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"Capt. Soule was Church of England. David Milligan was storekeeper at Moodyville and a Methodist; Cordiner was a Freemason. Mr. Miller was a Methodist but Carrie was confirmed at old St. James Church." (See above.)

EXTRACT FROM RECORDS, LAND REGISTRY, VANCOUVER.

5 JANUARY 1877, LOTS 14 & 15

Grant from Crown to William Pollard. Lots 14 & 15, Block VI. O.G.T.

This property was partly on dry land, partly on beach of Burrard Inlet, see plan, Granville Townsite, 1870. Lot 16 is the northwest corner of Water and Abbott streets. Each lot was 66 feet wide. Rev. W. Pollard was chairman of the B.C. District of the Methodist Church.

12 APRIL 1877, LOTS 14 & 15

William Pollard conveys property to the Trustees of the Burrard Inlet Congregation of the Methodist Church of Canada. Trustees, as shown by Land Registry books, *Registry of Absolute Fees*, Vol. 5, page 13. Jonathan Miller, Rev. Thomas Derrick, Hugh Nelson, Peter Cordiner (Mrs. D.R. Reid says Presbyterian), William Soule (Mrs. D.R. Reid says Anglican), Benjamin Springer, David Milligan.

"William Pollard," says Ernest Hall (1932), son of Rev. Joseph Hall, Methodist minister at time of Great fire, "was my grandfather."

Springer baptized R.C., turned Anglican. Auth. his daughter Ruby Bower: Church of England.

27 DECEMBER 1886, LOT 14

The Methodist Church, under corporate seal, conveys lot 14 to Robert G. Tatlow. Page 253.

4 JANUARY 1887, EAST ½ LOT 14

Robert G. Tatlow conveys east half of lot 14 to Rt. Hon. Ernest King, Earl of Kingston, who, 1 September 1890, conveys it to Jessie M. Major.

31 MAY 1890, WEST ½ LOT 14

Robert G. Tatlow conveys west half of lot 14 to John Hill Twigg (General Twigg of Twigg Island).

21 SEPTEMBER 1888, LOT 15

Methodist Church conveys lot 15 to John B. Lovell.

THE METHODIST HALL.

(Stood on Lot 15, afterwards numbered 113 and 115 Water Street.)

Extract, article by Mrs. Mary O'Connor, *Western Recorder*, October 1893.

"Every Tuesday evening a class meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, when seven was the largest number present." (March 1884.)

"The school house became too small," "decided to rent a place," "only available place was Blair's Hall, a saloon in front, hall at back," "decided to build a hall for ourselves," "Rev. Robson preached at opening services, May 23rd 1886," "big fire, June 13th 1886," "after fire rebuilt same shape, same size." (Fall of 1886.)

Altered 1920. Demolished 1924. Building permit 19 February 1924. \$22,000.