

Dr. C. A. Graves
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Came to Richmond in 1920 - was 34 years old then - practiced in Richmond and Vancouver - Vancouver patients usually were ex-Richmond people - office call \$2.50, house call \$5.00 - kept coded record of patients - treated Indians too - Graves was school doctor - during depression year the jobs for Municipality Medical Health Officer and School Health Inspector were only real source of income - Richmonds first Coroner - cremation developed in Vancouver in later years - Indians placed dead bodies in trees in Queen Charlottes - did not treat many cases of violence - didn't lock doors for many years - went into canneries if called, usually to treat injuries - no Health Inspection in Canneries in early times - Graves had drugstore 29 years in Steveston at 2nd and Moncton Office in drugstore - bought drugstore and his medical certificate allowed him to dispense drugs too - born in 1886 - studied at McGill the year after Osler had left - appointed surgeon to Empress of Japan - worked at Mile 80 of the C.N.R. - went to Queen Charlottes prior to World War I - (discussion of W.W.I) assigned to C.N.R. as Surgeon - Ypres and the Somme ^{Front} ~~Line~~ - returned to B.C. - classmate in Vancouver told Graves there was no doctor either in Steveston or Vancouver Island - discussion about financial arrangements - women stayed home for childbirth - discussion about childbirth practices - Mrs. Graves was a nurse for awhile before marriage - discussion of morphine and an antiseptic made from a mercury base - kept records of prescriptions at drugstore - handled school books etc. - discussion about this - discussion about assigning medical practices in those days - Japanese prompt in paying bills - didn't do major surgery but sent his patients to hospital to doctors he knew there - only treated one animal - helped cat in birth -

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bought Dr. Hepworth's old Ford for \$350.00 - Mrs. Hepworth came from Prairies and was registered nurse in Vancouver - married 50 years last July - during his practice in Steveston didn't have regular nurse but if one was required called upon Vancouver Registry - George Mackey, Stepson of Dr. Hepworth went to Opera house for dances - had big Potlatch to raise money for Community Centre - (story about this) raised about \$1,000 to buy land - 1923 - Graves was Secretary-Treasurer of Community Association - Churches held bazaars - United and Anglican - Catholic Church came later - Maypole dances in Brighthouse - house on Garry St. was surrounded by vacant lots - Fulton family was old family - Murchison had home near them - he was customs officer for Steveston working out of his own home - Parker lived on 4th and Richmond - was first postmaster Steveston Post Office was in the Brick block - Bought own building when he sold drug store - next to Hunts store - had his office in the Building he bought - Japanese had large fields of produce no roadside stands, but often bought directly from farms - patients sometime paid in food rather than cash - home was made over by patients who owed for medical bills - paid head carpenter \$4.00 a day - paid \$1,800 for original house - saw first plane to come to Canada - story about this) - planes landed at Lansdowne Park even before Park was built - (discusses being Coroner) - only one suicide in Richmond in those days.

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