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[photo annotation:]

Corner of Cordova and Carrall Sts Vancouver.

Mr. Angus Fraser's House built 1877
north west corner

Cordova St. around corner

Cordova St. in trees beyond

Trounce Alley

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. NORMAN EMERSON LOUGHEED, 2891 WEST 45TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER (OVER THE PHONE), 11 MAY 1940.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paull of Granville, Burrard Inlet, whose early home was on Lot 2, Block 3, Old Granville Townsite, now approximately 14 Cordova Street West (Lonsdale Block.)

CHARLES PAULL. HENRY MOLE. DUNN-MILLER BLOCK. LONSDALE BLOCK.

Major Matthews: Mrs. Lougheed. Please tell me how to spell Paull?

Mrs. Lougheed: "PAULL. Two Ls; Father's name was Charles Paull; Mother's name was Elizabeth Ann, née Cornish, daughter of William and Ann Cornish. She came here in 1877 from Cornwall, England. Mr. Cornish, of Cornish Street, was my uncle. Our home was on what is now Cordova Street, where the Dunn-Miller Block is. Mother leased our lot, sixty-six feet, next to the corner; Jonathan Miller's lot was next to ours. Mother leased our lot to Thomas Dunn, the hardware man, for one hundred dollars a month for fifty years; that was in 1889; then when the Lonsdale people took it over, we sold in April 1912, the sixty-six feet for thirty-five thousand dollars. I don't know what the Millers got for their lot, but we got \$35,000 for ours."

CORDOVA STREET AT CARRALL STREET.

Block 3, Lot 2, Charles Paull, purchased 12th July 1877; crown grant 2nd December 1880.

Block 3, Lot 3, Jonathan Miller, purchased 16th April 1878; crown grant 6th November 1886.

GRANVILLE. GASTOWN. SALOONS.

"I was born in New Westminster; my sister, Mrs. Tite, was born on Cordova Street, and I was quite young, so do not remember a great deal of Granville, but I have been reading a serial article in the *Sun* newspaper, called the 'Romance of Vancouver.' Where *does* he get his information from?" (Alan Morley, the writer.)

Major Matthews: He does not get it here in the City Archives, Mrs. Lougheed. I have remonstrated with him. I think the articles disgraceful.

Mrs. Lougheed: "He says the place was called 'Gastown' and was full of saloons. It wasn't called Gastown, and it wasn't full of saloons. We never called it Gastown; we always called it Granville."

Note: this is the second protestation received that Granville was not called "Gastown," but was called "Granville" by the inhabitants. Charles Paull died after a lingering illness, and his widow became Mrs. Henry Mole, of North Arm, Fraser River.

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