

[Transcription of interview with Surinder Singh Sandhu]

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Interview date: February 8th, 2015

KS: What is your name?
SS: Surinder Singh Sandhu.
KS: And when were you born?
SS: March 1942.
KS: Where?
SS: 8000 home in India.
KS: What area?
SS: My village is Paska, in Punjab.
KS: What is your date of birth?
SS: March 15, 1942.
KS: How old were you when you came to Canada?
SS: When I came to Canada I was 25 years old. 4 years prior to that I had gone to England.
KS: So for what reason did you go from England to Canada?
SS: To just travel and roam. And then when I was 25 the immigration people had me do a visitor's application. They said I couldn't stay here so then I got married.
KS: In 1967?
SS: No, in 1967.
KS: You came to Canada. Do you remember the date?
SS: June 21st.
KS: And after how long did you get married upon coming here?
SS: 6 months. Back then you could get a 6 month visa.
KS: A visitor visa?
SS: Yes.
KS: And did someone find a girl for you beforehand?
SS: No, they found her here.
KS: Who found her for you? Was someone of yours living here in Canada?
SS: Yes, my mother's side.
KS: Your maternal side was here when you came. Did they know prior that they'd need to find a girl?
SS: No, just found her.
KS: So when you lived 6 months, did you make up your mind that you wanted to live in Canada? Did you like it?
SS: Yes, yes I liked it better than England.
KS: What things did you find especially nice?
SS: The environment here and there wasn't anything bad when roaming here. In England at the time there was a lot of air pollution from the factories.
KS: Was it better than India? What things did you like here as opposed to India?
SS: Everything here.
KS: Like what?

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