

Mrs. Pritam Kaur Dey.

Arrived in Canada in 1933 in North Vancouver near the Lion's Gate Bridge. (They were just surveying and putting in the "poles" for the bridge. No electricity or running water and had out houses. First child - a daughter Gurdev Kaur Dey was born 3 months after arrival in 1933. Had cows and lived in mill at North Van.

Moved to ~~the~~ Duncan for 5 years. Husband Hari Dey worked at Hillcrest mill 5 miles out of Duncan. Hill Crest Mill moved to Mesachie lake and so did the Dey in 1945.

They got a small cabin on Company Property. After moving there they installed some sort of pipe for running water into the house. This was installed by Mr. Uppal (Hari Uppal's father) and electricity was installed some seven years afterwards. Mr. Dey worked at Hillcrest Mill

1949 Sukhbir (Lucky) Dey was born (a son). Meanwhile ¹⁹⁵⁰ Gurdev had decided that she wanted to continue her education and go to University. There was a lot of flack from the rest of the community or at least those who felt that this was foolhardy for a man to raise a 2 year old boy and at the same time 'educate' their daughter. But Mrs. Dey was strong in her stand while Mr. Dey would be hurt by his 'friends' scorn. Gurdev went on to 2 years in College in Victoria and 3 years at UBC. to go on to

become a lab technician of sorts (research). She ~~first went~~ supported herself by working at the Parliament Buildings in the summer. Etc. She went on to a hospital in Victoria and then on to Esensdale in Vancouver where, ironically, she was treating one of the men who ridiculed her father about her "education" and "who's going to let her draw blood from their body."

Briefly;

- 1963 went to Ottawa to work for government research. Got engaged and married in 1964 to Gurcharn Singh (?).
- after they married they went to India and then she went back to Ottawa for 6 months and he to San Francisco to finish his degree. He is an eye specialist.

They then moved to Regina for a few months and then to Calgary where they have been since 1965 where they have a 22 yr old girl who studies at Indiana and will be going on to study in England.

They also have a son who is in University (where?).

1950. Debbie Dley (son) born,

1956 Mr Dley passed away due to stroke.

1957 Mrs Dley and her two sons moved to their present location in Lake Cowichan and bought 3 cows and made their living selling the milk from the cows. Every morning the two boys would load up their wagon (Kid's wagon) and deliver the milk up to Mac Donald Road which was app 5 houses.

Mrs Dley's route would take her from one side of town to the other. And she delivered approximately 5 houses.

She did not receive any sort of widow's pension to this day from the mill or company. Her sons and herself pretty well lived off their 9 acre farm and shared chores.

Sucky is a millworker and has had no ~~more~~ ambition to educate himself but is a strong member in the Lake Cowichan community. He is a member of the Fire department and gets himself involved in community events. Married in 1981 to Chaneal Kaur and has twin sons.

Debbie Dley. Went on to CIVIC for 8 years approx 1970 to get his degree in law.

He was also a member of the Board of Trustees for school Dist 69 in around 1977-78 or so.

He then married in 1981 to a school teacher in Lake Cowichan (Brenda?) and now lives in Kamloops B.C. and has a daughter.

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Note: also Gurdien entered in a local Beauty Pageant and won around 1948-49 or so.

Indian Community was very supportive

Duncan 5 yrs.

Mesachie lake 12 yrs

lake Cowichan 30 yrs.

Mrs. Dley's ^{knows no} English: ~~is~~ but very Articulate

She found the community as a whole - east Indians + whites to be very friendly and supportive

She is very broadminded as a person and does not indulge in idle gossip. Nor does she believe in not earning her keep and has never been on welfare or received a widows pension - nor has she asked if she is entitled.