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## 16 FEBRUARY 1949 – BOYD OF RICHMOND.

Copy of letter, undated, but received at the City Archives, Vancouver, 7 February 1949, respecting the place of birth of some of the children of Hugh and Mary Boyd, pioneers, Sea Island, Municipality of Richmond, B.C. The writer, Mrs. E.M. Buckingham, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Hugh Boyd, resides with her grandmother, and acts as her devoted nurse. See also photographs of pages from Boyd family bible, giving dates of marriage, death, and names and dates of births of all Boyd children.

30 Osborne Park,  
Bangor, Co. Down.

Dear Major Matthews,

I have just received your letter and I have straightway got the information you require, at least the best I can do. I am enclosing the Family Register, which I have torn out of the old Family Bible. The entries were made by my Grandpa, Hugh Boyd. I am sorry I shall have to ask you to return it as it is the only record we have.

1. William James Boyd, Born 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1874, New Westminster, in old Mrs. McRobert's House.
2. Frances Mary Boyd, Born 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1875, The old Boyd home on Sea Island.
3. George Dudley Boyd, Born 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1878, The old Boyd home on Sea Island.
4. Joseph (not John) Burrard Boyd, Born 15<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1880. Joe Mannion's (I am not sure of the spelling) Hotel, Burrard Inlet, Vancouver.

I know the last is really very little help but Grandma cannot remember which side of Vancouver. As for names she says it was just Burrard Inlet. I hope this information will help you. You certainly set yourself a great task.

I am sure you must feel lonely, but you must not work too hard. Good people are scarce.

I believe you had Mrs. Raleigh to see you. She wrote me a few lines telling me all about her visit. I have not had time to answer her as yet.

Grandma has not been too well the past few days. She still suffers greatly with her arm, and now and again gets very bad spasms internally. She has gallstones and at her age we can do nothing.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

E.M. Buckingham.

Note: Mrs. Hugh Boyd died in Bangor, Northern Ireland, 27 January 1952, at the age of ninety-seven.

A.W.

Note: John Henry Scales died in 1948 at the age of ninety-four.

A.W.