

[Transcription of interview with Hakam Singh Dhaliwal]

Hakam Singh Dhaliwal Transcription

Interview Date: January 15th, 2015

ME: What is your name?
HD: Hakam Singh Dhaliwal
ME: And when were you born?
HD: July 24, 1951, India
ME: And in what village were you born?
HD: Chanaswal, District Barnala, Punjab
ME: And when did you immigrate to Canada?
HD: I came on February 15, 1983.
ME: How old were you?
HD: (Some talking) 31-33
ME: And on what basis did you come?
HD: My father had sent for us.
ME: Okay, so your father was already here? Who all did he sponsor over?
HD: Yes, it was me, my sister, and my mother.
ME: By sponsoring?
HD: Yes.
ME: Alright, so since when had your father been gone?
HD: He had come 15 years prior, he came in 1972.
ME: And on what terms did he come? Was he finding work?
HD: No, our Baba's brother, Paul Singh, had sent for him. At that time there was a law for sponsoring nephews. He came through that.
ME: So that was after his wedding of course. You were born.
HD: Yes, we were just kids. When he came there were three of us. Then in '57 when he came back my sister was born.
ME: And what kind of work did he do when he came to Canada?
HD: Mostly drove the truck. He had his own company of his uncle's.
ME: Alright, now I'll ask you questions about when you came. But first I want to ask, did you do any work in Punjab before coming to Canada?
HD: No, I was studying.
ME: What were you studying?
HD: I was going to graduate but had a year left.
ME: In what studies?
HD: Well there it's just the basic studies after passing the tenth grade. I was just in the middle of the studies and then I came here.
ME: Oh, okay. The plus 1 and plus 2 studies?
HD: Yes.
ME: So you weren't able to finish it.
HD: No, I never was able to. They were talking admission but I never went ahead. I studied just 7-8 months.
ME: Okay, so you have completed your studies till the tenth grade then.
HD: Yes.

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