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[LETTER FROM JAMES P. FELL TO J.S. MATTHEWS.]

30.8.44
1598 Angus Drive
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Major J.S. Matthews,
City Archivist, City Hall,
Vancouver.

Dear Sir:

Reference to your letter 22nd inst. Some day convenient to us both I must drop and see you, particularly about North Vancouver.

The Moodyville Lands and Sawmill Co. were the first large owners of lands on the north shore, including the Moodyville Sawmill and a lot of crown granted and other timber up the coast. Arthur Heywood Lonsdale had a large blanket mortgage on the Company's assets, and had to foreclose. He lived at Shanington Hall, Shropshire, Eng.

For some years he ran the mill, etc., through Wulfsohn Bewicke & Co; later through Robert Ward & Co. The exact date he (Heywood Lonsdale) took it over I can't remember but it was in the 80's. You can get that from the Land Registry. About the beginning of this century he sold the mill, timber, etc., to John Hendry who had previously bought control of the Hastings Sawmill. Shortly afterwards, he (Heywood Lonsdale) sold D.L. 274 to Hamersley, then City Solicitor in Vancouver, who sub-divided and sold it off, and really started the City of North Vancouver and the ferry service. Lonsdale Avenue ran through the property.

About 1907 William Bauer bought D.L. 273 from the Lonsdale Estate, sub-divided and sold it. Later the estate cleared, sub-divided and sold a lot of property in D. Lots 264, 265, 266, 552, 553, and 272. But most of this was taken over by the City and District of N. Vancouver for taxes.

Lord Lonsdale (whose family name is Lowther) never had any connection with this property, or any other in this province so far as I know.

Yours sincerely,

James P. Fell.