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James Fraser, York's school teacher, Miss Mattie Cambell, of Campbell Boot & Shoe "family," Miss Frank

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[photo annotation:]

"Tom Turner's," now North Vancouver, circa 1892. Foot of Chesterfield Ave. It was the birthplace of North Vancouver. A popular resort for pioneer picnics in an adjoining field of grass in a grassless land. The shore of Burrard Inlet was in front & the Union Jack flew above; all else was forest, save "The Mission," Indian settlement to the west. William Bridge, pre-emption record 667, Apr. 2, 1869, (D.L. 271, 160 acres) wrote: "On the north shore, one mile west of Moody's Mill." Crown grant, 30 April 1883, to James Charles Provost, administrator of estate. Bridge lived there before 1869. On May 22, 1869, John Deighton, "Gassy Jack," applied, P.R. 674, for "20 acres, bounded on the east by land of William Bridge." Bridge was an old English sailor who had left his ship. He had an Indian wife & children. He planted orchard, made little garden, created a pasture for cows, made splendid little farm, and sold milk. He is buried there on his own land. His nephew, Tom Turner, inherited it. The cottage of board & batten with cedar shake roof, stood approx. 200 yards west of Lonsdale Av. Tom Turner supplied Moodyville with vegetables, and Hastings Sawmill with milk. He was very patriotic, very British, and finally went back to England. North Vancouver, as incorporated, 10 Aug. 1891, extended from North Arm, Burrard Inlet to Howe Sound. Nomination of candidates, Nov. 7, 1891. At subsequent election eight votes were cast. By-election, 9th Nov. 1891. About 1902, Pete Larsen built his notable first hotel above this orchard; famous for Sunday afternoon crowds. Later destroyed by fire. During the war, 1939-1945, scores of vessels were built & launched here. The shack on left is believed to be Bridge's original shack; that on right with brick chimney, more recent. Ventilator of barn seen in rear. C.V. Out. P. 225; Stark's small glass negative. J.S.M. City Archives. J.S.M.

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. JAMES WALKER, 721 CAMBIE STREET, 6 OCTOBER 1939.

WILLIAM BRIDGE. D.L. 271. NORTH VANCOUVER.

Mrs. Walker said: "Old William Bridge lived at North Vancouver; I remember him; his wife was an Indian woman; I used to play with his children at the north shore, when we went over there. Then, we went to Reid Island, and I did not see him again; I must have been about three years old when I played with his children. He had two or three children."

MRS. MARY JOE. MOWITCH JIM. MRS. HENRY JACK.

"Mrs. Mary Joe has no right to use the name Capilano. She married a Chilliwack known to whites as Capilano Joe, but he had no right to use the name Capilano. Christine Jack" (Mrs. Henry Jack) "told me her father was 'Mowitch Jim.'"

"OLD CHIEF" KI-AP-I-LA-NO.

"Christine told me Tutamaht" (Mrs. Chief Tom) "was 'Old Chief' Kiapilano's daughter; she's been dead a long time."

STEVE ANDERSON. JOSEPHINE SILVEY.

"Steve Anderson is very ill, in General Hospital; he must be about 77 now."

(Note: Steve Anderson, husband of Josephine, younger of the two daughters of Joseph Silvey, or "Portuguese Joe, No. 1" of Gastown, and his first wife, Khaaltinaht, granddaughter of "Old Chief" Ki-ap-i-la-no, and one of the two children of the first marriage [Indian rites] of a European on site of City of Vancouver.)