

[Transcription of interview with David Singh Aulak]

DAVID AULAK - TRANSCRIPTION

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DAVID AULAK- So, Dad came from India in 1898, and that time he worked in Saw Mills, and he wasn't married. They were doing manual jobs and everything so, the government of Canada didn't want riots become over, because then population would explode. There were more people here, so they didn't want anybody immigrating in and, of course as you know before 1947 we didn't even get a vote. So ahhh he went back, he had a 3-4 trucks, and a business, and we had 2-3 houses, and he used to live really well. He went back to India, and got married, and then he brought mum over. And my older brother George (Gurmit Singh) was born in India, and he was year and a half when he came to Canada, and that's the first picture.

INTERVIEWER- That they took here?

DAVID AULAK-Him, When he was in Canada, just before I was born, and at that time the jobs like the work was 4-5 cents an hour.

INTERVIEWER - Oh, Okay.

DAVID AULAK- And they worked day and night, and they use to get a sawed saw, and everything was trees in Vancouver, and no houses or anything, just one cow and sheds, they would get two men, with the sawed saw, and cut the tree down, and then fell down, they would get a team of horses, and then drag it to the mill. And build the houses and the roads that we drive our cars on today.

So, then this is the picture of Dad, and Mum, when I was 1 year old. I was born in 1935 in the Killarney area of Vancouver. And this Picture is of me, when I was a year old, and my older Brother George. This is the picture of Mum and Dad after he got married when he first came to Canada with my mum, of course he came in 1898, and Mum came about 1929 or 30.

INTERVIEWER- Okay, so your dad came in 1898?

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