

[Transcription of interview with Sohan Singh Labh]

Sohan Singh Labh Transcription
Interview Date: February 8th, 2023

Interviewer: What is your name?

Sohan: My name is Sohan Singh Labh.

Interviewer: Labh?

Sohan: L-A-B-H.

Interviewer: When were you born?

Sohan: 1913.

Interviewer: And where were you born, Sohan?

Sohan: Victoria, BC.

Interviewer: Could you tell me a little bit about your family's immigration history?

Clip #1: Sohan: My father came here in 1906 and my mother came here in 1902. They weren't allowed to bring their wives out for a number of years. So she was one of the first ladies that came to Canada. And my sister was born in 1926. I believe she was one of the first Asian girls born in Victoria. Unfortunately she passed away in 1965. And... so after that I started work at the saw mill in 1938.

Interviewer: At what age?

Sohan: Actually, while I was going to high school I used to work there when we had our two months summer off from school. So I started probably when I was fifteen for two months and the following year when I was sixteen years old, used to work a couple of months.

Interviewer: Part time?

Sohan: Well, while school was out.

Interviewer: So only during summer break.

Sohan: Just summer break. And I graduated in 1940 from high school. So I worked about a year and in 1951 I went to India and got married.

Interviewer: In 51.

Sohan: Around 1950.

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