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## Whonnock 1897 John Williamson's Diary

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## JOHN WILLIAMSON'S DIARY OF 1897

John Williamson, the author of the diary, was the father-in-law of Levi Charles York, owner of the Whonnock general store from 1894 until 1906. Fortunately, some decades ago, one of L.C. York's sons, Albert E. York, heard from his niece Ethel Jackson about the existence of the Williamson diary, and he decided to transcribe it. As A.E. York explains in a letter: "I had retired and made typewritten copies, a lot of tedious work, but put in some carbons, and sent one copy to Keith[Wilcox], another to Ethel [Jackson née Wilcox], and an excerpt or two to a son, also a daughter of my sister Gwen (Cooke)."<sup>1</sup>

Ethel Jackson lived in Mission in later years, where she gave a copy of A.E. York's transcript of the diary to Karin Edberg, sister-in-law of Whonnock's Theodore M. Lee.<sup>2</sup> Ted Lee, a descendant of the Whonnock Norwegians mentioned in the diary, shared his copy with fellow Whonnockian and local historian Brian Byrnes. Brian Byrnes kindly permitted me to reproduce the transcript. I tried to find the original diary but had no success. A.E. York had died in 1992, and as so often happens with documents in private hands, no one today seems to know what happened to the original diary.<sup>3</sup> Fortunately Katherine (Isbister) Fadden brought me into contact with A.E. York's son, R.C. (Bob) York, who at least could provide me with a second copy of A.E. York's transcript. His and our copies missed a few pages, but not the same ones, and we were able to complete both sets.

We can't be grateful enough for A.E. York's efforts in transcribing the 1897 diary. The quotation marks around the text he transcribed suggest that he tried to make a true transcript of the original text, but we cannot compare his typescript with the manuscript for confirmation and corrections. We know from A.E. York's comments at the end of his transcript that he did not copy existing entries from 12 November to 31 December 1896 but we don't know if he omitted any other text. For example, between the entries of 13 January and 17 January A.E. York noted: "On several pages here it says 'Not any Pass yet'." Was that all that was entered on these dates?

In the section **BACKGROUND**, are some notes on the arrival of the Yorks in Whonnock, as well as comments on John Williamson and this small community in 1897, and events touching the lives of Whonnockians at that time.

A.E. York introduced the diary entries with some information on the family and his personal memories (**A.E. YORK'S INTRODUCTION TO THE DIARY**). This introduction included a few quotations of en-

tries from the diary which were not included by A.E. York in his transcription of the diary itself. These missing quotations have now also been copied as entries in the diary itself.

The transcription of the 1897 diary entries in these *Whonnock Notes* follows A.E. York's typewritten text closely with the following exceptions. In his transcript A.E. York placed quotations from the diary between quotation marks. Here the diary entries are shown

without quotation marks. Notes and commentaries made by A.E. York in his typewritten text are here shown between (parentheses). Text placed between [brackets] in this transcript includes clarifications or corrections. Mostly that is done at a first occurrence only. Idiosyncrasies in spelling, grammar and punctuation were generally kept unchanged. Some minor changes were made where obviously the typist and not John Williamson, made an error. In this transcription names of ships are *italicized* and names of mineral claims are shown in SMALL CAPS.

**APPENDICES:**

*NOTES AND COMMENTS*—provides information arranged by date.

Some of the material is immediately related to specific diary entries, but other notes and comments provide contemporary reading material from minutes, newspapers and other sources to highlight the matters discussed in the diary.

*NAMES OF PEOPLE MENTIONED IN THE DIARY*—The diary includes 300 different names referring to around 200 family names. I have listed the names alphabetically and, where possible, added some form of identification from directories, voters list, or census. Information about most individuals is scarce, and about some—in particular those outside the area—we don't know more than their name mentioned in the diary. Prominent in the diary are the descendants of the first settlers of the area such as the Robertsons, Garners, Gardners, Cromartys and more. These bicultural families, dating back to the days of the Hudson's Bay Company, and mostly of Scottish-Sto:lo descent are closely related and I thought it would help to add a diagram showing these relationships in this section. I have done the same for two Norwegian settler families: the Lees and the Nelsons.

*YORK AND WILLIAMSON FAMILIES*—information provided by Robert York and others on the families.

*MINERAL CLAIMS RECORDS*—I have listed registered claims as recorded at the Mineral Titles Office in Vancouver.

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## BACKGROUND

### *THE ARRIVAL OF THE YORKS IN WHONNOCK<sup>4</sup>*

L.C. York<sup>5</sup> and his wife did not step into a vacuum when they moved west from the Prairies and came to British Columbia. Two nephews of L.C. York's, children of a half-brother, a son from an earlier marriage of L.C. York's father, had lived in Mission for some years. Archibald and Andrew Nelson York may have arrived in British Columbia as early as 1887.<sup>6</sup> Andrew would then have been 15 years old and his brother, Archibald, 29 years, approximately the same age as L.C. York. At the end of the 1880s J.W. Horne created a short-lived local storm by projecting and selling sites of an "instant" Mission City on the swampy flats where St. Mary's Mission started twenty years before. The core of Horne's project was the construction of a main street attracting a workforce of more than 1,000 men by 1891, and that meant business. In 1889 Merrill Des Brisay opened his shop and the York brothers, butchers by trade, must have done the same and did good business. The *Mission City News* of June 17, 1893 reports that "A[rchibald].C. York is building a fine residence for himself...."

A.E. York suggests in his introduction to the diary that the Yorks came to Whonnock in the early 1890s and Robert York records that John Williamson lent money to the young couple "to purchase a store in Whonnock in 1891." It seems likely that they first moved to Mission and only later, in 1893, established themselves in Whonnock. The 1891 Census, still shows George Smith as the local merchant in Whonnock and does not record the L.C. Yorks in Whonnock. Based on the York family information their first daughter, Gladys Adele York, was born in Whonnock in December of 1892. A close inspection of the registration suggests that the birth was registered by L.C. York, resident of Whonnock, in November of the following year, 1893. It is quite possible that Gladys Adele was born in Mission in 1892 and not in Whonnock. At least the midwife attending was a Mission resident.<sup>7</sup> Directories for 1892 and 1893 still listed George A. Smith as postmaster and general merchant, and did not mention the Yorks.<sup>8</sup> Perhaps the Whonnock store changed hands at some time in 1893.

By 1894 the business was clearly in the hands of L.C. York. The minutes of the council meeting of 2 January 1894 record the receipt of a letter from L.C. York, "offering the use of his store as polling station for the coming election." As a property owner L.C. York's name started to appear on the voters' list as from that year. The municipal assessment rolls of Maple Ridge for 1894 show jointly the names of L.C. York and Edward Parris<sup>9</sup> for the property. George A. Smith resigned as postmaster in April of 1894 and L.C. York was assigned as postmaster starting 1 July 1894. A few days earlier York's second child, Edith Gwendolin York, was born in Whonnock.<sup>10</sup> The school records show that G. A. Smith left Whonnock early in 1895.

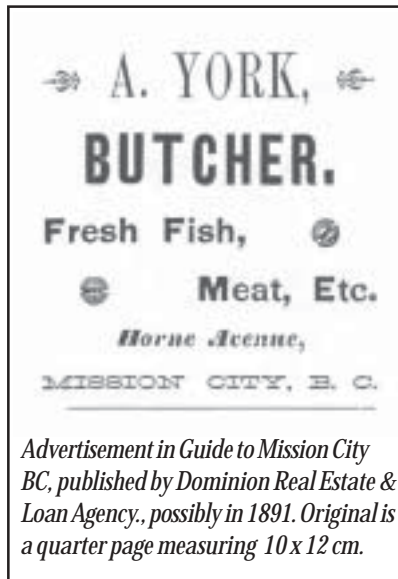
John Williamson may well have come to Whonnock with L.C. York and his wife, but there is no evidence of his presence until 1896. He seems to have remained in Whonnock with the Yorks until 1906 when they sold the shop and moved to Vancouver. The involvement of John Williamson in the store became evident as from 1896 when the Maple Ridge municipal assessment rolls showed John Williamson's name together with L.C. York's, replacing Edward Parris's, who left for Slocan City early in 1896. John Williamson's name stayed on the roll until 1900, after which year only L.C. York's is mentioned.

The store in Whonnock must have been profitable enough to convince L.C. York in 1897 not to sell the shop and move to the Kootenays with his Mission friends and relatives. There was talk in Whonnock that Mr. York would fail, and Mrs. Margaret Sutherland, who bought property not far from the Whonnock store in 1895, would have been eager to take over the business.<sup>11</sup> Note the competition between Yorks and Sutherlands in providing accommodation for transient visitors. L.C. York pursued other means of income than the shop. His speculations in the small "mines" staked in the area (of which he owned more than the diary suggests) may not have been very profitable,

but he was also involved in salmon fishery, and lumber provided another potential source of revenue. Buying, selling, or brokering what he could put his hands on kept him going: "mines," lumber, a team of horses, and salmon, and obviously with success.

These ventures required equipment on credit and capital provided by York to pay the working men. There was always risk involved as John Williamson is eager to point out in his diary. It was common practice to give credit in the store—a necessity in this cash-strapped society. This required a close watch of some customers who, rather than paying their debts, would purchase elsewhere when cash came their way. Few people had cash in Whonnock and it appears that only the larger undertakings, like the yearly salmon run, produced sufficient income to settle accounts with money. Debts were mostly reduced in exchange for labour and produce.

When John Williamson writes the 1897 diary in Whonnock he is 77 years old. Eager and attentive, he feels isolated by the much younger generation of settlers around him. Most men are in their thirties. He may not be able to participate physically in the search for and harvest of the abundance of natural resources near and far from Whonnock but he follows the younger men's exploits with keen interest and stories of their success and failure always find their way into his diary. He wants at least to be a stakeholder, a participant, but as he complains frequently, no one lets him in.



Of that active world, which excludes John Williamson, his son John Andrew is a dynamic participant. John Williamson follows the busy days of this man, who always seems to be on the go, with admiration and caring attention. On the other hand he looks with a jaundiced eye at the life of his daughter and, in particular, the doings of his son-in-law, L.C. York.

John Williamson as he appears in the diary, is a pessimist and he tends to hold negative views of those around him, as he admits on some occasions. Not only age and experience have taught John Williamson to be cautious. Even if he were younger Williamson might be reluctant to play the games of L.C. York. Williamson would never be the kind of risk-taking entrepreneur L.C. York is. York is in the prime of his life in the heydays of optimism and unrestrained and uncontrolled speculation. John Williamson may be worried that he has no input or insight in his son-in-law's transactions but it would frighten him to know more than he does.

In a short time L.C. York is to become a well-connected and successful businessman and the family leaves the store in Whonnock for a comfortable life in Vancouver, taking John Williamson with them.<sup>12</sup>

The diary shows how much John Williamson appreciates a friendly get-together, of which there are too few in the extremely busy days at the Whonnock store. His daughter and son-in-law do not share much of their social life with him and he finds little friendship around him for himself. He tries to make himself useful in the store, hesitating to make decisions. He gets in the way of his daughter who tries to do a day's work with three young children hanging around, often losing her patience. But she takes care of him when he suffers from his boil, "makes egg-nogs, poultices my neck very often every day." That and the fact that an arrangement was made to pay him out, may have reconciled the old man with the young couple. John Williamson remains a part of the L.C. York household for many more years and his grandchildren remember him fondly.

#### THOUGHTS ABOUT WHONNOCK<sup>13</sup> IN 1897

An interesting aspect of John Williamson's diary is that it gives us some insight into the reactions of many of his contemporaries to some of the events of the year outside Whonnock. The year 1897 was Queen Victoria's jubilee year, celebrated all over the Commonwealth and the Dominion with pomp and circumstances. The Scot Williamson was not a fervent royalist. His remark about it in his diary involve Mrs. York and her children travelling to the festivities in Port Haney and Reverend Dunn mentioning it one Sunday.

The diary entries at the beginning of the year tell us of the attraction of the Kootenays, where mining prospects gathered thousands of miners and tradesmen to develop the new-found wealth in the Boundary area and the Slocan. As previously in Mission City, this accumulation of people with money to spend offered irresist-



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*Whonnock general store. Photograph provided by A.E. York to Mission Museum. Note that the building is divided in two parts. The larger part to the left was the store, post office and telegraph office. The family lived on the right side and had an entry separate from the one to the store. The photograph on page 9 was taken on the steps leading to the part where the family lived. The photograph on page 54 shows L.C. York standing at the door to the store. The front porch of the part where the Yorks lived was fenced with chicken wire.*

ible opportunities for merchants. Merrill Des Brisay had already placed his shop in sleepy Mission City in the capable hands of a manager, and moved his family to Nelson where he had opened a branch. Edward Parris moved to Slocan City in the spring of 1896, where he opened shop with one Alex Des Brisay — perhaps a relative of Merrill Des Brisay. Also Archibald and Albert York opened a store in Slocan City. L.C. York gave some serious thoughts to selling the Whonnock store and following his two nephews to the Kootenays, but for unknown reasons abandoned the idea.

Since the gold rush days prospectors had been active all over the province, in particular at times when there was no other work to do. Encouraging mineral finds in the year 1896 in the Kanaka Creek area in the northern part of what today is Whonnock turned everyone with time on their hands into a prospector. All over the mountainous north shore and the outcroppings of the Fraser Valley people looked for precious minerals. Although the Harrison Lake area got most attention prospectors staked many claims in the eastern part of Maple Ridge as well. In the end, little else but a bit of excitement came out of these finds. Speculation was rampant and there was obviously more interest in selling prospects than to develop the claims or "mines," as Williamson liked to call them. It was a game of bluff-poker and the winner could earn hundreds of dollars. Larger enterprises sold what mostly proved to be worthless mining stocks to naïve investors.

As required by the law the Whonnock prospectors did minimal work to the claims, lacking capital for serious development or hesitating to put their own money at risk. The diary suggests that in the Whonnock area only a few claims at were given serious attention. It gave some related work to Whonnockians but expert work-

ers were hired from outside the community and even from the Whatcom area to work on the claim itself. Perhaps the local expertise was lacking, perhaps there was a potential buyer south of the border and possibly there was no need to let the local boys know if the claim was really worth anything. As the year progressed and summer came along most of the interest dwindled and the prospectors turned to the more mundane job of putting bread on the table, finding income working in the woods or preparing for the fishing season.

The salmon run of the year 1897 was exceptional. It was one of the biggest on record. Fishing restrictions

could not stop a phenomenal waste and destruction. The canneries simply could not handle the harvest, and low prices paid for the salmon changed what looked like prosperity into a year of great disappointment for the fishermen on the Fraser.

Then, one day that summer, all at once the Klondike bursts into the news. It let people forget about the Kootenays, the local "mines" and the fishing disaster and the other mishaps in their lives, and it kindled the dreams of instant wealth and prosperity. As the year ends the thoughts of all were focused on the spring and the opportunities in the Yukon with great anticipation. Many would go north the following year.

There must have been more than 250 people living in the Whonnock-Stave River area of Maple Ridge in the late 1890s. There were between 80 and 85 registered taxpaying landowners.<sup>14</sup> The Reverend Dunn, Mrs. Sutherland, and Charles Cook owned most of the land of the core of Whonnock, where the store was and a few others, such as L.C. York, owned small lots. Most newly arrived settlers lived back of the Whonnock core and near the Stave River. Not all lived on their own land. Many settlers and their families used land held by people living outside the community.

The First Nations presence on the Reserves was already heavily reduced. Only a few families, mainly Cheers and Fedeles lived there. Amongst the older settlers of the Whonnock-Stave River area was Robert Robertson, who settled in Whonnock around 1860. The descendants and relatives of Robertson and other early settlers are frequently mentioned in the diary and they took an active part in the economy of the area. More recent settlers, mostly of British descent, brought their prejudices against these early inhabitants with them. Many came from Ontario and the Atlantic Provinces, often via the Prairies. Some came from or via the United States. Chinese workers stayed around after the completion of the railroad. Of other nationalities present the Norwegians were notable in the Whonnock area. Some Norwegian families, mostly fishermen and farmers from the Trondheim area, had established them-

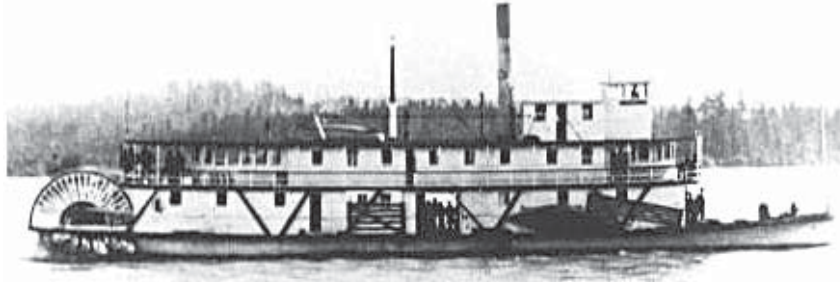
selves early and successfully in the community. In the late 1880s came the Anderson, Nelsons, and the Lees, followed by the Knudtsens in 1896. Their success may be measured by the land they lived on and owned. In 1898 the Lee sons were among the many from the Whonnock area to participate in the Klondike gold rush. Some left Whonnock for good.

The Canadian Co-operative Society, Limited, with office in Mission City, was filed and registered as a joint stock company on 15 December 1895. Perhaps it was a product of that large accumulation of labour in Mission City earlier in the decade. One of the first objectives of the

society was to own and operate saw mills. Some time in 1896 the society started with a mill at the confluence of the Stave and Fraser rivers. The mill was called Ruskin Mills. The mill brought new people to the community and also a store. Only a few entries in the diary refer to "the mill" and some members are mentioned by name, such as John Carver, the blacksmith. The name Ruskin or Ruskin Mills was originally restricted to the saw mill and those making their living there were shown in the directories as living at Ruskin Mills. The association broke up a few years later but the name Ruskin remained and was eventually adopted for the entire area between Whonnock Creek and Stave River.

In 1884 the government had defined the Stave River school district to include the present Whonnock and Ruskin area south of what is now Dewdney Trunk Road. The Stave River School was opened in Whonnock in August 1885. It is mostly referred to as the "first Whonnock School." The province funded the construction and furniture. In 1897, the people of the co-operative wanted their own school, for which they provided space at the Ruskin mill. Recognizing the requirements of the Ruskin Mills children, the old Stave River school district was divided into two: the Stave River School District to the east, and the Whonnock School District to the west. The dividing line between the new districts ran straight north-south from what is now Dewdney Trunk Road through Whonnock Lake along the straight part of 280th Street to the Fraser River. In 1897, thirty pupils, mostly children from members of the Society, were registered at the new "Stave River" school at Ruskin Mills. In a way this marks the beginning of Ruskin and Whonnock as separate communities.

Sunday services of the Anglicans would be held at the little Anglican church, built in 1891, which is extant as a home on 272nd Street; the oldest still existing building in Whonnock. The Norwegian Lutherans used the building also for their services, before they built their own church in 1905. The Presbyterians met at the schoolhouse and dedicated a church building in 1914, in the presence of



Courtesy Delta Museum

Steamer Transfer

the Reverend Alexander Dunn mentioned earlier.

To get to the school or to get around at all in the community was not easy. Local roads needed constant repair, were muddy in winter and dusty in summer. There were trails, leading across properties, such as the trail to the school followed by the school children living back of the Whonnock core across Mrs. Sutherland's property. The rail tracks were used by all as a walking path to go west or east. Roads between the communities along the river were virtually non-existent. Long distance transportation was provided on the river and by the railroad. Both the train and the riverboats provided more than adequate services to the community. One could do business or visit Mission, New Westminster, and even Vancouver and be back the same day. Daily trains also provided connections with the world east of the Rocky Mountains, and via Bellingham (Whatcom) with points in the United States. The trains and paddle wheelers delivered goods and mail and picked up commodities for the markets. They assured a constant flow of people through the community. If the information these people brought was not enough, the settlers could decide which newspapers to read. Rather than the dailies published in New Westminster and Vancouver, the settlers could inform themselves of the events in the province and the world outside by reading the weekly *British Columbian*<sup>15</sup>, published every Wednesday morning in New Westminster.

Whonnock, with its rail station and its store was a hub for settlers in the surrounding rather large area. As the diary shows there are contacts with settlers to the east in the Stave River area, to the northeast at the Stave Falls and Stave Lake area, before the damming, and to the north with the settlers in its hinterland. There is much less evidence of contact with people from the other communities in Maple Ridge or Mission. It is interesting to note the connections with the settlers on the south shore, across the Fraser. Before Glen Valley had its own school the children would attend the Stave River School in Whonnock. It was easier for children from across the river to attend the new Stave River School at Ruskin Mills than to find their way to Mount Lehman. Mail crossed the river to and from the Whonnock post office to Glen Valley for many years. A mower was borrowed from across the river and hay bought in Glen Valley. People visited across the river. The early directories listed people living in Glen Valley under the name Whonnock, mostly without distinction. The river was no obstacle, it united the settlements across the river. It was easier to row a boat across than to walk from the core of Whonnock to Ruskin Mills.

In 1897 the Fraser River still took centre stage. Since times immemorial the river was the only route of access for many First Nations, and also for the new settlers water continued to be the main way of transportation for a long time. The railway brought increasing numbers of new settlers, but, as the diary shows, the paddle wheelers and other craft continued to be a valued and economic mode of transportation. The river and the railroad connected the small settlements up and down the stream but these had few economic ties; they were competitors. The diary shows that train or river boats took the settlers mostly to their businesses in

the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster and sometimes Mission. Only the arrival of cars, and the roads they demanded, allowed the concentration of shopping centres, to the detriment of the small community stores, such as Mr. York's.

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> From a letter from A.E York to Brian and Isabel Byrnes, Whonnock dated 18 February 1983. A.E York retired 31 December 1976.

<sup>2</sup> In 1981 the Mission Museum received a typewritten copy of the diary on loan from A.E York. At that time a transcription was made from the typewritten copy. This transcription—now part of the fonds of the Mission Community Archives—varies from A.E York's transcript and should be destroyed.

<sup>3</sup> I am still looking for the original of John Williamson's diary. In particular the 1896 part, not copied by Albert E. York, may contain interesting information on for instance Ruskin Mills. The Whonnock Community Association continues to collect copies or originals of documents of interest to the history of Whonnock and Ruskin.

<sup>4</sup> These Yorks are not related, not even back in England, with the Thomas York family from the Sumas area.

<sup>5</sup> Levi Charles York did not like the name "Levi" and preferred to be known as "L.C."—some friends called him "Charlie."

<sup>6</sup> *The Province*, 25 September, 1954, "Pioneer Jitney Operator Dies at 88." The article says: "Mr. [Andrew] York came to BC in 1887 and settled in Mission."

<sup>7</sup> BC Vitals Statistics Reg. No. 1892-09-081192.

<sup>8</sup> Directories are not the most reliable source of information, however the information included was often supplied by the local merchant, in this case G.A. Smith.

<sup>9</sup> In the census of 1891 Edward Parris is shown as a 22-year old farmer living in Mission. He had a room in the store in Whonnock (see diary entry 30 April) prior to his departure to Slocan City in 1896. Edward Parris became school trustee in Whonnock in 1895 and he resigned as trustee in 1896, because of his departure. L.C. York was school trustee as early as 1894.

<sup>10</sup> BC Vital Statistics Reg. No. 1894-09-081193

<sup>11</sup> Diary entry Wednesday: "Sept. 16 1897 Revd. Mr. Dunn is here. He & Mr. York had a long talk about an accusation brought against Mr. Dunn by Mrs. Sutherland about him selling that place and representing the place to be better than it is, and that she, in a very short time, would do all the business. It was expected that Mr. York would fail, then she would have the business and all to herself." Mrs. Sutherland held a bakery and a store, according to a directory a few years later. Mrs. Sutherland assisted Mrs. York at the birth of A.E. York in 1901, according to a letter from A.E. York to the Mission Museum dated 26 June 1981. After selling most of her land to the Lee family she sold the last part along Wharf Road (1 2/3 acres) and presumably her home and business to L.C. York in 1903 or 1904.

<sup>12</sup> It is tragic that much later in his life, after John Williamson's death, L.C. York would lose all he had—a substantial capital—as happened to many in those boom-or-bust days of uncontrolled speculation. It brought an end to A.E York's university study and the comfortable life in Vancouver. L.C. York worked again as a telegraph operator for CPR.

<sup>13</sup> The name Whonnock at that time was often spelt Wharnock since, for unknown reasons, that was the name given by CPR to the rail station. Many officials followed that spelling and minute books show both Whonnock and Wharnock.

<sup>14</sup> Maple Ridge Municipality - Assessment 1897.

<sup>15</sup> Unfortunately the *British Columbian* weekly edition of 1897 is not available in British Columbia.

## A. E. YORK'S INTRODUCTION TO HIS TRANSCRIPT OF THE DIARY

JOHN WILLIAMSON.

BORN IN GLASGOW SCOTLAND 1820.

DIED AT 1676 HARO STREET, VANCOUVER BC, IN 1910.

As a young man John Williamson came to Canada, and with his brother David, ten years older than John, moved to the Omeme and Beaverton district in Ontario. John married twice, to two sisters, Ellen Fowler, and Elizabeth Fowler. There is a place in Ontario called "Fowler's Corner."

First Family David and James [from the marriage with Ellen Fowler]. In second family [from the marriage with Elizabeth Fowler]: Albert, Will, John Andrew, Elizabeth Ellen (Mrs. L.C. York). Three younger ones died early. Elizabeth Ellen's mother died when her daughter was six, and Elizabeth Ellen was then brought up by her Uncle David and his four unmarried daughters, who eventually lived at Pilot Butte, which, I think, is near Regina, Sask. John Williamson regularly attended the Presbyterian Church and sang in the choir.

Ellen Elizabeth, sometimes known as Nellie, married L.C. York, who had been a schoolteacher in Winnipeg, and a telegraph operator in Regina, when she was 19 years old, and he was six years older. Probably her birthday was April 10th, 1870 and his April 19th, 1864. They borrowed money from her father, John Williamson and, in the early 1890s opened a general store at Whonnock, BC where six of their seven children were born, before they moved to Vancouver in 1906.

First child, Gladys Adele York married Walter Wilcox, a widower with three daughters, Ethel, Clara and Freda, and they had sons Keith and Denis. Second child, Gwen York, married the Rev. A.E. Cooke, who had come from Ireland, and they had a son Norman and daughters Sheila and Sylvia.

John Williamson moved into his daughter's household at Whonnock and has left a diary for the year 1897. It is apparent that after being master in his own house, he felt restricted and disregarded in the York household. His money was tied up in the business and money came in slowly, depending partly on salmon fishing and some mining. But in late 1897 he started being repaid \$1.00 per day on his loan. He was beginning to feel his years, about 77 at this time, but lived until 89 or nearly 90.

JOHN WILLIAMSON AND OTHERS.

These Williamsons were said to belong to the McAlpine Clan, through Kenneth McAlpine, and descended from Malcolm, King of the Scots. It was on this account that Mrs. L.C. York's first son was named Kenneth Cecil. There was a distant relative, Lady Fitzgerald visited the Yorks at 1635 7th Ave. West in Vancouver. Mrs L.C. York when a girl of 14 was offered a school to teach, but her "people" said she was too young. It is said that one Grandmother had "Second sight" if there is such a thing. And Adele Wilcox claimed to have had some strange experiences. And a banshee was supposed to scream on the death of a Williamson of this family.

Here is a quotation from one of Adele Wilcox's letters:

"I recall once Grandfather Williamson got mixed up in the days, and cleaned his shoes on Sunday. He felt badly, good old Presbyterian background of no work on Sundays. At Whonnock the children were not allowed to play ball, or any other games, on Sunday. We had Sunday at Home, with suitable books. Mother used to teach in Presbyterian Sunday School. In the mornings we drove up to a little church in among the trees. It was a lovely little church. Every night Mother used to play the piano, and she and Grandpa would sing the good old Moody and Sanky hymns. Then Mother used to read to us from the "Peep of Day" and "Line upon Line." I never forgot those Bible stories. Grandpa used to sing us to sleep;

I learned lots of the psalms that way. I still love them. Grandpa was with us for years at Whonnock and then in Vancouver."

John Williamson sometimes got lonely and felt neglected. In his diary he mentions one or two times when his daughter and her husband went to parties, and he was left out. He mentions his daughter "getting on her high horse". He referred to women as being "kittle cattle." He writes, "If I had the wings of a dove, I would fly away."

And his son, John Andrew Williamson is much mentioned in the diary of 1897. John A. seems to have been a powerhouse of energy, full of "days works." He rowed freight and materials across the Fraser River, he built a sleigh, he hauled wood, cut fence posts, worked at haying, cleaned up the chicken yard, worked at anything to make a dollar, worked for Mr. York, did all the hard work and "Mr. York took all the glory." But John Williamson sometimes helped in the store, fed the chickens, and one of his steady chores was to clean all the coal oil lamps each morning. When the family first moved to Vancouver, where there were electric lights he missed this daily task which had hitherto occupied some of his time. John Andrew must have been Uncle Jack, who later acquired, or built the "Oilery" at Ladner, where fish heads and entrails were processed to get oil and fertiliser. Cecil York, who often visited there, said it smelt pretty strong there. John Andrew Williamson married Mary Henderson of Whonnock. Four children: Fred, Eva, Walter, and Edward—last died in infancy.

Diary: "May 4th 1897, 48 above. Fine... We sowed onions, carrots, parsnips, beets, turnips, lettuce, parsley, marjoram. John A. came home and went on after reporting good progress. Mrs. York got a washing machine. Mrs. Rolly worked here all day."

We may wonder, if we have nothing else to do, what was a washing machine like in those days? No power. Was it actuated by a handle? By muscle power? The wringer was, of course. It is apparent that Mrs. York had women in to work for her, part of the time. By 1897 there were three young children: Adele, Gwen and Cecil. There was housekeeping, washing, cooking, changing diapers, giving the children a bath. Helping in the store, and Mrs. York also did the bookkeeping, for the store, and for the in-store Post Office as well as taking a turn at milking the cow. What about sewing and ironing?

The diary says "Sunday May 2nd 1897, warm and dry 42 degrees. Mr. and Mrs. York, the children and I went to Mr. Whetham's today. Mr. York carried Cecil, Mrs. York changed & carried Cecil and Mr. York carried Gwendolin. Miss York (Adele) walked with me, she complained of having a sore foot; that had no effect. Then she said she was tired. We had a good time. When we came away, Mr. Whetham carried Gwendolin to the Rancheree."

At this time Mrs. York must have [been] 26 or 27 years old, her husband 6 years older, with three children, and four to come. In later years, Adele (Mrs. Walter Wilcox) said she was jealous, when she was 18 months old, when the new baby Gwen arrived. She wouldn't go to her Mother, but ran into the store, clad only in a little shirt, to her Father. She got hold of one of the sticks which lay on the windowsills to prop up open windows and tapped the new baby on the head. So Grandpa put in nails, and tied the sticks. And she would get a piece of kindling, open the stove door, and play with fire, until her mother grabbed her and spanked her with the piece of kindling. She says "as soon as I could lug a baby, I had to mind babies. No sooner would I get settled down to play, or, later, to read, than would come the call 'Adele, come and mind the baby!' I had to keep the whole gang of you off the railway track, and out of the Fraser River." John Williamson's Diary starts on Friday Jan. 1st, 1897. [Here A.E. York starts with the diary entries.]



## JOHN WILLIAMSON'S DIARY OF 1897

Friday Jan. 1st 1897 Happy New Year, A dance at Nelson's last night. Rain this morning, 34 degrees. Mr. Hendry went to Langley last night to celebrate the New Year. Mr. York took care of the cow. Mr. Langley did not send us a goose.

Saturday Jan 2nd 1897. Fine. Thermometer at 7 am 30 and 50 at noon. Mr. Hendry not home yet; I do not care when he comes home if he would only send home my boat; when a man is old, and don't belong to any Society, everything goes. He ought to be head of all the Fishermen. John Andrew was at the dance, and had two dances.

Monday Jan 4th 1897. Rained nearly all night and all day. Business quiet. Mr. Cook asked John A. if he would go hunting and prospecting with him for a fortnight. John A. declined.

Tuesday Jan 5th 1897. Steady rain, 38 above. Mr. York went to New Westminster to see if he could get Mr. Scott to give some money on Downie's logs. Mr. Downie is not willing to pay his account. He wants to pay a little and let nearly all the account run on. Joe, the Chinese sold a hog to Mr. York on acct. [accoun], and

charged 8 cents a lb. Said he would sell for 6 cents per lb. for cash. He has been in Mr. York's debt for three years.

Wednesday Jan 6th 1897. Rain 42. Mr. York returned from New Westminster by the *Gladys*. Got no money from Mr. Scott.

Friday Jan 8th 1897. Fine 29. I wish I could get away, it is very quiet, not any work going on, no cash to pay workmen if you can get them to work. Mr. Hendry came back at 10 oc [o'clock], just one week of an outing.

Sunday Jan 10 1897. Train detained. Landslide west. No service in the school house. Rev. Mr. Dunn was a passenger on delayed train. Quite a number of people at the school house waiting for the service. White frost at night, fog in the morning.

Monday Jan 11 1897. White frost. Fine 24 A[bove]. Mr. Fletcher came here. There was neither boat nor train, they took my boat, rowed to Haney in one hour and fifteen minutes, it took two hours to row back. (Note by A.E. York: During 1897 a good many mining claims were staked. I do not know if any paying mines were developed.)



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Photo enclosed with a letter from A.E. York to Mission Museum dated 1 December 1981. Albert York's explanation: "...from left to right in back row Gwen (Cooke) and Adele (Wilcox); seated Mrs. L.C. York with Kathleen [Fadden] on her knee; L.C. York with Cecil on his knee, and Grandfather John Williamson, with a book, no doubt it is a bible, on his knee. (In his younger days, he liked some Scotch whiskey)."

Tuesday Jan 12th. Rain and snow, not cold. John Andrew and Mr. Cook were going to see the GOLDEN DAWN today, but it was too wet. Mr. Hendry is going to work for a farmer at Langley for \$18.00 per month to make money to pay his fare to Kootenay. Mr. York is fitting him out like a Prince.

Wednesday Jan 13th 1897. Fine, 28 above at 7:50 am, 64 at noon. Business quiet, Mr. L.C. York went to Mission on No. 2. Mr. DesBrisay was a passenger.

Jan 14th. Fine and 20 a[bove] in am. Mount Baker showing to advantage. Ball elected as Counsellor by a majority of two. They don't want an honest man. (Note by A.E. York: On several pages here it says "not any Pass yet." Presumably this was a pass on the C.P. Railroad. L.C. York had a telegraph instrument connected to C.P.R. wires in the store, sent and received telegrams, and must have applied for a pass for John Williamson, on the basis that he was a dependent).

Sunday, Jan 17, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Calder & Mr. Derenburg were here to help us eat a turkey. Rev. A. Dunn had service in the school house at 4 PM, subject "Faith" Hebrew 11 Verses 7, 8, 9. Mr. York, Mr. Calder and I went into the school and heard a good Sermon. Mrs. Dunn had LaGrip [sic].

Tuesday Jan 19th. John A. got one of the fishing boats hauled upon the wharf and washed it out. Messrs. Boyd & Black came home today from the Harrison Lake country with a lot of samples. Mr. Black had staked seven claims.

Jan 20, 1897. Rain 35 a[bove]. Business quiet. Mr. Robinson [Rev. Hugh Robertson] gave a lecture on the upper country, about 30 people present. Mills Johnson sang a song. Miss McGarr [Magar] and two others. Messrs. York, Carver, Harrison & John A. rowed over in the big fishing boat. Our people got home at 12 o'clock, neither early or late.

Thursday Jan 21st. Fair 31. Tommy took the cows out. Stormy all night, fair this morning. Messrs. York, Carver, Mathewson, John A. and I pulled two fishing boats on to the wharf. I washed the white boat today. Messrs. Black and Boyd went on the *Gladys* today to New Westminster. The Walden Bros. came from Vancouver going to their ranch to prospect.

Jan 22nd. fine morning. Walden Bros. speaking of making a road to their mines, and ours. They said if we worked making a road, it would count in our assessment, the same as developing, but each man must have a miner's license, or the work would not count. Mr. Rolly got the white boat to go to Langley. Dr. Drew came to visit Tilly.

Jan 23rd. Mr. Tilly is a little better.

Sunday January 24th 1897. Fine, quite [a] storm of wind all night. Mr. Rolly was here this morning. He got one of the kittens to kill the rats. He could not talk about anything but his ledge. Gwendoline was very costive for two days, they gave her an injection, it had no effect. Mr. and Mrs. York gave her another this morning which had a good effect. Mr. Dunn is not much better. (Note by A.E. York: And here is a word about sickness. Mrs. L.C. York, in later years, said that when Adele was a baby,

she became desparately ill. She prayed very hard that her first born child should be saved. And Adele recovered. And later, Charlie, as a baby, fell in a creek, and was rescued barely in time, from drowning. Long before this, David Williamson was given up by the Doctors at the age of 19. The coffin was bought, he got better and lived until 3 months from his hundredth birthday).

Monday Jan 25th. Clear and bright. 24 degrees. Master Nelson got John A. to help him push out Odin Lee's boat. He was going over the river to Mrs. McCrae, but the wind was blowing so hard that he was nearly blown away. John A. had to help him to take the boat up from the rock. The wind is blowing hard from the north east.

Tuesday Jan 26th 1897. Frost 20 degrees of frost this morning. Very fine at noon. Mr. Dunn is some better. Mr. McGinn came here this evening. He tells that he has a Rich mine, and willing to sell a share. The *Bon Accord* is frozen at Boyd's slough. Young Dawson, James Cromarty's nephew is here on a visit.

Wednesday Jan 27. Frosty clear and bright. Mr. McGinn says he is going to Vancouver to sell, but he is in the habit of talking fibby. "O wad some power the giftie gie us / To see oursels as others see us / It would frae monie a blunder free us / And foolish notion. / What airs in dress and gait wad lea'e us /and e'en devotion." (Note by A.E. York: Robert Burns page 31). [*To a Louse*]

Thursday, Jan 28th. Snowing a little very fine snow. Things are changing. The people are changed for the better, every little [change] helps to make life sweeter. John is cleaning the chicken yard. Young Dawson is visiting Hairsine's. He is going to help his uncle J. Cromarty to develop his claim on Stave Lake. Mr. York is to get the dynamite & pay his share of the work & get an interest in the mine. Rain. The *Bon Accord* steamed out of the slough about 4 o'clock.

Friday Jan 29th, Rain this morning, not cold, outlook foggy. Mr. Peterson is hauling ties with two yoke of oxen. Some of the fishermen are taking stock in a cannery and they are getting ties out to pay for shares. The Captain of the *Bon Accord*, telegraphed to Mr. York to find out where was the *Bon Accord*. Mr. York answered the *Bon Accord* steamed out last evening. [Saturday Jan. 30th] Fine this morning, two degrees of frost, Mr. Dawson is here. I expect he has come after his son John. Mr. Cromarty, Rod McKay & John Dawson are going to Stave Lake to prospect. Mr. Dawson doesn't think much of James Cromarty's specimens of ore. John A. is working cleaning up the chicken yard.

Sunday Jan 31st 1897. It rained nearly all night, the weather feels much like spring. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are getting over LeGripp [sic]. Mr. Dunn is to preach in the school house today. Quite a lot from the [Ruskin] mill, 40 of a congregation. Rev. A Dunn preached Proverbs 14-23. Mr. and Mrs. Rolly & Ruth, their daughter, dined with Mr. York. They went to hear Rev. A Dunn preach.

Monday Feb. 1st. Rain before daylight, none since morning. John

A. left a ½ past seven to go with Mr. Kelly [Rolley?] to see his mine. The *Gladys* steamer brought Miss Bella Boyd this morning. Mr. Boyd is not home yet. Mr. Pete McMillan came home last night from Seattle. He looks well.

Tuesday Feb. 2nd. A little rain today. John A. has a high regard for Mr. Rolly's Ledge, but he thinks Mr. Rolly is against any person but himself staking a claim. He was selfish but is growing worse. Castile the prospector was here this morning. Gilchrist the Fisherman was drowned last night at Hairsine's Canyon. John A. is sending samples of ore to A.E.W. Midland.

Wednesday Feb. 3rd 1897. Showers all day. Mr. Stenger and two young men came here this afternoon with quite an outfit to develop the GOLDEN DAWN and YELLOW JACKET etc. gold mines. John

A. got Jesse [the horse] and took their outfit to Walden's and brought back the pony. Messrs. York and J.A. went to Mission today on No. 1 to see Messrs. A. York and Debrisay about going to the Kootenay. A. York told L.C. York to go

as soon as he could get away. A little boy came from the Mission today looking for his deaf and dumb brother. He did not find him. He had no money. He was put off the train.

Thursday Feb. 4, 1897. It rained all night. The wind is blowing hard. Mr. York and John A. got home yesterday evening by the Whatcom, they saw Messrs. A. York and Debrisay. Mr. A. York advised John A. to go and wait for a job. I wanted John A., Rod McKay and James Cromarty to take me into the company they had formed to prospect near Harrison Lake. Rod McKay said: "We have too many already." Mr. Turner was here today. He is looking well.

Friday Feb. 5th. Fine this morning. I think the boys have fine weather. Mr. Havelock coveted our black cock. Mr. York gave it in exchange for a mongrel Brahma, which has nearly killed our full bred Minorca; the credit business is still going on. I hope the boys may have good luck, but this is not the place for an old man.

Saturday Feb. 6. Fine weather. Business slow; Mr. Stenger and his two friends came back from the mines today. Mr. Stenger said the water was too high to work the mines. He promised to come back when the flowers were blooming. They give a very poor account of the GOLDEN DAWN. George Walton [Walden] is not well yet. Mr. Wm. Waldon [Walden] has been cutting a road through the slashing.

Sunday Feb. 7th 1897. Rain this morning, a chilly east wind. John A. and his fellow prospectors must have a very unpleasant time. Our Minorca cock is very sick, I think it will be a hard pull to pull through. An Englishman can get anything he asks from Mr.

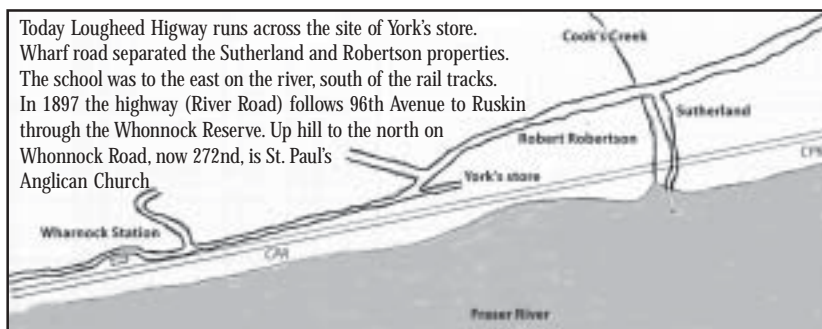
York. Some people don't get their rights, while others get more than their rights.

Monday Feb. 8th. Clear and bright this morning 38 degrees. We who are old have to put up with a great deal of snubs.

Tuesday Feb. 9th. Clear and bright. Business quiet. L.C. York giving 15¢ for eggs trade. Mr. York ordered wheat chop, bran and shorts today. The Minorca bad yet, it can scarcely hold up its head. We picked our potatoes today, we have nearly a barrel. Our prospectors are not home yet. I hope they may strike it rich, although they would not give me a ghost of a chance. Such is brotherly love, gold digging dispels all friendship, kindness and love, and leaves, in its stead, fraud, envy, hatred & malice.

Friday, Feb. 12. Clear and bright. Cash scarce, very little cash

coming in, we are hard up, no tobacco for nearly a month. I make a great many mistakes, speaking when not wanted. Mrs. McCrae is washing for Mrs. York today. Mr. Bell is getting butter. The *Samson* took up a snag not far from the warehouse today.



Saturday Feb. 13. Clear and bright, the clouds in the east very red this morning. Mount Baker looking bright. Prospectors not home yet. Mr. York is desirous of selling all the mines he has near Wharneck. He has written to a person asking him to buy, he never consulted me. A little snow this evening.

Sunday Feb. 14th. Snowing, not cold. Mr. York expects to be able to get away to the Slocan the first of March. Mr. James Boyd called here last night to see if Mr. Castile had sent a letter containing money for him, there was no letter nor money. He said that he had worked 9 days for Mr. Castile at two dollars a day, and all that he got was 50 ¢ and some grub, that was not worth the carrying down to the river, verily, some men are liars.

Monday Feb. 15th. A windstorm from south west. Mrs. Henderson is getting better. I got a great surprise this evening when Mr. York told me that the Williamsons owed Will a bill for goods and Will owed Mr. York \$90.

Tuesday Feb. 16 1897. Clear and cloudy, the sun very white, clouds and blue sky all around except the north east very foggy. We are likely to have a fall of snow before night. John Speller is in the store talking to Mr. York. Business quiet. Mr. John Speller took the five bags of chop in my boat and was to return the boat this evening.

Wednesday Feb. 17. Cloudy, very much like a fall of snow, very calm, after a calm comes a storm. Mr. Speller did not return my boat last night. All men are liars. Mr. Mendal home, the Boat all right. I was too premature in finding fault. I make an apology.

Thursday Feb. 18th. 28 above. Cloudy till four o'clock. The clouds spitting rain. The Waldon Bros. called at the store on their way

to Vancouver. They are not coming back till April. Messrs. Black and Boyd yesterday staked a claim on the Kenneka [Kanaka] Creek, a continuation of the Waldon's ledge. Mr. York returned from the Mission by the *Gladys* today. The Waldon Bros. said Mr. Boyd told them there was not anything above the claim they had staked.

Friday Feb. 19th. Frost 24. Mr. York rec[eive]d a letter from the man who is going to buy out the establishment. He has promised to be at Wharnock about the last of February. Mr. York don't know what is the best to do. He would like to go to Slocan the 1st of March but he must wait and meet the buyer. Messrs. Cromarty, Rod McKay & John A. returned home from Harrison Lake today.

Saturday Feb. 20th. 24 Clear and bright this morning and it is very likely to be fine all day. Our prospectors are all right, they staked three claims, the BLUE BELL the 8th of February, the MORNING GLORY and DOUGLAS STAR the 13th February, but I am not in it, we have too many already they said. Well I am left behind, perhaps the time may come.

Feb. 21, Sunday, temp 28. A fine morning, very calm and beautiful everything fine. There will be a divine service in the school-house today. Revd. A. Dunn is expected to preach at 4 O.C. PM. The Revd. A. Dunn preached a very fine sermon today, part of the 17th & 18th Chap[ter]s of Genesis, Abraham's Faith. 21 present.

Monday Feb. 22nd. Cloudy, not very cold. John A. and L.C. York sent by *Bon Accord* samples of ore of The BLUE BELL, DOUGLAS STAR & MORNING GLORY mine, to Mr. McIntosh of the Caledonia Hotel, New Westminster. Business very quiet. John A. very anxious to get something to do, in the line of work. I fondly hope we will shortly get a change.

Tuesday Feb. 23rd. Snow and rain last night, sloppy this morning. Mr. Rolly is in the store, talking about his mine, and nothing but MY MINE & LEDGE, it is tiresome to listen and not have any interest in that, in it, and know & feel that if you were in the way of getting anything they would try to put a stumbling block in your way. The snow and rain cleared away about 9 O.C. and we had fine weather all day.

Wednesday Feb. 24. A little rain in the morning, clearing up near noon. Business quite slow, not much cash. A man and his son called on Mr. York to see if Mr. York would learn his son to Telegraph. Mr. York said he would write him if it would answer for him to come.

Thursday Feb. 25th. Fine 28. Lovely, the thermometer up to 60 at noon, very pleasant, almost like summer. Business quiet. Mr. Heafy will not sell his potatoes for less than twenty dollars per ton on river bank. Mr. Carver was here this morning to see if Mr. Edwards had been here yesterday because Mr. Carver was to shoe Mr. Edward's horses. Mr. E. asked him to shoe them in the field. Mr. Carver said no he could not shoe the horses in the field. Mr. Edwards took them home without being shod.

February 26. 1897. Very fine, like summer with one exception, we

have not any mosquitoes. Mr. York wrote to Mr. Desbrisay to see if he could give John A. Williamson a place in his store. Mr. Desbrisay answered that he was too late. He had engaged a clerk up there. Mr. & Mrs. York had a card party last night, all were Norwegians except Messrs. Fletcher, Derenbourger and John A. Mrs. York did not tell me till it was late, well I did not go to the party.

Saturday Feb. 27th. 34. It has been raining all night and there is every likelihood that it will rain all day. John A., Rod McKay, James Cromarty & L.C. York got an assay of the MORNING GLORY gold mine. It assayed \$16.- gold and three dollars & twenty five cents silver making \$19.25. A good showing for the surface. Mr. Charles Cook is thinking of going to Alaska. I would rather try Harrison Lake.

Feb. 28. 38. Rain this morning, fine all afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Whetham & 3 children, 2 girls, 1 boy, were here for dinner. Mr. Whetham sang & played the piano, Mrs. York, John A. sang. Mrs. Whetham sang alto, I sang bass, she plays nicely, and sings sweetly.

Monday March 1st. Very fine lovely weather. Mr. York went to New Westminster on the *Bon Accord* to buy some goods and buy a miners license for John A. and record the MORNING GLORY gold mine on Douglas Lake. Mr. Rod McKay is going to send five dollars with Mr. York to buy a miners Licence for him, but he was too late. They all keep me out.

Tuesday March 2nd. 22. Fine, almost like summer. Mr. York could not get the MORNING GLORY mine registered, the locater is Mr. James Cromarty, and he is the only person who can register the mine. I wish that I could get away, it appears to me that all the people who come here have a spite.

Wednesday, March 3rd. 26 cloudy. A chilly west wind from the sea. Mr. York is trying to get some person to go with Rod McKay to restake the MORNING GLORY mine in the name of the company, and put in two or three blasts in the DOUGLAS STAR. Mr. C. Cook was going with Rod, but he was afraid he would be fined for prospecting without a licence & he declined. Mr. York interviewed N. Nelson but he said he was too busy. Mr. York offered a dollar a day and board.

Thursday, March 4th. Rain. Messrs. Rod McKay and C. Cook started for Harrison Lake this morning about 9 O.C. to restake the MORNING GLORY and fetch 200 lbs. ore, and cut a few shots into the DOUGLAS STAR and prospect for more claims. Mr. Hicks and two men were here for 2 days, they went home this afternoon, Messrs. Lister and Captain Neucam. Messrs. Boyd & Black left here today to stake claims and prospect at Lake Harrison.

Friday March 5th. Snow 24. A very cold East wind. I set one hen today, 13 eggs from Mr. John Owen's Hennyery. Mr. Rolly was here. The talk all about his ledge. Messrs. C. Cook & R. McKay must be storm stead today. Mrs. McCrae is washing today for Mrs. L.C. York. Mr. Sutton came down the river today, his scow is filled with water. Our prospectors must feel cold, they don't know what it is if they were in my shoes.

Saturday March 6th. 26 clear & bright & cold east wind. Messrs. C. Cook and R. McKay are having a rather unpleasant trip, it will be hard rowing to get up the river with that Fishing boat. But they don't need to care, Mr. R. [Rod McKay] had nothing to do & this was a good scheme for him. Such is life. Mrs. Dell is here trying to sell her husband's land to the Perceys. Mr. Sutton is going to try to float his scow today.

Sunday March 7th 1897. Fine 22. Very fine today. A party at P. Calder's this afternoon. Mr. Derenburg took Miss Edith Henderson. The Messrs. Boyd [& Black?] returned home today, they went from here to go to Harrison Lake but I think the weather was too cold for them. Mr. Rod McKay and Mr. Cook are not home yet, they left Wharnock the same day Messrs. Boyd & Black weighed anchor.

Monday March 8th. Snow this morning. A cold north east wind. Business fair. We hope our prospectors will push on and get the claim re-staked. The limit for Registration will expire in a short time. Messrs. Lee & John Matthewson were looking at the nets. John Matthewson said the spring nets were very bad, they had not been taken care of.

Tuesday March 9th. The snow is falling fast in large soft flakes, the weather is not cold. Mr. Hicks and Lord Douglass were here this morning. Mr. Hicks is going to the Mission and Lord Douglass is going to Vancouver. Mr. Hicks had two heavy overcoats and he said to his Lordship, I wish I had that waterproof, then I would be all right. His Lordship said, you may have it, but I have no other. Hicks did not take it. He put in one shot, he said they got very good indications.

Wednesday March 10th. 28. Snow, very soft, about 2 inches. Two young Englishmen arrived by rail last night, they are going on to Col. Warren's ranch, they are leasing with the option of buying the ranch. Kroy [L.C. York] is on his high horse, we are all liable to get off our level when we think we own all we see.

Thursday March 11th. Frost 22 degrees last night, the Englishmen are boarding at R. McDonald's, sweet Mrs. A D lanod McDonald will take care of the strangers and take them in. Our friends [who] are prospecting on Harrison Lake are having a cold time. But it is all right, not a sigh. We have not any butter to eat in the house, when we have butter it is given away on credit. Mr. Parker was here today. He had a pair of ponies & sleigh & how big feeling he was. Lord Douglas was not in it, he was away behind. O Burns, if your spirit permitted to see us, you suffer.

Friday March 12th 1897. 22 degrees of frost last night 10 above. Frank Haney is getting along all right, in the office. He appears to be very anxious to learn, he attends to his business. We have not any butter. Mr. Derenburg was to fetch a few rolls of butter but he failed to connect. A. Grunt, Miss Parkinson & Miss Moss crossed over the river in a small boat this afternoon. When they were half way over, going back, the ice floating down the river closed around them and John A., Frank Haney and Mr. Harrison, the school teacher got my boat and rescued the Dear Creatures, the three must draw cuts to see.

Saturday March 13th, Ther. 22. Ten degrees of frost last night, a fall of snow this morning, a little warmer. Business quiet, cash scarce. Messrs. Cook & Rod McKay are not home yet, they must have a very cold prospecting grab all. When men are so greedy they are sure to receive the fruits of their labour.

Sunday March 13th [14th]. Ther 28. 4 degrees of frost, the snow melting. It has the appearance of a thaw. Fourteen Hearers in the school house, Revd. A. Dunn preached a good sermon. 1st Kings 19th chapter. Those present Revd. & Mrs. Dunn, John A. Williamson, Mr. Carver, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Harrison, Mr. & Mrs. Tilly, Roby [Robertson] and I, Messrs. Borland & A. Nelson, Miss Edith Henderson and Miss [Ella or Mary] Henderson.

Monday March 15th. A thaw, it rained nearly all night, the snow is melting fast, our prospectors are not home yet. Revd. A. Dunn told John A. yesterday that Mr. Allen was in Victoria, we don't know how long he has been in B.C. I hope he is not going to stay long in Victoria, it is expensive.

Tuesday March 16th. Snow nearly all melted. Mr. Rolly was here this morning. Mr. York paid him 17¢ per doz. for eggs and giving some persons 15¢ per doz. Mr. Rolly is more reasonable in his talk, he can talk about some other things beside his ledge now. Mrs. McCrae is washing for Mrs. York.

Wednesday March 17, 1897. It rained all night, the ground is fairly soaked with water like a wet sponge. Mr. Rolly is here this morning. Mr. Rolly & Mr. York were speaking of Mr. R. Fletcher. Mr. Rolly said Mr. Fletcher was not much, he had a lot of conceit, all little fellows had a lot of conceit. I wonder if he thinks he is a giant. Well if any man has more conceit than his nobbs, it is all right. Mr. York went to the Mission today. When we throw over Friends, what can we expect. Verily, we have our reward.

Thursday March 18. Very unpleasant weather, rain, hail, snow, sleet. Our prospectors are not home yet, they are having a hard time, the weather has been very unfavourable. Mrs. York is always listening to see if she can get a chance to snub me. John A. and I were in the bedroom today, I told him to lock my trunk because the children were a nuisance & she was mad. Mr. York came home from the Mission this morning. John A. killed the gander today.

Friday March 19th. Rain, a cold east wind, a little snow on the ground, it is melting fast, the weather is not very settled, our prospectors are not home yet. Mr. Haney is getting along first class. He is learning fast. Mr. Rod McKay and Mr. Cook arrived home in time for the concert. Mr. McKay brought home wall rock from the MORNING GLORY, instead of Quartz rock.

Saturday March 20th. Mr. Haney went home on the Whatcom [train]. Wind southwest, weather clear and bright. Business quiet, there was a concert and dance at the other side of the River last night. Concert in the school house, the house was crowded, the pieces were taken by our local talent, John A., Harrison, Johnson, Magar, Mrs. Magar, Elwain Hay, Edith and Ella Henderson, the singing was good. Supper and dance at Gilbert McKay's was better, Mrs. York and Mr. Haney were there, they

got home at 12 PM. Mr. York and I took care of the baby. Mr. York talks nothing but rock all day.

Sunday March 21st 1897. Wind, East. Lovely bright weather, the sun shining brightly. There is to be a Norwegian Baptism in the English Church [St. Paul's Anglican Church] today. Mrs. Anna Nelson Lee's Baby [Gudrun Lee] is to be christened today. I was looking at the boat today that Dorme [Delorne?] had prospecting and it is in a very dirty state. The rule in this country is to get all you can, by Hook or by Crook.

Monday March 22nd. It rained all night, very unpleasant and cold. Mr. James Cromarty and his nephew Mr. Dawson, arrived home from Stave Lake yesterday. The weather was too stormy to trap beaver. They came home without trapping any fur. The snow was three feet deep in some places.

Tuesday March 23rd. Rain. The No. 2 Express, two hours late. John Layfield, Boyd, and Mr. Black went by Str. *Transfer* with some quartz rock ore to Vancouver to get it assayed. It is an extension of the BLUE BIRD mine. Mr. G.L. Boyd brought some of the same rock intending to boom the BLUE BIRD extension in New Westminster. But he was too late to go by rail and the *Gladys* Steamer was not up the River. So he had to go home. Mr. Moses Ball and Mr. C. Peterson, the dwarf, to negotiate with Mr. York about taking Ball's horses and cattle on account. Mr. York was going to town but he was too late.

Wednesday, March 24th. A very fine morning. Mr. L.C. York went on the *Bon Accord* STR to New Westminster to see the records. Messrs. G.L. Boyd & C. Petersen were passengers, Boyd to Boom the extension to the BLUE BIRD, & C. Peterson to see about his mortgage. Business quiet, the sun shining, this day feels like a spring day.

Thursday March 25th. The wind southwest, Rain before 11 PM and it rained all night. Mr. G.L. Boyd was in New Westminster yesterday. He got \$25.00 from a Mr. ????? to stake a claim on extension of the BLUE BIRD. He was on his High Horse. He said he would be up at 5 O.C. stake the claim and go down town tomorrow, see if I don't. He did.

Friday March 26th. Cloudy and cold. Quite a storm of wind and rain yesterday. Half our fence was blown down. Mr. York and John A. were repairing the fence. Mr. York had to come into the shop. Mr. Haney went out and helped John A. Mrs. McCrae had to go home today. Mr. Haney rowed her over in my boat. Mr. John A. & Mr. York were going to stake a claim today but the weather was too cold. Snow at 11 O.C.

Saturday March 27th 1897. A very heavy rain this morning. Mr. York and John A. staked a claim near the BLUE BIRD today, they are going to put a shot in next week. A very strong wind from south all day. Nelly [Mrs. York] on her high horse. Some people can be very disagreeable. Pride pulls, pulls all the country down. The plum tree buds are showing.

Sunday March 28th. Snow and sleet, a chilly wind. Mr. and Mrs. York have an invitation to dinner at Mrs. Rolly's. A select party, I am not in it, they are on their high horses, they must watch lest

they fall. We have a man here from Vancouver, asking Mr. York to get him some bolts of Dogwood, 6½ feet long 6 x 4 inches. He sent John A. to row him over the river & row him back. Mr. York gets all the honor, J.A. all the work. Mr. Rodger was speaking to Mr. Cromarty about Bolts.

Monday March 29th. A cold wind from the west. L.C. York got a spring salmon from O. Lee, the first this spring. Messrs. Cromarty, Dawson & H. Garner paid ten dollars on his note, and renewed it. Mr. Black & Mr. Boyd are going to put a few shots in the extension this afternoon. S. Cromarty and H. Garner have promised to get out the two cords of cottonwood for Mr. Rodger, and leave it on the bank ready for shipping. Mr. York went over the river and got J. Cromarty's 8 lb. sledge. Messrs. York and John A. are going tomorrow to put in a few shots in their new find. George Walden came here today, on his way home.

Tuesday March 30 1897. 8 degrees of frost this morning, very fine weather all day. Messrs. York, John A. and the two young Englishmen Bros. went by boat to Mr. McDonough, they left their boat and walked up to the GREY EAGLE mine, put in a good blast and got a lot of good quartz and were home before 6 O.C. p.m. Mr. Allen was here today. He wished to see Mr. York, but I told him Mr. York was not home. He went to see Mr. Dunn.

Wednesday March 31st. Warm and dry. Our prospectors were very tired last night, we all overslept ourselves. York said I took charge of it myself and it was splendid. Our prospectors brought home a lot of good rock, but very little in it, they must get down more. Mr. York paid for my Free Miners Certificate \$5.00 No. 94780, valid for one year.

Thursday April 1st. Very dry and warm, 40 degrees. Mr. York went to Mission. Mr. Debrisay is to go east to Nelson. He wants Mr. York [to] go with him to get a job on the C.P.R. and look around and choose a place to start business.

Friday April 2nd. Cloudy, not cold. Business quiet. Mr. York and John A. went to see Mr. Preston to get the drill and prospecting pick sharpened by Mr. Carver. Mr. H. Garner shipped the cottonwood today via Str. *Transfer*. G.L. Boyd went to New Westminster with some rock from the GOLDEN CURRY mine to get an assay. I wish that it may be good.

Saturday April 3rd. Very fine weather. Mr. John Owen and Mr. John Johnson got a fishing boat by Str. *Gladys* yesterday. Mr. York was told to collect one dollar. He said he had no money, of course he could not get the boat till he paid. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Owen are ca[u]lking the boat today. John A. was at a party last night. Rain this evening. It began to rain 20 minutes to 8 O.C. p.m., a fine warm rain. 6 men came to Wharnock this afternoon to look at the mines before buying. They went to stay at Mr. Sutherland's, all night.

Sunday April 4, 1897. It rained nearly all night. Mr. John Carver sharpened the drill and the prospectors pick. John A. brought home the drill Friday. Mr. Carver brought the pick Saturday night. He declined to take pay. He said he would not take pay for

that small job. Revd. A. Dunn preached in the school house today. Text Luke Chap. 10, 25th & following verses. 30 of a congregation.

Monday April 5, 1897. Messrs. York and John A.W. said they were going to stake a claim for me, today. I got up this morning, 25 minutes past 5 o'clock. They went and put a shot into the GREY EAGLE, looked around & could not find anything worth staking. They got home about 5:30 p.m. with a few rocks. I am not in it and they don't want me to be in it.

Tuesday April 6th. Rain this morning, it rained nearly all night. Messrs. Boyd, Black and Oliver did not make a deal with those men, who were charged 50¢ a meal by Mrs. Sutherland. I expect they will not forget the overcharge. Mr. Okosh [O'Kosh] borrowed a boat from me yesterday. He wanted to buy chop, Mr. York was away and I did not (do) anything about it. Mr. Okosh told me he wanted to go to Langley to buy hay. He bought supplies and brought them home in Mr. York's boat, that man is nearly gone past all that is honest.

Wednesday April 7. Showers of rain all day. Business quiet. Messrs. G.L. Boyd & Black not home yet. We expect them home by the Str *Bon Accord* this evening. We hope they may be successful. Young Hairsine was here today for supplies for Mr. Ferguson. He brought some rock from two ledges found by Thomson Bros. We could not tell what it was, it was too near the surface.

Thursday April 8th. Mr. York is talking of going with Mr. Black prospecting at Harrison Lake tomorrow. Messrs. Boyd Bros. & Black have sold their mine at Stave River [GOLDEN CURRY?] for five hundred dollars, the buyers are going to begin to develop soon. John A. is going to get C. Cook to put in some shots into the GREY EAGLE.

Friday April 9th 1897. A fine morning, rain at ½ past 3 O.C. O when will I get away from that? Messrs. L.C. York and John A. went away at 8:15 o'clock this morning to see a quartz ledge Peter Fidell, an Indian had seen three years ago, but it was nothing but a blanket ledge and worthless. Things are getting too hard for me here, I wish I could get away from this place.

Saturday April 10th. Rain this morning, it cleared up about 9 O.C. A.M. John A. and Mr. Black- John A. to register the GREY EAGLE, and Mr. Black to try secure his share of the three claims on Stave River. It appears that Mr. Boyd signed Mr. Black's name to an agreement of Bargain and Sale of the mines, without Mr. Black's knowledge. Some persons never forget their spite. Mr. Sirrap [Parris] offered to sell me a pair of old boots. Mr. York gave them away for nothing today. Well, what of it.

Sunday April 11th 1897. fine a little cloudy, pleasant. Two miners arrive[d] last night, they had a good outfit, one of the packs weighed 84 lbs. the other pack weighed 78 lbs. The man with the light pack carried the gun, they are going to see the YELLOW JACKET [Walden's claim], they are old Cariboo miners. Mr. Tilly knew one of them up there long ago. John A. did not come home last night. (Note by A.E. York: Here is a later notation

which is inserted at the bottom of page: "1906 Whonnock April 11th Wednesday. I am getting ready to go to the Oilery, and see John A. & his wife and family, to see if I can sell the brickyard & get the deed to my quarter section. I shall see John A. tomorrow & get back to the northwest.").

Monday April 12. A white frost this morning. Mr. Sutton and Delorne arrived at Wharnock today. Mr. Sutton is going to fish here. Mr. Delorne is going prospecting with John A. I said they could have my boat if they would give me a share. They did not take the offer.

Tuesday April 13th 1897. Fine weather, warm and pleasant. Mrs. George Black [néé Boyd] had a baby boy [William Edward Black]. John A. and Mr. Delorn went west today on a prospecting trip. George Black and James Boyd went east to Harrison Lake to put a few shots into the BLACK DIAMOND and some other claims, and prospect a little. Mr. Stewart, who bought the half Black and Boyd's claim, was here today. He asked Mr. L.C. York what he asked for the GREY EAGLE. Mr. York said one thousand dollars.

Wednesday April 14th. Lovely weather, very few Spring Salmon. John Mattheson borrowed a boat from Mr. York. He said something about Nils Nelson going to send him a boat, but he did not know when he would get it. Fraud. Not anything done in the garden yet. Everybody getting their crops in, but our wisdom is of superior order and our garden must lie waste, because not any being, Human or Divine, can tell us anything.

Thursday April 15th. Hot. The Fraser is rising. Mr. York came home from Mission City on the Str *Gladys*, he was very reticent about the affairs of the Mission people and had nothing to say about the Slocan or anything about how the Mission men are getting along with business ventures. I think they are not doing so well as they expected.

Good Friday April 16th. Fine summer weather. A tug with ten men came up the river today to inspect the mines. Mr. York went with the swells. Mr. Costello called when Mr. York was away. Mr. Costello wanted wood.

Saturday April 17th. Lovely warm weather, the Fraser rising. Business quiet, not many salmon. Mr. Black came home from Harrison Lake today. James [Boyd] stayed at the Lake by himself till Mr. Black would go back.

Sunday April 18th. Very warm weather. Nils Nelson, Alfred Nelson and Swara Nelson went down the river on the Str *Transfer*. John A. and Mr. Delorn came home from the Lillooet [now Alouette or Yennadon area], report snow too deep for prospecting.

Monday April 19th 1897. Quite cool and cloudy. Rain. The Fraser is rising. Mr. G. Black went to Vancouver today with a small sack of ore on the Steamer *Transfer*. John A. & Mr. De Lorn left our wharf at 9:30 with my boat to go prospecting on the Fraser River. The Str *Bon Accord* ran on a snag and sank in three minutes at Mission City.

Tuesday April 20th. It rained all yesterday afternoon, all last night, and is still raining. Not any salmon, every boat a skunk. Mr. Rolly

was in the store last night. He was not blowing so much about his ledge. Mr. George Waldon was here yesterday. He had been to Mr. Whetham's to make a declaration to send to New Westminster to get a claim recorded. Mr. Whetham had no forms. He said he would come down today & get it all right.

Wednesday April 21st 1897. Showers of rain all night. Business quiet, no news from John A. and Mr. DeLorn. Mr. Tilly has moved today bag & baggage on Str *Transfer*. He is going to try his fortune near Haney. George Layfield, Boyd came home from New Westminster. Jim Kip was on board the *Gladys* steamer. Kip said to Boyd: "Good Bye, you old divel". Boyd got mad, pulled two handfull of bills out of his pockets & said: "Never mind, I have got the money, and you have got nothing."

Thursday April 22nd. Morning fine, pleasant all day. Mr. York went to Mr. Carter's and got a note to help him along. Mr. York has notes coming due and must do something or he will get in the hole. We got a quarter of beef today from Mr. Spilsbury. He weighed it 134 lbs., our scales made it only 132 lbs., two lbs. less. Hindquarters 9¢ a lb., fore quarters 8¢ lb. Mr. York got home about 7:50 o'clock.

Friday April 23 1897. A fine morning. Our girl, Miss May McKibbon, is very tired of Wharnock. She says it is very lonesome. Business is quiet. Mr. Percy left a box of chickens to be shipped today. We forgot all about the chickens till the Steamer passed down. We are getting something to do for the farmers and nothing in it, they look at me as if they were conferring a favour, when they let us do something for nothing.

Saturday April 24th. Lovely weather. The Waldon Bros. were here this morning, they have staked two more claims. I asked how much they would charge to stake a claim for me. George said fifty dollars, their charge to any other man would be one hundred dollars. Mr. Havelock brought some ore here last night. Mr. Boyd saw it and went away bright and early this morning to stake out claims. Sold again by somebody.

Sunday April 25th. Fine weather 44 degrees. A large flock of wild geese flew over the Rancheree [Indian Reserve] going North. Mr. Cook came to borrow my boat, John A. and DeLorn have it away prospecting. John A. and Mrs. L.C. York went to Vancouver by the Whatcom [train] today, they promised to come home on Tuesday. Revd. A. Dunn held service in School house. Lesson Mark 12. Text 3rd chapter Proverbs. 30 persons attended.

Monday April 26th. Fine weather. Mrs. L.C. York writes to Mr. L.C. York that the people she is visiting wish her to stay till Monday. Mr. L.C.Y. telegraphs her to stay. Very windy, but pleasant. Mr. Rolly is going to stake a claim for Mr. L.C.Y. and one for me, we pay him one dollar & twenty-five cents per day, he boards himself and gets half a share in every claim. Mr. York set 13 eggs in a nest for a grey hen to hatch.

Tuesday April 27th 1897. A fine morning. A white frost, 31 degrees. A Mr. Cox, a Breed, was here this morning to see Mr. L.C. York, to find out how to stake a claim. He is going to the Hope mountains hunting. If he finds anything worthwhile he

will stake a claim or two for L.C. York & I.

Wednesday April 28th. Cloudy & cool. Mr. Costello came up the River with a Tug and Scow to get cordwood from Mr. York, Mr. York has not any wood here. He sent Mr. Costello to John Mandell, who has been getting wood out for Mr. York, and Mr. York has been giving him supplies all winter, and now Mr. Mandell is going to sell his wood to some other man. Rain this evening.

Thursday April 29th. It rained all night. Messrs. S. Cromarty and Mr. Garner were out prospecting, near Mr. Rolly's. They staked a claim on a small creek. A big Ledge crossing the creek, they traced the ledge from No. 1 post to another creek running parallel with Discovery Creek.

Friday April 30th. Dry but cloudy. I set black hen today, 13 eggs. Mr. George Walden was here today. He registered two claims last week and got the documents today. Two feet of snow at the YELLOW JACKET. Mr. Morrison the Dentist is boarding with Mr. York and working in Mr. Parris's bedroom. He is like the tailor who made a great fuss. He wanted thread, Boss, Wax, Boss and I want breakfast, Boss. At last the Boss said, Your wants are great, young man.

Saturday May 1st 1897. A fine day. Mr. York went prospecting today. He made his own breakfast and started a few minutes after 6 O.C. He got home before dark, he staked two claims with Rolly. Our fine fat girl [May McKibbon?] went home today, Mrs. York and I kept store.

Sunday May 2 1897. Warm and dry, 42 above. Mr. and Mrs. York, the children and I went to Mr. Whetham's today, Mr. York carried Cecil. Mrs. York changed and carried Cecil and Mr. York carried Gwendolin. Miss York (Adele) walked with me, she complained of having a sore foot, that had no effect, then she said she was tired. We had a good time. When we came away Mr. Whetham carried Gwendolin to the Rancheree.

Monday May 3rd. A little rain. Mr. Knutson is working for Mr. York and Master Thomas Malcolm Hairsine. Mr. L.C. York thinks that he has more mines than enough.

Tuesday May 4th 1897. We sowed onion, carrot, parsnip, beet, turnip, lettuce, parsley, marjoram. John A. came home and went on after reporting good progress. Mrs. York got a washing machine. Mrs. Rolly worked here all day.

Wednesday May 5th. A fine day. Master Hairsine planted a bag of potatoes today. He is digging now. Mrs. McCrae is working here this afternoon. Mr. L.C. York is going to make a deal with a Mr. McLean, with Mr. Ball's horses.

Thursday May 6th. Rain all night. Bombast annexes everything that suits him. I expect that is the rule with all the pupils who have taken a year's education in an American College.

Friday May 7th. Rain day and night. Mr. L.C. York bought Mr. Ball's horses, harness, waggon, cow harrows & mower. He has sold the horses, harness & waggon to A.M. McLean, and is going to ship them without any security. I hope it is not a mistake, it may be out of the frying pan into the fire. John A. home today, he is



going to prospect tomorrow.

Saturday May 8th. Raining a little, all day. Mr. Knutson is digging the garden. It rains so hard, I think he will get wet. John A. away on the Str *Transfer* to prospect. The Waldon Bros. were here for supplies today.

Sunday May 9th. It rains every day. Business is quiet and people are selfish. Well, such is life, and what is life without philosophy. A Mr. Morisson is here as a dentist. He was a school teacher at Wharnock. He sold twenty acres of land to Mr. York. A man they call Mandell came here to Mr. York, very sweet and nice, and bought the land from Mr. York. After he had bought the land & got the deed he was indebted to Mr. York and he promised to cut and haul a hundred cords of wood. He got supplies from Mr. York, then he sold the wood to Mr. Costello and kept the cash, and is off to the Kootenays. Fraud.

Monday May 10 1897. A fine dry day. Fishing is very poor, 20 fish to 8 boats. Messrs. York & Cook went to Mr. Mandell's to see how much cordwood there was, there was only ten cords. We expected more wood because Mr. Mandell said he had about 100 cords. He sold 25 cords to Mr. Costello.

Tuesday May 11th. Another fine day. Mr. Knutson & Thomas Malcolm Hairsine are working in the garden. Hairsine worked well the first three days. Some of the boys from the Rancheree talked with him and he has not been worth his grub ever since. Mr. York went up the River on the Str *Transfer* to see Mr. Cordotte about cordwood. Mr. Jones was on board the *Transfer*. Mr. Stewart, the commercial agent went away on the *Transfer*. Messrs. Stenger & \_\_\_\_\_ arrived by the Whatcom train today. They are going out to the YELLOW JACKET tomorrow.

Wednesday 12. Fine, everything lovely the Trees in full bloom. There is every prospect of a good crop of fruit. Mr. Knutson is working in the garden, he is always here on time. Mr. Thomas Malcolm Hairsine is putting in the time pretending to work. He gets fifty cents and board per day. Mr. York says he lifts the hoe and lets it fall. Mr. Stenger & his friend were to start early this morning but they have not started till after dinner. Master T.M. Hairsine took a load on the pony and got home at 5 O.C.

Thursday May 13th. Warm and dry, the River is rising fast. Fish scarce. John A. and Mr. Delorne got home today, they are going to rest a while. I am a scapegoat but they will have to give an account of all those little things.

Friday May 14th. Hot today. Mr. Knutson is working for Mr. York today planting corn. Young Hairsine went home today. He said the Dan boys saw his father and he told them he wanted Y[oung].M[alcolm]. to come home. Dan's boys do not like work & they don't want any person who has any black blood to work.

Saturday May 15th 1897. Very fine warm dry weather. Business quiet. Havelock has staked another extension of Layfield and his. The mine he staked because Mr. Layfield bought a license for Havelock. How does it happen that these people get every advantage. Mr. Havelock got credit from Mr. York, and now

when there is anything, the stranger gets it. I walked to Mr. Fanchers this evening to get him fix the hands of my watch, they had been touching since he cleaned the watch. He made it all right for nothing.

Sunday May 16th. Warm, 56, but a fine cool wind from the west. Rev. A. Dunn preached. About 30 hearers in the schoolhouse. Mr. & Mrs. Dunn both looking well.

Monday May 17th. A little rain this morning. It cleared up before noon. John A. and Mr. DeLorne went this afternoon to work at the BLUE BIRD [three miles north-east from the store] Mr. York went on horseback to show them where to work. He did not get home till dark.

Tuesday May 18th. Fine weather, 54 degrees. Business quiet. Mr. York went up the River today to see Mr. McLean about getting cord wood. We got 2 tons of hay today by Str *Transfer* shipped by Mr. Hargraff. Some must do everything, they know more than any other person, if they die, the world will collapse.

Wednesday May 19th. Dry weather. Mr. York came home this morning by the steamer *Transfer*. Mrs. Hargraff, Miss Hargraff & a grandson, a yankee, were waiting to get the cash and goods for the hay.

Thursday May 20th. 60 degrees a little rain at noon, fine all afternoon. I planted some Winningstadt cabbage and a few cauliflower today. John A. and Mr. Delorne came in from the BLUE BIRD at noon today, they finished the assessment. John A. is going to town tomorrow.

Friday May 21st 1897. Pleasant weather. John A. went to Vancouver today. He expects some cash for staking two claims. Mr. Munn is going to start on Monday to develop the GOLDEN CURRIE. Rod McKay is engaged to go on at two dollars & fifty cents a day.

Saturday May 22nd. Fine. Mr. York went to New Westminster on the *Bon-Accord* this morning, we expect him to return this evening. Business is very quiet. The Spring Salmon catch at Wharnock has been very limited, not many fishermen and not many fish. Mr. P. Heafy was going to the Kootenay, he had paid his fare & got his ticket. He told his lawyer that he was going, the lawyer sent Mr. Heafy a summons to appear as a witness June 3rd 1897.

Sunday May 23rd. 56 dry and warm, good summer weather. Miss [Margery] Hairsine is here yet and is pleasing Mrs. York, she is very good with the children. Business quiet, the river is still rising. R. Boyd and Noble Oliver are working at the YELLOW JACKET.

Monday May 21st [sic]. Cloudy, pleasant. Mr. Spence van [Spencer] from Whatcom came in this morning from north of Waldon's, where he has been prospecting with Mr. Boyd, prospecting Sumas Mountain. John A. and Mr. Delorne are going up today, they expect to be back on Friday. Everything and everybody Black except, Black.

Tuesday May 25th. 46 cloudy, colder, not any fish, business quiet.

Mr. York is very anxious to get away to the Slocan District. Everything is GRAB, some persons are grab and some are grabbers, some will grab all. I think prospectors grow very selfish, when a person mentions Gold, then the greed of gold eats up and digests all other good qualities a man ever possessed. I suppose this will be the case till we are nearing the End of our Journey.

Wednesday May 26th 1897. Bright and clear. Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Waldon came in from the ranch to meet his brother Mr. George Waldon. He is in Vancouver buying supplies to go on with till he sells another claim. Mr. William W[alden] has found ruby silver in the KANAKA claim. I expect he will go on developing and make some money. Mr. Mitchell of Vancouver came up today, John A. had just got home. He had sold the WARRIOR Mine to Spenser, Boyd, Sinclair and another man for two hundred dollars. One hundred to be paid today, the balance to be paid in 15 days. Mr. G.L. Boyd paid twenty-five, Mr. Sinclair is to send fifty dollars by the *Transfer* tomorrow.

Thursday May 27th. Very warm, the River is falling fast. John A. & Mr. Mitchell are not back from the mines yet. Mr. Spencer went home today, Mr. Sinclair failed to send the money today. Mr. G.L. Boyd telegraphed to Mr. Sinclair, but has not got an answer yet. Two friends of Mr. Spencer came from Whatcom today to prospect.

Friday May 28th. Warm, very dry. River falling. G.L. Boyd went on Str *Bon Accord* to Westminster this morning to see Mr. Sinclair about the WARRIOR. They were to pay yesterday but failed to connect. Our two friends from Whatcom left their traps here, and are gone prospecting.

Saturday May 29th. Very warm, 52 morning, 88 noon. Business quiet. Mr. Boyd said he could take the claim and pay the cash in full. But he failed. Rain this evening. Our two prospectors from Whatcom are camped on the children's playhouse, got their things all wet. They brought their packs in upstairs & dried them.

Sunday, May 30. Rain all night and in morning, fair afternoon. Messrs. Fletcher and Ole Lee are going to develop their claims, they have bought a case of dynamite, are going to begin tomorrow. Mr. Rash & his partner from Whatcom are going to Wade's Landing [at foot of Sumas Mountain] to prospect tomorrow.

May 31 1897. A fine day. Everything Lovely after the rain. Mr. G.L. Boyd said Sunday night that he would go to Wade's Landing on Monday, but he failed to connect. John A., Mr. Delorne, Mr. Rock & Mr. Woods all four went off on the Str *Gladys* to prospect near Wade's Landing. Every man had a pack. Somebody is like a sticking stirk [young bull or cow].

Tuesday June 1st. Fine all day. Mr. York went to Vancouver today. It is very secret, they wish to do all the business themselves. Their actions say plainly, we know everything, you know nothing. We put up with you because we are superior. Kroyis [York] can not see anything but the top.

Wednesday June 2nd. Very pleasant weather, the river is rising

again, it had fallen two feet. Mr. York is not home yet. Business quiet. Not any word from John A. or Mr. Delorne. She [Mrs. L.C. York] is running everything nicely.

Thursday June 3rd. Fine weather. Business quiet. Mr. York returned from Vancouver on Str *Transfer*. He reports everything booming there. He saw Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell had some of the BLIZZARD Mine assayed and they found only traces, and they refused to buy. He said they thought you were asking too much, if you would put 3 in a group you would have a better chance to sell.

Friday June 4th. Cloudy & dry. Our garden is not growing very fast, the people are against it. Mr. Jas. Boyd said he will work for Mr. York on Monday. He has sold the hay on the island to Messrs. Boyd and Black, they cut the hay & put it in the barn. Boyd and Black get 2/3 rds, James Boyd gets 1/3 rd. Every time Mr. York had any dealings with J. Boyd, he has been disappointed.

Saturday June 5th 1897. Cloudy 54, Mr. Knudtson came this morning to hoe the garden. He hoed some potatoes & hoed out some of my pet pumpkin plants. Mr. York shipped Mr. Kent's boat by rail. John A. & Mr. Delorne came home today on Str. *Transfer*, they are all well. Mr. Van Grant's father sent an expert to report on the mines. He was favourably impressed with the situation. He said neither Mr. Roch nor Mr. Wood knew anything about prospecting.

Sunday June 6th. Very warm, a shower of rain last night. Revd. A. Dunn preached in the school house today from 1st Corinthians 12th chap. & 3rd verse. 40 of a congregation. Mr. Hodgkin and the children were in the school house. Rev. A. Dunn read an article on the movement to get up a subscription to assist in training nurses in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. I shared my hymn Book with Miss Parkinson.

Monday June 7th. A fine morning, rain before seven, it has cleared up before eleven, the sun is very hot. Somebody is as black as black can be, how happy they are when they filch a man's good name, verily, they have their reward.

Tuesday June 8th. Cool and cloudy & windy. John A. and Mr. York were going to put a shot in the BLUE BIRD & the GOLDEN EAGLE, but the current in the Fraser was so strong & the wind so weak, they could not sail up and gave it up and came back. Business quiet, they intend getting out some ore and test it.

Wednesday June 9th. Cool and cloudy. We are expecting Mr. Boyd will pay up the balance on the WARRIOR. Mr. York is going to Mission today to attend the Mason Lodge at night. John A. is waiting anxiously for cash or a letter from Mr. Van Grant. The time of the last is up on Friday 15th, the payment on the GOLDEN CURRIE is due about the same time. Mr. G.L. Boyd took some of the ore of the WARRIOR to Sinclair.

Thursday June 10th. Warm, cloudy. Mr. L.C. York came home on the Str *Gladys*. John A. shipped the wool, furs & hides and hay by Str *Transfer*. Mr. Preston was here this forenoon getting supplies & looking for time to hire to go into logging camp, wages thirty five dollars per month and board.

Friday June 11th 1897. Rain nearly all night. Kroy [L.C. York] has had a tantrum, and he is not very loving, of course we must follow. Mr. Stenger and another man came here today from Whatcom. John A. went with them and carried their traps on the pony. John A. came home before dark.

Saturday June 12th 1897. A very warm, gentle rain. The crops are growing luxuriantly, garden vegetables of all descriptions are growing rapidly. Mr. Stenger and his man are going to work at the YELLOW JACKET and if it turns out well Mr. Stenger will get a smelter.

Sunday June 13th. A fine morning. Everything is queer and everybody out of sorts. We are always late in the mornings and that puts everything behind. The man going to the Fair who got his boots filled with milk was all right, but we are all wrong because I cannot get the big end of the stick.

Monday June 14th. A fine morning. Mount Baker very pretty. The River lower, not any mines changing hands. The same feeling all over the mining country, keep every man out if he is poor,

Tuesday June 15th 1897. Rain all night. Mr. Roso [Ross] the surveyor and his men are waiting at Wharnock to go to Kamloops to survey for the Government. Charles Cook and young Parker are engaged to go with the party. Mr. York is going to Victoria to attend the Masonic Grand Lodge, the Lodge pays expenses. John A. cut my hair today, it is a good cut. He did not cut a bit out of my ear.

Wednesday June 16th. It is raining every day and every night. Mr. York is in Victoria. Mr. Chris Enghen is not any better, the Doctor came up yesterday, he gave Chris some pills, Chris slept some. The Doctor wanted Chris to go to the hospital, but he cannot be moved. A young man was here this morning & wanted us to telegraph. Mr. York, the operator, is away to Grand Lodge, so they will have to wait. Mr. York changed his mind, and did not go to Victoria. He came home this evening. Mr. Gilchrist's body was found floating in the Stave River today near the mill.

Thursday June 17th. Cloudy, the wind blowing from the southwest. Mr. Stenger went home by the Whatcom today, he left his men to work. Mr. York is going to put a man on to work cutting a road into the GOLDEN DAWN. Mr. Delorne is going prospecting along the Yale Road. Mr. James Cromarty is going to Silverdale to prospect.

Friday June 18th. More Rain, John A. is going to the road to the YELLOW JACKET to work making a pony trail. \$ 3.00 per day. Mr. Stenger's man is working there now & John A. is going to help him. Weather a little warmer. Business quiet, the river falling. School examinations on both sides of the River. Mrs. Margery Hairsine & Miss McCrae got my boat to go over the River to see the examination. John A. had hauled it up to dry for painting, but I had to let it go.

Saturday June 19th 1897. Warm and dry. A tug came here last night and tied up at the Rock till 3 o'clock, they left here about ½ past 3 o'clock A.M. Mr. York went with the tug as far as Mr.

Manquer's [Manzer]. Mr. York helped to load & came home before dinner. Now the Captain came here & says they will not get loaded today. There is a tug not far from Mr. Neil Cameron's that come up today, some part of the of the engine is broken, the Captain wired for help.

Sunday June 20th. Hot, a little cloudy, a red rainbow about 8 PM.

Mr. Black called to get the number of my mining license. I gave him the envelope & certificate enclosed. I forgot to give him the money to pay for the recording of the OLD MAN mining claim, an extension of the BLACK DIAMOND Mine on Harrison Lake. Mr. Godfrey borrowed my boat to take him to New Westminster. He said he would send it up tomorrow on the Str. *Gladys*.

Monday June 21st. Very pleasant this morning. John A got up before five o'clock this morning, he cooked & ate his breakfast, saddled the pony and was off before 6 O.C. A.M. Mr. York got up before 6, wrote a note for Mr. Nils Nelson to sign and gave it to John A. to take to Nils Nelson and get his signature. Mr. Black went to New Westminster. I gave him the \$2.50 cash to pay for recording the OLD MAN claim on Harrison Lake.

Tuesday June 22. Rain. Mrs. York and the two Misses Yorks went to Haney to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They get to Haney & return for one fare on the *Bon-Accord*. Mr. Rolly is here repairing the water pipe. When he put in the pipes last year, he had to make a thread on the end of one pipe with a file, and that part gave out. It was a split pipe that had been burst by the frost.

Wednesday June 23 1897. Cloudy. John A. got home this morning ½ past 6. He started for the mine [YELLOW JACKET] at ½ past 7 am. The river is lower. The fishermen are getting more spring salmon. Mr. Oliver was telling Mr. Rolly that the GOLDEN DAWN was liable to be jumped; because Mr. York had not time to do the work before the year was up. Success to the men. A friend said, I suppose you will sell your claim. I said I would sell cheap. Mr. Black came home today, I asked him if was all right to record it down there. Mr. Black recorded the OLD MAN claim.

Thursday June 24th. Clear and bright. Mr. H. Garner paid Mr. York a small acct. today. He wishes to know if Mr. L.C. York will give him credit till after the sockeye run. Mr. York is halting between two opinions. Mr. Garner is in debt to Mr. York nearly \$200. Very warm, the fish are not plentiful yet.

Friday June 26th. Very warm. Black's brother washed out one of the boats today, they are going to fish for Mr. York. The boats are all turned up on the wharf ready for caulking and painting. I wish that I could get away. Mr. York and I went to Gilbert McKay's last night to help choose a cow he is getting from McKay in exchange for a cow [?]. Well, he chose the cow first, then asked my opinion. Quite a thunder, lightning and rain about 5 p.m., it was very refreshing.

Saturday June 26th. 58 degrees this morning 6 a.m. Mr. York sold his 156 fathom net to Mr. Fletcher. Harry [Sanders] has cleaned caulked & painted the boat. He is getting ready for fishing with Mr. Black's brother. Business is very quiet. Mr. McKay (Dan McKay's brother) & Mr. Black are going to Stave Lake to

prospect for Hall's Mine, it appears that it is very rich. They have taken Mr. York's pony.

Sunday June 27th 1897. Cloudy. A warm glow of heat, very pleasant. John A. came in from the mine last evening. The road is made to the YELLOW JACKET. Mr. Grigory is a good worker. They will blast out some of the GOLDEN DAWN and see what is in it. Mr. [Hugh] Robertson preached in the School house. Matthew 16 C 24 V. Collection \$2.05.

Monday June 28th. 60 degrees, cloudy. pleasant. John A. went to the GOLDEN DAWN this morning on Jesse. He left here at 7 am. The Waldon Bros. went to Vancouver on the *Bon Accord*. They are going to celebrate the 1st of July (Dominion Day). Mr. Sanders is painting the boat getting ready to fish with Black's brother. I wonder when we may expect a change.

Tuesday June 29th. Cloudy, a light shower this evening. I went to Mr. Spilsburys and got some cow cabbage plants for Major Bland. Mr. Spilsbury was not at home. I had lunch with the Major. I got home about 315. Business a little better today, it is a pity that we are so high & mighty. I wish they would come down to this earth.

Wednesday June 30. 56 deg. A gentle rain all day. I have been planting cabbage plants this forenoon. It is very pleasant to have a dinner of fine salmon, and not a word spoken from the start to the finish. O, How nice it is to live on the Fraser River. Young Oliver jumped his own claim in his father's name, to save them from doing the assessment.

Thursday July 1st. 60 deg. Raining all night. Some of the farmers have a lot of hay cut, this wet weather is not good for saving hay. Everything is growing rapidly. We had some Red Raspberries for dessert, the first for this season. Business is better today, the fishermen are getting ready to go fishing. John A. and Mr. Grigory came home from the GOLDEN DAWN this evening.

Friday July 2nd 1897. 62 deg. It rained before seven and was fair before eleven. Young William Hairsine & young [Sam?] Garner were working for Mr. York today 75¢ per day & board, they wheeled all the firewood that Mr. [Robert] Robertson had sawed out of the piles. Mr. Grigory went home to Whatcom today. He slept here last night. Mrs. York and the Misses Yorks went to the Mission today to visit Mrs. Archie York, they are all Well.

Saturday July 3rd. 60 deg. Rain this morning. Frank Owens got away his net this morning. Sanders said Owens got the longest net, let them fight it out. Sanders is a born kicker, a man void of all reason. I expect Mr. York may expect trouble with him. Mrs. L.C. York returned home today.

Sunday July 4th. 56 deg., clear and bright, the fishermen are all getting ready for fishing. F. Owens's partner is on the wharf now 12 O.C. John A. helped him to turn over his boat. It is needless to think of the leopard changing his spots or a wolf his (coat ?), when a man gets into a bad position, he must ask for help in every time of trouble. This was the first night for the fishermen to fish for sockeyes.

Monday July 5th. 60 deg. Rain last night. Cloudy. Sam Cromarty &

M.W. Hairsine 8 sockeyes, 3 spring, 1 sturgeon. F. Owen[s] & [blank] 1 sockeye, Sanders and Black 1 sockeye, Sutherland & R. Robertson 0. Henry Garner 4 sockeyes. Business quiet, I think the fishermen are trying to stick any man who furnishes nets and boats, and the men who know nothing, only pretenders.

Tuesday July 6th. 60 deg cloudy. The fishermen are doing better. Mr. Sam Cromarty 43 sockeyes & 1 spring salmon. John Owen 39 & 1 spring. H. Garner 29 & 1. Mr. Garner's boys 9. Messrs. Sanders and Black too sweet to go out. Mrs. York came into the store in a great passion. When anything is wrong or the baby is crying, she scolds me. John A. is going to Vancouver Island with G.L. Boyd and Mr. Thomas to prospect end of week.

Wednesday July 7th 1897. 58 degrees. It rained all night. The cross look is there. I wish I was away. G.W. [G.L.] Boyd went away on the *Bon Accord* to see a Mr. Thompson, an old friend of Mr. Boyd's who can tell him where the creek is, that contains gold, it appears that the schoolmaster near Mr. Thomson is going to pay Mr. Thompson's fare to Victoria for a share in the find.

Thursday July 8th. Cloudy, not any rain. The ranchers have a lot of hay cut more than two weeks and wet nearly all the time. Mr. James Cromarty is home from his prospecting tour with August Baker. He said they have found Mr. Hall's claim, and staked it, and four more claims. Mr. G.L.B.[oyd] is home with a C & B story that the man was just starting & could not take any person with him. I think Boyd's friend will stake for Boyd & shut out John A. and Thomson.

Friday July 9th. 60, warm, very pleasant. Mr. G.L. Boyd has got another object in view, we don't know where he is going. I expect that Mr. Black has told him about some other place, and they are not willing that any person should know? The same stiffness all around. They are cross because they have not cheated me out of everything.

Saturday July 10. Hot and dry. 60 degrees in morn. then 86 noon. The river is falling slowly, the fish scarce. Sam Cromarty shipped 156 fish this week, High boat. Henry Garner next highest. Mr. York telegraphed to Mr. Thomas that Mr. Boyd was away. Mr. Thomas answered that Mr. Thomas had not gone yet, and to come right along. I made a mistake. H. Garner highest 163, Sam Cromarty 155, Joe Garner & Bros. 150. John A. went on the Whatcom west this afternoon, to prospect Vancr Island.

Sunday July 11th. A very fine morning 82. Messrs. Delorne & Currie went down the river this morning in their canoes, they are going to try fishing. Mr. McDonald, Mr. Thomas' friend is here and Mr. J. Mills Johnson is his boat puller. They fished this evening.

Monday July 12th 1897. Lovely this morning. Joe Garner & Bros. 90 fish, F. Owen[s] & Pine [Pyne] 47. Mr. Sanders and Black got snagged 20. 700 fish from Wharnock today. Miss Hairsine went to Westminster today to consult a dentist.

Tuesday July 14 [13]. Very pleasant weather not very many fish. One boat 2 men fished all night and only 25 fish. Henry Garner & Tom have shipped 305 salmon, Sam Cromarty 300, Garner

Boys nearly 300, Sanders & Black 45, F. Owen[s] & Pine 150. Mr. Sanders is wanting Mr. York to give him a hundred & fifty fathom net. Mr. York thinks it will not pay. Sanders got Mr. York to buy the licence, then he kicked till Mr. York got new oars and now he kicks to get a big net.

Wednesday July 14th. Cloudy. Not any fish. Business is a little better. Mr. Sanders was in to see Mr. York about getting a new net. I think he will make so many promises about what great things he is going to do and how many immense things he has done, perhaps Mr. York will be simple enough to buy a new net. I am painting my boat, a fine wind blowing up the river. Mr. Thomas came here this evening. He is going to fish with Mr. McDonald.

Thursday July 15th. Pleasant weather. I wish everything was as pleasant as the weather. Messrs. Black Bros. & Sanders (foul mouth) are going to work at the GOLDEN CURRIE today. Mr. Sharp is going today to take possession of the Ranch which he bought near Mission City. Not any fish running last night. Mr. Heafy is working \$3.50 per day, he pays \$1.00 per day board.

Friday July 16th. A very quiet pleasant rain. The fishermen have their nets on the racks waiting for Sunday night, when they expect a big haul. Mr. Black could not do much at the GOLDEN CURRIE, the drills he bought from Mr. York were too soft, it appears the Rock is very hard. John A. came home from the BLIZZARD Mine. He shipped about 40 lbs. ore to Mr. Campbell, Vancouver today. Mr. Sanders sewed the sail today.

Saturday July 17th 1897. Cloudy. They have a lot of hay cut, and it rained on it all yesterday. A Mr. Lothian is here waiting for the Steamer *Transfer*. He is going up to the Leckey & Brown mine, to put in the stamp machinery & build an engine & saw mill. Mr. Thomas & Mr. McDonald caught 45 sockeyes and one Spring salmon yesterday, Mr. Sanders is nagging me all day, he is like Mr. Percy, he nags me because I am old.

Sunday July 18th. A fine day. Revd. A. Dunn preached in the schoolhouse, about 30 of a congregation, Genesis 39 & 40, Joseph, Joseph's temptation and imprisonment. The fishermen are in luck tonight. Joe Garner & brother got 45 the first drift. Messrs. Sanders & Black got fifty in one drift from the point of the island [Crescent Island] down the middle of the river to Mr. York's wharf.

Monday July 19th 1897. Fine weather. The sockeye fishing good. Sam Cromarty and his nephew Malcolm W<sup>m</sup> Hairsine high boat 225, Black & Sanders 190, Joe Garner & Bro. 185.. F. Owens 100 snagged. I have been repairing my boat, it was leaking. I gave it to John A. and Delorne. They lent it to a fisherman & he let a bank of ore fall on it.

Tuesday July 20th Cloudy Business quiet. Only a few boats drifting. Mr. Thomas and Mr. McDonald were out last night. Mr. Thomas said they got a few 7,8, & 9 at a drift. When morning came they got only 2 & 4 at a drift. Mr. York has gone to Mr. John Owens [Owen] to see some new fishing net web, if Mr. Owens [Owen] can disappoint Mr. York, he is sure to do it & feel happy

all the day.

Wednesday July 21st. A shower of rain. Thunder this afternoon. I painted the inside of my boat today, the sun was very hot. The thunder cooled the air. Mr. York bought 100 fathom of sockeye net, it cost \$65. He gave it to Messrs. Sanders & Black. Sanders said he would take the new net and let Owens and Pyne get both old nets and put them together and make one good net.

Thursday July 22nd. Cloudy. Crosses, O how cross, hidden. Mr. Garner is hanging the new net for Messrs. Sanders & Black. Not a salmon caught since yesterday, very few fish in the river. It is reported there are thousands in the Gulf, the fishermen expect a big run of fish Sunday night. Some of the fellows here get a boat & net from Mr. York, and they try to beat him out of everything. This evening at 4 O.C. he shouted, Mr. Williamson, I am going to town. All is hidden from me.

Friday July 23rd 1897. It rained nearly all night and is raining this morning. John A. shipped Mr. Percy's chickens today. Sanders & Black were here this morning and hauled up the boat on the wharf to give Roby [Robertson] a chance to repair it. When any person is in the store and Miss (Adele?) in, she will talk till you cannot hear what a person is saying, and they think it very smart.

Saturday July 24th. Occasional showers all forenoon. Mr. [Isaac R.] Parker was riding from home to Wharnock, his horse fell and threw him and hurt him. He is at Mr. York's. John A. rode out and told his son. His son came here on horse back and said he would come for his father tomorrow. John A. walked home. Margery Hairsine went home on a visit today.

Sunday July 25th. Bright and clear. H[enry]. Parker telegraphed for the Doctor. He came up on the 3.26 Express. The doctor examined Mr. Parker. He says Mr. Parker will soon get well, no bones broken, no rupture, no danger, plenty of rest. Mr. Derenburg was here today. He & John A. went down to Henderson's. J.A. went out walking with a Dear Creature. Mr. Garner wanted J.A. to go fishing tonight. I went down & told him. He said he would be on time.

Monday July 26th 1897. Bright and clear. 74 in the shade. Good fishing. Joe Garner & Bro. 513. Fish 10¢ each. Tom Garner 410. He would have had more if he had not snagged, as it was, he was high boat at Silverdale. Just the same yesterday, today and forever. Mr. Owens [Owen] got such a lot of fish that he refused to take any more. John A. & Mr. Garner caught 277, they had to leave them in the piano box on the wharf.

Tuesday July 27. The weather very good, cool nights and pleasant days. The *Bon-Accord* took all the fish all right. When John A.'s fish were counted this morning, they were short 37 fish. A man they call Sanders who is fishing for Mr. York said he lost 50 fish. Some person said he was the thief & said that to screen himself. The fishermen blame Owen for not taking the fish, they say he did that to get favour with the Cannery men.

Wednesday July 28th. Fine weather, very few fish. The fishermen get 1 to 5 each drift. I have got my boat nearly finished. Mr. York

has faith in the BLUE BIRD claim. He is going to develop it and put in the assessment. Things are not changed. Every cent is fastened in the Business.

Thursday July 29th. Fine. Business better. John A. is going to fish with Mr. Garner. Fish are 6¢ each. The Klondike gold craze has struck Wharnock.

Friday July 30th. A few showers. Mr. York and John A. went to the BLUE BIRD mine and put in 2 shots, the seam of quartz is very narrow and is not getting any wider. Messrs. Black & Sanders put in a few shots in the GOLDEN CURRIE. Sanders asked me to give him a sack & before I had time to get him a sack, he dumped Mr. York's ore out of his sack and took the sack without leave. Mr. Sanders is the kind of man he would encourage.

Saturday July 31st 1897. It rained all night. Clouds and sunshine, the sun very hot. John A. & Mr. Black were going to put a few shots into the BLUE BIRD today, but it was too wet.

Sunday August 1st 1897. 76 in the shade. A very fine day, the salmon are very plentiful, Joseph and Sam Garner get 253 salmon the first drift and 200 the second drift. The drift is from the Rancheree Creek [today Rolley or York Creek] to the buoy at Cook's Creek, the creek between Mr. Robertson's and Mr. Sutherland's. Mr. John Owen sent a request to Mr. York to fire a shot of a gun at 6 O.C. Mr. York kindly complied with the request. Mr. John Owen told the fishermen that he would only take 200 fish. I went out for a stroll and met Mr. Fancher. He said if I would go with him he would give me my watch. I went with him, Mr. and Mrs. Farrington & three children & Ruth Rolly they were all singing family piano.

Monday August 2nd. Fine weather. Sanders & Black are going to salt 300 salmon for Mr. York. John A. & Mr. G. Black went in my boat to put in some shots in the BLUE BIRD. Mr. August Baker went prospecting the Blue Mountain. He thinks there is good mineral in the Blue Mountain. Mr. Henderson and four men putting in a catching post [for mail bags to and from the passing trains] opposite the store door. John Owen got a telegram this evening telling him to buy no more fish & send all the boats down. He got orders to limit the men to 200, he told the men 150, so that he could sell all His fish.

Tuesday August 3rd. The weather splendid, 86 in the shade. The Garners went down the river this morning to fish, Sanders & Black went down the river to fish. Owen[s] & Pyne have not gone down yet. York is just the same. John A. & G. Black have gone to the BLUE BIRD to develop a quartz ledge near the Canyon.

Wednesday Aug. 4th 1897. Very warm weather, 89. Mr. and Mrs. York have taken the two children on the *Bon Accord* for an outing to Langley by invitation from Revd. & Mrs. Dunn, I am left out in the cold, well it is a long lane that has not a turning. I wish it would come soon. John A. is cutting down the long oars shorter to fit the small boat. Mr. John Owen was here this morning. He said that he could shew by his books that he put in less fish than the other boats, that is, the high boats and that Gilchrist is fully satisfied that Mr. John Owen could not do

better, because I had no chance, John Owen got the letter [better?] & made it all right. John Owen gave Pyne an order for ten dollars.

Thursday Aug. 5th. Warm, 84. Business quiet. Sam Cromarty & W<sup>m</sup> Hairsine went to the BLUE BIRD mine in my boat this morning. They intend to develop the quartz ledge near the canyon. Mills Johnson went out to see Waldon's KANAKA claim, the mine is richer now when they are lower down. They told Johnson about a little creek. Johnson went and found Waldon's lead & staked a claim.

Friday Aug. 6th. Warm, 88. The salmon were very plentiful but very few fishermen. Mr. Owens [Owen] has got the limit down to one hundred. Mrs. A. York from Mission City is here on a visit, she is buying a few goods. She expects to go to the Slocan in a fortnight, three of the boys are going next week. Mrs. A. York will start the week following. Young [Hugh] Sutherland & Mr. [Robert] Robertson caught 112 salmon in two hours, Derenburg and little Swanoi got 120 in two hours.

Saturday Aug. 7th. Hot all day, 88. Thunder, lightning and rain at night. Not any change. The Yorks are very busy doing nothing, happy only when visiting. Mrs. Frank Owens cleaned some salmon, carried them up the big hill where they live. She took sick that night and had a still born baby. Charlie Garner, Thomas, and Henry came home on the *Bon Accord* this evening. Sunday Aug. 8th 1897. Hot. 84. Revd. A. Dunn preached in the schoolhouse today, Genesis 4,7,8. 15 of a congregation. The fishermen are all out fishing, they expect quite a catch, but they are limited to 100 each boat. The thunder is rolling but not any rain. Mr. Black called to see John A. to tell him he would rather not go with him tomorrow. Mr. Boyd was with Black, So, Ho, there is something in the wind. So be it, O that I had wings like a dove.

Monday Aug. 9th. A little cloudy, 78. Mr. Edwards is loading a scow with cord wood. John A. is helping to load. Sam Cromarty and Malcolm W. Hairsine went down to see if he wanted any more men. Mr. Edwards said No. He has only seven men. Mr. Edwards is a man who feels too big for anything. But to lower people in the eyes of others He will get the tenth of his leather. Tuesday Aug. 10th. It rained before seven O.C. John A. got up at ½ past four O.C. this morning. He cooked his breakfast and went to Mr. Edwards to help finish loading the scow. Yesterday Mr. Cromarty & young Hairsine wanted Mr. Edwards to take them on to help. Mr. Edwards refused to take them. Mr. Edwards & nagging Percey were looking for Sam Cromarty. Everything is the same. Archibald Beggam was right, he had more wisdom than me.

Wednesday Aug. 11th. Cloudy, 70. John A. and Mr. Black went to the BLUE BIRD to work at the quartz ledge. Mr. L.C. York is going to the Mission to build up a name without Charity. O that I could get away, it is a great pity that I was such a great fool, put not your trust in Princes, nor King Salomons. Mr. Boyd has been prospecting on Wharnock Creek. He says that he has got it, pure

native silver, & quite a ledge. Mr. York returned from the Mission tonight, of course we are on our High Horse.

Thursday August 12. Cloudy 74. John A. rode out to Walden's mine to examine the road to see if he could pack ore on ponies & make it pay. I think it is a chance about whether a person can buy ponies and get enough to pay for the outfits & a profit. I am fitting up my boat. It capsized in the Stave River Canyon & caught on a rock & split one of the boards from stem to stern. John A. and Mr. G<sup>eo</sup> Black were pitched in the water. Mr. Blake's man came from the mail, he asked for Miss Magar. I looked in the M. box and never thought of looking in the B. box. He got no mail of Mr. Blake. I feel sorry.

Friday Aug. 13th 1897. Warm, 82. The salmon are very scarce, the fishermen are coming back to Wharnock. Some of the canneries have got all they want for this year, Black came home yesterday, Sanders is not home yet. I was making a knee for my boat, it was nearly made. Walter Thomson & John A. & I went down to the boat. Thomson said this is the way to make it. He cut it nearly all away. I made another knee.

Saturday Aug. 14th 1897. Very hot, 89. Messrs. Fletcher and Bland came home last night. The canneries will take all the fish they can get at the mouth of the river, Mr. Bland said tonight, and John Owen's limit is 200 fish. Mr. York went to Vancouver today. He took some rock with him to get it tested. Things are worse than ever; I expect a lot of fishermen will pay up after the fishing. Miss Parkinson was here this evening, she looked very glum.

Sunday Aug. 15th. Another hot day, 88. We had breakfast at 9:25. Mrs. York gave children a bath before breakfast. John A. milks the cows. The fishermen are going out to try their luck tonight. Fish only 5 cents each. Business quiet. I do not see where the business is to come from, the fishermen get nearly all their supplies in New Westminster except when they get credit.

Monday Aug. 16th 1897. Hot, 91. Warm and close. Business quiet. John A. lost his watch today, I think it must have been lost near the warehouse. He thinks it was lost in the potato patch. Thomas Garner wanted John A. to fish in his place, now when the run is nearly over. That is too, too, kind, altogether too fine. The *Gladys* brought a lot of freight for Mr. York today.

Tuesday, Aug. 17. Very smoky. The fires are burning on the south side of the river. Business quiet. John A. went away on the Str *Bon Accord* this evening to Mount Lehman to get Mr. York's horses. Messrs. Carver and H. Garner came home from New Westminster. Pretty happy tonight. John A. and I painted the inside of my boat & nailed the bottom. Mr. John Owens [Owen], the fisherman's friend, received a telegram to buy no more fish.

Wednesday Aug. 18. Very warm. 89. John A. got home with the horses this morning on the *Bon Accord*. The fishermen are to be paid off on Saturday.

Thursday Aug. 19. Hot, 88. Mr. York and John Layfield went to New Westminster today. Mr. York is going to Vancouver before he comes back. John A. borrowed Mr. Gilbert McKay's mower &

mowed part of the hay. Mr. Knudtson came home from fishing and took fever & is very ill.

Friday Aug. 20th. Very close and warm, 90 deg. this morning, hot at noon. Mrs. York feels the heat very much. Frank Owens was very indignant because Mrs. York refused to give him a pair of pants & a sack of chop. He was very saucy. Business quiet. John A. finished mowing the hay with the machine and took it home to Mr. McKay's. He said John A. could get the loan of it any time. Every thing is very so, so.

Saturday Aug. 21st 1897. Very dry and hot, 90. The fishermen are getting paid today. We expect some good drinking. Fishing is dry work, the water is so wet. John A. hauled two loads of hay this evening. William Malcolm [William Gowan] Hairsine helped to load.

Sunday Aug. 22nd. Hot, 86, the weather is hot with only a few drops of rain. The fishermen were paid up on Saturday. Mr. Pyne played a fishy trick on Mr. York. He collected all the cash & gave F. Owens twenty dollars. Mr. York threatened him with the police, then he gave up the money, Mr. F. Owens gave up ten dollars.

Monday Aug. 23rd. Hot. 90. The hot dry weather continues. John A. hauled the balance of the hay into Cromarty's barn this morning. He took the rake home & brought the horses & wagon over the river on the Str *Gladys*. Business is very good, some of the fishermen paying and some will not pay. John Mattison Norwegian, John Speller Sweden [Belgian].

Tuesday Aug. 24th. Cloudy, 86. It is gathering the clouds together to rain in earnest. John A. took a jag load of goods to Mr. G.L. Boyd, 1 barrel of lime, one of flour Lake of the Woods, 1 sack Japan rice. He is to bring back a scraper to do road work with the horses. He worked all day on the road leading to the station. He borrowed a plough from Mr. G.L. Boyd. John A. hauled the new goods from the station for Mr. York today.

Wednesday Aug. 25th. The sun was hot, but the thermometer was 78 only, in the shade. The Str *Gladys* brought two lumps of ice for Mr. Knudtson today. He was a little better this morning. John A. took the ice to Mr. Knudtson. He worked the horses on the road today.

Thursday Aug. 26th. Very warm, 80. John A. got the horses shod today by Mr. Carver at the Ruskin mill forge. He is making a rack for hauling cord wood. Business is fair. Mr. Fletcher, the post office inspector, was here today, everything about the post office was all right. No. 2 missed the mailbag today. John Mattison refused to pay anything on his note today. He said Mr. York could not collect anything from him.

Friday August 27th 1897. Very dry, 80. John A. brought one load of cord wood today, he said it was enough for the horses, they have not been fed. Frank Owens is sneaking after Mr. York, I think he will stick Mr. York for six months grub or more. Mr. York is getting more goods. I wonder who is going to buy the goods. I expect he will sell on credit and be hard up again. Mr. York has a Chinaman weeding the garden.

Saturday Aug. 28th. Warm dry weather. John A. took two Chinamen with him this morning to help make a road to get out the cord wood. John A. brought the third load today. Mr. Black came home from New Westminster today. Mr. Munn told him to put three hundred dollars work on the GOLDEN CURRIE.

Sunday August 29th. Hot, 80. A Mr. Reid preached in the school house 55th chap 5,6 verses Isiah. Mr. D[unn] preached at Mount Lehman. I was very warm in the church, or school house today. Mrs. Hudgson complained of the heat. 18 of a congregation. Collection \$1.75. Mrs. Hudgson liked Mr. Reid's preaching. She said he spoke so loud & so full toned & sang so nice. She said that she would like if we could meet once and practice the tunes. Mr. Reid stayed all night. Mrs. York played the piano and sang. Mr. Reid & John A. sang with Mrs. York. I went to bed and to sleep.

Monday August 30. Cloudy, 76, fine weather, a little smoky. John A. broke the tongue of the wagon. He is going tomorrow to Mr. Parker's to get him to put in a new tongue. Mr. [Robert] Fletcher signed the contract to take ore from the KANAKA mine and ship it. The Heathen Chinaman mowed the strawberries today. Mr. Reid went away on the 1020 Whatcom today. Mrs. York, Mr. Reid and I had a little sing together before he left.

August 31st 1897. 60. It rained all night. Mr. Fletcher left his net on the rack. Mr. Sanders also. The Boys say that Messrs. Owens & Pyne purposely snagged Mr. York's net and left the balance on the rack. O ye gentlemen of England, who guard our fisheries, whose schemes will carry you through another six months with ease, if the supplies are not stopped short.

Wednesday, Sept. 1st. 55. It rained this morning for two hours. John A. started with the team & two Chinamen. John A. to got to Mr. Parker's to get him to put a tongue in the wagon. The Chinamen to make roads & chop 25 cords of cordwood. John A. got the tongue put in and hauled one cordwood, and was home at ½ past six o'clock. Mr. Fletcher and some of those who are to pack out the ore were here this afternoon. Mr. York gave up the packing of ore to Mr. Fletcher, they get their supplies from Mr. York. If the thing is a failure, who suffers?

Thursday Sept. 2nd. Fine weather. John A. took some supplies for R. Fletcher to use at the KANAKA claim. Mr. Black has taken a contract to sink 15 feet for \$10. per foot. Messrs. Fletcher, Lee and Neilson are to freight and ship it for \$20. per ton. John A. brought a load of cordwood at ½ past 11 O.C.

Friday Sept. 3rd. 55. We had rain nearly all day. John A. finished building the stairway at the warehouse. Nils Nelson is getting up a dance & house warming in honor of his wife, here. His wife is the daughter of a man called Dunn, part English & part Italian. Her mother is part Kanaka. They expected a number on the *Bon Accord*. But the only one was Alfred Nelson. John A. & Mr. Derenburg have gone with a lantern. Doctor Drew came here to see Mr. Knudtson, who is sick of Typhoid fever. The Doctor said Knudtson was at worst. He ordered brandy, sent medicine. He is getting better. The Doctor stayed all night here.

Saturday Sept. 4th 1897. 60 degrees. It is raining and has rained all night. John A. and Thomas Garner moved the stoves and put up the stove pipes. Tom Garner and J.A. worked two hours. Mr. York told Tom he would give him all the plums he could eat. Mr. Thomas [Garner] will get fat on that kind of work! The Doctor went and saw Mr. Allen. He said Mr. Allen had no fever.

Sunday September 5th 1897. Thunder, lightening and rain, 50 deg. The weather is very cool, we feel it the more because the weather has been so hot. Mr. Allen is getting better. Sometimes it is very unpleasant. Such is Life on the Fraser River. Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. I often wonder when the other party will shew their hand. If I was a party, I would get everything ready for the move.

Monday Sept. 6. Rain, showers all morning, very heavy rain after dinner. A Grand Excursion from Vancouver to [Agassiz] to visit the Experimental Farm and places of interest, 21 coaches and two locomotives. Every passenger coach was filled with excursionists dressed in their best & some borrowed, perhaps. A Mr. McIntosh came with the crowd to visit Mr. York on business to get up a company. John A. brought goods from the station for Mr. York, brought home a load of cordwood, got a load at the station for the Percy Bros., and hauled it up after dinner.

Tuesday Sept. 7th. 60 degrees, a fine morning, a little cloudy, it rained about 3 O.C.. John A. and I brought about 300 lbs. of hay from S. Cromarty's before dinner. He went for a load of cordwood after dinner, the rain kept off till 3 O.C. Mr. Allen is not any better. His (back?) was affected by stooping so much taking the fish out of the net. Business is very fair. Nils Nilson and wife are living in a scow on the River near Mr. York's land at the foot of Mr. Cook's creek.

Wednesday September 8th 1897. Cloudy, 55 Deg, very pleasant. H. Garner and S. Cromarty are getting a lot of big sturgeon, they have a deep net. John A's horses went through the bridge yesterday with their feet only. He got the horses and wagon & load over all right. Mr. Ball is Gilchrist's councilor for Wharriock. When we spoke to Mr. Ball about the bridge he said if any man wanted to use the bridge to haul anything over the bridge with a team he might fix the bridge if he liked, he would have nothing to do with it. Mr. York went to Mission City to attend the Masonic Lodge. When he went away he said that he would go to Chilliwack to buy hay and would not be home till Friday. He got home today all right.

Thursday Sept. 9th. 70, a very fine day. Business quiet. John A. took the lines off the new net & brought it in today and put it upstairs all right. The Messrs. Garners & Sam Cromarty caught a 500 lb. sturgeon today. R. Fletcher went to New Westminster with rock from the KANAKA to get it assayed. I have not heard the result yet. A Mr. Grant, a collector for a hardware firm in New Westminster called when Mr. York was away. He had accounts against Mr. York of \$70. He wanted five dollars only to pay his expenses. I spoke to Mrs. York. She would scarcely give it because I asked her. Mr. York came home after I gave him the



cash, it was all right.

Friday Sept. 10th. 62 degrees. Cloudy this morning, fine weather.

John A. got up this morning at ½ past 5 O.C. He went for a load of cordwood and was home at 1020. He repaired the tongue of the wagon and took a few kegs and some other sundries for Percy Bros. Mr. McClayies', stoves, tinware etc. Commercial traveller is here looking for orders. He has been through the Kootenay country. He says they have very little rain there.

Saturday September 11th 1897. Bright 68 deg. Mount Baker shewing up beautifully. August Baker got home today. James Cromarty will be home on Monday, they are all to meet at Port Haney on Monday to sign the papers and complete the sale. John A. hauled two loads of lumber to Perceys Bros. before dinner. Business is fair. Mr. Harrison and Miss Parkinson went down the river on the *Bon Accord* this morning. I fondly hope if they get married that they will be happy.

Sunday Sept. 12th. Lovely fine weather, 72. Mr. Gardner of the steamer *Transfer* received a letter from the C.P.R. to get Sam Cromarty, Henry Garner & himself ready to go to the head of the Stikine River to help in the preliminary survey of the railroad from the Stikine River to the Klondyke. The three men are to meet at Vancouver to see what the C.P.R. will pay them for their services. Mr. Gardner has passed his examination as Captain. He expects to get his papers shortly.

Monday Sept. 13th. 58, a little rain this morning before 7 O.C. John A. is hauling lumber for Percey Bros. Mrs. Ole Nelson and Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Nelson's mother on the *Bon Accord* this morning to get their teeth fitted, they had loaned Mr. Black ten dollars. He said that he would pay it on Monday. But he had no money, they borrowed ten dollars from Mr. York.

Tuesday Sept. 14th. Cloudy, 68. The wind began to blow from southwest and dispersed all the clouds. John A. to[ok] two loads to Perceys and got home at 1110, fed his horses, and is waiting for dinner. Messrs. Black and Sanders wanted to borrow a boat. Mr. York told Mr. Black if he would walk down to Mr. Spilsbury's he could get one of his fishing boats and sail up. When Mr. Black got there there was neither sail nor oars & they walked back. Messrs. Garner, Gardner & Cromarty are to get \$2.00 per day and found [food? board?]. They leave Vancouver tonight, they are under wages from tonight.

Wednesday Sept. 16 [15] 1897. A fine day. Revd. Mr. Dunn is here. He & Mr. York had a long talk about an accusation brought against Mr. Dunn by Mrs. Sutherland about him selling that place and representing the place to be better than it is, and that she, in a very short time, would do all the business. It was expected that Mr. York would fail, then she would have the business and all to herself. Mr. Boyd got Mr. Oliver to haul his M. ft. lumber. I am getting a boil on the back of my neck.

Thursday Sept. 16. Very fine, 68. John A. is getting on with the hauling the lumber, the Percey bros. are unloading the scow, they expect to finish today. John A. will finish hauling lumber tomorrow. Tom & Joe Garner caught a fine sturgeon today. Mr.

Allen is not any better today. The Doctor visited him this forenoon. He is very low, I have not heard what the Doctor said. The boil on my neck is worse.

Friday Sept. 17th. Warm, 78. Mr. Allen is sinking fast, the Doctor told them to telegraph how Mr. Allen was. Mr. Alec telegraphed that he was not any better. Mr. Allen died today at 20 minutes after 10 O.C. John A. finished the hauling the lumber today. We think that he will finish on Saturday, bricks & sand. Mr. Knocory [York] is always tired. My boil is worse.

Saturday Sept. 18th. 80 deg. The sun is very hot. Mr. York went to Sapperton to help bury Mr. Allen, they buried him at Sapperton. Mr. York came home this evening on the *Bon Accord*. John A. hauled the balance of the bricks & some lumber for Sticaweg, and a load of sand for Percey Bros. He got home 1245. He was tired. Mrs. York told him to saw wood. My neck is very stiff with that boil.

Sunday Sept. 19. Hot, 80. Revd. A. Dunn preached in the school-house today. I went to the service, my neck was very sore.

Monday Sept. 20. Hot, 78. John A. is getting the wood home, my boil is bad. The oats did not come.

Tuesday Sept. 21 1897. Cloudy 76. John A. brought a load of wood for L.C.Y. [L.C. York] and a load of apples and peaches before dinner for Mrs. Sutherland. The oats did not come.

Wednesday Sept. 22nd 1897. Cloudy, 78. It looks like rain. Two young men stayed here last night. They were in Slocan District prospecting. My boil is very sore. I took a powder. The oats did not come.

Thursday Sep. 23rd. Very foggy, 76, but it was a fine day after the fog cleared away. The poll tax collector is around. My boil is getting better, it is very sore yet. 2 Chinamen are sawing and splitting wood. The oats did not come yet.

Friday, Sept. 24th. Fine. 74. John A. is busy hauling wood, the weather is fine. Two Chinamen are sawing and splitting wood. The oats came today.

Saturday Sept. 25th. Hot, 78, a fine day. John A. hauling two cords of wood every day. I take three glasses Egg nogg every day, 1 egg, a little milk, two tablespoonsfull of Hennessey's best Brandy, a little lemon & nutmeg.

Sunday Sept. 26th. Rain, 66, it began to rain shortly after noon. Mrs. York makes egg noggs, poultices my neck very often every day. She has been doing so for a week.

Monday Sept. 27th. John A. brought two loads of cordwood today, 2 cords or over, the roads are very bad where they have been doing road work.

Tuesday Sept. 28th. A pleasant day, 68. Mr. York went to Steveston today to look at a bankrupt stock. Mr. Delorne was here today. He is fishing for sturgeon at Silverdale with Mr. Innes. John A. had to change clothes and go into the store till Mr. York comes back. We don't expect him home before tomorrow night.

Wednesday Sept. 29. John A. keeping store till Mr. York comes home. Mr. York came home on the *Bon Accord*. He bought some goods at Steveston.

Thursday Sept. 30th 1897. Rain, 66. It rained last night and it is very cloudy.

Friday Oct. 1st 1897. Cloudy, kept up the record. What Friday gets, it keeps. John A. hauled all day.

Saturday Oct. 2nd 1897. Very fine weather, 70. Mr. Black has sold a mine for five hundred dollars near Vancouver.

Sunday Oct. 3rd, a little rain, a drizzle of rain all day. Margery Hairsine left Mrs. York's today and went to Miss Parkinson.

Monday Oct. 4th. Very fine weather today. John A. has hauled something for Mr. York's customers every day and made his trip in good (time?). Mrs. Nelson's springs & tick today.

Tuesday Oct. 5th. Another fine day, 74. John A. is plowing Mr. Black's garden. He hauled fish, rotten, at the same time, lumber, shingles etc. My carbuncle is getting better it is painful yet.

Wednesday Oct. 6th, foggy mornings, fine days, 70. Mr. York went to Mission today. Business fair. John A. finished Black's plowing and hauled one cordwood, and kept the store all evening. Odin Lee is digging the potatoes.

Thursday Oct. 7th. Fine weather, 66, the roads are good. John A. is hauling two cords every day, Sunday excepted. Mr. Rolly is putting a zinc gutter on the roof of the house. Odin Lee is helping Mr. Rolly. Mr. York came home on the steamer today. He says the Mission is very dull, business away down.

Friday Oct. 8th. Cloudy all day, 60. John A. worked for Mr. Black hauling rotten humpback salmon, and a wolf's load of pickets, plowing his garden, & hauling a load of manure, and some other little load. John A. said it was worth ten dollars, Black paid \$8, & said it was enough. John A. hauled three cords of wood today.

Saturday Oct. 9th 1897. Another cloudy day. Messrs. Rolly and Fancher finished putting in the gutter of zinc, where the two roofs join. John A. hauled two cords.

Sunday Oct. 10th 1897. Cloudy, 56. Revd. A. Dunn preached. Mrs. York and the two children & John A. went. They had a large congregation. My carbuncle kept me at home. This is a great country when a man and a woman can take every cent of cash an old man has, and if he speaks, snap off his nose.

Monday Oct. 11th. 60. It rained early this morning, and a little rain all day. John A. got Mr. Carver to shoe the horses today. If I speak a word in the house, either Mr. York or Mrs. York contradicts with a snap and a sneer, if any person is present. He did it very harshly this morning when John Owens [Owen] was in the store. Percy Bros. ordered two boxes one of fire clay and the other box of sundries. The *Bon Accord* brought them and the *Bon Accord* left them on some lumber near Mr. York's warehouse and some person stole the two boxes.

Tuesday Oct. 12th, 56 deg. Thunder, lightening rain and hail. It cleared up after noon and was fine. John A. is making a box stall for the horses. Mr. Fletcher and Oli Neilson are salting and barrelling and putting brine on the balance of the salmon.

Wednesday Oct. 13th. 60. fine all day. John A. hauled one cord of cordwood today. He is fitting up a double stall for the two horses. Business is fair. My carbuncle is getting better slowly. We

are dressing it with vaseline. I think it would be better to poultice more with linseed meal.

Thursday Oct. 14th. A lovely day. 58. Mr. York went to Westminster today to meet a boot & shoe man from the east. John A. brought some wood for the store and some shakes before dinner, and he brought a big load of cordwood from Lee's.

Friday Oct. 15th 1897. Cloudy, 56. John A. brought 2 cords today. John A., Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Carver went on the *Bon Accord* to a party at Mount Lehman. Mr. York returned on No. 2 all right.

Saturday Oct. 16th. Fine all day, 78. John A. came home from the concert before 6 o'clock this morning. Messrs. Carver and Harrison did not get home till near noon. John A. hauled 2 cords of wood before noon. Mr. York brought home some oranges and the children ate nine this morning, and they never offered me a taste. They did better with the bananas, I got one inch of a banana.

Sunday Oct. 17th. Cool morning and evening, warm and lovely all day. Mount Baker very pretty, all covered with snow. John A. has his new suit on, it is a good loose fit.

Monday Oct. 18th. 66. Lovely weather, cool mornings and evenings. Business quiet. John A. is hauling cord wood every day. I wish that I could get away.

Tuesday Oct. 19th. 56. A little rain this morning before 7 O.C. It cleared up before 11 O.C. John A. hauled 3 loads today, carried up 150 bricks from the River, went to the station and got a parcel for Percy Bros., and hauled the bricks up to Percy Bros. Eight loads of wood measured 11  $\frac{3}{4}$  cords. Quite a windstorm today.

Wednesday Oct. 20th. Very wet weather, 54. Business very dull. The cash in and around Wharnock is scarce. Messrs. Waldens are not making much out of their mine, they said they would make money before Christmas, they must hurry or Xmas will be here (before?) they know what they are about.

Thursday Oct. 21st. 50. I think the rainy season has set in. John A. is fitting up the horses' stable comfortably, they will have a nice warm stable this winter. Our red cow had a fine heifer calf today. Her time was not up till the 23rd of this month.

Friday Oct. 22nd 1897. 54. Cloudy all day. Business a little better. John A. brought three loads of cordwood today. The flour arrived today. Charles Neilson helped me to clean the flour house and a room upstairs to hold the flour. There is to be a grand dance at the Stave River to celebrate the opening of a new school house this evening.

Saturday Oct. 23rd. 50. It rained nearly all night and the greater part of the day. It was favorable when John A., Charles Neilson and Nils Nelson were unloading the half car of flour. They cleared the car out in three hours. Nils Nelson worked only two hours. Waldon Bros. have quit work on the KANAKA claim till spring.

Sunday [24 Oct.] 56 Cloudy a little sunshine lasting  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour. It began to rain at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 O.C. At 12:30 Mr. Preston was here on business. Mr. Lock was here on mail matter, Mr. Whetham was

here for mail & Miss Edith Henderson for mail. Mr. Preston said John A.'s stable was too hot. He said, if you could only see mine, you can run your hand through the cracks between the boards.

Monday Oct. 25th. 54. Cloudy. Mr. York is selling flour, chop, bran and wheat, the Ranchers are taking it in wagon loads, but very little cash about 1/8 cash. Mr. Manqer and an Italian are here trying to get Mr. York to log on Mr. Ferguson's Ranch. Messrs. York, Manqer and the Italian went up to Mr. Hairsine's to meet Mr. Ferguson, but Mr. Ferguson failed to connect.

Tuesday Oct. 26th. 56. Clouds and sunshine. Mr. Manqer and the Italian are here on their way to town, they expect to get the thing fixed up with Mr. Ferguson.

Wednesday Oct. 27th 1897. 62. Very fine weather. John A. brought three cords today. He took a load for Nils Neilson, and got thank you from Nils. Thanks is very poor feed for horses. He brought a box of chickens for Mr. Oliver. John A. put the box on the wagon and young George Boyd wanted to look in at the chickens. He moved a loose board and they all flew out. Two young men from Dakota are sleeping in the barn among the hay. Her Ladyship would not take them in.

Thursday Oct. 28th. 66. A little rain, it cleared up before 7 O.C. John A. brought home four cords & a half today. My carbuncle is mending.

Friday Oct. 29. 68. A little rain about 5 O.C., fine at 6 o'clock. John hauled two loads of wood this forenoon, he brought a load of hay from Mr. Oliver's. Messrs. Ferguson and C. Neilson took a lot of supplies to the logging camp on Ferguson's today. Messrs. Manqer and the Italian bought a load of supplies on the strength of the logging.

Saturday Oct. 30. 64. Fine weather. John A. is hauling hay from Mr. Oliver's, very good hay, better hay than S. Cromarty's. Apples are coming in some very good, others not very good. They are selling at Wharnock from two to three cents per lb. Mrs. York and Adele, and Gwendoline are visiting Mrs. Whetham where they have a birthday party. O Dear Me to think what it is to get down to every day life.

Sunday Oct. 31. 60. Lovely weather. "Every tub must stand on its own bottom," from whence cometh my aid. O that I had the wings like a dove then would I flee away and be at rest. Mr. Manqer was here today. He told Mrs. York that he had got a situation as foreman on the dike.

Monday Nov. 1st 1897. Fine weather. There was quite a rush of business for about two hours. Ball bought \$5.25 worth of goods. Mr. Ball was kicking for a job in the logging camp. Ferguson was here talking to Mr. York. An Indian bought some goods and told Mr. York he would pay him in bolts but Mr. York said he would get the goods when the bolts were cut. Mr. Knudtson is fiddling in the garden.

Tuesday Nov., 2nd. Lovely weather. John A. four loads today. Revd. Turner is here today. He was passing through to Chilliwack. He stopped off to see us and wait for the train. We had some music, which was nice, and Mrs. York prevailed on him to stop with us

all night and have some music.

Wednesday Nov. 3rd. 46, a little rain and a little colder. Business quiet. Mr. York is preparing to log on Mr. Ferguson's ranch. He gave Ferguson a lot of supplies for the logging camp. The sheriff is here to see if Ferguson will give security for a debt, if he don't give security, the sheriff will seize Ferguson's logs. He wants Mr. York as security. Mrs. York told me that Mr. York wanted his dog fed. I said that I wanted the hens fed, I said, who was boss? She said Mr. York was boss.

Thursday Nov. 4th. It rained all day and it is likely to rain all night. Mr. York went to Vancouver by rail this afternoon. John A. is shoeing the sleigh with vine maple getting ready to haul cord wood from Mr. Cook's, the roads are very bad in some parts, the rain has made (them) so soft.

Friday Nov. 5th. 44. Rain. Business quiet. Mr. York returned home. He went to a banquet given to Mr. Sifton, it was a great affair, cost only! three dollars. Black Bros. came in from the GOLDEN CURRIE, they are down five feet the lead getting wider, good samples. Cecil, the boy, was crying, I was striking a plate with my knife to please the boy. She said wickedly to Grandpa, stop that it makes me so nervous.

Saturday Nov. 6th 1897. A fine day. 50. Mr. York went to see Mr. Cadotte if he could get some piles. Mr. Cadotte can get the piles if it pays, the piles have to be delivered at Pitt River bridge. Black Bros. came home from the GOLDEN CURRIE on Friday and they are going out on Sunday. William Waldon was here for supplies, they are working at the KANAKA. Very fine day. Mr. York bought a quarter of beef from Mr. Preston today for 5¢ per lb. It weighed 125 lbs.

Sunday Nov. 7th. Fine all day, 52. Revd. Deitchem preached in the church near Oliver's [St. Paul's Anglican Church] brought out 19 of a congregation today. Mr. and Mrs. York and two daughters, Misses Adele and Gwendoline. John A. stayed at home to attend to the mail. Mrs. York had on her swell dress that she got from Toronto. A white frost last night.

Monday Nov. 8th. Rain very heavy till afternoon, when it abated some. But it rained a fine rain till night. John A. went to Mr. Rolly's to see the land Mrs. Smith wanted Mr. York to plough, and get Mrs. Rolly to turn his coat. Mr. York was cross about John A. being away, when he should have been taking a load to Percy's, through the rain.

Tuesday Nov. 9th. Rain all day. Business quiet. John A. made his horse blankets today. Mr. Farmer is here today waiting for the sheriff to come and sell Mr. Ferguson's logs.

Wednesday Nov. 10th. Cloudy, rain in evening very wet. John A. brought 2 cords from Mr. Cook's today on the sleigh.

Thursday Nov. 11th. Rained all night, and it is raining very hard. 930, it is too wet for horses to be working outside. John A. brought a load of wood from Mr. Cook's.

Friday Nov 12th. Cloudy this morning rain afternoon. John A. hauled some lumber for Mr. Rolly and (blank) Mr. York shipped 1½ dozen chickens by the *Bon-Accord* this morning.

Saturday Nov 13th 1897. 42. Rain off and on all day. Two rainbows northeast about 60 feet apart, it rained before, and it rained after. John A. is hauling cord wood from Mr. Cook's on a sleigh. Mr. Hairsine was here this forenoon. He went by the Stikine River when going to the Cariboo.

Sunday Nov 14th. 28 at night. 4 degrees of frost 40 at noon. It began to snow about 10 O.C. last night, and snowed some this morning. The snow is very soft and the ground is very sloppy. The Sunday School has been going for three Sundays, the attendance was very limited today. Mr. Carver said that there were only enough to open and close the school.

Monday Nov 15th. 38 at noon, 32 at night. The sun shining and the snow melting. John A. is hauling furniture for Perceys. He put the shoeing on one runner this morning and hauled a load and brought a load of wood from Mr. McCarty's, had dinner, fed the horses, and left here with another load for Perceys at 2 o'clock. No 1 late. Not any changes here everything is very unpleasant now. Miss Magarr was here today, she was very jolly. She told us she had recd a letter from Miss Elwain [Gertrude Elwin?] and that Miss Elwain is learning to write short hand and typewriting and it is like playing the piano. She is six lbs heavier and she had to let her skirt down four inches.

Tuesday Nov 16th. 32 in morning same at noon. Rain, cloudy all around. Business quiet. 3 Lees, Oli Nelson & Fletcher are talking of going to the Clondike in March 98. They are speaking about forming a company of five. Two will work for wages, three will go mining. When they finish the season they are to divide up evenly, share, and share, alike. John A. is hauling furniture from the station to Perceys on the waggon, the roads are very soft and muddy. Alex Allen is at home with his mother. He came home to butcher a pig, and save the apples before the frost comes.

Wednesday Nov 17th 1897. 34. It rained all day yesterday, all night and has rained all day. Today the snow is all gone, the wet wheather makes business quieter, the roads are very soft, the river is muddy. John A. is fitting up the windows preparing for winter, not any mail, a washout east, a bridge washed out.

Thursday Nov 18th. 48. It rained all night and till noon today. The wind veered round from Noreast to south west. The southwest wind scattered the clouds and we have fine weather. Axel Lee bought some goods today to make up for the Clondyke. John A. put a vine maple shoeing on one of the runners today. I think it will wear out before he hauls four cords of wood. The faster we travel, the sooner will we get to the end of our journey. Mr. Carver came home on the Str. *Bon Accord* this evening pretty well primed, whenever he gets a little he talks to Mr. York about a four dollar bill.

Friday Nov 19th . 48 at noon 28 at night. Lovely weather. John A. made two slides today. Gillie Bros. are expected to send up a scow to take three cords of wood they bought from Mr. York. They did not come. Mr. York had engaged the men to load the scow, the men were here waiting but they had to go home, it is very unpleasant, there is always some humbug with tugs.

Saturday Nov 20th. 34 near noon, a white frost last night, the sky very red this morning. A little drizzle of rain after dinner. John A. hauled a load of furniture this forenoon for Percey Bros., the sky clouded over with black heavy clouds. Mr. Knudtson is working around the raspberry bushes, they are not worth the labour. A through train this evening. We are not getting any coal oil. Mr. York ordered five cases, but the dealers have not any in stock, they have plenty in barrels. They expect to be able to send some on Monday or Tuesday. Mr. York borrowed half a gallon from Mr. Robertson.

Sunday, Nov 21st 1897. 32 morning, 34 noon, 32 evening. A cloudy morning, rain, snow in large soft flakes, sleet. A through train today. No. 1 on time. Mr. Ferguson here trading on Sunday as usual.

Monday Nov 22. 22 morning, 51 at noon. A little frost last night. Bright and clear this morning, a little cloudy at noon. Not any coal oil, we had to borrow from Mr. Robert Robertson this evening.

Tuesday Nov 23rd. Fine. 32 morn, 48 noon. Wind, cloudy, w. south W. John A. went for wood, the hames broke, and he had to bring the horses home without the wood today. Mr. York made an offer to me today to collect one dollar per week (per day?) till I had collected what I put into the business. (Note by A.E. York: Page in diary shows him getting One dollar per day cash.)

Wednesday Nov 24th. 22 morn. Lovely weather, the sun shining brightly. Tilly Bros.' scow got here at 9 o'clock. Mr. York got men enough to load 32 cords in three hours. One of the Indians got third finger of his right hand jammed between two sticks. We think the first joint is broken. Mr. York sent him down to the Doctor in New Westminster. Mr. Farmer is here watching the [Canadian] Co-operative Society. He is waiting till the[y] settle the Poll tax and some other little debt. What awful SPITE.

Thursday Nov 25th. Thursday. Thanksgiving Day 1897. Rain. Ther. 34 morn. The weather warm. The Indian got back this morning. He says the Doctor set his set his finger crooked.

Friday Nov 26th. Rain this morning. John A. is fitting his harness. Mr. Boyd is in the store. He says he will go to the Clondyke. John A. has got the harness all fitted up. He is going for the wagon today.

Nov 27th. 20 deg. 12 degrees of frost last night. Mr. York went to see the horses today. They are to bring them on Monday. Mr. Carver could not iron the sleighs, nor shoe the horses till Monday. John A. is going to logging camp on Tuesday.

Sunday Nov 28th. White frost this morning. Mr. Ferguson was here today buying goods as usual. No. 1 six hours late. That party lives to insult.

Monday Nov 29th. Ther. 22. Snow. About 4 inches fell. Rain about 10 OC. John A. went this morning to Mr. Carver's to get the horses shod and get hooks made for the logging. The *Gladys* went up the river as far as McDonald's Landing, and had to turn back. The river is full of drifting snow. She took up a pair of horses.

Tuesday Nov 30th. Not cold. It rained today, the snow is melting making walking very unpleasant. John A. went to Mr. Carver's and got the horses shod.

Wednesday December 1st 1897. 30. Cloudy. It has the look of rain. John A. got the horses, sleigh & outfit started for the logging camp at 8:30 AM. Somebody is on their high horse. I begin to think, the change will come.

Thursday Dec 2nd. Fine all day. Clondyke is all the talk. They appear to have forgotten our local mines. A young man came in from logging camp to get new traces. The horses broke the harness. Mr. York's are all right.

Friday Dec. 3rd. Cloudy, the sky was a dark red this morning. A miner from Rossland called at the store when passing. He said Rossland was broke, the work very scarce, the store keepers are not doing much business. He sold a claim for 12,000, sunk it in a mine, and is broke.

Saturday Dec. 4th. Rain. Mr Calder has bought another \_\_\_\_\_. John A. is in the logging camp. Mr York (got) 16 boxes of apples from Mrs. Smith; 70¢ per box. Very unpleasant weather. Business quiet.

Sunday 5th December 1897. It rained hard all morning. It cleared up until afternoon, then it began to rain about 4 O.C. and rained all night. John A. & Big Jim, the Chinaman, took the shop stove and some supplies to the logging camp. Mr. York and I had to put up an air tight stove and new pipes today.

Monday Dec 6th. It has been raining all morning. It stopped about noon. It is very cloudy yet. Mr Fletcher is working a scheme to get Mr. York to give him supplies on credit till he returns from the Clondyke.

Tuesday 7th Dec, Ther. 44. Very wet. We have rain every night and every day. They are all laying schemes to get to the Clondyke, and they are all so hidden about it. They want to keep me out of it. We shall see how it turns out. Others tried to keep (me) out, now they are out. They use me bad now when they have got all my money.

Wednesday 8th Dec. Ther 42. Mr. York went to the Mission. Very wet. Business quiet. Very bad weather for logging. Too much credit. The end will come. Mr. Boyd is going to the Clondyke, Percy put up the funds. They don't want me to go, no room for me. John A. and Mr. Ferguson. Ferguson went home, John A. stayed all night.

Thursday 9th Dec. Ther 34. It rains every night, but it is not cold. John A. went to Stave River after breakfast. Charles Nelson and John A. brought over the hay to the Landing on two scows. Mr. York got home from Mission on the Str. *Gladys* on High Horse. Mr. York always wishes me bad luck when I speak of the Clondyke.

Friday 10th Dec. Ther 36. Raining every day, every hour. John A. is at the logging camp. George Waldon went to Vancouver today. He says, if his samples of rock assay as much as he expects, he will be able to sell or bond.

Saturday Dec. 11th. Very wet weather. All the people who come

into the store are not willing to give me a chance in any enterprise. There is some sneers, which I am beginning to notice. Home, sweet home.

Sunday Dec. 12th 1897. Rev A. Dunn preached in the school house today. 19 of a congregation. He took for a text part of tenth chapter of Mark. It is cloudy, the school house was very gloomy. Mrs. York and her two daughters went to Sunday School and stayed till after the service.

Monday Dec 13th 1897. It rained nearly all night. John A. went to Mission today to look at a pair of horses Mr York thinks of buying. Robert [Robertson] was here this morning. There were several persons in. Mr. York took out one of the drawers. Mr. R.R. picked all through it & got some pieces of tape. He said, I may have these? I gave him 5 pieces. He gets something nearly every time he comes in, how very covetous we are.

Dec 14th. Very fine. The sun is shining. Mount Baker very pretty, not a cloud to mar the new covering of white snow. John A. put a plaster on his shoulder today. Our friend will give some men unlimited credit, and keep my money.

Wednesday Dec 15th. A lovely day. Ella Henderson was married today to Mr. McKenzie by Rev. A. Dunn at the home of her parents. John A. and John Carver supported the groom. Everything was lovely. The happy ones left after breakfast to spend the honeymoon with Uncle Sam and Brother Jonathan. After the couple departed John A. went to the logging camp.

Thursday Dec. 16th. Ther 26. A little snow. It is very fine. Business is fair, not much push. John A. is working in the logging camp. Mr. York never speaks of giving me any cash. I shall give him a hint. Our scornful sneerer is well pleased since yesterdays wedding because J.C. [John Carver?] paid her a little attention.

Friday Dec 17th. Ther 26. Very fine. Mount Baker clear and unclouded. Mr. Fancher 12 shelves for the low price of \$1.75. Mrs. Lee and [Mrs.?] Nelson came here last night. Mrs. York has the Family complaint.

Saturday Dec 18th 1897. Ther 16. A very fine, frosty morning. Cloudy at noon. Mr. Fletcher is in the store speaking of going to the Clondyke. Mr. York will supply him. Mr. Hairsine is going to the Stickeen. Mr York paid me first installment today: one dollar \$1.00. He said he would pay me one dollar per day until I was paid up what money I had put into the business.

Sunday December 19th 1897. Ther 21. Cloudy, 11 degrees of frost. Sam, Lock and Jim, Chinaman, are here buying in the store and Armstrong from the logging camp came to get Mr. York to get him a pair of hames.

Monday December 20 th 1897. Cloudy. Mount (Baker) covered in clouds, a red streak all around the horizon. The old settlers say, when Mount Baker is covered (with) dark clouds, look for a storm. (Note by A.E. York: This is end of diary for 1897, but there are also daily entries covering events from Nov. 12th 1896 to Dec. 31st 1896).

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Additional information arranged by date. Some of the material is immediately related to specific diary entries, but other notes and comments provide contemporary reading material from minutes, newspapers and other sources to highlight the matters discussed in the diary. The following section NAMES MENTIONED IN THE DIARY, provides additional information on individuals as far as available.

1 Jan— Mr. Hendry could have been related to William Hendry, machinist, in Langley.

—John Grace Langley, general store, Mount Lehman. He may have started shop in Mission. The *Mission City News* of 17 June 1893, shows an advertisement: *General Merchandise / J.G. Langley / keeps in stock a complete line of / Groceries, Hardware, Crockery, Farming Implements & Furniture / All orders by mail will receive prompt attention. I keep nothing but the best of material and all customers are invited to inspect my goods. / Mission City.* There are similar advertisements of the stores of M. Des Brisay and York and Pilling.

—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 1 January: *From Alex Gilchrist reporting having done work on Wharnock Creek hill to the amount of \$2.<sup>00</sup> From Ashton Spilsbury asking to be allowed rebate owing to the delay of receiving correct tax bill. From Levingston Thompson P.L.S. inclosing Survey of*

*road at Wharnock. Reports from Road Commission received. Ward No. 1 Reporting that the following was done: A. Allen \$2.<sup>00</sup>, P. Calder \$2.<sup>00</sup>, A. Gilchrist \$2.<sup>00</sup>. Noble Oliver 50 cents. That the request for rebate of taxes from Mr. Spilsbury be not granted.*

2 Jan—John Williamson refers to his son John Andrew Williamson, who is also a part of the L.C. York household as John A., J.A. or John Andrew.

5 Jan—Listed under Whonnock in the 1898 BC Directory are William Downie, logger at Ruskin Mills as well as the loggers Daniel and Hugh Downie and a carpenter by the name of John Downie. Mr. Scott could be J.G. Scott, manager of Pacific Coast Lumber in New Westminster (Henderson's Directory 1897).

4 Jan—Alexander Dunn (64 acres), Charles Cook (30 acres) and Mrs. Margaret Sutherland (30 acres) held most of the land in the centre of Whonnock (Lot 433) in 1897.

12 Jan—The GOLDEN DAWN Located and recorded in June of 1896 by

George Walden and G.L. Boyd and situated: *about 8 miles North of Wharnock on a small Creek that flows from N.E. & empties into the West Arm of Kanaka Creek.*

13 Jan—Merrill Des Brisay, of M. Des Brisay & Co. in Mission. (Merrill Des Brisay and Henry Allan Bulwer), general merchants, Thos. J. Cox mgr.; also Nelson B.C). See also note 1 April.

—In the year 1884 the No.1 train left Whonnock at 7:35 A.M. for Mission and No.2 arrived at Whonnock from Mission at 3:15 P.M. Unfortunately no 1897 schedule for these trains was found.

14 Jan—Correspondents in *The Daily Columbian*, 12 January 1897, mention: *a people's petition to the Government asking for disincorporation...* (9 January), *a meeting in the school house at "Webster's Corners [with] ... speeches in full swing, all condemning the Council's extravagance and mismanagement... and heartily [two-third of the voters of the ward] endorsing the support given*

*for disincorporation.* In March 1896 the people of the Pitt Meadows area petitioned their removal from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows reverted to unorganized territory governed from Victoria.

—*BC Gazette*, vol. 37, Jan–Mar 1897, p182: *The following persons were elected as Reeve and Councillors for Maple Ridge Municipality for the year 1897: Reeve: Robert Blackstock. Councillors: John Laity, John Blaney, Moses Ball, John Alexander, John Ritchie. E.W. Beckett, Returning Officer. Haney, January 15, 1897.*

—Ward No. 1 included most of the present day Whonnock and Ruskin area.

—*The Daily Columbian* of 20 January reports under the heading *Maple Ridge Notes: The usual excitement over the municipal elections has prevailed during the past week... In Ward 1, Councillor Ball was re-elected by a majority of two... The contest for Reeve was also very close. R. Blackstock defeating H. Ferguson by a majority of three.*



Courtesy Brian Byrnes

Detail of a photograph taken in 1900 of James and Fanny Rolley and their children Ruth and Fred.

—In *The Daily Columbian* of 18 January a letter from “A Taxpayer” to the editor is published: *It begins to look as if the clouds which have been darkening the municipal atmosphere are beginning to blow over. The power behind the throne is broken. A little light is streaking the horizon of municipal affairs... If it is found that the cost of self-government cannot be reduced, it will assuredly show the absurdity of having or continuing under municipal government... The liabilities will be \$2,221.70—quite an item to start with.*

—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 18 January, 1897: *From the returning officer stating that owing to Mr. Fletcher not acting as returning officer for Wharnock that he had appointed W.E. Beckett to act as such officer. From the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wharnock School District granting the use of the School House for the election held January 14th. That a vote of thanks be passed to the Trustees of the School District of Wharnock for the use of the School House on Jan. 14th.* Did Fletcher go to Haney on 11 January to inform Beckett that he could not or would not act as returning officer?

17 Jan—The Presbyterians met at the schoolhouse, although they did attend services at St. Paul’s. The 1892 building of St. Paul’s Anglican Church is still extant today as a residence at its original site, now 10184 272nd Street, St. Paul’s was used by the Norwegian Lutherans, before they built their own.

20 Jan—The Whonnock school visitors’ book shows the names of J. Williamson and John Carver. See page 41. No mention is made of this visit in the diary.

— The Reverend Hugh Robertson (not Robinson) spoke at Fort Langley. *The Daily Columbian* (New Westminster) of 26 January reports: *“An interesting lecture on Rossland was delivered here, last week, by Mr. H.J. Robertson, now in charge of this Presbyterian mission. It was carefully prepared, and was attended by a large and appreciative audience, considering that the weather was very unfavourable. The lecturer spoke from a personal knowledge of the locality, having spent more than a year in the district, discharging the duties of his sacred profession.*

24 Jan—*The Daily Columbian*, 26 January: *“Rev. A. Dunn and Mrs. Dunn, of Whonnock, have been confined to the house for eight days, with la grippe. There were no services at Haney etc. last Sunday. Few families in Whonnock district have escaped the disease.*

29 Jan—*The Daily Columbian*, 29 January: *The str. Bon Accord, which was frozen in at Whonnock, arrived down, this morning. Capt. Young reports the river clear except for a little floating ice, from Stave River down. He thinks, however, that, above Mission, the ice still holds, and he will lay his steamer up until next week.*

31 Jan—“The Mill” is Ruskin Mills operated by the Canadian Co-

operative Society. The Society was organized in 1895 and commenced operation in the fall of 1896. The building on the grounds in 1897 were a sawmill, a shingle mill, and a dry kiln as well as a boarding house, general store, public school, smithy, shoemaker’s shop, barns and houses for the members, married and single. The membership was reported as being 54, of which 35 were residents and at work at the mill or in the woods and on the river. (*The Daily Columbian*, 13 May, 1897)

1 Feb—Should be Rolley rather than Kelly: see entry 2 February. J. Kelly had a claim, LIZARD and AGNES, registered near Vedder in June, but I found no earlier registration including Kelly.

—Peter McMillan seemed to have farmed in Whonnock around 1992-1893.

2 Feb—*The Daily Columbian*, 7 February: *On Monday last, a logger named John Gilchrist was drowned in the Stave River canyon while pursuing his calling. He was the only surviving brother of Mrs. R.J. McIntosh of Chiliwack.*

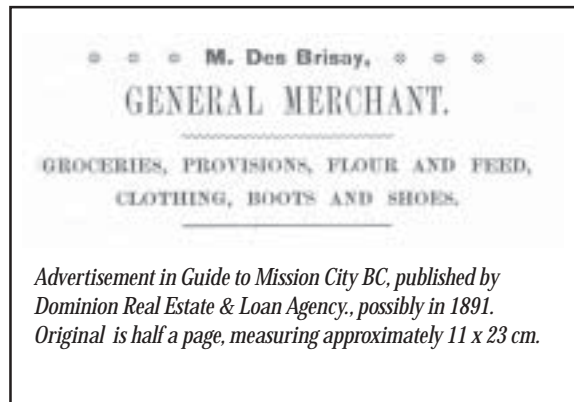
3 Feb—The GOLDEN DAWN and the YELLOW JACKET are the two Walden-Boyd claims at Kanaka Creek. It seems as if they hired Stenger and two more people from the Bellingham area to work on the claims.

—Archibald and Andrew York moved to the Slocan but Archibald seems the most prominent of the two. The A. York mentioned by Williamson is most likely Archibald and not his younger brother. On 6 August Mrs. A[rchibald] York’s departure to the Kootenays is mentioned. A note in the 1898 Henderson’s BC Gazetteer and Di-

rectory, under Slocan City: “York. A. & Co., meat market (Archd. York and John Wesley Clark).

6 Feb—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 6 February: *That the work of corduroying and clearing road in Wharnock Ward as recommended by Couns. Ball [...] be referred to the Road Committee to draw up specifications for tender (said to be presented at its next meeting) for construction of said work. That all sums of money of five dollars or over expended by the Road Committee be laid out by public competition.*

14 Feb—Translation from the Minutes of the Trondheim Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation, 14 February: *Pastor Hagoas announced first that Andreas [Andrew] Knudsen and family had joined the Congregation, which was welcomed by the Congregation. The following discussion was about the cemetery. Nils Nilsen, present at the meeting, informed that he would sell land for the cemetery to the Congregation provided that the Congregation would wait till next autumn when he would get his deed for the land. But the Congregation did not accept that and the suggestion was put aside. After that Peter Andersen informed them that he thought that he could buy an acre of land from A. Fancher and then it was unanimously accepted*



- that a committee of two men should look after buying a cemetery, which was done.*
- 18 Feb—*The Daily Columbian*, 18 February: *The late heavy snow fall has covered the mountains almost to the base. This will make the lot of the prospectors anything but enviable. A man who has just returned for supplies says that at night camp fires can be seen on the mountains from one end of Harrison Lake to the other.*
- 22 Feb—Only the MORNING GLORY claim on Douglas Lake (Harrison Lake), is registered on 22 March under the names of Rod McKay, L.C. York, J. Cromarty and J.A. Williamson.
- 23 Feb—James Rolley's claim, situated near what is called Rolley Lake today, was called RUTH ROLLEY after his little daughter.
- 24 Feb—The "man and his son" were probably Thomas Haney and his son Frank. Frank (Jeremiah Frances) Haney, 20 years old in 1897, was the oldest son of Thomas Haney and Ann Calaghan, the brickmaker in Port Haney. See 12 March.
- Card party: Mrs. Fletcher is also Norwegian.
- 28 Feb—An educated gentleman like Charles Whetham was obviously a prominent member of the community. The 1901 census shows Charles and Fannie Whetham with two daughters, Catherine N. and Hilda J., and a son James. Their ages in 1897 were about 8, 7 and 3 years. Charles's career in Ontario, from where he came, included Master in Upper Canada College and examiner in French and German at Toronto University. In 1892 his brother James Whetham created Whetham College in Vancouver, a private school with such prominent trustees as Oppenheimer, Keith and Cambie. It was not a success and quietly discontinued in 1893. Charles came west to teach at that College and in 1892 acquired Lot 439 in what is today called Ruskin. We know very little about his existence in Whonnock. In 1897 Charles Whetham resigned as trustee and secretary of the Whonnock School board in order to assume that same position at the newly created Stave River school.
- 1 Mar—Rod McKay name is shown visitor's book at Whonnock school.
- 4 Mar—*The Daily Columbian*, 4 March: *During last week, the local mining recorder issued 58 licences and recorded 21 claims, most of the latter being situated around Pitt and Harrison Lakes. Since January 1st, no less than 490 free miner's licences have been issued, and 231 claims recorded, at the above office, a fair percentage of the licences being taken out by Americans. This is a great increase over previous years, and a further increase is indicated by the transactions of the opening days of this week, 74 licences having already been issued, and 30 mining claims recorded.*
- 6 Mar—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 6 March: *Contract for the work on Correction Line Road [96th Avenue] at Wharnock was received from John Owen offering to do the same for \$45.<sup>00</sup>. From Chas. Peterson for \$105.<sup>00</sup> That the Road Committee of each Ward be empowered to expend a sum of money [not to exceed] \$10.<sup>00</sup> in case of urgent necessity. That the Road Committee of Ward No. 1 be empowered to expend the sum of not more than \$80.<sup>00</sup> to do the necessary work. That tenders have been asked for in Ward No. 1.*
- Such work to be let by public competition on the ground. That the Clerk put up notices at Haney, Hammond and Wharnock notifying all parties desirous of having repairs etc. on roads done during the year to apply by next Council meeting. That the Clerk notify all Pathmasters to take the declaration of office by next council meeting, otherwise said office will be declared vacant. That the Clerk keep separate account of money spent in each Ward, and that each Ward be entitled to 1/5 of the revenue available for public works. The following were appointed Pathmasters viz. Gus Smith 13+30. N. Carter 14, Andrew Knudtson 19, S. Robertson 16, James Crighton 21, A.W. Spilsbury 18 & 24, Hugh Percy 23, A. Gilchrist 20, Peter Calder 22, John A. Matheson 25, James Rawley [Rolley] 26, R.F. Riddecliff 28, James Ritchie 27, E. Cook 29. . ."*
- Mrs. William Dell was indeed able to sell the 160 acres SE quarter of section 7 to the Percys. It seems that the Dells lived in Washington State.
- 9 Mar—In November 1896 J. A. Hicks had registered a claim under the name JUMBO. The claim was "on Kanaka Creek, about six miles N.E. of Whonnock."
- 10 Mar—Col. Warren's ranch not identified.
- 12 Mar—Miss Parkinsons & Miss Moss left their signatures in the Whonnock school guestbook. No success in even suggesting whom A. Grunt could be.
- See note 24 February. Frank Haney continued to work as a telegraph operator for the CPR at Revelstoke.
- 13 Mar—*Daily World*, 13 March: . . . *There is likely to be a rush of prospectors to Harrison lake and its vicinity as soon as the weather gets sufficiently propitious, The amount of snow on the mountains puts prospectors out of the question, at the present time, but great preparations are being made for an exodus in that direction which will surely take place as soon as the spring fairly opens. It is thought that by mining men who have been there that in the near future the Harrison Lake country is destined to show results which will surprise the most sceptical.*
- 21 Mar—Gudrun Aurora Lee, daughter of Axel Lee and Anna Oline Nelson was born on 4 March 1897.
- 22 Mar—*The Daily Columbian*, 22 March: *Two practical miners, Messrs. Jasper King and Wm. Clarke, have returned from prospecting the Harrison Lake district. They are men of large experience, and, as a result of their researches they place Harrison Lake mining district as one of the most promising portions of the Province.*
- 26 Mar—The KANAKA claim, "about 6 miles NE of Wharnock on E. arm of Kanaka Creek," was registered by George and William Walden in September 1896.
- The Daily Columbian*, 26 March: *Yesterday, a man who had some time been working in the quarter section of Mr. S.A. Fletcher, near Whonnock, had the misfortune to be burned out. He had an incubator in the house "loaded with eggs" and heated by a lamp as usual. He went into the village and, when he returned, his home was in ashes. He lost everything and the house was a splendid hewn timber structure of one story and a half. Note that this Mr. Fletcher, with*



- an address in New Westminster, is not mentioned in the diary. This was perhaps considered newsworthy in New Westminster, because it involved the property of a New Westminster resident, but it did not find its way into the diary.
- 28 Mar—It seems from the next entry that “the man” was Mr. Rodger was and that he was looking for cottonwood rather than dogwood.
- 29 Mar—Cottonwood will not float. The wood is odourless and was therefore used for barrel staves and box material for food products that would absorb smells of resins common to evergreen wood types. Another product made of cottonwood is “Excelsior,” fine curled shavings of wood, used as a packing or stuffing material. From 1898, some correspondence survived between Mr. York, the Indian Agent Frank Devlin, Matsqui First Nation chief Augustus [?], and Richard Angus, manager of Cooperage Co. in Vancouver, regarding bolts of cottonwood he acquired from Matsqui. (RG10-Reel 14264 No 1451-1452)
- 1 Apr— In the 1898 *Henderson's BC Gazetteer and Directory*, under City of Nelson: “Desbrisay, M & Co., Merrill Desbrisay, H.A. Bulwer), Groceries, Provisions and Crockery, East Baker; also Mission City.” The *Daily World*, 22 February: “Slocan City, Des Brisay & Co. are about to build a store having 100 foot frontage.” Like Andrew and Archie York, Merrill Des Brisay left for the Kootenays and is not mentioned again in the diary. Thos. J. Cox managed Des Brisay's Mission store. Des Brisay went from Nelson to the Yukon and later to Vancouver. With Mission partner H.A. Bulwer he also established the Gulf of Georgia Canning Company in Steveston in 1906. L.C. York became a partner in 1910 or 1911.
- 2 Apr— GOLDEN CURRY, located 20 March, Stave River. Registered by G. Boyd, J. Layfield, and G.E. Black. One of a handful of claims attracting some work during 1897.
- 3 Apr—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 3 April, referring to the requests for road work. *From Mrs. Sutherland objecting to any road being Gazetted through the property. From Andrew Knudtson re Pathmaster. From W. Wales [N. Nales?] asking for a bridge on the Wharnock Road west of the Wales (?) road and reporting 31 hours across the trail. From Mr. Thos Havelock, Robert Fletcher, Axel Lee and O. Nelson for a grant on road from below Blighs Corner to Henry's corner. [Today from the corner of 272nd Street and 112th Avenue along 112th Avenue in the direction of Whonnock Lake.] Nelson Carter rpt. bridge on River Road \$2.<sup>00</sup> Ward No. 1 reporting having let work on Correction Line Road to Stave River for the sum of \$90.<sup>00</sup> and recommending that a bridge be built on Wharnock Road [272nd Street] opposite to Mr. Knudtson's. That Mrs. Sutherland's letter be referred to a committee of the whole Council to meet on a set day at Wharnock. That the Road Committee of Ward No. 1 be empowered to let by public competition a small bridge on Wharnock Road in front of Mr. Knudtson's property, not to exceed the sum of \$25.<sup>00</sup> That the Road Committee for each Ward doing their recommendations of grants for the next meeting on roads as per order of the Council must not exceed the sum of \$150.<sup>00</sup> in each Ward along with the grants already allowed.*
- 8 Apr— *The Daily Columbian*, 8 April, under the heading “Good Mining Discoveries,” discusses discoveries on Harrison Lake and continues: *Stave River is the latest location where good mining claims have been discovered in Westminister District. The three claims, a half interest in which, as announced yesterday, has been purchased by Mr. D.J. Munn, and also the two claims in which Mr. Thos Robinson, of this city, is interested, are all situated in the same lead, which was located, about a week ago, in the first canyon of the Stave River, about two miles back from its intersection with the Fraser. The ore is chiefly gold, with a little silver, is partly free milling, and the assays run up to \$60 a ton.*
- The fires, last fall, burned the moss and other rubbish off the ground, in this section, which has greatly facilitated the work of the prospector, and assisted materially in the discovery of the promising lead above referred to. It is understood that one of the conditions on which the partial sales of the Stave River claims, above noted, were made was that the development work should be begun immediately.*
- 10 April—GREY EAGLE, located 27 March, recorded 10 April: J.A. Williamson and L.C. York. 3 Apr
- The 1896 Collector's Roll shows the names of L.C. York and Edw. Parris against the one acre property in Whonnock where the store is located. In 1897 John Williamson name replaces the one of Parris. Edw. Parris was active on the Board of Trustees of the Whonnock school till his resignation in the spring of 1896, “having removed to Slocan City.” In *Henderson's BC*, 1897, Slocan City: E. Parris & Co. (Edward Parris and Alex DesBrisay), general merchants. This Alex DesBrisay could well be a relative of Merrill Des Brisay, (See note April 1)
- 12 Apr— *The Daily Columbian*, 12 April: *During the last week, the local mining recorder issued 134 miner's licences, and recorded 35 claims. This shows a considerable increase over the two weeks preceding. Stave River and Harrison Lake continue to be the favorite localities.*
- Some idea of the mining boom, which has struck this coast and this district, particularly, may be gathered from the fact that, since the Providence mine was staked out and recorded, on the 8th of September last, there have been no less than 276 mineral claims recorded which are situated on Harrison Lake alone.*
- 13 Apr—According to William Edward Black's birth registration (Vital Statistics 97-09-945039) his parents were George Edward Black, a 32-years old Irishmen from Ontario and Bertha Mary Boyd, an 21-year old English lady from Surrey, England.
- 18 Apr—Lillooet here refers to the area in Maple Ridge around Alouette Lake and Alouette River, known before 1914 as Lillooet Lake and Lillooet River. The community of Yennadon was once known as South Lillooet.
- 19 Apr—J. Delorne and J.A. Williamson went to the Sumas Mountain area. See note 13 May.
- 21 Apr— Who is this James Kipp? The 1881 census shows a James Kipp, 16 years old, born in 1865, living in the Garner household in the Dewdney area. OMI registers the baptism of a son, William, born

November 1885, lawful son of James Kipp and Anastasie. God-mother is Jeane Gardner, aunt. In the 1891 census a James Kipp, now 26 years old, is registered with his wife, Katie, and five children—the oldest child is 7 years old and the youngest a one-month-old infant also called James. Is this James Kipp related to the Chiliwack Kipps, and in particular to the James who left around the time James was born? In 1862, Isaac Kipp and his cousin James Kipp settled in Chilliwack followed shortly after by Isaac's younger brother Henry Kipp. This James returned to Ontario some time before 1866. (Imbert Orchard. *Floodland and Forest*, Sound Heritage Series, Number 37, 1983).

24 Apr—Mr. Rolley registered on 8 May a claim he called THRESTITUTE “on Wharnock Creek at foot of mountain,” located on 24 April.

29 Apr—A claim named WHARNOCK BELLE, “on Wharnock Creek, about six miles from Wharnock,” was located on 28 April and recorded on 5 May by W.H. Garner and S. Cromarty. Even if Discovery Creek is capitalised it should perhaps be read as the creek of discovery, i.e. Whonnock Creek.

30 Apr—George Walden registered MEADOW LARK (about five miles NE of Wharnock on E. arm of Kanaka Creek) and ORIOLE (about four miles north of Wharnock, on the first creek North of the centre section line).

1 May—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 1 May: “*From the CMC of Mission Municipality asking in the name of the Council for this municipality to open a road from the Govt. Stave River road to Wharnock. [referred to the Road Committee of the Ward] Ward No. 1 [Road Committee] reporting that Mr. Knudtson had completed his contract according to specifications and recommending that a voucher be issued for same \$90.<sup>00</sup> and that the following work was done removing trees: N. Oliver \$1.<sup>50</sup>, John Matheson \$3.<sup>75</sup> and James Rolley 75 cents. Also recommended that \$15.<sup>00</sup> be spent on the Watson road \$10.<sup>00</sup> on the Carlson road and \$35.<sup>00</sup> on the Wharnock road [272nd Street]. Vouchers issued: Andrew Knudtson on contract \$90.<sup>00</sup>. N. Oliver, work, \$1.<sup>50</sup> and John Matheson \$3.<sup>75</sup>. That communications on Statute Labour be allowed at the rate of \$1.50 per day of eight hours, and that in working out one half the taxes, the same rate be paid per day for eight hours labour. A man and a team to constitute two days labour. In both cases the Clerk to send a copy of his resolution to the Path masters. That the Clerk communicate with the Indian Agent and the superintendent of Education with regards to Gazetting a road from the Correction line to the school property and the river at Wharnock and ask whether such Gazette has the approval of the above officials. That the Clerk be instructed to notify the Gen. Supt. of the CPR Co. to place a public crossing for the road Gazetted through the Twigg property at Wharnock.*

1 May—There is great activity in the prospecting area at this time resulting in registrations by Ole Lee, Robert Fletcher, G.M. Johnson, W.H. Robinson, G.E. Black, C. Peterson, the Boyds, Kipp, Kelly, etc.

3 May—Up to that date L.C. York's name appeared in the registration records of GREY EAGLE (near Stave River, with John A. Williamson), BLACK-BIRD (at the mouth of Harrison River, with W.H. Garner), and



Courtesy Brian Byrnes

Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Fancher and their family many years later in California. See following comments and diary entry of 15 May.

FAVORITE (on Sumas Mountain, with J.A. Williamson).

9 May—Mr. F. Morisson (who apparently had moved away to Quesnel) is registered since 1893 in the Assessment Rolls of Maple Ridge as taxpayer for 20 acres in Ruskin which went to Mandell in 1896. L.C. York's name does not appear in the assessment roll for this property and he must have made a quick deal. The property remains registered in Mandell's name in the assessment rolls for many more years.

13 May—Between 20 and 22 April, a series of claims were registered by J. Delorne and John A. Williamson on Sumas Mountain: KENNETH Y (later acquired by L.C. York), WARRIOR and CRESCENT. John A. registered in his own name HOME RULE, also in the Sumas area.

14 May—“The boys from the Rancheree,” (May 11) “Dan's boy...” John Williamson refers to Dan Cheer's relatives, living on the Reserve or “Rancheree,” including a then 20-year-old Harry Cheer, well-remembered in the Whonnock and Ruskin communities. John Williamson also reflects that Malcolm Hairsine has First Nations ancestry: “black blood.”

15 May—I did not encounter a claim registration including the name of Mr. Havelock.

—It is unlikely that Fancher, who was a skilled watchmaker, could have survived on his craft in Whonnock. Before moving to Whonnock the Fanchers seem to have lived in Silverdale. *The Mission City News* of Saturday, 17 June 1893 shows an advertisement: “L.A. Fancher / of/Silverdale / is prepared to do / Watch, Clock & Jewelry Repairing / Pianos Tuned, Etc.” The Rolleys, farmed on the lake that still carries their family name but moved away to the core of Whonnock in 1897, to allow their six-year-old daughter to attend school. The Rolleys later purchased the land owned by the Fanchers and the Fanchers went to live in California.

17 May *The Daily Columbian*, 17 May: *Word received from up river is to the effect that several new claims have been discovered in the district surrounding the lower end of Harrison Lake. About three miles from the Hot Springs, a lead has been discovered on the road to*

- Agassiz, and another near Ruby Creek. Another good ledge of considerable width, running \$20 per ton, called the JUMBO, has been located on the Harrison River near the rapids. The JUMBO and claim and five other claims, registered on 20 April 1897, were registered by C.A. Gardner, H. Garner, S. Cromarty and A. Ferguson and were located on the "North side of Chehalus Creek..."*
- 18 May—*The British Columbia Gazette*, 20 May, p.2320 ... *Also that the Council has been pleased to create the following tract of land to be a school District under the title of 'Stave River School District.' Commencing at the north-west corner of Section 16, Township [1]5, New Westminster District; thence in a straight line south to the Fraser River; thence up said river to the south-west corner of Lot 437 [438?], Township 14; thence following the southern boundary line to the south-east corner of said lot; thence due north to the First Correction Line; thence east to the middle point of the southern boundary line of Section 2, Township [1]5; thence due north to the southern boundary line of Section 23; thence true west to the point of commencement; and including Crescent Island... Also that the Council has been pleased to alter and re-define the boundaries of 'Whonnock School District,' as follows: Commencing at the north-west corner of Section 16, Township [1]5, New Westminster District; thence due south to the Fraser River; thence down said river to the western boundary line of Lot 434.; thence true north to the First Correction Line; thence east seven chains, more or less, to the south-west corner of Section 6; thence due north to the north-west corner of section 18; thence true east to the point of commencement."*
- 22 May—Pat Heafy settled in the Glen Valley, across the river from Whonnock, as witnessed by Beulah Probert: *Old Pat Heafy up here, he got gored by a bull, and he was badly gored. I guess he would have been killed if it hadn't been for his dog—his "dang coyote dog" as he always called him. Well he just staggered over to the neighbour and she fixed him up as well as she could; and then she sent down for my mother. And they just used white cotton rags they'd have on hand. Every cotton rag was saved for emergencies just like that. Then he went home and stayed home; and they looked after him and attended his wounds... This Pat Heafy, now, he was a wild Irishman. He had a few head of stock and this bit of a farm, and he raised his own potatoes. He came out with the CPR, worked his way out. And he was a hard-swearing, hard-working man with a heart of gold. And temper! He'd just blow up like a firecracker over nothing, you know. But, my goodness, he was a good neighbour.*
- Every Sunday evening, Pat Heafy would come down to our log house; and we used to look for his visits, because even if he was telling you the everyday happenings, there was always something funny happening to him.* Extract from *Growing Up in the Valley* (Sound heritage series, ISSN 0228-7781; No. 40) Queen's Printer for British Columbia, Victoria, 1983 pp. 67-68.
- 26 May—Ruby silver. Crystals of silver arsenic sulphite. Brian Byrnes in his youngest days, looking for gold in Kanaka Creek remembers coming across a layer of these crystals and taking some crystals home.
- 30 May—Robert Fletcher's and Ole Lee's claims would be the BLUE JACKET, and the SNOW BALL, located 4 miles north of Whonnock and 9 miles north on Kanaka Creek. The claims were registered on 10 May.
- 3 Jun—That may be why no registration record of the BLIZZARD claim was found.
- 5 Jun—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 5 June: *From A. W. Spilsbury re fallen trees on road east of his property. From John Owen asking for a road to be Gazetted from Correction Line [96th Avenue] at Wharnock to River. (Placed on file). From Andrew Knudtson complaining about pigs running at large. (Placed on file). From Frank Devlin, Indian Agent, re Gazetting road through Indian Reserve at Wharnock and requesting a plan of proposed road before giving a definitive answer. From the Superintendent of Education, that no provision has been made in the Estimates for the removal of the School House in Wharnock district, but that the present building will in time be moved to a more suitable site, or a new school building erected. Road Committee Ward 1 reporting having let to P. Calder one culvert to be built \$5.<sup>00</sup> and grading hill to the extent of \$5.<sup>00</sup> and having let to W.(?) Robinson the contract of cleaning brush and logs on the road leading to the Mission Municipality, one mile, for \$15.<sup>00</sup> and having let the work on the west side of the gulch as instructed at a previous meeting and that Mr. Calder and Mr. Robinson had completed their work and recommending that vouchers be issued for same.*
- That the sum of \$50.<sup>00</sup> be appropriated towards sports, refreshments etc. for children during the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. in consideration of the Most Gracious Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Arrangements to be made & programs made out by a Committee of the full Council with a committee of three citizens. This money to be expended for the benefit of the residents of the municipality only. The [Haney] Hall to be free for the occasion.* The records of the Indian Agent on this matter were probably destroyed in the 1898 New Westminster fire. Maple Ridge's Municipal records are all gone.
- 8 Jun—The GOLDEN EAGLE, located on Stave River, was registered under the name Thos. Robinson. It is likely that this should be the GREY EAGLE.
- 10 Jun—Whonnock School: The fifth board meeting was held on 30 December 1896. *"The Sixth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the School House at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening June 10th 1897, C. Allan, S.A. Fancher and C. Whetham present... Communications were read from (1) The Dept. of Education asking whether the establishment of a School at Stave River would interfere with the attendance at Whonnock School. The Secy. [C. Whetham] reported that he had replied saying that only one of those actually in attendance would be taken from the School... From the Dept. of Education announcing the changes of limits of the School District as redefined being now as follows [see note May 18]... (5) From the Clerk of the Municipality announcing a Jubilee Picnic at Haney on the 22nd to which all parents and children are invited. It was decided to ask the Teacher to announce the fact to the pupils in due time..."*

- 12 Jun—*The Daily Columbian*, 12 June, under the heading “Interior News:” “*Dr. Boas, L. Farrand and H. Smith, representing the American Museum of Natural History and the British Association for the Advancement of Science, who arrived in Victoria, lately, and will spend some time studying the Indians, are expected to make Ashcroft their headquarters, where one will spend the summer, and the others will, no doubt, go through Chilcoten country.*
- 13 Jun—“The man going to the Fair who got his boots filled with milk.” One of John Williamson’s enigmatic metaphors.
- 15 Jun—The name is not Roso but Ross. Jos. E. Ross, Dominion Land Surveyor went to Kamloops. He was no stranger to the area around Stave Lake since he did some survey work there in 1896. Ross must have known Charles Cook and young Parker from the survey work. (John A. Whittaker, Ed. 1990. *Early Land Surevors of British Columbia*, Victoria: Corporation of Land Surveyors).
- 18 Jun—Since the GOLDEN DAWN is to the south-west of YELLOW JACKET it looks as if Mr York does not need much work to be done for his road.  
—The school guest book shows the names of Miss Robinson, Vancouver and Charles Allan with the date 17 June and under the heading “Examination June 18, 1897” are the names of E. Henderson, Miss Robinson (Vancouver), William Derrinberg, John Carver, Chas. Whetham, Katie Whetham, Hilda Whetham, H.M. Sutherland, A. Gilchrist, J. Owen, Gladys Fancher.
- 19 Jun—Should be Manzer not Manquer. Property in Silverdale.
- 20 Jun—From Minute Book of Whonnock Public School, 20 June: *Annual Mtg. The leading item as usually is firewood. This with Kalsomining and cleaning schoolhouse makes up the greater part of the expenditure. “Advertising for Teacher” does not appear in the accounts this year - though there was a change of teachers immediately after the last annual meeting. The woods are full of teachers and they scent a vacancy from afar. The trustees, without any effort on their part, had a long list of applicants to choose from, and after a year’s trial they feel they were fortunate in their choice. Beyond glazing the windows and repairing the fence the Trustees have not undertaken any improvements during the year, but not because none were desirable. The grounds, the fences, the woodshed, the roof, the outside doors, the inside walls - all call for the immediate expenditure of money. A good School Dictionary is very desirable. A good supply of wholesome water is also very necessary - with the substantial balance on hand and with strict economy and a little self sacrifice the incoming Board will be able to accomplish much. Judicious management and a few volunteer workers can make a little money go a long way. During the year the School District has been reduced in size by the Creation of the new Stave River District. One member of the old Board has been taken into the new district and consequently there are two vacancies to be filled at this Annual Meeting - one for 1 year and one for 3 years. The new school will leave the attendance at Whonnock practically as before. The average attendance this year has been slightly higher than usual. The total number of pupils in attendance during the year has been 42, a number much in excess of former years*
- and at first sight the relatively small average attendance and the large number of cases of tardiness appear far from satisfactory, but a brief analysis of the roll will throw some light on these points. Of the total mentioned (42) ten were visitors or merely temporary residents in the district, five were Indians, attending the school spasmodically, six were Stave River pupils attending for only a few weeks, pending establishment of a school in their own district. One was drafted to the New School and two removed from the district early in the year. With such frequent disturbances in the ranks, regularity, and to a large extent, punctuality were impossible and a good average was absolutely out of the question. The Trustees feel satisfied that the year has been one of very substancial progress. ...The Chairman called for nominations of Trustees. H.M. Sutherland was nominated by J. Owen, seconded by Chas. Allan, to hold office in place of Chas. Whetham [President]. S.A. Fancher was nominated by J.Owen, seconded by Chas Allan, to hold office for three years. Charles Allan - Secretary.*
- 26 Jun—Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Whonnock: *The Seventh meeting of the Bd of Trustees was held in the School House at 10:30 on Saturday morning June 26th '97. Present C. Allan, S.A. Fancher and Chas. Whetham. Minutes of the Preceding meeting were read and approved. The Secretary submitted a draft of the Annual Report and Statement of Expenditures for the year 1896-1897, which appears in the minutes of the Annual Meeting. [see above] Meeting then adjourned. Chas Whetham, Secy.*  
—Minutes of the Board of School Trustees, Whonnock: *The first meeting of the Board of Trustees for 1897-98 was held in the School House at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday June 26th. '97. C. Allan, H.M. Sutherland and S.A. Fancher present. The minutes of the last meeting of the board for 1896-'97 were read and confirmed. On motion of S.A. Fancher, seconded by C. Allan, H.M. Sutherland was appointed Secy-Treas. of the Board for 1897-1898. There was no further business and the meeting adjourned. H.M. Sutherland. Secy.*
- 3 July—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 3 July: *From Mrs. M.G. Sutherland asking to have proceedings taken to allow her to move her fence on the west side in a straight south line. Ward No. 1 — That Andrew Knudtson had completed his contract and recommending that a voucher for \$12.<sup>00</sup> be issued for same. [voucher issued] That the Clerk notify Mrs. Sutherland that her request can not be granted. The municipality gazetted “Wharf Road” through Mrs. Sutherland’s property and evidently alongside her house. See 3 April, Maple Ridge Council Minutes.*
- 8 July—The only claim registered by A. Baker and J. Cromarty was the MOUNTAIN LAKE claim located on north end of Stave Lake on 19 July.
- 16 Jul—Mr. Campbell: *The Daily Columbian*, 16 July, under the heading “Personal”, reports: “Mr. W.H. Campbell, a mining expert, returned today, from an extensive trip through the Harrison Lake mining region.”
- 19 Jul—It is either Malcolm or more likely William Hairsine.
- 25 Jul—John A. Williamson married the “Dear Creature,” Mary Henderson in September 1898.

28 Jul—*The Daily Columbian*, July 26: *Sockeyes Galore... Canneries Swamped with Fish. As anticipated by those interested, the big run of sockeye salmon fairly commenced, last night. Hundreds of citizens gathered along the water front to watch the fishermen throw their nets, as soon as the signal at 6 o'clock should proclaim the end of the weekly close season. As by far the larger number of boats are engaged in fishing at the mouth of the main channel at Steveston, that place was also visited by many, including hundreds of people who came around from Vancouver on the steamers Courser, Rainbow, and Burt, specially chartered for the occasion, while another steamer brought a crowd of excursionists from Nanaimo. Others were there, also from this city, having gone down on the steamer Edgar, on their bicycles, or in carriages.*

*The sightseers were not disappointed; for the fleet of fishing boats is larger this year than ever before, and the estuary of the Fraser was dotted with boats and steamers in great variety, as far the eye could reach. Once seen, the impression made on the observer is never forgotten, and in itself conveys a good idea of the Fraser River salmon fisheries. The boats, which one moment lay idly on the calm surface of the river, the next moment bristled with activity, darting hither and thither and the noise of the rowlocks and of the net floats going over the gunwales sounds in the aggregate a dull rumbling noise which could be heard for miles. Accompanying this was the continuous tooting of the whistles of little cannery tugs, as they hurried in and out among the loaded boats to their respective camps.*

*All day long, salmon had been seen jumping, and, with some good supplies on Friday night, the fishermen were eager to get their nets in the water. So eager, in fact, that one or two of them threw out ahead of time. Their example was at once followed by others, and in five minutes every net was in the water, fully twenty minutes before the legal time. everywhere from above this city from above this city to beyond the light-house at the sandheads*

*It was not long before the nets were drawn, and in hundreds of cases, in order to save the nets, this had to be hurriedly done, and the salmon taken out leisurely, on shore. It was impossible to strike an average, but most of the boats landed from 200 to 400 from the first drifts bringing their total catch for the night up to 1,000 fish.*

*As a natural consequence, the canneries are busy hives of industry, to-day. Many are overstocked with fish, and several are already offering but six cents per fish, as compared with 10 cts. paid all last week.*

*—Steveston News (From Our Correspondent.) Steveston. July 28. The supply of fish has surpassed the capacity of our canneries a long way. Every cannery is working to its utmost, yet boat loads of fish are being thrown away, as they cannot be taken at any price....*

29 Jul—John Williamson quoted a headline: *The Klondike gold craze*, from the *Columbian*. —*The Daily Columbian*, 22 July: The editor's comments: *...That the movements toward the golden fields of the Clondyke, which has just begun to set in, from the United States particularly, may be appropriately characterized as above [heading: The Clondyke Craze], is apparent from all the indicators.... As the*

*Clondyke is in Canadian territory, it should not be that the bulk of the benefit from its development should be reaped by even such close and good neighbours as our enterprising American cousins.... In this connection, the C.P.N. Co. is doing good work by putting on direct steamers to the Yukon.*

—Beginning with an article under the heading "The Rich Clondyke" in their issue of 16 July *The Daily Columbian*, starts to report on the Klondike: *The Associated Press has received a letter from H.A. Stanley, president of the Binghamton, N.Y., Evening Herald Co., at present in the Yukon, telling of the most wonderful gold strikes in the world's history, and telling, also, of some forty-five miners, every man bringing \$5,000 to \$100,000 in dust and nuggets, with an aggregate of more than \$1,000,000....*

—*The Daily Columbian*, 19 July: *Ho For the Clondyke! Seattle, Wash. July 19. One hundred men took passage on the steamer Alki, which sailed to-day. Most of them are starting on what they call the overland trip to the Clondyke....*

—*The Daily Columbian*, 26 July: *Another Ship Load of Gold Hunters. Port Townsend, Wash. July 26. The steamer Mexico left here to-day, with 400 passengers, all except fifty being bound for the gold fields of the Yukon....*

1 Aug—Farringtons lived in Silverdale: *Their home was a thirty acres piece of land purchased from the Petersons, beyond where the Manzlers lived.... Perhaps Mr. Farrington had belonged to the British gentry.... It seemed that Girlie, Stanley and Mrs. Farrington did all the work... Mr. Farrington reading a book, whilst his wife cut up his meat so he could eat without the effort of lowering his book to do so. (Abbie Hill, *People, Places, Things*, Carlton Press, New York, 1880 p22)*

5 Aug—*The Daily Columbian*, 5 August: *Steveston News. (From Our Own Correspondent), Steveston, Aug. 4. Men are beginning to feel ashamed to look sockeye salmon in the face. The fish are running in as great abundance as ever, and the fishermen have only to be out for a short time and a short distance when they can come in with considerably more fish than there is a market for. The canners still limit from 50 to 150 fish from each boat, but the fishermen usually bring in double and even treble that number. A large number of fish are, consequently, being destroyed every day. These are floating on the surface of the water all around and the banks and flats are strewn with them. A company of Japs have started to stack up the fish—well salted—in a pile, under canvass, on the wharf, and they must have many thousands already piled up....*

6 Aug—"Young" Sutherland seems a transcription error. It should be read as Hugh (not Young) Sutherland. See also entry 1 August: "Mr. Sutherland." No information who "little Swanoi" could have been.

7 Aug—Mrs. Frank Owens is Robert Robertson's oldest daughter, Charlotte. In later years they owned land at Whonnock Lake, including the land where the Whonnock Community Centre stands today. It seems that they lived closer to the river in 1897.

—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 7 August: *From A. W. Spilsbury re statute labour and grant on his beat. That the sum*

- of \$10.<sup>00</sup> be granted to the Spilsbury beat”*
- 10 Aug—Archibald Beggam was a long-time Whonnock resident. It is not clear what his words of wisdom were.
- 14 Aug—Miss Emily Parkinson is schoolteacher at Glenvalley school.
- 21 Aug—*The Daily Columbian*, 21 August: *Maple Ridge Notes*, *Maple Ridge*, Aug. 19. *The weather during the past few weeks has been very hot and sultry. . . it is rather too hot to work comfortably. . . The fishermen had big hauls again, Sunday night. . . Some of our fishermen have hauled out their nets, and say that they will fish no more this season. They are, evidently, disgusted with the plethora of salmon and the low prices of same.*
- 26 Aug—Minutes of the Board of School Trustees, Whonnock: *The Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees for 1897 & 1898 was held in the School House on the evening of Thursday August 26th at 7:30 o'clock Charles Allan, S.A. Fancher, and H.M. Sutherland present. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and approved. The Secy. was instructed to call for tenders to cut all ferns and brush on school grounds and burn it, also a separate tender to dig a well for the use of the children. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned. H.M. Sutherland, Secy.*
- 3 Sep—Niles Christian Nelson married 16-year old Lizzie Josephine Dunn from Chilliwack, daughter of John Dunn and Josephine Herrling. (BC Vital Statistics Reg. No. 1897-09-116394)
- 4 Sep—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 4 September: *From W. Nales, M. Henry [??] and James Rolley asking for extension of time for road work. That all rate payers, that have roadwork to do, be allowed until the 15th inst. to complete same and make returns of same through the Pathmaster, that have not returned their [lists?] to do so at once showing that work is completed.*
- 5 Sep—“Man’s inhumanity to Man.” Robert Burns: *Man was Made to Mourn.*
- 6 Sep—*The Chilliwack Progress*, 8 September: *Excursion to Agassiz: The excursion from Chilliwack, joining the “World” Labour Day excursion from Vancouver and way stations was a success, in spite of the unpropitious weather. Fifty-five passengers were on board the Gladys as she cast off her lines. Good time was made to Harrison River, where connections were made with the excursion from Vancouver. Two powerful engines, drawing nineteen coaches and a baggage car were required to accommodate the crowd estimated at fifteen hundred. The Chilliwack excursionists had to scatter through the train for the short run to Agassiz, but on the return trip one car was reserved for their use. Upon reaching the station the crowd scattered to the Farm or Hot Springs as inclination prompted. Every preparation had been made for the entertainment of the visitors. Lunch booths were to be found in every direction, where, as well as at the hotels, guests were provided with meals. Mr. Sim Huff had twenty large wagons running constantly between the station and the Springs which were always loaded to their fullest capacity. With the exception of a slight sprinkle at noon the day was fine and generally the best of order prevailed. Of course the picnic “hog” was represented in the crowd and caused some annoyance by his swinish*
- ways. One man was seen dragging off a table cloth filled with apples, while a lady (?) had taken off her petticoat and, tying up one end, used it as a sack in which to carry all the fruit she could lay hands on. It is deplorable that hospitality should be abused and a well-behaved crowd be disgraced by such conduct. One or two sharp lessons to fruit thieves would do good. Return was made on time according to advertisement, and a tired but jolly crowd filled the cars from end to end. The sight of the train was the car devoted to “World” newsboys. They were a merry crowd and made it lively for any one who had the temerity to pass thro’ their car. Taken altogether the excursion was a great success, and Manager McLagan was radiant in consequence. The excursion was given extensive coverage also in the Vancouver press.*
- 9 Sep—*The Daily Columbian*, 23 June: *Mr. George V.H. Grant, the popular traveller for Messrs. R.F Anderson & Co. [Columbia Hardware Store, Columbia Street, New Westminster] and Miss Sarah Amelia Pearson, were quietly married, yesterday morning at the residence of the bride’s parents, Fifth avenue. . .*
- 11 Sep—Probably the sale of the MOUNTAIN LAKE claim.
- 12 Sep—*The Daily Columbian*, 13 September: *Mr. C.A. Gardner, late assistant engineer of the str. Transfer, and Mr. Samuel Cromarty, will leave Vancouver, to night, on the steamer Princess Louise, for the north. These men are accompanying Mr. Joe Cheyene, [E.J. Duchesnay] who is being sent by the C.P.R. to investigate and report upon a feasible route into the Yukon. The party will proceed by canoe from Wrangle, up the Stickeen River, and into Teslin Lake. They will be absent some months.*
- The Daily Columbian*, 11 September: *Maple Ridge Notes, Maple Ridge, Sept. 11. . . Clondicitis, or gold fever, has taken firm hold on some of our ranchers, some of whom, we hear, will leave for the gold fields early in spring. . .*
- 16 Sep—Mrs. Sutherland purchased the 30 acres of land from the Reverend Dunn in 1896 (Assessment Roll, Municipality of Maple Ridge).
- 18 Sep—*The Daily Columbian*, 18 September: *The funeral of the late Chs. Allan of Whannock [sic], took place, to-day, the remains being brought to this city for interment, on the steamer Bon Accord.*
- 2 Oct—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 2 October: *Dr. Drew — also reporting on the sickness of Andrew Knudtson. A. Allen asking for receipts for Stave labour and 1/2 tax worked on the Andrew Robertson estate taxes for the years 1894, 95, 96 and 97. From L.C. York & Co. & R. Fletcher re repairs to bridges on Whannock road. Following a/c received: John Matheson work on road & bridge 5<sup>00</sup> . . . L.C. York & Co., for lumber 48¢. Ward No. 1 that they had inspected the bridges mentioned in the letters from Mrs. L.C. York & Co. and R. Fletcher and had instructed Pathmaster Matheson to repair one, and the new one at the Knudtson property is completed as per contract and we would recommend that covering be placed onto it so as to do away with the old bridge. We also recommend that a voucher be issued to N.C. Nelson for \$25<sup>00</sup> for contract of bridge. That the Road Committee of Ward 1 be empowered to let by public competition the*

- covering of the frame bridge in the Wharnock road and completing same.
- 4 Oct—Probably Lizzie Nelson, Niles Nelson's new wife.
- 5 Oct—rotten fish is used as a fertilizer.
- 9 Oct—From Minute Book of Whonnock Public School, 9 October: *A Special Meeting was held in the School House Wharnock for the purpose of electing a Trustee in place of C. Allan, deceased. On motion of G. Black, seconded by H.M. Sutherland, Alex Ritchie was nominated. On motion of S.A. Fancher, Mr. Rolley was nominated. No seconder, so, withdrawn. There were no further nominations & the Chairman declared Alex Ritchie duly elected for the balance of C. Allan's term.*
- 11 Oct—*The Daily Columbian*, 11 October: *The attraction, next week, [in New Westminster] will, undoubtedly, be the entertainment to be given by Miss. E. Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess and reciter, and Mr. Owen A. Smiley, the dramatic reader, impersonator, ventriloquist, &c.*
- 18 Oct—From *The Daily Columbian*, 18 October: *Maple Ridge Council, The tenth regular meeting of the Council was held on Oct. 2nd. The following communications were received: . . . from Dr. Drew . . . reporting re Andrew Knudtson. . . . From A. Allen, asking for receipts for statute labor and half tax worked for the Andrew Robertson estate for the years 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897. . . . From L.C. York and R. Fletcher, re condition of road and asking to have same repaired. . . . The following Road Committee reports were received: Ward no. 1 - That they had inspected the bridges mentioned in Messrs, York and Fletcher's letters and had ordered Pathmaster Matheson to repair one, and that the new bridge near Knudtson's would want to be covered. . . . The Co-operative Society [Ruskin Mills] was ordered to be notified that, if they did not pay their trade licence by the 9th inst., action would be taken to enforce the collection of same.*
- 24 Oct—Annie L. Hill, *People, Places, Things*, Carlton Press, New York NY, 1980, Chapter 10. *Mrs. Charlie Preston and Mr. Ebenezer Parker were brother and sister who had apparently come from an attractive home background in England. . . . My mother used to say that Mrs. Preston was for a time the only other white woman in the district. . . . Charlie Preston was not so well thought of or trusted in the neighborhood, being somewhat of a braggart type, and it was found that in any dispute about a line fence or such he always demanded more than his share. He was not outgoing or helpful to others as neighbors had to be in those times. . . .*
- 26 Oct—Minutes of the Board of School Trustees, Whonnock: *The 3 [third] Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the School House on Monday October 25th 7 P.M.. S.A. Fancher, Alex Ritchie, H.M. Sutherland present. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read and approved. It was agreed that the Secy. see Mr. Owen in regard to the digging of the school well as his tender was the lowest namely \$1.40 per foot. The Secy. was also instructed to call for tenders for three cords of wood: two of fir and one of cedar, also to write the Suptn. of Education for a grant of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to pay balance on well. There were [was] no more business, meeting adjourned, H.M. Sutherland, Secy.*
- 30 Oct—Catherine and Hilda Whetham, both born on October 31, but one year apart, celebrated their 8th and 7th birthdays.
- 5 Nov—*Daily News-Advertiser*, 5 November: *Mr. Sifton Banquetted. The Liberal Association Entertains the Minister of the Interior at Dinner. . . . Last evening the Liberal Association of Vancouver entertained Hon. Clifford Sifton to a banquet at the Hotel Badminton. . . .*  
—*Daily World*, 5 November: *Hon. Mr. Sifton's Visit. After spending five weeks on the Pacific coast Hon. Clifford Sifton left for the East today. The Minister of the Interior, during his visit to the North ascertained from personal observations the character of the country and the physical difficulties which prevail there, that is for those who make the attempt to enter the Yukon country by way of the few passes which exist on the Skagway and Dyea routes. . . . He was determined to find out whether the routes over which he was passing were practical or not. . . . He stated that for 17 days he traveled in the mountains amid snow, sleet, rain and frost, sometimes riding on horse back, at other stages utilizing the water stretches by boats and walking on foot where the route was a dangerous one. It is only persons of robust constitution such as Mr. Sifton possesses, who could have endured the hardship he went through. . . .*  
—*Daily News-Advertiser*, 5 November: . . . *Mr. E.J. Duchesnay, the engineer sent by the C.P.R. to examine the Stickeen River - Teslin Lake route into the Yukon, returned from Wrangel on the steamer Al-Ki, and arrived in this City on Wednesday night. . . . While declining to state details. Mr. Duchesnay gave a few particulars regarding his experiences on the trip. On September 13th he received a telegram from Montreal to proceed on the trip and after procuring an outfit and engaging five half-breeds from the Fraser River to act as canoemen [sic!] he started on the following day. Through the courtesy of Captain John Irving of the C.P.N. Company, arrangements were made for the steamer Princess Louise to convey the party to Wrangel, at the head of deep water navigation, and thus all delay was avoided. The fact that the party left on Saturday, September 14th and after going right through to Teslin Lake, returned here on Tuesday last, after an absence of about seven weeks, including a delay of six days at Wrangel, waiting for the Al-Ki, shows that no serious obstacle could have been encountered. The trip to the head of navigation on the Stickeen River was made in canoes and from there to Teslin Lake—a distance of 130 or so miles—the journey was made on foot, the supplies being carried on mules. . . . The weather was fairly good, not much rain being experienced, while snowshoes were not required at all.”*
- 6 Nov—Annie L. Hill, *People, Places, Things*, Carlton Press, New York NY, 1980. Chapter 23. *Next to the Manzer property Mr. Sam Cadotte had his quarter section. . . . Sam Cadotte was exceedingly bowlegged, his legs almost making an O as he walked. He was a bachelor and made his living by fishing.”*  
—From *The Daily Columbian*, 16 November: *Maple Ridge Council, The eleventh meeting of the Council was held on the 6th inst. The following communications were received: . . . From John Matheson and Nels Nelson, requesting payment for vouchers held by them. As there were no funds available for same, this was not granted. . . . The Road*

- Committees reported as follows: Ward No. 1 - That Mr. Sharp's roadwork was done. That a contract to cover the new bridge on the Wharnock Road [272nd] had been let to N.C. Nelson for \$40. That Mrs. B.A. Johnston had done work to the amount of her taxes; also that it was necessary a new culvert should be put in near Mr. Dunn's.
- 6 Nov—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 6 November: From John Matheson and Nils Nelson requesting payment of vouchers held by them for work done. That the Clerk notify Messrs. Nilson and Matheson that there is not the money in the Treasury to pay their vouchers at present, and as soon it is, they will be notified. Ward No. 1 that the Sharp road work done. That they had let the contract for covering the bridge and fixing the road to the bridge on the Whonnock road to N.C. Nelson for \$40<sup>00</sup>. That Mrs. B.A. Johnson had completed the amount of work necessary to make up the amount of her taxes in full. Also that there was one culvert broken near Mr. Dunn's and recommended that a new one be built.
- 24 Nov—Mr. Farmer, obviously collecting on behalf of Maple Ridge municipality from Ruskin Mills.
- 29 Nov—Translation from the minutes of the Trondheim Women's Association, Book No. 1, 29 November: Today the women of the Trondheim Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Whonnock established a Women's Association for the benefit of the Congregation and set some rules. A meeting will be held on the first Monday of every month and entrance money will be 10¢ person. Executives elected were: Marie Nilsen - President, Georgina Fletcher - Secretary, Marie Knutsen - Treasurer. It was decided to hold the first meeting on the 3rd of January at Mrs. Knutsen's.
- 29 Nov—*The Daily Columbian*, 28 November: The steamer Gladys, which left this morning for Chilliwack, was unable to go beyond Mt. Lehman, and so returned to the city this afternoon. Capt. Seymour reports that, beyond Mt. Lehman, the river was full of slush, already beginning to freeze; the weather was very keen, and a strong wind was blowing, so it was deemed advisable not to risk being frozen in on that part of the river.
- 2 Dec—*The Daily Columbian*, 2 December: *Maple Ridge Notes*, (From Our Own Correspondent)... Clondyke fever is still raging among us and it is feared that many will succumb to its attacks, next spring and summer.  
—*The Daily Columbian*, 10 December: *Silverdale News*, (From Our Own Correspondent), *Silverdale*, Dec. 10. "...It is feared that Clondyke fever will carry off some of our residents, next spring, unless a remedy is found in the meantime..."
- 4 Dec—Extract from Maple Ridge Council Minutes, 4 December: *E.W. Beckett* be appointed returning officer for the annual election and that the polling places be Port Haney and Wharnock. The salary to be \$20<sup>00</sup>. The Clerk reported having received a garnishee summons ... re Nils Nilson for \$20<sup>65</sup> and cost of \$8<sup>41</sup>. Total 29<sup>06</sup>. Ward 1: That A. Knudtson has built a culvert and repaired a bridge for \$5<sup>00</sup>. That also they had let to N. Nilson the building of a culvert near Mr. Dunn's for 5<sup>00</sup> and that same was completed. Also his contract for covering bridge etc., was accepted \$40<sup>00</sup>. That Gus Smith done work on road to extent of \$1<sup>00</sup>.
- 15 Dec—*The Daily Columbian*, 21 December: *Mission News* (From Our Own Correspondent). *Mission City*, Dec. 20. ...Mr. John McKenzie, with his bride, passed through here on Wednesday, 15:00h, en route to Seattle. After a honeymoon trip in the Sound Cities they will proceed to Kootney to reside. Jack has many friends in Mission, who wish him every success in his "mad venture on the sea of matrimony"....
- 29 Dec—*The Daily Columbian*, 21 December: Mr. C.A. Gardner, of the steamer Transfer, will leave Vancouver, to night, on the steamer City of Seattle, for the north. Mr. Gardner and another man have been commissioned by the C.P.R. to make a second trip to Telegraph Creek, and report on the condition of the ice, &c." Captain Chas. "Charlie" A. Gardner and Captain Samuel Cromarty would serve for many years in the north.



Pupils of the Whonnock school on the bank of the Fraser River  
Photo taken not later than 1901.

Top row from right to left: teacher Thomas C. Mercer, Thomas Hodgson, Geoffrey Hodgson, Bessie Henderson, Jenny Boyd, Kate McCarty, Ella Owen, Gladys Fancher and William Owen.

Front row from right to left: George Owen, Constance Hodgson, Constance or Monna McCarty, Pearl Boyd, Ruth Rolley and Maisie Owen.

We owe this photograph to Mrs. Ruth (Rolley) Ferguson, who started to attend this school in 1897 when she was six years old. She entrusted the photo to the care of the Maple Ridge Museum on 22 October 1968.

On the opposite page:

Facsimile of a page from the Whonnock school visitors' book covering the year 1897. Most names shown here page are mentioned in John Williamson's diary. Not all signed their own name.—Courtesy Maple Ridge Museum.



Whonnock. Jan 4/1871

Charles Allan Justice Jan 8  
 Jan. 15 J. D. Maclean Mission  
 Jan 20 J. Williamson  
 " 20 John Carver  
 Mar 1 Rod. McKay  
 Mar 10 William Serrinberg  
 " 12 L. Parkinson  
 L. E. Moss  
 May 10 L. Douglas  
 " 10 W. Derrinberg  
 June 9 J. B. Magar  
 G. S. Elwin  
 May E. Marshall  
 June 17 Miss Robinson Vancouver.  
 Charles Allan  
 Examination June 18/1871  
 E. Henderson  
 June 18 Miss Robinson Vancouver, B.C.  
 William Serrinberg  
 John Carver  
 Chas. Whetham  
 Katie Whetham  
 Hilda Whetham  
 H. M. Sutherland  
 A. Gilchrist  
 J. Owen  
 Gladys Pancher.

## NAMES OF PEOPLE MENTIONED IN THE DIARY

Following in alphabetical order are names of people mentioned in the diary. Where John Williamson used aliases or much different ways of spelling of names the list points to an other name. Names shown in SMALL CAPS after each family name are those shown in the diary.

I have tried to find an answer to the basic questions: who the people mentioned in the diary were, where they lived, and how they made their living. Directories, voters lists, census, land registry, vital statistics, newspapers and other sources were used for that purpose. I intended to provide at least one identification or suggestion for an identification for each individual. In spite of an intensive search many could not be identified. Sometimes I have provide more than one identification and additional information about an individual, or a family may be found here and in other parts of these *Whonnock Notes*. At the end of this list are some short family trees which may be of use to understand relationships within and between families.

A. or A.W.	John	see WILLIAMSON.
ADELE		see YORK.
ALLAN	Alexander	<i>ALEX ALLAN</i> —Voters' list 1898: 26, Allan, Alexander, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897 and 1898: Whonnock, Allan, Alexander, farmer.
ALLAN	Charles	<i>CHARLES ALLAN, MR. ALLAN</i> —School Trustee. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897 and 1898, Whonnock: Allan, Charles, section man. Charles Allan died 17 September 1897. See diary entry.
ANDREW	John	<i>JOHN ANDREW</i> —see WILLIAMSON.
ARMSTONG	R.W.	<i>MR. ARMSTRONG</i> —probably R.W. Armstrong in Rossland according to Assessment Role 1897.
BAKER	August Francis	<i>AUGUST BAKER</i> —Voters' List 1898: 39, Baker, August Francis, Haney, Farmer.
BALL	Moses	<i>MOSES BALL, BALL, MR. BALL</i> —Voters' List 1898 Ball, Moses, Whonnock, Farmer <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Whonnock, Ball, Moses, Farmer. Census 1891: Ball, Moses, farmer.
BEGGAM	Archibald	<i>ARCHIBALD BEGGAM</i> —Voters' List List 58, Beggan [sic], Archibald, Whonnock, Farmer.
BELL	William	<i>MR. BELL</i> —Voters' List 1898: 60, Bell, William, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> . 1897 and 1898, Whonnock: Bell, Wm. farmer.
BIG JIM		see JIM.
BLACK		<i>GEORGE BLACK, G. BLACK, BLACK'S BROTHER, MRS GEORGE BLACK</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1898, Whonnock: G.E. Black, Miner. It seems that George is the only Black residing in Whonnock. The registration of mineral claims show Robert Black and a John Black, but we don't know which one is "Black's brother" mentioned in the diary. The baby born on 13 April, 1897 is William Edward Black, son of George Edward Black and Bertha Mary Boyd. (Vital Statistics 97-09-945039).
BLAKE	William Winfield	<i>MR. BLAKE</i> — <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Whonnock: Blake, William Winfield, famer.
BLAND	Frederick	<i>MAJOR BLAND</i> —The 1891 census shows as living at Spilsbury's Frederick Bland, 35 years, lodger, from England, Gentleman.
BORLAND		<i>MR. (OR MESSRS.) BORLAND</i> —Not identified.
BOYD		<i>MESSRS BOYD, MR. BOYD</i> —Mentioned are three men called Boyd: George Layfield Boyd, Robert Boyd, and James Boyd. All seem actively involved in the "mines." James farms on Crescent Island. The name "Mr. Boyd" appears frequently without proper identification as to which of the Boyds is meant. <i>MISS BELLA BOYD</i> —Not unidentified. <i>MR. G.L. BOYD, G.W. BOYD, GEORGE LAYFIELD BOYD</i> —Mentioned in <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897 and 1898, Whonnock: Boyd, George Layfield, mine owner. <i>JAMES BOYD, JAS. BOYD</i> —Voters' List 1898, 77, Boyd, John James, Crescent Island, Farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897 and 1898, Whonnock: Boyd, James, farmer. <i>R. BOYD</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Boyd, Robert, farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897 and 1898, Whonnock: Boyd, Robert, mine owner.
CADOTTE	Samuel	<i>MR. CORDOTTE, MR. CADOTTE</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Cadotte, farmer. Voters' List 1898: 114, Cadotte, Samuel, Stave River, Farmer. (130 acres SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Section 35 Twp. 14, next to Manzer and Farrington). See NOTES AND COMMENTS, 5 November for more on Samuel Cadotte.
CALDER	Peter	<i>MR. CALDER, P. CALDER, MRS. CALDER</i> —P. Calder farmed at "Twin Maples", Ruskin Voters' List 1898: 117, Calder, Peter, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Whonnock: Peter Calder, Farmer.
CAMERON	Neil	<i>NEIL CAMERON</i> —Glen Valley: <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Cameron, Neil, fisherman.
CAMPBELL	W.H.	<i>MR. CAMPBELL</i> — <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897, p. 601, Vancouver.

CARTER		<i>MR. CARTER</i> —Likely Foster C. Carter or one of his sons.
CARVER	John E.	<i>MR. CARVER, JOHN CARVER</i> —Census 1901: John E, Carver, born 8/10/1860 PEI - Scotch Presb. Blacksmith, Ruskin Village. Voters' List 1898: 195, Whonnock, Carver, John, Ruskin, Mill Street, Blacksmith. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Ruskin: Ca[r]ver John, blacksmith.
CASTILE	John	<i>MR. CASTILE</i> —Mineral Claims: October 1897. John or Jno. Castile.
CECIL		see YORK.
CHEER		<i>DAN BOYS</i> . Daniel Cheer. Census 1901. Whonnock IR b. 1851 - 46 years old in 1897.
COOK	Charles A.	<i>CHARLES COOK, MR. COOKS, MR. COOK, C. COOK</i> —Voters' List 1898: 183, Cook, Charles A., Whonnock, Farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897 and 1898, Whonnock: Cook, Charles, farmer.
COSTELLO	M.	<i>MR. COSTELLO</i> —Mineral Claim: May 1897, M. Costello transferred claim "Guide" to E.J. Fader, Vancouver. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 98, Vancouver: Costello, M., Salmon canner, h[ome] 339 Westminster Road.
COX		<i>MR. COX</i> —Perhaps this is a son of Marcus Cox, who farmed in Silverdale (NW¼ Sec. 19 Twp.17)?
CROMARTY		<i>JAMES CROMARTY, J. CROMARTY</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Cromarty, James, farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898: Cromarty, James, farmer. Brother of Samuel Cromarty. James lived all his life at Fort Langley and Glen Valley where he farmed a large tract of land left to him by his father. In his early days he was noted for great physical strength. b. 1853 d. 1936.
		<i>MR. CROMARTY, S. CROMARTY, SAM CROMARTY</i> —Brother of James, Sam Cromarty, b. 1869 d. 1923, became a wellknown captain in the Yukon. (Whitepass & Yukon Route 1896-1919).
CURRIE	Richard	<i>MR. CURRIE</i> —Voters' List 1898: 170, Currie, Richard, Whonnock, Farmer. Not in <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898 under Whonnock.
DAN boys		see CHEER.
DAWSON		<i>JOHN DAWSON, YOUNG DAWSON, MR. DAWSON</i> —Voters' List 1898: 201, Dawson, John, Haney, Farmer.
		<i>MR. DAWSON</i> —Henry Dawson, father of John Dawson, was married to Elizabeth Cromarty, a sister of James and Samuel Cromarty and of Joseph Hairsine's wife, Mary. Henry Dawson died in May of 1898, Vital Statistics Reg. 1898-09-080525.
DEBRISAY		see Des BRISAY.
DEITCHEM		<i>REV. DEITCHEM</i> —Not identified. See McCrae: Rev. C Ditchman.
DELL		<i>MRS. DELL</i> —William Dell, 160 acres SE quarter of Section 7.
DELORNE	J.	<i>MR. DELORNE DORME, DELORN, DE LORN</i> —Not identified. Name is J. Delorne in Mineral Claim Records.
DERENBOURGER		see DERRINBERG, William.
DERRINBERG	William	<i>MR. DERENBURG MR. DERENBOURGER</i> —Name signed in school visitors' book shows Derrinberg. Voters' List 1898: 252, Derrmberg, William, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1898, Whonnock: Denrenberg, Win., farmer. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Whonnock: Derrmberg, William. farmer. According to his death certificate signed by his son in 1954, the spelling of his name is Derrinberg. (Vital Statistics 54-09-010278). William Derrinberg was of Scottish descent.
Des BRISAY	Merrill	<i>MR. DEBRISAY MR. DESBRISAY MR. DESBRISAY</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: DesBrisay, Mervill, Gentl. Storekeeper. Voters' List 1899: 209, DesBrisay, Merrill, Mission City, Merchant. Des Brisay, written in two words is the spelling used by himself.
DORME		see DELORNE.
DOUGLAS	Lord	<i>LORD DOUGLAS</i> —Not identified. L. Douglas left a signature in the Whonnock school guest book on 10 May, together with William Derrinberg.
DOWNIE		<i>MR. DOWNIE</i> —Hugh or William? Voters' List 1899: 251, Downie, William, Ruskin Mills, Logger, or Voters' List 1899: 250, Downie, Hugh Ruskin Mills, Common Labourer .
DREW	Dr. George E	<i>DR. DREW</i> —New Westminster.
DUNN		<i>REV. ALEXANDER DUNN, REV. MR. DUNN, REV(D) A. DUNN, MR. DUNN</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Dunn, Rev. A. Census 1891: Dunn, Alexander, Clergyman. Voters' List 1899: 231, Dunn, Alexander, Whonnock, Clergyman.
		<i>MRS. DUNN</i> —Annie Dunn
		"A MAN CALLED DUNN"—The "man called Dunn" was John Dunn, father of Lizzie Josephine Dunn. Her mother was Josphine Herrling. Lizzie Josphine Dunn married Niles Christian Nilsen (Nelson) on 26 August 1897. (Vital Statistics 97-09-116394).

EDWARDS	Charles	<i>MR. EDWARDS</i> —Voters' List 1898: 266, Edwards, Charles, Whonnock, Farmer. Charles Edwards is also Secretary/Trustee of the Whonnock school in 1896. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Whonnock: Edwards, Chas., farmer.
ELWAIN		see ELWIN, Getrude.
ELWIN	Gertrude	<i>MISS ELWAIN</i> —BC Sessional Papers, 1898, Public School Report p. 263, "At special examination. held in Vancouver on December 21st, 1896, Miss Gertrude Elwin, a pupil of this school [Glen Valley], obtained the percentage required for admission to High School." G.S. Elwin's name appears in the Whonnock school guestbook on June 9 1897.
ENGEN	Chris	<i>CHRIS ENGEN</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Whonnock - Engen, Chris, fisherman and farmer.
FANCHER	Sidney A.	<i>MR. FANCHER</i> —Fancher is active as a member of the Board of the Whonnock school until he "left the country" in 1899. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Whonnock: Fancher, S.A., farmer.
FARMER		<i>MR. FARMER</i> —Not identified. Tax collector for Maple Ridge Municipality.
FARRINGTON	Stanley	<i>MR. &amp; MRS. FARRINGTON</i> —Voters' List 1899: 267, Farrington, Stanley, Whonnock, Farmer (160 acres NE¼Sec. 35 Twp.14, next to Cadotte and Manzer)
FERGUSON	Ronald A.	<i>MR. FERGUSON</i> —Not related to the "Hector Fergusons" from Haney. Voters' List 1898: 275, Ferguson, Ronald, Stave River, Mission, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Whonnock - Ferguson, R., farmer (160 acres NE¼ Sec. 11 Twp. 15).
FIDELLE	Peter	<i>PETER FIDELL</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Fiddell, Peter, fisherman. Census 1891: Fedele, Peter. Census 1901: Peter Fedari [sic] b. 1878. The only First Nations man mentioned by name in the diary.
FLETCHER		<i>MR. FLETCHER</i> —Postal Inspector: The Daily Columbian, 19 May: "Mr. E.H. Fletcher, Postoffice Inspector, is registered at the Colonial Hotel." <i>MR. FLETCHER, MR. R. FLETCHER</i> —Voters' List 1898: 289, Fletcher, Henry Robert C., Whonnock, Farmer; Census 1901: Fletcher, Henry R., farmer. Fletcher's wife is Georgina Lee, daughter of Ole Lee.
GARDNER	Charles Alphonsus	<i>MR. GARDNER</i> —Captain Gardner, born in Mission in 1860, had experience on the Skeena and Stikine rivers prior to 1897. He became a well-known captain of steamers on the northern rivers.
see Gardner family tree		
GARNER		<i>YOUNG GARNER, GARNER BOYS, THE GARNERS</i> —Family name only; individuals can't be identified.. <i>CHARLIE GARNER</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Whonnock - Garner, Charles, fisherman. Charles Robert Garner was born in 1874; he was 23 years old in 1897. He died in 1951 in Chilliwack, BC. Charles' wife Andrina was one of Robert Robertson's daughters. She died in December 1896 in Whonnock.
see Garner & Robertson family trees		<i>JOE</i> —Born in 1877; he was 20 years old in 1897. Joseph later married Mary Robertson, another daughter of of Robert Robertson. <i>SAM</i> —Samuel Garner died in WW I in France in 1917. <i>TOM GARNER, THOMAS GARNER</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnoc: Garner, Thomas, fisherman. Thomas Garner drowned in Langley Slough, below Whonnock, in 1914, 35 years old. Born in 1879 he was 18 years old in 1897. <i>HENRY GARNER, H. GARNER MR. GARNER</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Whonnock - Garner, Henry, fisherman. William Henry Garner did not own land in Whonnock in 1897 and appears in the Voters' List of 1898 as a voter for Dewdney. The Garner family either shares the house with Robert Robertson, father of Henry's wife Barbara Robertson, as suggested by the census of 1901, or have constructed a dwelling on Robertson's property. Henry Garner was born in 1869 and was 28 years old in 1897.
GILCHRIST		<i>MR. GILCHRIST</i> —Alexander or Donald. Census 1901: Gilchrist, Alexander, farmer. Voters' List 1899: 329, Gilchrist, Alexander, Whonnock, Farmer. Voters' List 1899: 318, Gilchrist, Donald, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>MR. GILCHRIST</i> —John Gilchrist, not related to the above Gilchrists, "accidentally drowned in the waters of Stave River.....Body found 16th June 1897. Drowned about the Middle of January 1897. At the time of his death he was a labourer about 30 years old. He was born in Ontario.
GILLIE		<i>GILLIE BROS</i> — <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1897 and 1898, show under New Westminster Gillye Bros. (James R., and Walter, R.) wood, coal, lime, brick, etc. Office Front near CPR depot.
GODFREY		<i>MR. GODFREY</i> —Not identified: New Whatcom and Fairhaven Directories 1891 show a John Godfrey, Albion House, Elk Street, and the directory of 1899 shows John Godfrey, Teacher, res. 1100 St.
GRAFF		<i>MR. HARGRAFF MRS. HARGRAFF</i> —There are no Hargraffs recorded anywhere near Whonnock. Probably a transcription error. Graff. <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Silverdale: M. Graff, farmer.

GRANT		<i>MR. GRANT</i> —George V. Grant see NOTES AND COMMENTS 9 September.
GRIGORY		<i>MR. GRIGORY</i> —Not identified. From Whatcom. “Spencer’s man.”
GRUNT		“A” OR “A” <i>GRUNT</i> —Not identified. Was this a person at all?
GWENDOLYNE		see YORK.
HAIRSINE		<i>MR. HAIRSINE, HAIRSINE</i> —Joseph Robson Hairsine was a widower with three children: William Gowan b. 1881, Margery b. 1883 and Thomas Malcolm b. 188? His wife, Mary, a sister of the Cromarty brothers, died in 1889.
<i>see Cromarty family tree</i>		<i>YOUNG WILLIAM HAIRSINE, WILLIAM MALCOLM</i> —William Gowan Hairsine. <i>MRS. MARJORIE HAISINE, MISS HAIRSINE, MARJORIE HAIRSINE, MARGERY HAIRSINE</i> —Margery Hairsine. <i>MASTER MALCOM THOMAS HAIRSINE, YOUNG HAIRSINE, MASTER HAIRSINE, THOMAS MALCOLM HAIRSINE, M. W. HAIRSINE</i> —Thomas Malcolm Hairsine.
HALL	Rev. Joseph	<i>MR. HALL</i> —The Reverend Joseph Hall was Principal of Coqualeetza Institute in Sardis.
HANEY	Jeremiah Francis	<i>FRANK HANEY</i> —Son of Thomas Haney of Port Haney. Frank later worked as a telegraph operator for CPR at Revelstoke.
HARGRAFF		see GRAFF.
HARRISON	Fred J.	<i>MR. HARRISON</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Harrison, Fred J., schoolteacher.
HAVELOCK	Thomas	<i>MR. HAVELOCK</i> —MR Council Meeting April 3rd, 1897 mentions Thomas Havelock. <i>Henderson’s BC 1898</i> , Whonnock: Havelock, Thos., farmer.
HAY	Elwain	<i>ELWAIN HAY</i> —Not identified.
HEAFY	PJ.	<i>MR. HEAFY, P. Heafy</i> — <i>Henderson’s BC</i> 1899: Whonnock - Heafy, P.J., farmer. See NOTES AND COMMENTS 22 May for more on Pat Heafy.
HENDERSON		<i>MR. HENDERSON</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Henderson, James, sectionman. Census 1891: Henderson, James, Section Foreman. Voters’ List 1899: Henderson, James, Section foreman. <i>EDITH HENDERSON</i> —Census 1891: Henderson, Edith, d[daughter] of James Henderson. <i>ELLA HENDERSON, MISS HENDERSON</i> — Census 1891: Henderson, Ella, d[augher] of James Henderson. John K. McKenzie married Ella Henderson on 15 December 1897. (Vital Statistics 1897-09-117634) <i>MISS HENDERSON, A DEAR CREATURE</i> —Census 1891: Mary Henderson, daughter of James Henderson. Mary Henderson, twenty-three years of age, married John Andrew Williamson, thirty years old, brick maker, on 26 September 1898. Witnesses are her sister, Ella (Henderson) McKenzie and her brother-in-law John Mckenzie (Vital Statistics 1898-09-046249).
HENDRY		<i>MR. HENDRY</i> —Mr. Hendry appears in the first days to celebrate the new year: “Mr. Hendry went to Langley”. He returns to Whonnock a week later only to decide on January 12, that he is “going to work for a farmer at Langley.” <i>Henderson’s BC</i> 1889 shows under Langley: Hendry, William, machinist, and it seems reasonable to assume that Mr. Hendry’s family lived in Langley. .
HICKS		<i>MR. HICKS</i> —Mineral Claim: “Jumbo,” 18 Nov, 1896, J.A. Hicks. Hicks arrived with Mr. Lister and Mr. Neucam and a few days later with Lord Douglas, the purpose of his visit clearly was mining.
HODGSON	Thomas	<i>MR. HODGIN, MRS. HUDGSON</i> —Census 1901: Thomas and Mary Hodgson with three sons and three daughters. Voters’ List 1898: John Hodgson, farmer.
INNES	Robert	<i>MR. INNES</i> —Voters’ List 1898: 380, Innes, Robert J., Whonnock, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Innes, R., farmer. Census 1891: Innes, Robert, farmer. (160 acres NE¼ Sec. 14 Twp 15)
JESSE		<i>Jesse</i> —The pony.
JIM		<i>BIG JIM, JIM</i> —Not identified. Chinese.
JOHN A.		see WILLIAMSON
JOHNSON		<i>MILLS JOHNSON, MR. JOHNSON, JOHNSON</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Johnson, G. Mills. Mineral Claim: “White Rose,” 15 May 1897, G.M. Johnson, Wharnock. <i>JOHN JOHNSON</i> —Not identified. Perhaps John Johnson from Dewdney, Farmer and Miner (Voter’s List 1898).
JONES		<i>MR. JONES</i> —Not identified. Perhaps Edward Theodore Jones from Mission (Voters’ List 1898).
KELLY	M.	<i>MR. KELLY</i> —Not identified. M. Kelly owned the claims “Agnes” and “Lizard” jointly with W.H. Garner.
KENT		<i>MR. KENT</i> —Not identified.
KIPP	James	<i>JIM KIP</i> —Voters’ List 1898: 416, Kipp, James, Dewdney, Farmer. Census 1891: James Kipp 26 years, Farmer. This James Kipp should not to be confused with Henry Kipp’s youngest son James (1886-

- 1975) from Chilliwack, who was only about 11 years old in 1897.  
see YORK.
- KNOCORY  
KNUDTSON Andrew *Mr. KNUDTSON, Mr. KNUDTSON*—*BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Knutson, Andrew, fisherman and farmer. The Census of 1901 shows that Andrew and his wife Mary (both in their mid-thirties) arrived in Canada in 1896 (Census 1901) with a small daughter, Gusta, born in the US. Andrew worked on the roads and became very active in the Lutheran Church.
- KROY or KROYIS  
L.C.Y see YORK.  
see YORK.
- LANGLEY John Grace *Mr. LANGLEY*—*Henderson's BC* 1898, Mt. Lehman: Langley, John Grace, general store.  
LAYFIELD John *Mr. LAYFIELD, JOHN LAYFIELD*—Not identified. The mineral claim VICTORIA shows the name J.L. Layfield jointly with those of S.B. Vanzandt and G.L. Boyd. The word "City" is inserted behind Layfield's name. The name J. Layfield also appears with G. Boyd and R. Boyd on the claims BUTTERCUP and MAYFLOWER.  
LEE 3—Cannot be identified.
- LEE  
*see Lee family tree*  
*AXEL LEE*—Axel Bernard Lee. Voters' List 1898: 457, Lee, A.B., Whonnock, Farme. *BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Lee, A., fisherman.  
*ANNA NELSON LEE*—Axel Lee's wife, who gave birth to a baby-daughter on 21 March 1907.  
*ODIN LEE*—Odin Lee. *BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Lee, Oden.  
*OLE LEE, O. LEE*—Both Ole Lee Jr. and Senior are mentioned in *BC Directory* 1899 and Voters' List 1898: 456, Lee, Ole, Whonnock, Farmer. *BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Ole Jr., fishermanLee.  
*MR. LISTER*—not identified.
- LISTER  
LITTLE SWANOI LITTLE SWANOI—not identified.  
LOCK *SAM LOCK, MR. LOCK*—Not identified. Chinese.  
LOTHIAN *MR. LOTHIAN*—not identified  
MAGAR *MR. MAGAR*—*BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Magar, G., emp. Ruskin Mill.  
*MRS MAGAR*—  
*Miss Magar, Miss Magarr, Miss Magart*—not identified.
- MALCOLM William  
MANDELL John *MR. MENDALL, JOHN MANDELL, MR. MANDELL*—In Assessment Role 1897 incorrectly shown as Mantell, John. He held 20 acres of property in Ruskin since 1896 and would continue to do so for many years.  
see MANZER.
- MANQER  
MANZER John Oscar *MR. MANQER*—The 1898 Voters' List list gives John Oscar and Amos Cora, both in Mission. *BC Directory* 1899, Silverdale: Manzer, J.O., farmer. Voters' List 1898: 513, Manzer, John Oscar, Mission, Farmer. (Manzer, J.O. 160 acres NE¼ Sec, 35 Tp. 14, next to Farrington and Cadotte).  
*MR. MATHEWSON, JOHN MATTISON, JOHN MATHEWSON* *BC Directory* 1899: Whonnock: Matheson, John, fisherman.
- MATHESON John  
McCARTY Michael *MR. McCARTY*—Census 1891: McCarthy, Michael, Stationary Engineer.  
McCLAY *MR. McCLAY*—Not identified.  
McCLAYIES *MR. McCLAYIES*—Not identified  
McCRAE *MRS McCRAE, MISS McCRAE*—Parish Register of St. John the Devine - B.C. Geneologist, Vol. 1 No. 2, Winter 1971-2 Bpt. 4 Sept 1892, b. 18 Mar 1892, Murdock Finlay, parents Katherine & Donald McRAE, farmer; McLennan's Whonnock; min. Rev. C. Ditchman. In 1891 Directory transcript is shown: D.P. and also McLennan, D.P. would they be from Glen Valley?  
McRae,  
McDONALD R. *R. McDONALD*—*BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: McDonald, R., famer.  
SWEET A D LANE(d)—Mrs. R. McDonald?  
*MR. McDONALD, "MR. THOMAS' FRIEND"* - not identified.
- McDONOUGH William  
1891: *MR. McDOUNOUGH*—Mineral Claim: Golden Penn, 15/04/1897 Wm. McDonough, Whonnock Census McDonough, William, M. 24 yrs old US, Cigar Maker (W. McDonough 160 acres NE¼Sec. 10 Twp. 15 and 40 acres SE¼ Sec 10 Twp. 15)  
McGARR see MAGAR.  
McGINN *MR. McGINN*— Not identified. Perhaps Robert Edward McGinn who married Mary Wade in 1895 (Reg: 1895-09-116263).

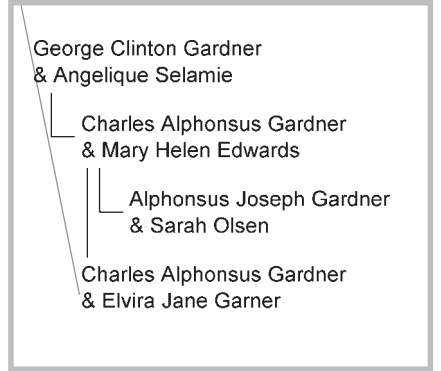
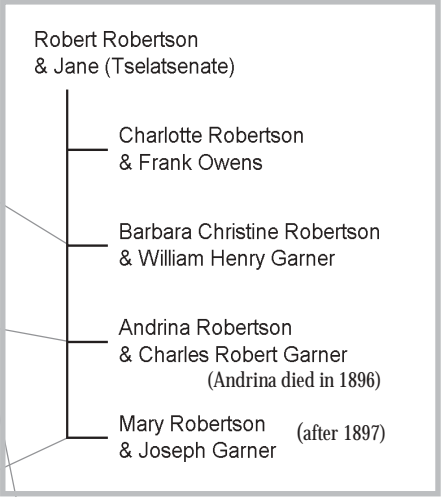
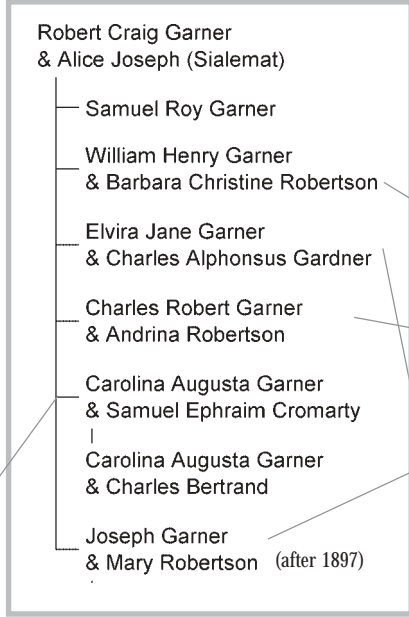
McINTOSH		<i>Mr. McINTOSH</i> —Perhaps Finlay McIntosh. Mineral Claim: “Alexander”, 8th July 1896 - Finlay McIntosh, 150 Water Street, Vancouver.
MCKAY		<i>GILBERT MCKAY</i> —Glen Valley. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: McKay, Gilbert, farmer. <i>Mr. MCKAY, ROD MCKAY, R. MCKAY</i> , —Rod McKay not identified and apparently not a resident of the Whonnock area. Rod McKay’s name appears in the visitors’ book at the Whonnock school with the date 1 March. <i>Mr. MCKAY (DAN MCKAY’S BROTHER)</i> —Not identified. “Donald Gray McKay, known as Dan McKay,” homesteaded property in Glen Valley in 1891 and farmed there until 1916. (Alder Grove Heritage Society, <i>The Place Between</i> , p207).
McKENZIE	John K.	<i>Mr. MCKENZIE</i> —John K. McKenzie married Ella Henderson on 15 December 1897 (Vital Statistics 1897-09-117634). Voters’ List 1898: 519, McKenzie, John K., Mission, Bridge carpenter.
McKIBBON	May	<i>MAY MCKIBBON</i> —Not identified. There is a Robert McKibben, farmer in Mission; 520 Voters’ List 1898 and Charles R. McKibbon, farmer Mission municipality; 892 Supplementary Voters’ List 8 June 1898.
McLEAN	A.M.	<i>Mr. McLEAN, A.M. McLEAN</i> —Not identified. Possibly Murdoch MacLean (lumberman) or Angus McClean (fisherman) from Mt. Lehman?
McMILLAN	Peter	<i>PETE McMILLAN</i> —Directory 1892-1893 - Peter McMillan, farmer. Whonnock .
MENDALL		see MANDELL.
MIDLAND	A.E.W.	<i>A.E.W. MIDLAND</i> —Not identified. Vancouver or New Westminster. Ore samples.
MITCHELL		<i>Mr. MITCHELL</i> —Not identified. Assayer in Vancouver? He sold the WARRIOR mine for John A.
MORRISON	F	<i>Mr. MORRISON</i> —dentist; a former schoolteacher in Whonnock. He owned 20 acres property in Ruskin which in 1897 went to John Mandell. Morrison, who shows up in the Assesment Roll with the initial E, seemed to have moved from Whonnock to Quesnel.
MOSS		<i>MISS MOSS</i> —Laura E Moss and May E. Moss were sisters. Laura Moss taught at the Mount Lehman school until the summer of 1896. She became “monitor” when the new Stave River school, opened in April of 1897 until 30 June, 1897. Laura E. Moss wrote her name in the visitors’ book at the Whonnock school on 12 March 1897 and is therefore more likely to be the “Miss Moss” mentioned in March in the diary. Her sister May E. Moss was a former schoolteacher at Whonnock.
MUNN		<i>Mr. MUNN</i> —Not identified. Mineral Claim “Star”, 13/01/1898: L.G. Munn.
NELLY		see YORK.
NELSON		<i>ALFRED NELSON, A. NELSON</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Nelson, Alfred, fisherman. <i>CHARLES NELSON, CHARLES NELSON, C. NELSON</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Nelson, Charles, fisherman. <i>N. NELSON, NILS NILSEN</i> —Voters’ List 1898: 608, Nilsen, Nils Christian, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>OLI NELSON, OLI NELSON, MASTER NELSON</i> —Voters’ List 1898: 607, Nilsen, Ole, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Nelson, Ole, farmer. <i>Mrs. OLE NELSON</i> —née Martha Marie Olsdatter Lee <i>SWARRA NELSON</i> —Sverre Andreas, brother of Charles.
NEUCAM		<i>CAPTAIN NEUCAM</i> —Not identified.
O’KOSH	Michael	<i>OKOSH, Mr. O’KOSH</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Whonnock - Okosh, M., farmer. Census 1891: Okosh, Michael. Labourer.
OLIVER		<i>Mr. OLIVER, NOBLE OLIVER</i> —Voters’ List 1898: 610, Oliver, Noble, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Oliver, N., farmer. Census 1891: Oliver Noble, farmer. <i>YOUNG OLIVER</i> —Noble Oliver Jr. Census 1901: 18 year old in 1897.
OWEN	John	<i>JOHN OWEN, JOHN OWENS, Mr. OWENS</i> —Voters’ List 1898: 611, Owen, John, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Owen, John, farmer. Census 1891: Owen, John, farmer.
OWENS	Frank E.	<i>FRANK OWENS, F. OWEN</i> —Census 1891: Owens, Frank, farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899: Whonnock - Owens, F.E., farmer. <i>Mrs. FRANK OWENS</i> —Census 1891: Owens, Charlotte, wife. Robert Robertson’s oldest daughter.
PARKER		<i>Mr. PARKER</i> —Isaac R. or Ebenezer J. or one of their sons . <i>H. PARKER, YOUNG PARKER</i> —Henry Parker, then 20-year-old son of Isaac R Parker and Mary Parker.
PARKINSON	Emily	<i>MISS PARKINSON(S)</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Parkinson, Miss E., school teacher. Residents living in the area across the Fraser from Whonnock are usually included in the early directories as living in “Whonnock”. Only the name of the school is referred to as “Glenvalley,” written in one

- word. In the Public School Report in BC Sessional Papers 1898 (p.263) the Glenvalley school is mentioned with Miss Emily Parkinson as its teacher. E. Parkinson's name is recorded the Whonnock school visitor's book on 12 March.
- PARRIS Edward *MR. PARRIS, MR. SIRRAP*—"Sirrap," Parris spelt in reverse, is a Williamson pseudonyms to hide the name. The 1891 Census shows Edward Parris as a 22-year-old farmer in Mission. Voters' List 1898: 619, Parris, Edward, Whonnock, Merchant. Parris was co-owner (mortgage?) of the shop before Williamson became the partner. In the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Whonnock school of 31 March 1896: *Resignation of Edwd. Parris as Trustee was read and accepted ... Mr. Parris having removed to Slocan City.* (In directories of Slocan City we find Parris & Co.) .
- PERCY *MR. PERCEY, MESSRS. PERCY, THE PERCEYS.*—*BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Percy, E[thel], H.A.R. and Hugh. Supplementary Voters' List 1898: 896, Percy, Edward C.A., Whonnock.
- PETERSON Charles *C. PETERSON*—Voters' List 1898: 626, Peterson, Charles, Whonnock, Farmer. *BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Peterson, Charles, farmer. Census 1891: Petersen, Charles, Farmer.
- PRESTON Charles Henry *MR. PRESTON*—Silverdale. Voter's List 1898: 262. Charles Henry Preston, Silverdale, farmer.
- PYNE Wellington *MR. PINE, PYNE*—Voters' List 1898: 653, Pyne, Wellington, Ruskin, Shingle sawyer.
- R.R. or Mr. R. see ROBERTSON, Robert.
- RASH see ROCK.
- REID *REV. REID*—Not identified.
- ROBERT see ROBERTSON, Robert.
- ROBERTSON Robert *MR. R., MR. ROBERTSON, R. ROBERTSON, ROBY, MR. ROBERT ROBERTSON, ROBERT, MR. R.R.*—Voters' List 1898: 671, Robertson, Robert, Whonnock, Farmer. *BC Directory* 1899, Whonnock: Robertson, Robert, farmer. Census 1891: Robertson, Robert, Boat builder.
- see Robertson family tree*
- ROBERTSON Rev. Hugh J. *MR. ROBERTSON, MR. ROBINSON*—*Henderson's BC*, 1897: Langley, Robertson, Hugh J., Presbyterian minister.
- ROBINSON see ROBERTSON, Rev. Hugh J.
- ROBY see ROBERTSON. Robert.
- ROCH see ROCK.
- ROCK *MR. RASH, MR. ROCK, MR. ROCH*—from Whatcom. Not clear if his name is Rash, Roch or Rock. William son may have played with the combination of the names "Rash and Wood(s)," calling the men Rock and Wood(s).
- RODGER *MR. RODGER*—Not identified.
- ROLLEY *MR. ROLLY*—Voters' List 1898: 695, Rolley, James, Whonnock, Farmer. Census 1891: Rolley, James, Farmer.  
*Mrs. Rolley*—*Fanny E. (Hall) Rolley.*  
*Ruth Rolley*—daughter of James and Fanny. The later Mrs. Hector Ferguson.
- ROLLY see ROLLEY.
- ROSO see ROSS.
- ROSS Jos. E. *Mr. Roso*—Joseph. E. Ross, Dominion Land Surveyor. See NOTES AND COMMENTS 15 June for more information on Ross.
- SAM see LOCK and GARNER, Sam.
- SANDERS *Mr. Sanders*—Not identified.
- SCOTT *Mr. Scott*—This could be J.G. Scott, Manager of Pacific Coast Lumber, 324 Royal Avenue, New Westminster. *Henderson's BC* 1897.
- SHARP *Mr. Sharp*—This could be F.A. Sharp, who shows up in the assessment roll 1898.
- SIFTON Clifford *Mr. Sifton*—The Hon. Clifford Sifton, Dominion Minister of the Interior.
- SINCLAIR *MR. SINCLAIR*—Not identified. Purchased a mine.
- SIRRAP see PARRIS.
- SMITH *MRS. SMITH*—This could be either George Alexander's wife Robina or Gideon Edward's wife, Eleanor. Voters' List 1898: 713 and 714, farmers.
- SPENCER *MR. VAN SPENCE, SPENSER, MR. SPENCER*—From Whatcom. Not identified. *New Whatcom & Fairhaven Directory* of 1891 has: JW Spencer, prop. Wash. Diary, res. of Gradstone NW, farmer. Other Spencers in 1891; Theo W. (US Customs) and Adam Spencer (Carpenter). No more recent information.

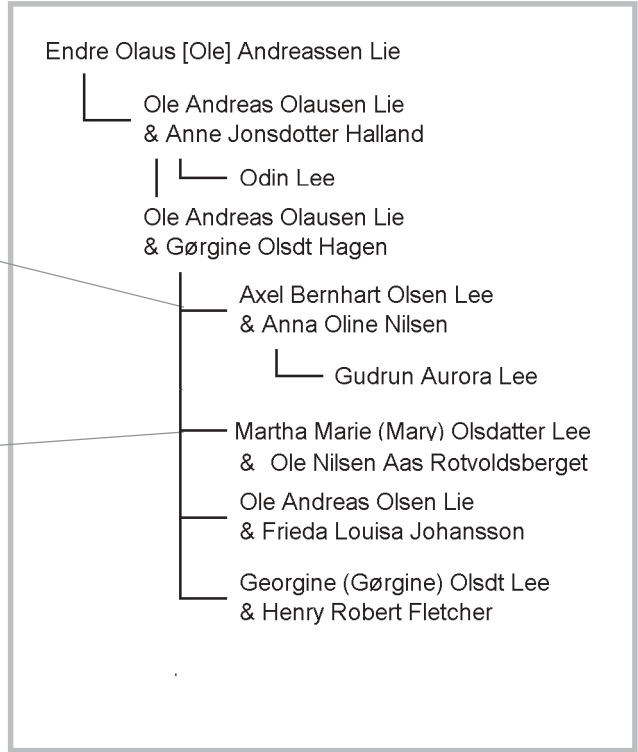
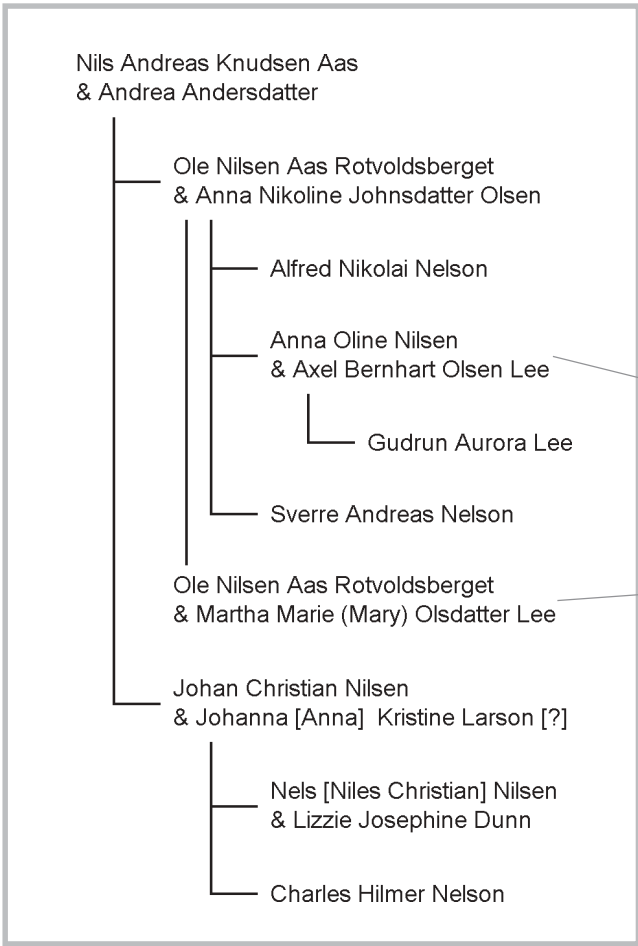


SPENCER's man		see GRIGORY.
SPILSBURY	Ashton W.	<i>MR. SPILSBURY</i> —Voters' List 1898: 721, Spillsbury, [ <i>sic.</i> ] Ashton, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Spillsbury, A.W., farmer.
SPELLER	Johan	<i>JOHN SPELLER</i> —Belgian according to the 1891 census. Census 1891: Spuller [ <i>sic.</i> ] Johan.
STENGER		<i>MR. STENGER</i> —Not identified. From Whatcom. <i>New Whatcom &amp; Fairhaven Directory</i> 1891 shows a John H. Lewis (Lu) Leonard Stenger.
STEWART		<i>MR. STEWART</i> . Could this have been W.S. Stewart from Vancouver, witness at the McKenzie/Henderson marriage on 15 December 1897?
STICAWEG		<i>MR. STICAWEG</i> —Not identified.
SUTHERLAND		<i>MR. SUTHERLAND, YOUNG SUTHERLAND</i> . Should be Hugh, not Young Sutherland. Hugh and his wife and Margaret Sutherland are both in their sixties and no young Sutherlands around. Census 1901. Hugh was school trustee, Whonnock school. Census 1901: Hugh Sutherland, farmer. <i>MRS. SUTHERLAND. BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Sutherland, Mrs. M.G., store and bakery. Census 1901: Margaret Sutherland, general merchant.
SUTTON		<i>MR. SUTTON</i> . Not identified.
SWANOI		<i>LITTLE SWANOI</i> . Not identified.
THOMAS		<i>MR. THOMAS</i> . Not identified.
THOMPSON		<i>THOMPSON BROS., MR. THOMPSON, THOMSON</i> —There are a number of Thompsons in the area but it is not possible to provide a proper identification of the Thompsons mentioned in the diary.
TILLY	William H.	<i>MR. TILLY, MR. &amp; MRS. TILLY, TILLY BROS</i> — <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Whonnock: Tillie, William H., farmer.
TURNER	Henry Birkett	<i>MR. TURNER</i> —In 1898 Voters' List 1898, 774: Turner, Henry Birkett, Whonnock, teacher.
TURNER		<i>REV. TURNER</i> —Not identified.
TOMMY		<i>Tommy</i> —Not identified.
VAN GRANT		see VANZANDT.
VANSPENCE		see SPENCER.
VANZANDT	S.B.	<i>MR. VAN GRANT</i> —Not identified. Should be perhaps be S.B. Vanzandt, together with J. Layfield and G.L. Boyd: Mineral Claim VICTORIA, (1)1897.
WALDEN		<i>WALDON BROS, WALDEN BROS.</i> —George and William Walden. <i>GEORGE WALDEN, GEORGE WALDON</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Walden, Geo., farmer. <i>MR. WILLIAM WALDEN, (MR.) WILLIAM WALDON, WALTON</i> — <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnock: Walden, Wm., farmer.
WALDON, WALTON		see WALDEN.
WARREN		<i>COL. WARREN</i> —Not identified.
WHETHAM		<i>MR. WHETHAM, MR &amp; MRS WHETHAM</i> —Voters' List 1898: 843, Whetham, Charles, Whonnock, Farmer. <i>BC Directory</i> 1899, Whonnoc: Whetham, Charles, farmer. Mrs. Fannie Whetham. See NOTES AND COMMENTS 28 February for more on Chas. Whetham.
WILLIAMSON		<i>JOHN A., JOHN A. W., J.A., J. ANDREW</i> —John Andrew Williamson, John Williamson's son. See section YORK & WILLIAMSON FAMILIES.
WOOD(S)		<i>MR. WOOD, MR. WOODS</i> —Not identified. See also ROCK.
YORK		See also section YORK & WILLIAMSON FAMILIES.
<i>see York &amp; Williamson Families</i>		<i>A. YORK</i> —Andrew York, nephew of L.C. York and younger brother of Archibald York. Voters' List 1898: 857, York, Archibald, Mission City, Merchant. Voters' List 1898: 856, York, Andrew, Mission City, Merchant. <i>A. YORK, MRS. ARCHIBALD YORK</i> —Archibald York, nephew of L.C. York. Voters' List 1898: 856, York, Archibald, Mission City, Merchant. In <i>Henderson's BC</i> 1898, Slovan City: York. A. & Co., meat market (Archd. York and John Wesley Clark). <i>MR. L.C. YORK, MR. YORK, MR. KNOCORY, MR. KROYIS, KROY. L.C.Y.</i> —Levi Charles York. Williamson uses a variety of pseudonyms to hide the name of his son-in-law name. <i>NELLY, MRS. YORK, MRS. NELLY, MRS. L.C. YORK</i> —John Williamson's daughter. <i>ADELE, GWENDOLINE, CECIL</i> —children of the L.C. Yorks.
YOUNG OLIVER		see OLIVER.
Y.M.		see HAIRSINE.

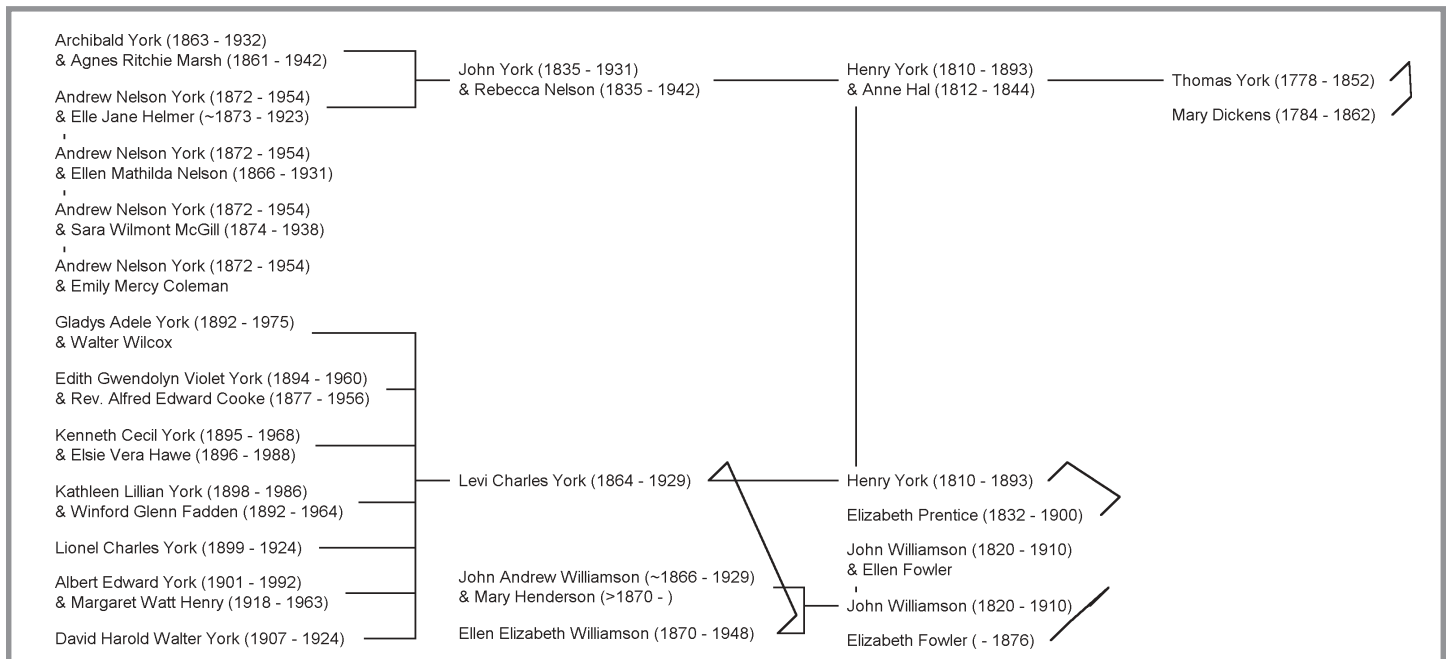
### SHORT FAMILY TREES



Note: these family trees are not complete and only show names thought relative to the diary.



SUMMARY OF PEOPLE OF THE YORK AND WILLIAMSON FAMILIES BY ROBERT CHARLES YORK



The above descendant report shows some basic information about the York and Williamson families. Visit Shirley York Anderson's fine Web site for detailed information: <http://pages.prodigy.net/york47/>

The following is part of a summary of the Yorks and Williamsons mentioned in the diary and their descendants provided in 1996 by Robert C. York. The information was mainly collected by his father, Albert E. York.

JOHN WILLIAMSON—Born: 1820 in Glasgow, Scotland,  
 Died: 1910 age 90, Married:Ellen Fowler (first marriage)  
 Married:Elizabeth Fowler (2<sup>nd</sup> marriage) Died:1876 at age ?  
 JOHN WILLIAMSON was born 1820 in Glasgow, Scotland; family was said to belong to the McAlpine Clan through Kenneth McAlpine and descended from Malcolm, King of Scots; came to Canada with brother David and moved to Omeemee and Beaverton District in Ontario (near Peterborough and Port Hope) (David died at age 99); married Ellen Fowler and had 2 sons. Some-time during or after 1821; wife Ellen died; married Elizabeth Fowler, sister of Ellen, and had 6 more children; lived at Fowlers' Corners in Smith Township in Ontario and owned a store; was first Sunday school superintendent May 1, 1874; 2nd wife Elizabeth Fowler died in 1876; moved to Regina where daughter Ellen Elizabeth married Levi Charles York in 1889. Ran a fruit stand in Regina; Brother David lived in Pilot Butte, Sask. and daughter Ellen Elizabeth lived with them until her marriage, after her mother died; leant money to daughter & son-in-law to allow them to purchase a general store in Whonnock, BC in 1891; lived with son-in-law Levi Charles York in Whonnock BC from 1891 to 1906 and then in Vancouver until 1910; John and his son William Macalpine Williamson lived for a time on a farm at Pilot Butte, Sask. , in 1909 next door to James Fowler Williamson who is the uncle of Elizabeth Ellen Williamson and was born in 1809. [John Williamson]died in 1910 at age 90  
 Children, First Marriage: David Williamson

Children, Second Marriage: Albert Edward Williamson, William Macalpine Williamson, John Andrew (Jack) Williamson, Elizabeth Ellen Williamson, Annie Williamson, Walter Williamson.

LEVI CHARLES YORK, Born: Apr. 19, 1864 in Meaford, Ont.,  
 Died: 1930 at age 66  
 Married: Ellen Elizabeth Williamson in 1889  
 Born: Apr. 10, 1870 in Omemee, Ont.  
 Died: 1948 at age 77 of a stroke  
 LEVI CHARLES YORK was born Apr. 19, 1864 in Meaford, Ontario; School teacher in Winnipeg in 1885 at age 21; CPR Telegraph operator near Regina; Married Ellen Elizabeth Williamson in 1889 in Regina when he was age 25 and she age 19; Moved to Whonnock, BC, borrowed money from her father John Williamson and opened a general store in 1891; The general store included a post office and a CPR telegraph office; John A., son of John Williamson, worked at the general store; Sold the general store in 1906 and moved to Vancouver with assets of \$20,000 and lived at 1635 7th Ave. West; Dealt in real estate and investments; Moved to 1676 Haro Street in Vancouver in 1910; Ran the Gulf of Georgia Canning Co, (salmon) at Steveston, BC in 1910 or 1911 with two partners, one of whom was DesBrisay and the other was Windsor; In 1912 rented out the house on Haro Street and lived in West Vancouver for one year; Was worth about \$100,000 but around 1913 to 1915 lost it all because: (a)

he signed a note for a cousin, and (b) a bank went bankrupt; Moved to Kelloe, Manitoba in 1917 (near Shoal Lake) as a CPR Telegraph operator; In 1919 moved to Bredenbury, Saskatchewan; Moved back to Vancouver as an operator on the spare board, including at Yale, BC; Moved to Glenogle, BC as an operator in 1924; Wife moved to Lynn Creek in North Vancouver (2.37 acres with a small cabin); Stopped working at CPR in 1929 at age 65 and returned to West Vancouver; Lived on Duchess Street in West Vancouver; Died in 1930 at age 66.

Children:

- 1) GLADYS ADELE YORK Born: Dec. 23, 1892 at Whonnock, Married: Walter Wilcox
  - 2) GWENDOLYN EDITH YORK Born: June 30, 1894 at Whonnock Married: Rev. Alfred E. Cooke
  - 3) KENNETH CECIL YORK Born: July 13, 1895 at Whonnock Married: Elsie Hawes
  - 4) KATHLEEN LILIAN YORK Born: Jan. 13, 1898 at Whonnock Married: W.G. Fadden
  - 5) LIONAL CHARLES YORK Born: 1899 at Whonnock
  - 6) ALBERT EDWARD YORK Born: Sept. 28, 1901 at Whonnock, Married: Margaret Watt Henry
  - 7) DAVID HAROLD WALTER YORK Born: July 11, 1907 at Vancouver
1. GLADYS ADELE YORK—Born: Dec. 23, 1892  
Married: Walter Wilcox  
GLADYS ADELE YORK Attended St. Helen's Hall in Portland, Ore., an Anglican College; became a teacher; in 1918 went to Kelloe, Manitoba with her father; moved to Bredenbury and got a job there as a teacher; met the Wilcox family in Bredenbury; Walter Wilcox was a widower with a Norwegian wife and 3 children ages 7, 5 and 3; Walter was a farmer. His father, William Wilcox had been a market gardener in Ontario and moved to Saskatchewan to become a grain farmer; He [Walter] bought into a garage with Ernest Einboden as a partner in Bredenbury; After getting out of the garage business, he worked in Sutherland, Sask. as a brakeman on the CPR; when he was laid off, he moved to the coast and bought land at a place called Green Acres in the Fraser Valley and built a house there and lived there; he worked for the CPR part time; he sold the property and bought 2.37 acres on Lynn Creek in North Vancouver and built a house there and kept rabbits, pigeons, goats, chickens and a garden.; sons Keith and Dennis were born there; he got steady work at Sutherland on the CPR so he sold the Lynn Creek property and moved the family to Sutherland and worked there until he retired; son Keith got land at Thunder Bay and Walter built a house there; Keith sold the property and moved to Ontario near Peterborough where he had a better job; Walter and Adele lived in an old people's home in Ontario; Keith moved to Coquitlam so Walter and Adele moved there and lived in a Seniors home; Walter worked with a partner building fireplaces and chimneys. (Albert York worked with them part time; he lived on Duchess Street at the time); Walter bought 80 feet of waterfront property on Mara Lake at Sicamous for \$800. Around 1968-70 he sold the property to Jim

Davidson for about \$3,000.

Children from W. Wilcox's First Marriage: Ethel Wilcox (married: Charles Jackson); Clara Wilcox (married: Charles Jordan); Freda Wilcox (married: Eric Vincent Jennison), Children of Gladys Adele York and W. Wilcox: Keith Wilcox (married: Althea (Allie) Edith Smith); Dennis Wilcox (married: Solveig)

2. GWENDOLYN EDITH YORK—Born: June 30, 1894, Died: 1956 at age 62  
Married: Rev. Alfred E. Cooke, Born: about 1877.  
Died: about 1954 at age 77  
GWENDOLYN EDITH YORK attended Braemore College in Vancouver; Became a registered nurse; Got a job with Alfred Cooke who had an invalid wife; After his first wife died, she married Alfred Cooke who was about 17 years older than her; Alfred was born in Ireland and became a minister there; it was said that he learned to read at the age of three; Alfred was minister at the Congregational Church, one of the first to broadcast sermons by radio in Vancouver; children Norman and Sheila were born in Vancouver; Moved to Denver, Colorado where Sylvia was born.  
  
Children: Norman E. Cooke (married: Patricia Salter 1st Marriage) and Kennon (2nd Marriage); Sheila Cooke (married: Angus McMillan (1st Marriage, died of TB) and Sam Mutt (2nd Marriage); Sylvia Cooke (married: Rev. Jack R. Colclough).
3. KENNETH CECIL YORK—Born: July 13, 1895  
Died: May 1968 at age 73  
Married: Elsie Hawes. Born: April 29, 1896.  
Died: June 1, 1988 at age 92  
KENNETH CECIL YORK attended King Edward High School in Vancouver; attended UBC; fished and hunted birds in Steveston and Ladner; was a bank teller before the war; applied for the army but was turned down because he had varicose veins due to a motor accident; worked his way up to bank manager through various positions at Royal Bank, Hastings and Granville, Main & Hastings, Point Grey, Kamloops, Cumberland; stayed at 1637 West 7th when the family went to the Prairies; retired and bought a home in Courtenay on Vancouver Island; Elsie had a brother who was in the silk stocking business.  
Children: none.
4. LIONAL CHARLES —Born: YORK 1899, did not marry,  
Died in 1924 at age 25 of TB; attended UBC for a couple of years in Science.
5. KATHLEEN LILIAN YORK—Born: Jan. 13, 1898 at Whonnock, BC,  
Died: Feb. 26, 1986 at age 88.  
Married: Winford "Win" Glenn Fadden Born: Oct. 23, 1891.  
Died: May 1964.  
KATHLEEN LILIAN YORK attended Crofton House in Vancouver; became a school teacher and went to Abbotsford; met Win Fadden whose father (from Eastern US) had a large farm on Whatcom Road.  
Children: Lawrence Glenn Fadden (married: Winnifred

“Winnie” Ball); Philip Charles “Phil” Fadden (married: Katherine “Kay” Isbister); Patricia “Pat” K.E. Fadden. (married: Franklin “Frank” Roy Huston); Joyce Dianne Fadden.

6. ALBERT EDWARD YORK — Born: Sept. 28, 1901 at Whonnock, BC, Married: Margaret Watt Henry in April 1944, Born: Feb. 11, 1918, Died: January, 1963  
ALBERT EDWARD YORK was born Sept. 28, 1901 at Whonnock, BC where father Levi Charles York owned a general store; Moved to 1635 7th Ave West in Vancouver in 1906; Baptized at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview District in 1907; Attended Fairview school at age 6 in 1907; Moved to 1676 Haro Street in Vancouver in 1910; Attended Lord Roberts School in the West End (in Vancouver) in 1910 to 1914; Moved to a rented house in West Vancouver in 1912; Attended King George High School on Nelson near Granville St. in 1914; Attended University of British Columbia in Fall 1917 for one year at the old Fairview Shacks on Oak Street.; In 1918 moved to Kelloe, Manitoba near Shoal Lake where father was a Telegraph Operator for the CPR. Worked as a farm labourer; In 1919 worked as a cream tester at the creamery at Shoal Lake, Manitoba; Was Asst. Agent for the CPR at Shoal Lake for a few weeks; In Fall of 1919, worked at the Bank of Toronto at Bredenbury, Sask. as a junior clerk, and later became a bank teller.; In 1920 moved to Churchbridge, Sask, when the Bank opened a branch there.; in 1921 moved back to Bredenbury, Sask. for one year; In 1922 moved to Momartre, Sask. as a bank teller/accountant (about 40 miles East of Regina on the CNR); Got sick with Pleurisy (like bronchitis); In early 1924 got a leave of absense and moved to Vancouver where father had moved. Worked as a brick carrier, building fireplaces, at David Spenser's Store, and at odd jobs; In June 25, 1925 got a job with the CPR as 3rd trick operator at Leanchoil, BC temporary and relieving at age 24; Worked as an operator at Donald, Glenogle, Golden, Field, Lake Windermere, Illecillewaet, Beavermouth, Sturdy, Ross Peak, Albert Canyon, Twill Butte, etc.; In 1928 got a swing job between Sturdy and Glacier; In 1931 went on the spare board and moved from Glacier to Revelstoke and lived in a rooming house run by Ma Archibald; later moved to Ma Chaddock's rooming house; In 1935 or 1936, moved back to Glacier and boarded at a room at the store; very boring, nothing to do; Got a temporary job at Vernon; In 1936 got a swing job between Sicamous and Notch Hill as well as relieving dispatcher at Revelstoke for odd shifts; In 1940 got a swing job between Revelstoke and Salmon Arm; In 1942 got a job as operator at Revelstoke; April 1944 married Margaret Watt Henry of Revelstoke at the Anglican Church in Kamloops. Bob McQuarrie was the best man; In 1946 or 1947 got a job as Dispatcher at North Bend; In 1948 got a job as 2nd trick Dispatcher at Revelstoke and moved to 216 4th Street East. to a house which cost \$5,500; In March 26, 1948, son Robert Charles York was born at Queen Victoria Hospital in Revelstoke; The house in Revelstoke was bought for \$5,500 from George Hanna,

assuming a \$1,500 mortgage owing to Willy Jim McDonald; In 1951 got the job as day Dispatcher West End at Revelstoke; In 1951 bought property at Sicamous on Mara Lake for \$600 from Maurice Gillis; Wife Margaret died January 1963; Retired on Dec. 31, 1965 at age 64 with 40 years service.

Children: Robert Charles York (married: Violeta “Violie” Marzan Boado)

7. DAVID HAROLD WALTER YORK — Born: July 11, 1907, drowned at Hatzic Lake in July 1924 at age 17.

## JOHN A. WILLIAMSON IN LADNER



John A. Williamson

On 11 April 1906 John Williamson added a note to his old diary reading:

“I am getting ready to go to the oily, and see John A. & his wife and family, to see if I can sell the brickyard & get a deed to my quarter section, I shall see John A. & get back to the northwest.” This is the year the L.C. York sold the Whonnock store and moved to Vancouver.

In September of 1898 John A. Williamson, John Williamson's always active son, married Mary Henderson, a daughter of the CPR section foreman in Whonnock (Vital Statistics 1898-09-046249). The marriage registration shows John A.'s profession as “brickmaker.” The brickyard is not mentioned in the diary and we may never know in which brickyard the Williamsons were involved, nor to what quarter section John Williamson refers. It is not a quarter section in the Whonnock area.

Some research done at the Delta Museum produced a newspaper article in *The Delta Optimist* of 3 January 1979 confirming that John A. Williamson was the manager of a fish oil and fertilizer plant, on what is still called Williamson Island today. In 1904 John A. built a house in Ladner “at 4824 - 48th Avenue and farmed lands one road west of G.B. Main Road, in the vicinity now known as King Edward Place or 48a Street.” This energetic man served as Delta reeve for three years, from 1920 to 1922.

The *Weekly Optimist* of 30 October 1929 reports on John A.'s death “after a lingering illness,” aged 63 years, and his funeral in Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver.

...[John A. Williamson] had been a Delta resident as farmer and later as manager of the Canadian Fish Products Co., for 22 years, leaving his native province Ontario in 1907 [sic]. A great athlete,

he held the championship of the Prairies for running for many years. For four terms he served the municipality as councillor and three times as reeve. Fraternally he was a member of Delta Lodge, A.F. & A.M. and Fraser Chapter O.E.S. Rev. C. McGillavry of United Church officiated at the ceremony, the officers of Delta Lodge No. 21 IOOF conducting the service at the grave side in Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, when he was laid to rest in the family plot....Beside his widow he is survived by his two sons, A. Williamson of Vancouver and H.F. Williamson of Ladner and a daughter, Mrs. W.C. Burt of Ladner...

Research at the archives in Delta and Richmond did not reveal more information on John A. or his company. Efforts to trace his descendants were not successful either. There is no marker on his grave at Mountain View Cemetery. It is likely that his father was also buried there.

If, as reported in the *Weekly Optimist*, John A. was involved in the oily for 22 years prior to his death, the plant could have started in 1907. This could have some connection with the canneries at Steveston and particularly with the Gulf of Georgia Canning Company established by Merrill Des Brisay established in 1906. As reported by Robert C. (Bob) York, L.C. York seems to have been a partner in the Gulf of Georgia Cannery between 1910 and 1911.



*Williamson Island and Williamson Slough near Ladner are named after John A. Williamson, who operated a fish oil and fertilizer plant on the island.*



Courtesy Mission Community Archives

*A.E. York: "... shows my father [L.C. York] standing on the front porch [of the Whonnock Store], and the little girl looks like my sister Gwen. (Letter to Mission Museum dated 1 December 1981)*

## EXTRACTS OF LETTERS FROM ALBERT E. YORK

In the 1980s, after the diary transcript became known, Albert York corresponded with the curator of the Mission Museum, Dorothy Crosby, and with Brian and Isabel Byrnes of Whonnock, who were then in possession of a copy of the diary. I quote from these letters courtesy of the Mission Community Archives and Brian Byrnes.

12 JUNE 1981 TO DOROTHY CROSBY, MISSION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

... My father, L.C. York, came from Regina to Whonnock about 1890, more or less, and ran the store there till, I think, 1906, when we went to Vancouver. I have a Masonic Apron, with an inscription, which showed he was Master of the Masonic Lodge in Mission about 1904. His father, Henry York, came from Long Bucksby, Northhamptonshire, England, in the 1840s to Ontario, with a family of five. L.C. York was born to Henry York's second wife in Meaford, Ont. Archie York, who settled in Mission, was a descendent of the first family.

26 JUNE 1981 TO DOROTHY CROSBY, MISSION MUSEUM

Further regarding John Williamson and L.C. York at Whonnock B.C., and John Williamson's daughter Elizabeth Ellen who married L.C. York when she was 19 and he was 26. They operated a general store at Whonnock B.C. from 1890 until I think 1906. I was the youngest of six children born during this time, three girls, three boys. I do not know if any of the children were born at the hospital in Mission, although I gather I was born in Whonnock in 1901, my mother being assisted by a Mrs. Sutherland. As we left there when I was four, I have only a few recollections of Whonnock. . . .

John Williamson. . . had several children. The one I most remember was Uncle Jack, who lived in Whonnock for a while, then operated an oilery at Ladner. . . .

My Grandfather, Henry York, married Annie Hall in Long Buckby, England, and they had five children when they emigrated to Canada (1844) on a ship which made a long slow voyage, and Mrs. Henry York died after they landed at Grosse Isle quarantine station. With his two girls and three boys Henry York went to Kingston Ont. . . . where he married again. One of his sons [by the second marriage] was L.C. York. One of Henry York's children by his first wife was Archie York, my Uncle Archie, who opened a business (was it a butcher shop?) in Mission, had nine children, moved to Vancouver and by various speculations became quite rich and lived in a large house on Davie Street. [He] eventually went broke. . . .

1 NOVEMBER 1981 TO MRS. DOROTHY CROSBY, MUSEUM, MISSION

I left Whonnock about the age of four. My recollections are few. I do remember the pails, wooden with staves, which were full of chocolate covered, thimble shaped candies, inside of which were fillings of white, pink, green and caramel, when I visited the store. I remember finding a quarter, shining in the dust of a nearby road, my brother Charlie and I trying to chase three young horses up a hill, but they turned on us and we scrambled into the ditch. A chicken with young chicks flying onto my head and flapping its wings, with hysterical cries. A five-pound sturgeon, a present from a fisherman, in a pond in front, my sister Adele, with a dip net on the end of a long pole, catching

shining silver fish from the Fraser River, oolichans, although I have a dim recollection of them being called "Sweevies."

I have many letters from my sister Adele (York) Wilcox, some about Whonnock. In one she said "I recall that I had to mind babies ever since I can remember, and keep all the young ones from Gwen (my second oldest sister) down, off the railway tracks and out of the Fraser River. . . and we used to go to Rolley's Creek and sometimes to Whonnock Creek on Saturdays, often for all day. I had to carry you [Albert York] piggyback, and bed you down under a tree. I could watch you all and have a swim. The pools were not deep and what lovely picnics! . . . On Sundays we went to morning church. . . drove to a lovely Anglican church at Whonnock and after dinner we went to Presbyterian Sunday School in the schoolhouse, where mother taught Sunday School (with a baby on her knee.)"

In one letter she [Adele York] said: "Sir Richard McBride was a friend of Dad's. He was often at our home. He may have been a "traveller."

I [Albert York] say here that I had some faint memory that as a young man, Richard McBride, who later became Premier of B.C., worked as a travelling salesman for Malkin's of Vancouver. I may be wrong.

Adele continues "It was a lovely little Anglican Church among the trees. Every night Mother used to play the piano, and she and Grandpa (John Williamson who kept a diary in 1896-97) would sing the good old Moody and Sanky hymns, Grandpa used to sing us to sleep. I learned a lot of psalms that way and still love them. Grandpa was with us for years. He was a trained singer."

1 DECEMBER 1981 TO MRS. CROSBY, MUSEUM, MISSION

... My Scottish grandfather was John Williamson, not Williams. He was born in Glasgow in 1820 and died at our house at 1676 Haro Street, Vancouver, in 1910. I have a letter he wrote me from Pilot Butte, Sask. dated July 8<sup>th</sup> 1909. He was visiting relatives and mentions that his brother David Williamson was well and sawed a little firewood when the weather was fine, and that his brother was in his 100<sup>th</sup> year (he died at 99, that same year I guess). Maybe he should have let others cut wood? . . .

Andrew York, as per the column you sent from The Province was a son was a son of John York, who was the third child of Henry York Sr. by his marriage to Anne Hall, and he [Andrew] had a brother Archie who was in business with him in Mission. . . . They also had, among other siblings, a sister Annie, who married Richard Secord of Edmonton, who became a millionaire in the firm of McDougal & Secord, fur trading and real estate.

Am sending you two pictures of the old store in Whonnock, the smaller one shows my father [L.C. York] standing on the front porch, and the little girl looks like my sister Gwen, possibly taken about 1895? . . . Am also enclosing a . . . picture taken maybe 1897 showing left to right in back row Gwen (Cooke), Adele (Wilcox), seated Mrs. L.C. York with Kathleen [Fadden] on her knee, L.C. York with Cecil on his knee, and Grandfather, John Williamson, with a book, no doubt it is a Bible, on his knee. (In his younger days he liked some Scotch whiskey.) . . .

## 2 FEBRUARY 1982 TO MRS. CROSBY, MISSION MUSEUM

...I can not remember much about the location of the old store. I think that the railroad was close at hand, and the Fraser River just beyond. When a nephew, Keith Wilcox drove me by a few years ago, we visited a small store, I could not recognize the locality. It seems to me that just east of the old store was a dusty road, going up a hill for a short distance. In front was a pond, or slough in which that wounded 5-pound sturgeon splashed about for a while. (Was it put there to keep it fresh, lacking ice?) or just as a "pet?" I have heard there was a small stream nearby, and one day I was given fish line attached to a limb cut from a bush, and, at the age of two, I caught my first trout. I have caught many more, much larger, since...

You once asked what L.C. stood for in L.C. York? He did not like his first name. My mother once told me that Richard McBride, who often dined with us, used to call him "Charlie" but apparently he was known as L.C. to many. On one occasion someone thought it was Elsie.

One grandmother was Elizabeth Prentice. One of her brothers, I think, requested the privilege of naming the coming child, which turned out to be my father, who was then called Levi Charles York. The next child was called Nathan Albert York. This uncle presented a sheep to each of these boys. The sale from the increase from these animals provided money for extra schooling. L.C. York became a schoolteacher, he taught for a while in Winnipeg, and N.A. York became a Doctor and moved to Iowa, where he practised for many years. I still get letters from a daughter, 91-year old Ethel Kensingler from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

L.C. York learned the Morse code and became a telegrapher and station agent, working in Regina before opening the store in Whonnock...

TRANSCRIPT OF PART OF AN UNDATED LETTER FROM MRS. WALTER WILCOX [ADELE YORK] TO ALBERT YORK WAS ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER OF 2 FEBRUARY:

...Bill Miner was a pal of mine when I was eleven & Cora (Williamson, a cousin) 14. We were going up the [rail] track to the school. We met a very genial gentleman who asked us about the store, post office and telegraph office. I told him all and that my dad owned the store and had the post office & telegraph office in the store. He asked who lived next to the school, It was Mr. Lee & did Mr. Lee have a row boat? I showed it to him, we could see [the] boat from the track. He asked about Glen Valley & the hills back of us too. A few nights later, at eleven at night, a knock came to the door. Mother went and there was the C.P.R. conductor. He said, "I must talk to L.C. York." Mother said "you can't, he is in the bath." But the man persisted & went to the bathroom. The train had been held up & robbed of a goodly sum, just near the school & Mr. Lee's boat was gone. Bill got away & I was glad. Our place swarmed with police & detectives and the Pinkerton police from the States. I was questioned until I was scared stiff & Cora was horrid & said I'd have to go to court. She upset me so I was sent with her to Regina for some six moths. Bill got across the border at Glen Valley...

## 18 FEBRUARY 1983 TO BRIAN AND ISABEL (FERGUSON) BYRNES

It is good to hear from you from Whonnock, where my father ran the store when my three sisters and two older brothers and myself were born. Only myself and my sister Kathleen (Kay) Fadden of Abbotsford [are] left, but Kathleen has many descendants. We went to Vancouver when I was about four, but Ruth [Ferguson]Rolley [mentioned in the diary, Isabel Byrnes's mother] was a household word and [her brother] Fred. Am I right in remembering that your mother was tall, with brown eyes, and in those early years, dark hair? She visited us in our first home in Vancouver at 1635 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and looked after us for a few days, and I remember that, for breakfast, she fed me hot milk with fragments of crusty bread in it.

I remember a small creek somewhere east of the store. I did not know that there was a creek named York Creek and was Mrs. Sutherland's place near there? I have been told that at the age of two I was given a pole with a fishing line attached and with the bait in the water caught a small trout from this stream...

About 1924 I spent a night and a day in a tent with my father, a friend of his, and a son of the friend on the banks of Whonnock Creek, below a falls we caught enough trout for a good meal. I noticed some mineral in the rocks, they said it was "white iron" whatever that is. I think my father remembered a miner who found traces of gold in this rock and drove a short tunnel or adit.

A few years ago my nephew Keith Wilcox, son of "Delly" [Adele York] was living in Coquitlam and he drove some of us to look at Golden Ears Park. He wanted to know where the old store had been but I couldn't remember. I have old pictures of the store and our family there. We stopped at a little store in Whonnock...

Yes, it was Ethel Jackson who brought to my attention Grandfather John Williamson's diary. I had retired and made typewritten copies. A lot of tedious work, but put in some carbons and sent a copy to Keith another to Ethel and an excerpt or two to a son, also a daughter of my sister Gwen (Cooke). Am glad you appreciated my efforts.



*"It was a lovely little Anglican Church among the trees." St. Paul's built in 1891, as it may have looked in 1897. It is now a private residence and perhaps the only building in Whonnock dating back to the 19th century.*



## LOCATION OF MINERAL CLAIMS

The following list shows a selection of records of mineral claims related to people and places mentioned in the diary, sorted alphabetically by the name given to the claim. The list shows the location of the claim and the date of location. For names of the locators or holders of the claims see the following table.

AGNES	on S.E. side of Sumas Lake, joins LIZARD on North West. Nos. of locators Certif's. not on Affidavit. Direction of locator line uncertain. 5 June, 1897	GOLDEN DOLLAR	by SARAH KATE claim, on S. by TYHEE claim, on W. the lake, on E. Crown Land. 19 June, 1897
ALEXANDER	eight miles back from Wharnock & is an extension of the CHAMPION claim. 11 July, 1896	GOLDEN EAGLE	8 miles North of Whonnock, South of the GOLDEN DAWN claim. 22 July, 1896
BLACK DIAMOND	on Harrison Lake about one mile & half from the East shore opposite the Harrison Hot Springs. 22 November, 1897	GOLDEN KURY	on Stave River just above 1st Canyon and adjoining GOLDEN SLIPPER on the S.E. 6 April, 1897
BLACK FLY	Harrison Lake, east side, about 27 miles N. of C.P.Ry. 7 December, 1896	GOLDEN PENN	on N.E. 1/4 Sec. 10 T'p. 15 N.W.D. 18 September, 1896
BLACK-BIRD	at mouth of Harrison River 29 April, 1897	GOLDEN PHEASANT	in Section 15 Tp. 15 Gp. 1 N.W.D. and 850 feet more or less in a N.E.ly Direction from the Bridge near Phillip's clearing on the Road past Phillips. 15 April, 1897
BLUE JACKET	about 4 miles Nort of Wharnock & South of the MEADOW LARK claim. Dates on posts do not correspond. DR. 10 May, 1897	GOOD TIDINGS	North side of Chealus Creek about 1/2 mile above BOQUET claim. 20 April, 1897
BLUE-BIRD	about three miles North-East of Wharnock. 2 Sept, 1896	GREY EAGLE	about 5 miles N. of Wharnock. Joins Kanaka claim. Abandoned August 18/97, D. Robson, Mng. Recorder, See No. 7 of R. of A. 28 May, 1897
BOQUET	on N. Side of Chealus Creek. Between JUMBO and GOLDEN DEER claims. 20 April, 1897	GUIDE	near the Stave River West of BLUE BIRD and South West of the GOLDEN CURRY and COPPER KING. 10 April, 1897
BOULDER	between N.E. and S.E. 1/4 Sec. of Sec. 15 (Wharnock). 26 October, 1896	HANNAH	E. side of Silver Creek, Harrison Lake about 1500 ft. from Deep Cove claim. Direction of Location Line not given on Post 1. Dates of location differ on Post and in body of Certificate. 12 May, 1897
BULLY BOY	on Harrison River about 1 1/2 miles from rail road bridge. East side of River. 21 April, 1897	HOME RULE	S.W. 1/4 Sec 13 Tp. 15. 27 April, 1897
BUTTERCUP	one mile from Yellow Jacket West of the Kanaka Creek. No date on Post 1 apparently. Apparently out of date. 5 June, 1897	HUMMING BIRD	on Sumas Mountain about one half mile South of Wade's Landing . 6 May, 1897
CANARY BIRD	on Wharnock Creek about 8 miles from Fraser River & just N.W. of HUMMING BIRD. No. of O. Nelson's certif. not on Affidavit. 8 June, 1897	JOSEY	on small tributary of Whonnock Creek & about one mile North of Elmer Archer's ranch said ranch being at confluence of said tributary & Whonnock Creek. 21 May, 1897
CASTILLIAN	in Section 16 Wharnock. 26 October, 1896	JUBILEE	N. shore of Harrison Lake. Joins GOLDEN ELEVEN on East. 25 May, 1897
CLARA	S.E. 1/4 Sec 14 Tp. 15. 27 April, 1897	JUMBO	about six miles North of Wharnock, on the North and joining Kanaka claim. 6 August, 1897
COLUMBIA STAR	South side of Chealus Creek about 1 1/2 mile from mouth. 20 April, 1897	KANAKA	North side of Chealus Creek about 3/4 mile up from GOLDEN DEER Claim. 20 April, 1897
COURIER	West end of Stave Lake about 5 miles from its outlet Stave River & about opposite a rock on the other side. 10 June, 1897	KENNETH Y	on Kanaka Creek, about six miles N.E. of Wharnock. 18 November, 1896
CRESCENT	Sumas Mountain S.E. of WARRIOR claim. 3 May, 1897	L. ROY	about six miles N.E. of Wharnock on E. arm of Kanaka Creek. 8 Sept, 1896
FAVORITE	on Sumas Mountain on or about two miles South East of Wade's Landing. 15 May, 1897	LAST CHANCE	on Sumas Mountain near Wade's Landing & South of Home Rule claim. May, 1897
FIDES	S.E. 1/4 Sec. 21, Tp. 15, on Whonnock Creek. 19 May, 1987	LIZARD	North side of Chealus Creek. Between JUMBO and GOLDEN PHEASANT Claims. 20 April, 1897
GOLDEN CURRY	on Stave River adjoins Golden Slipper claim on the North. 25 March, 1897		West Side of Sumas Lake about 2 miles from mouth of Sumas River 3 May, 1897
GOLDEN DAWN	about 8 miles N. of Warnock & SW of the YELLOW JACKET claim. 30 June, 1896		on Vedder Mountain S.E. shore of Sumas Lake. Nos. of locators certificated not on Affidavit. 5 June, 1897
GOLDEN DEER	on North side of Chealus Creek about 2 miles from its mouth. 12 April, 1897		
GOLDEN DOLLAR FRACTION	East side of Harrison Lake about one mile from Rainbow Falls, Deception Bay. Bounded on N.		

MAMMOTH	about 1 mile S.W. from Rolley's lake, back of Wharnock. 8 June, 1897	SURPRISE	on E. arm of Kanaka Creek, about 5 miles N.E. of Warnock. 5 October, 1896
MAPLE LEAF	at head of Stave Lake. 18 June, 1897	SWAN	about 25 chains below Stave River Fall. About 2 chains back from Stave River on Right hand side. 20 April, 1897
MAPLE LEAF	at Wharnock and adjoins CASTILLIAN claim. 16 November, 1896	THREE FRIENDS	N.W. shore of Harrison Lake about 29 miles North West of Harrison Hot Springs & N. of WONDERFULL claim. 22 April, 1897
MAPLE LEAF	on S.E. side of Sumas Lake & adjoins LIZARD claims. No. of Garner's Certif. not on Affidavit. 5 June, 1897	THRESTRLE	on Wharnock Creek at foot of mountain. 8 May, 1897
MAY QUEEN	on the Blue Mountain on West side of Whonnock Creek. 31 May, 1897	VICTORIA	between 6 & 7 miles N.E. of Wharnock on East Arm of Kanaka Creek & joins KANAKA claim on the North. - No date on Post 1. 11 June, 1897
MAYFLOWER	N. shore of Harrison Lake. Joins GOLDEN ELEVEN on E. 25 May, 1897	WARRIOR	on Sumas Mountain S.E. of Wade's Landing and South of KENNETH Y. claim. 3 May, 1897
MAYFLOWER	One mile from YELLOW JACKET, west of Kanaka Creek. No date on Post 1. Apparently not recorded within time limit. 5 June, 1897	WHARNOCK BELLE	on Wharnock Creek about six miles from Wharnock. 15 May, 1897
MEADOW LARK	about 5 miles NE of Wharnock on E. arm of Kanaka Creek. Short distance South of SURPRISE claim. 22 April, 1897	WHITE ROSE	on the Blue Mountains Wharnock about 1 mile West of YELLOW JACKET claim. 15 May, 1897
MORNING GLORY	on Douglas Lake. 22 March, 1897.	YELLOW JACKET	about 5 miles North of Warnock on a small Creek that flows from N.E. & empties into the West Arm of Kanaka Creek. 30 June, 1896
MOUNTAIN CHIEF	in Section 15 Wharnock. 26 October, 1896		
MOUNTAIN LAKE	on North end of Stave Lake. Locators' names not on Post 2. Date not on Post 2. 19 July, 1897		
MUSKOKA	on E. side of Harrison Lake, N. of MESSEAH & an extension of GOLDEN ROD. 9 March, 1897		
O.K.	9 miles North of Whonnock. Extension of DANDY claim on West branch of Kanaka Creek. 13 July, 1897		
OLD MAN	on Harrison Lake East shore & about 2 miles from shore. Joins COBBLER claim on East. 25 June, 1897		
ORIOLE	about 4 miles North of Wharnock on the first creek North of the centre section line. 26 April, 1897		
PAY BASS	about six miles North of Whonnock South of & joining KANAKA claim. 30 August, 1897		
POWERFULL	N. Shore of Harrison Lake about 31 miles N.W. of Harrison Hot Springs N.W. of BLUEBIRD claim. 12 February, 1897		
PRIMROSE	on Kanaka Creek, North of the YELLOW JACKET and GOLDEN DAWN mineral claims. 13 July, 1896		
ROBROY	on Kanaka Creek about 8 miles from the mouth. Joining KANAKA claim on the East boundary. 27 August, 1897		
RUTH ROLLEY	N 1/2 Sec. 26 Tp. 15 E.C.M. 6 October, 1896		
SNOW BALL	about 9 miles North of Wharnock on Kanaka Creek. 10 May, 1897		
SPADA	on Blue Mountain & joins HUMMING BIRD claim on South. Dates on posts differ from date of location in body of certificate. 5 June, 1897		
STAR	on the West shore of Harrison Lake, and adjoining the PROVIDENCE Mineral Claim. Dimension of claim not stated on Post 1. No. of L.G. Munn's M. Certif. not on Application. 13 January, 1898		

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*Advertisements in the newspapers attracted investors for the development of debatable mineral claims. This advertisement in the Daily Columbian of 18 August 1897 mentions H.A. Eastman, grandfather of Whonnock's Brian Byrnes.*

## NAMES OF LOCATORS OF MINERAL CLAIMS

The following list shows records of mineral claims related to people and places mentioned in the diary. The claims are sorted by the location (discovery) date. The list shows also registration dates and the names of the locators and other claim holders of the claims, as well as the licence number. Unfortunately the original applications (including sketch maps) have not survived.

MINERAL CLAIM:	LOCATED:	RECORDED:	LOCATED BY:
YELLOW JACKET	20/06/1896	30/06/1896	Geo. Walden, Certificate 70486 / G.L. Boyd, Certificate 69583
GOLDEN DAWN	27/06/1896	30/06/1896	G. Walden, Certificate No. 70486n / G.L. Boyd, Certificate No. 69583
PRIMROSE	06/07/1896	13/07/1896	William Walden / Mt. Pleasant
GOLDEN DOLLAR	06/07/1896	22/07/1896	N. W. Oliver / Wharnock
ALEXANDER	08/07/1896	11/07/1896	Finlay McIntosh / 150 Wales (?) St., Van.
KANAKA	28/08/1896	08/09/1896	George Walden and William Walden / Mount Pleasant
BLUE-BIRD	31/08/1896	02/09/1896	G. L. Boyd and L. C. York
GOLDEN KURY	11/09/1896	18/09/1896	Jno. Jas. Boyd / Wharnock
RUTH ROLLEY	29/09/1896	06/10/1896	James Rolley / c/o C. Whetham, Whonnock
SURPRISE	01/10/1896	05/10/1896	George Walden, Certificate No. 70486 and William Walden, Certificate No. 80160 / Mt. Pleasant PO
MOUNTAIN CHIEF	17/10/1896	26/10/1896	Jno. Castile 86585 and E.C. Mahony 86550 in partnership
CASTILLIAN	21/10/1896	26/10/1896	John Castile 86585 and E. C. Mahony 86550 in partnership
BOULDER	21/10/1896	26/10/1896	John Castile 86585 and E.C. Mahony 86550 in partnership
MAPLE LEAF	31/10/1896	16/11/1896	W. Falls Cert. 86548, J. Hendry 86551, E.C. Mahony 86550, W.J. McCusker (?) 86549
BLACK FLY	10/11/1896	07/12/1896	W. McEwen 89022 M. Desbrisay Mission City 86542
JUMBO	13/11/1896	18/11/1896	J.A. Hicks
POWERFULL	08/02/1897	12/02/1897	R. Frommer (?) Mission City 89627, Agnus McKay 89628, Arthur Predy 90656
MUSKOKA	25/02/1897	09/03/1897	D. W. Gilchrist
MORNING GLORY	10/03/1897	22/03/1897	R. McKay 91078, L.C. York Whonnock 80216, J. Cromarty 90674, J.A. Williamson 91077
GOLDEN CURRY	20/03/1897	25/03/1897	G. Boyd 89151, J. Layfield 70344 G.E. Black 87352
GREY EAGLE	27/03/1897	10/04/1897	J.A. Williamson 91077 and L.C. York 80216 Wharnock
GOLDEN EAGLE	01/04/1897	06/04/1897	Thos. Robinson
GOLDEN PENN	03/04/1897	15/04/1897	Wm McDonough Wharnock
SWAN	05/04/1897	20/04/1897	R. McKay Gillen, _____. N.W. 91078, J. Cromarty 90674
JUMBO	08/04/1897	20/04/1897	C.A. Gardner 91087, H. Garner 94941, S. Cromarty 94940, A. Ferguson 89070
BOQUET	08/04/1897	20/04/1897	C.A. Gardner 91087, W.H. Garner 94941, S. Cromarty 94940, A. Ferguson 89020
GOLDEN DEER	09/04/1897	12/04/1897	S. Cromarty 94940, W.H. Garner 94941, C.A. Gardner 91087, A. Ferguson CPRy 89020
L. ROY	09/04/1897	20/04/1897	C.A. Gardner 91087, W.H. Garner 94941, S. Cromarty 94940, A. Ferguson 89020
GOLDEN PHEASANT	09/04/1897	20/04/1897	S. Cromarty 94940, W.H. Garner 94941, C.A. Gardner 91087, A. Ferguson 89020
MEADOW LARK	09/04/1897	22/04/1897	Geo. Walden, Wharnock
COLUMBIA STAR	10/04/1897	20/04/1897	W.H. Garner 94941, C.A. Gardner 91087, S. Cromarty 94940, A. Ferguson 89020
THREE FRIENDS	12/04/1897	22/04/1897	R. Frommer 89627, A. McKay 89628, I.J. Fox 91047
BULLY BOY	14/04/1897	21/04/1897	Geo. E. Black, CC Eldrige Vancr.
BLACK-BIRD	16/04/1897	29/04/1897	W.H. Garner, L.C. York, Wharnock

LAST CHANCE	17/04/1897	03/05/1897	W.H. Garner, Cap. Grant, CPRy, Agasis (?)
HANNAH	19/04/1897	27/04/1897	J. Austin, Wharnock
CLARA	19/04/1897	27/04/1897	J. Austin
HOME RULE	20/04/1897	06/05/1897	J.A. Williamson
KENNETH Y	21/04/1897	03/05/1897	J. Delorne 86539, J.A. Williamson 91077 L.C. York
ORIOLE	22/04/1897	26/04/1897	G. Walden, Wharnock
CRESCENT	22/04/1897	03/05/1897	J. Delorne, Joh. Williamson, Whonnock
WARRIOR	22/04/1897	03/05/1897	J. Delorne 86539, J.A. Williamson 91077
THRESTLE	25/04/1897	08/05/1897	J. Rolley, Wharnock
GUIDE	25/04/1897	12/05/1897	M. Costello, E.J. Fader, Box 219, Van.
WHARNOCK BELLE	28/04/1897	15/05/1897	W.H. Garner 94941, S. Cromarty 94940
FAVORITE	29/04/1897	15/05/1897	J.A. Williamson, L.C. York, Wharnock
FIDES	30/04/1897	19/05/1987	W.H. Robinson Whonnock 96635, C. Peterson 96628
SNOW BALL	01/05/1897	10/05/1897	O. Lee 80169, R. Fletcher 96692
MAYFLOWER	02/05/1897	05/06/1897	G. Boyd 89151, R. Boyd 94967, J. Layfield City? 94726
BUTTERCUP	02/05/1897	05/06/1897	G. Boyd 89151, R. Boyd 94967, J. Layfield 94726
HUMMING BIRD	03/05/1897	21/05/1897	M. Ball 98656, W. H. Robinson Whonnock 96628
BLUE JACKET	05/05/1897	10/05/1897	O. Lee 80169, R. Fletcher 96692, R Fletcher, Wharnock
WHITE ROSE	11/05/1897	15/05/1897	G.M. Johnson, Wharnock
JOSEY	11/05/1897	25/05/1897	G.E. Black 87352, J. Hamley 86668
GOOD TIDINGS	11/05/1897	28/05/1897	O. Lee 80168 or 80169 ?, R. Fletcher Wharnock 96692
MAYFLOWER	12/05/1897	25/05/1897	G.E. Black 87352, J. Hamley 86668
MAY QUEEN	15/05/1897	31/05/1897	G.M. Johnson, Wharnock
LIZARD	18/05/1897	05/06/1897	J. Kelly, G. Lewis, W. H. Garner, Boutilier ____ City
MAPLE LEAF	18/05/1897	05/06/1897	J. Kipp 97022, W.H. Garner
MAPLE LEAF	18/05/1897	18/06/1897	J. Cromarty 90674, L.C. York Wharnock 80216
SPADA	22/05/1897	05/06/1897	C. Peterson, Whonnock
AGNES	22/05/1897	05/06/1897	J. Kipp, J. Kelly, W.H. Garner
VICTORIA	24/05/1897	11/06/1897	S.B. Vanzandt 96705, J. Layfield, City 94726, G.L. Boyd 89151
CANARY BIRD	25/05/1897	08/06/1897	O. Lee (Jr.) 80169, O. Nelson
MAMMOTH	26/05/1897	08/06/1897	O. Lee Sr. Wharnock
COURIER	31/05/1897	10/06/1897	R. McKay 91078, J. Cromarty Wharnock 90674
GOLDEN DOLLAR FRACTION	04/06/1897	19/06/1897	D. Gilchrist City
Old Man	17/06/1897	25/06/1897	J. Williamson Wharnock
O.K.	30/06/1897	13/07/1897	N.R. Oliver Whonnock
MOUNTAIN LAKE	30/06/1897	19/07/1897	A. Baker Port Haney 95114 and J. Cromarty 90674
JUBILEE	05/08/1897	06/08/1897	G.M. Johnson Wharnock
ROBROY	16/08/1897	27/08/1897	R. Black Wharnock
PAY BASS	19/08/1897	30/08/1897	Axel B. Lee Whonnock
BLACK DIAMOND	10/11/1897	22/11/1897	John Black Wharnock
STAR	24/12/1897	13/01/1898	L. G. Munn C.B. Maxwell, Miller ____, Van.

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[Form B.]

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

**MINERAL ACT, 1896.**

**RECORD OF MINERAL CLAIM.**

Old Man Mineral Claim.

No. of Certificate. 94750

Located by J. Williamson

RECEIPT NO. 98726

The claim is situate on Harrison Lake East shore about 2 miles from shore. John's tumbled claim on East.

The direction of the location line is East

The length of the claim is 1500 x 1500 feet.

The claim was located on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 189

Recorded this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1897

D. Robson  
Mining Recorder.

[If the stakes are not on the location line, comply with section 18.]

Courtesy Mineral Titles Office, Vancouver

The record of John Williamson's OLD MAN claim. Similar records have been used to extract the information on the tables on pages 56-60. The pages of the record book consisted of at least two parts. The right hand part was torn off and given to the recorder. The remaining stub—shown here—survived.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE—Continued

GOING WEST—Read Down				Miles	STATIONS	GOING EAST—Read Up				
PACIFIC EXPRESS						ATLANTIC EXPRESS				
DAYS	TIME					TIME	DAYS			
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	16.45	Ar.	Revelstoke	15.00	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	18.15	Ar.	Arrowhead	13.30	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	19.00	Ar.	Arrowhead	12.00	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	23.00	Ar.	Nakusp	8.00	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.15	Ar.	Sandon	14.00	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su M
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	8.00	Ar.	Robson	20.30	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su M
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.50	Ar.	Neelson	17.00	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su M
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	12.10	Ar.	Trall, C. & W.	16.50	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su M
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	13.00	Ar.	Rossland, C. & W.	16.00	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su M
Sa Fr Th W Tu M	10.00	Ar.	Northport	13.00	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su M
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	16.40	Ar.	Revelstoke	9.15	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	17.15	Ar.	Clanwilliam	8.45	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	17.39	Ar.	Griffin Lake	8.20	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	18.09	Ar.	Craigellachie	7.45	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	18.53	Ar.	Stanous	7.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	19.53	Ar.	Salmon Arm	6.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	20.45	Ar.	Notch Hill	5.20	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	21.35	Ar.	Shuswap	4.25	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	22.16	Ar.	Ducks	3.46	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Th W Tu M Sa Fr	23.15	Ar.	Kamloops	3.05	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	24.48	Ar.	Cherry Creek	2.06	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	2.15	Ar.	Savona	1.35	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	2.15	Ar.	Penny	1.15	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	3.06	Ar.	Ashcroft	24.22	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	3.46	Ar.	Spatsum	23.35	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	4.10	Ar.	Spences Bridge	23.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	5.12	Ar.	Drynoch	22.39	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	5.40	Ar.	Lytton	21.44	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	6.17	Ar.	Cisco	21.18	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	7.30	Ar.	Keefers	20.42	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	7.30	Ar.	North Bend	20.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	8.47	Ar.	Spuzzan	18.45	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	9.17	Ar.	Yale	18.12	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	9.37	Ar.	Hope	17.43	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	9.57	Ar.	Ruby Creek	17.22	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	10.17	Ar.	Agassiz	17.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	10.38	Ar.	Harrison	16.40	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	10.59	Ar.	Nicomen	16.18	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.29	Ar.	Mission Jc.	15.53	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.45	Ar.	Abbotsford	15.20	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	12.10	Ar.	Huntingdon	15.07	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	8.28 PM	Ar.	Sumas City	14.30	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	5.25	Ar.	Snohomish	10.51 AM	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	8.30	Ar.	Seattle	9.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	5.00 PM	Ar.	Tacoma	6.45	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	7.45 AM	Ar.	Portland	11.00 AM	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.00	Ar.	San Francisco	8.00 PM	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.30	Ar.	Mission Junc.	15.46	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.48	Ar.	Wharlock	15.26	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	11.53	Ar.	Haney	15.11	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	12.12	Ar.	Hammond	15.05	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	12.48	Ar.	Westminster	14.45	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	13.27	Ar.	Westminster	14.10	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	12.45	Ar.	Fort Moody	14.30	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	13.00	Ar.	Hastings	14.12	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	13.00	Ar.	Vancouver	14.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	13.15	Ar.	Vancouver	8.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W
Fr Th W Tu M Sa	19.15	Ar.	Victoria	1.00	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M Tu	W

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14.30	f 9.34	Port Moody	f 17.16	12.27
14.10	9.10	Westminster	17.38	12.48
14.45	9.49	Westminster Junc.	17.01	12.12
15.05	10.08	Hammond	16.42	11.52
f 15.11	f 10.14	Haney	f 16.36	f 11.46
f 15.26	f 10.29	Lv. Wharlock	f 16.20	f 11.30
* 15.46	10.52	Ar. Mission Junc.	* 15.56	* 11.09
	* 11.43	Huntingdon Junc. 58	15.07	
	15.39	Snohomish	10.51	
	17.25	Seattle	* 9.00	
	20.30	Tacoma	6.45	
	17.00	Portland	* 11.00	
	* 7.45	Ar. San Francisco 57	* 20.00	

\* Daily. f Flag Stations. Refreshment Stations.  
Time of and connections with foreign lines not guaranteed.

For Pacific Coast Steamship Connections see page 35

Dining Car between Salmon Arm and Revelstoke

Courtesy Canadian Pacific Archives, Montreal

Canadian Pacific Railway timetable for the section between Revelstoke and the coast, dated 15 November 1897. Note that this schedule shows only the Transcontinental, a single train east and westbound. Train connections were obviously more frequent than that.