to Granville is that the present Hastings Street was all woods and forest. And, I think too, that one of these cottages, faintly visible on the extreme left of this photo" (photo No. C.V. P. Dist. 8, N. Dist. 5) "is our cottage where Mrs. Tite was born."

Major Matthews: How do you account for the fact that Lot 2, Block 3, O.G.T. is shown here in this Voters List of 1886 as in the name of Henry Mole as owner.

Mrs. Lougheed: "The only way I can account for it is that, owing to so many white men having Indian wives, the law did not permit a wife to inherit her husband's property, and I suppose it had to be registered in the name of her husband, then Henry Mole, but actually I do not know the exact details. The fact remains that the Land Registry records show it was Crown granted to my father, Charles Paull."

EARLY POST OFFICES. HARRY EBURNE. RIVER ROAD. NORTH ARM, FRASER RIVER. TUG ALICE. OBEDIAH BETTS.

"After we went to the farm" (D.L. 314) "our post office was New Westminster, and we went for the mail once a month; it depended on who was going up to town. Then the next post office was at Harry Eburne's. Our address in those days was 'North Arm, Fraser River, British Columbia.' The 'End of the Road,' we called it the River Road, was right at our home; it terminated right at our house, on our farm. In those days there used to be a little river boat called the *Alice*, I forget whether stern wheel or side wheel, but one or the other, and she ran down the North Arm from Westminster and called at the farms. In those days each farm had a wharf, with a barn on the end of it. And when we wanted the boat to call, we put up a flag on a flag pole and flagged the *Alice*."

Major Matthews: Well, the River Road ended at your farm house; how did people get onto the wharf; it was the “end of the road.”

Mrs. Lougheed: “But there was no one to go beyond the end of the road. If they did they would just have walked through the fields. There was no one else to use the boat except the farmers, and each had his own wharf.”

HENRY JOHN BETTS. OBEDIAH BETTS. D.L. 314. DEATH OF MR. BETTS.

Major Matthews: Who was Elijah John Betts who preempted D.L. 314 in 1870?

Mrs. Lougheed: “Never heard of him; I always thought his name was Obediah Betts, but I have been told it was not Obediah, but John Betts; how he came to be known as Obediah, I don’t know. Mr. Betts was coming down the North Arm from New Westminster on the *Alice* in August 1883” (Kidd says August 1882) “and he had a little canoe tied to the *Alice*, and he wanted to call and see somebody on his way down the river, and instead of asking the Captain to slow down while he got into the canoe, he thought it would be all right to get into the canoe without the *Alice* stopping, and he died. The canoe capsized and Mr. Betts was drowned.”

MRS. ALICE CRAKANTHROP.

Major Matthews: Do you remember Mrs. Crakanthorp of Moodyville, daughter of Mrs. J.P. Patterson?

Mrs. Lougheed: “No.”

Major Matthews: I’ll call her on the phone; she lives at 1205 Bute Street.

Note: Mrs. Crakanthorp said that she remembered Mrs. Lougheed as a baby on her mother’s knee; that Mrs. Paull’s home (on Cordova Street) was a small place; she did not recall it distinctly, but those cottages were usually two or four rooms; a big room in front, a lean-to at the back, and possibly a bedroom. (See photo No. P. Dist. 8.)

GENEALOGY.

“I married Mr. Lougheed, Norman Emerson Lougheed, born at Thornbury, Ontario, in April 1876, son of James and Margaret Jane Lougheed, at the Wesley” (Methodist) “Church, corner of Burrard and Georgia Street, on 17th May 1905—35 years ago on Friday.”

“Our children are:

1. Norman Charles. Single, born Vancouver, 14th September 1906.
2. Margaret Louise. Married, now Mrs. Kenneth Cowper, born 23rd October 1907 at Armstrong, B.C. They have two daughters, Patricia and Elizabeth Jane.
3. Francis Creighton. Single, born Vancouver, 28th June 1912, an engineer in the mercantile marine; has been at sea four years.
4. Stanley Emerson, single, born Vancouver, 10th December 1914.

Corrected and approved.

Mrs. N.E. Lougheed.

17 June 1940.

J.S.M.