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**FRANK PLANTE, PETER PLANTE, ADA GUINNE, ADA YOUNG.
FIRST MARRIAGE ON BURRARD INLET. 18 JULY 1868.**

At the rededication ceremonies, Stanley Park, Vancouver, 25 August 1943, Frank Plante drove the hack, two white horses, which conveyed "Lord Stanley" and "Mayor David Oppenheimer" to the festivities. This followed several visits by Frank Plante to the City Archives from his home with his sister, Lena, now Mrs. Captain George Mayers, Clarke Road, R.R. No. 2, (Westminster to Port Moody), New Westminster. During one of these visits, at the request of Major Matthews, City Archives, Mr. Plante brought an old photo of himself. This photo has been copied on a negative together with a narrative of certain events, the negative being in the City Archives.

The print was read to Mr. Plante, and approved of by him as correct so far as he knew, and then a print was given him to take away with him. What he did comment upon was that it was the first time he ever knew that "Guinne" was the actual name of his mother, and not "Young." He also said that he knew that his grandmother was Squamish Indian, but added, "That was not my fault; I had nothing to do with it."

The photograph is of a three-quarter length man with dark moustache, watch chain, and coat buttoned with one button, and beside it the narrative reads:

FRANK PLANTE. Eldest child of first marriage on record on Burrard Inlet; that of Peter Plante and Miss Ada Young, or Guinne, at Moody's Mills, later Moodyville, now North Vancouver. 18th July 1868. Peter Plante came from Three Rivers, Que.

Miss Ada Young, or "Addie," half French Canadian, half Squamish, daughter of Supplien Guinne, known as "French John," and "John Young," of Three Rivers, Que., former Hudson's Bay Company employee of Fort Langley, preempted D.L. 319, North Arm Fraser River, Oct. 30th, 1872, and was the first settler at Marpole. His farm was at south end of Granville street. His name was hard to spell and pronounce; he became known as "French John" and "John Young." His Indian wife was Khah-my, daughter of Chief Khaht-sah-lanogh (Kitsilano), of Chaythoos, First Narrows, and "Addie" was their daughter. Khay-tulk, or "Supplejack" was a brother of Khah-my.

Frank Plante, eldest child of Peter and Ada Plante, was born at Moody's Mills, 13th April 1868.

On 29th October 1889, Frank Plante drove the hack which conveyed Lord Stanley, Governor-General, and Mayor Oppenheimer to Chaythoos, an old Indian clearing where, beside "Supplejack's" mausoleum of wood on posts, His Excellency dedicated Stanley Park to the use and enjoyment of all peoples for all time. Beside him stood his son, Hon. Mr. Stanley. Fifty-four years later, 25th August 1943 Frank Plante again drove a hack conveying David Oppenheimer, grand-nephew, to a re-dedication ceremony sponsored by the Parks Board; the aged Earl of Derby, (Hon. Mr. Stanley) sent his greetings, and City Clerk McGuigan's place was taken by his nephew, W.J. McGuigan. This photo of Frank Plante was taken by Harry Devine, pioneer photographer, on the day of dedication, 29th Oct. 1889, and August, 1943, was presented by Frank Plante to City Archives.

J.S. Matthews,
17 Aug. 1943.

Note: at the reading to Frank Plante, August Jack Khahtsahlano, son of Khay-tulk, or "Supplejack" sat listening; i.e., white great-grandson, and Indian grandson of Chief Khahtsahlano.