

Jules GinterInterviewed March 3, 1972.

Came to Lulu Island 1927 - born 1895 - came from Russia originally as a young boy - farmed in Alberta - Hay Lakes - for six years - bought 10 acres on No. 5 Road - cleaned up brush so as to be able to plough - first couple of years not too much grown because soil needed enriching - manure added if available - fertilizer was too expensive for some farmers - worked in Bridgeport - Butler Macdougall shingle mill - during the '30s mill closed down due to no sales - although there was little circulating money, those on farms fared well - Ginter had a couple of cows and pigs - chickens and ducks were kept by many - early days (circa '20's) no numbering system - mailing address was Burne, R.R. 1 - mailed delivered to box in front of house - 3000 population for all Richmond the - mostly Japanese in Steveston - not much garden farming by Chinese around No. 5 Rd. then - doesn't remember Westminster Highway being access Rd. to Queensboro and New Westminster - to replace plank roads by gravel, cut brush was laid out first then gravel on top - 40¢ hr. Min. wage at shingle mill in 1929 - (story about lowering min. wage due to election of conservative government) - bought land on No. 19 from Boyd in 1953 - custom was for those who got sick in mill to take up farming - 8 of children born at his No. 5 Rd. home - Dr. came to home to deliver children - children all went to Mitchell School - few went to school beyond age 15 - chores for all children then - built up road to New Westminster in 30's - wooden water pipes didn't hold much pressure - when he worked at shingle mill in New Westminster he had a car - one of 3 for the entire plant - Boss, chief engineer, and Ginter had a Ford - has many old pictures - police came from Brighouse - Municipal police - drove cars - only 3 police for all Richmond - one person may have had a still

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but Ginter is not sure - many wild blueberries then - tame blueberries brought in later - bog fires started by chinese from Vancouver who warmed their food while picking blueberries - bog fires came due to extensive dry periods - (bog fire control discussed) - farmers burned peat off land if it wasn't too deep to get at clay for planting - Ginter argues this was a mistake - mixture of clay and peat was best growing combination - 2nd World War aeroplanes practiced bombing with flour sacks over bog - rifle range between 4 and 5 roads - could hear shots clearly - having little money, childrens clothes were repaired and renewed at home - small toys 5¢ - 10¢ was limit spent on children - children earned their bikes by berrypicking.

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