

Mr. Wilfred Van Dusen                      Born    Nov. 7, 1909  
 Miss Sevilla Van Dusen                    "        July 28, 1905  
Mr. Walter Van Dusen

Interviewed Feb. 16, 1972

Moved to Lulu Island 36 or 40 years ago, bought unfinished house from McLennans...on foundation of old granary...Dad worked for Bob Doherty, Sea Island, then self.

Wilf worked 28 years for Dad on truck...started driving at 13 years cranked truck,...lit coal-oil lamps...old Stewart...solid tires... in 10 gal. milk cans weighed 129 lbs. full...100 cans in a truck.. 9 trucks hauling out here but Van Dusen independent...Dad in business (general freighting) 35 yrs. strawberries, potatoes... Mah Bing 250 acres grew potatoes, turnips, cabbage... Empress Jam got 600 tons of fruit out here...Mr. Hunter, owner forward farmers cash on fruit...sold out to Safeway.

1st truck his Dad had he carried milk, chickens, little pigs, later couldn't take vegetables, etc. with milk ...

...Oldfields here time of Vancouver fire...named schools...Jap children had runny noses...they had their own school church..Mr. Shepherd Municipal Clerk at 1st hall...Mrs. Shepherd Secretary of School Board...said husband wife both had job, wasn't right she resigned.

...started picking up milk 7:00 a.m. mixed cattle...Steeves had great big farm...Francis big farm site.

Sevilla made trips (foggy) with Dad...lit hand lamps, walked in front, sit on hood held lamp so Dad could see...over old bridge at Marpole couldn't pass on bridge too narrow...another bridge 6 ft. wider...

...Mary Paxton told how Mother went down river in row boats to Church...drove over corduroy roads...then carts...before dykes.

Milk delivered to Vancouver dairies:

Old Richmond  
 Creamland Dairy  
 Old Royal  
 Gibsons  
 Turners  
 Spencers (Chris Spencer, financed beginners)

no home delivery in Richmond.

- Shelly's Bakery 4X first 2 trucks "peddled bread"
- Oldfield girl's grandmother - clock story - depository of deeds - lost to old bar at time of fire.
- she has old scranbook to check on.
- stoneboats - 2 planks, box on, hitch team...Mrs. Betty Skinner (Francis Road family) real estate concern...has pic.
- ...David Dick - Cambie Road past No. 4 Road drove 1st school bus.
- ...Tom Leslie, Steveston had store west of Community store, father had 1st gas tank out in front...used to have to drive over all Richmond to Steveston to get gas for car so people kept 4 to 5 cans in back of car.

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