

# Newsletter



## WHAT'S NEW

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SEA ISLAND INVITATIONAL REUNION

Join us at the South Arm United Church Hall on Saturday, May 27, 2023 for a day of fun with Sea Island friends and neighbours. A map of the display areas will guide your interests as you stop for conversations along the way. Meet up with those you haven't seen for a while to reminisce about the good times. Look for more reunion information in this newsletter.

### A NEW HOME

The SIHS is delighted to announce that we now have a home on Sea Island, where we can display and store some of our Collection. Our new space is located at the Sea Island Elementary School; our door is just left of the main entrance to the school. We thank Richmond School District #38 for their support in offering us a space.

### GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY SOCIETY VISIT

SIHS volunteers connected with Heidi RAMPFL of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society (GoGCS), to share historical interests in the cannery communities of Steveston and Sea Island. We valued the opportunity to discuss our cannery project with Heidi, while learning more about GoGCS's Collection, especially tin and box labels for salmon and the stories behind them.

*"Sea Island is located within the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-waututh Peoples."*

## President's Message

*"A life not documented is a life that within a generation or two will largely be lost to memory."*

Hi Past & Present Sea Islanders,



If you visited our website lately, you might have noticed that we have changed our masthead to include our new logo. We chose the iconic outline of our Island, which we felt said it all!

The last couple of months have been busy with many meetings - both in person and via Zoom! One of the Zoom meetings was with the Richmond Wayfinding focus group on their new Community Wayfinding Strategy.

We have also been working with the City of Richmond on some signage to recognize the canneries that had flourished on Sea Island. We'll share more of this with you as the project develops.

The 2nd Sea Island Heritage Society Invitational Reunion is coming up - save the date - Saturday, May 27, 2023! The cost will be \$20.00 per person at the door. If you receive our newsletter to your email address, you should have received an invitation and RSVP request for the event to will help us determine numbers for catering services. If you know of other Sea Islanders not receiving our newsletter that would like to attend, please have them contact us. We look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you have been enjoying reading about Sea Island's history in this and all our previous newsletters. You might also consider joining us for our Zoom Coffee Chats - our April 20th chat will be about memories and past reunions.

Till next time, we'll continue to gather and share our history.

*Eunice Robinson*



President

Sea Island Heritage Society



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**COFFEE CHAT**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, up to and including June, from 10 a.m. to noon - on Zoom. Some in-person meetings may be scheduled at the Sea Island Community Centre.

Join us for the next Zoom Coffee Chat on Thursday, April 20, 2023, to share memories of past Cora Brown and Sea Island Reunions, learn more about the upcoming Sea Island Reunion and updates on SIHS activities.

Contact Marylin for the Zoom link at [seaisland20@gmail.com](mailto:seaisland20@gmail.com)

Sea Island  
Reunion  
2023

**2023 SIHS INVITATIONAL REUNION**

Join us May 27, 2023, at the South Arm United Church Hall from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on May 27, 2023, for our second annual reunion. Light refreshments will be served.

See more information about the reunion on page 4.

**DOORS**  
open  
RICHMOND

**DOORS OPEN RICHMOND**

Come and see samples of the SIHS' Collection in our new space at the Sea Island Elementary School on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of Doors Open Richmond.

Please note, there are no washroom facilities in our space.

**BURKEVILLE DAZE**

We will be back for the 2023 Burkeville Daze event, usually held in June. Stop by and visit our booth.

## IT'S REUNION TIME!



Bring your memories to life at the reunion by reconnecting with Sea Island friends and neighbours. Laugh about the good times and the things we used to do. Remember the friends we've lost. Meet up at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sea Island Reunion on May 27, 2023! Your memories matter.

Interested in family history? Come see the work of our volunteer genealogists. You might even find your family tree among the Sea Island families.

Ever wonder who lived in your house on Sea Island before or after you or what happened to it? What it looks like today? Come see if you can find a picture of your home and its history in the binders available at the reunion.

Did you know Sea Island was the birthplace of the City of Richmond? Learn more about this fascinating fact at the reunion. Counsellor Bill McNULTY will be there to talk about his upcoming book entitled *Sea Island, The Beginning of Richmond*.

Peering into the past, what do you remember about the vibrant fishing community and the Cork Mill on Sea Island and those who lived there? Join us at the Reunion to learn more.

What is Burkeville's Boeing connection? Bring your questions and share your knowledge with others.

We'll be taking pictures all day long but want to do something special to capture our past with your presence - hold a photo shoot! Read on...

Did you attend school on Sea Island? Play in a local band? On a sports team? Join Guides or Scouts? Participate in other activities? Invite your clubmates, teammates and/or classmates to join you at the reunion for a photo shoot.

Help us celebrate Sea Island's heritage and the friendships we've made.

You should have already received an invitation by email.

Please **RSVP by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Send Marilyn an email at [treasurersihs@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersihs@gmail.com). Provide your name, address, phone number and email.

Cost: \$20 per person, cash or cheque only.



## SEA ISLAND CANNERY REMAINS



*Piling remains of Sea Island Cannery on Swishwash Island (Photo: David England)*

The Sea Island Heritage Society, in partnership with the City of Richmond, is currently working on signage that details the heritage and history of canneries located on Sea Island.

Very soon, two signs will be installed at the Terra Nova viewpoint on the northwestern tip of Lulu Island. One sign will face west where the Terra Nova Cannery was located; another sign about Sea Island canneries will face north looking across the middle arm of the Fraser River towards Swishwash and Sea Islands. We'll publish more information about the signs as we get closer to the completion of the project.

As part of the research for this project, on March 15, 2023, Eunice ROBINSON and David ENGLAND went on a photography expedition on the middle arm of the Fraser River to document the remaining pilings of the southwest shore Canners on Sea Island. This event was made possible with the assistance of Paul TOBIN, the Officer in Charge of the Canadian Coast Guard Base on Sea Island.

Paul provided Eunice and David with a Zodiac and two-person crew to assist in the photo shoot. The Coast Guard vessel used was the Fast Rescue Craft (FRC) *Sea Island One*. The Coast Guard crew consisted of Rescue Specialist (and captain) Jack SWINWOOD and Rescue Specialist Mikayla CROSSON, who directed us to the Cannery locations using their on-board GPS.

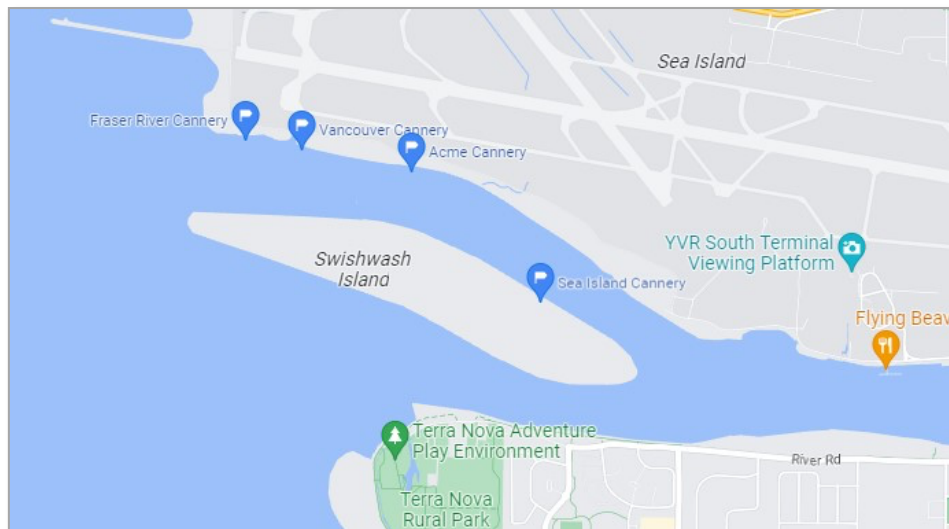


*FRC Sea Island One with CCG crew and Eunice Robinson on board (Photo: David England)*

The southwest shore Canneries include:

- Sea Island Cannery
- Acme Cannery
- Vancouver Cannery
- Fraser River Cannery.

You can see what remains of the Sea Island Cannery in the photograph above - the pilings. Along with the Canneries, David and Eunice looked for remains of the Cork Mill, located between Acme and Vancouver Canneries. Sadly, there is very little evidence left of the Cork Mill.



Google Maps retrieved March 26, 2023.

We'd like to thank Paul and his able crew for their assistance. Their support made this possible!

We proudly highlight an article recently published by a physician grateful for the lifesaving work of the Sea Island Coast Guard in a December 2022 weather event where the hovercraft was the only available mode of transportation that day - <https://www.mcgill.ca/familymed/article/michael-c-klein-chanukah-miracle>.

## THE TRIANGLE OF SEA ISLAND CORNER STORES

The *Sea Island Confectionery Store*, also known as the *Oasis*, was one of many businesses in the triangle over the years. SIHS research notes offer insight into the beginning of this commercial zone and an introduction to David ENGLAND's story about his family and their store, *The Oasis*.

The October 16, 1946, issue of the *Marpole-Richmond Review* reported that former Flying Officer UPPER and Sergeant F.S. LEONARD appeared before Richmond Council requesting the Miller Road and Airport Road intersection become a commercial zone for a proposed gas station, restaurant and taxi stand. Theirs would be the first American-British Oil Company station in Richmond. This statement appears to be the start of what would become the little strip mall complex that later housed the B.A. station, Joe's Confectionery (later known as the Oasis), Bill & Jim's Groceteria (also known over the

years as The Tom Boy, the Red and White, Lucky Dollar and the IGA), the B&P butcher shop and Eddy's Barber Shop.

Source: *Marpole-Richmond Review* (p. 1) City of Richmond Archives 2015-0018-00924

## GROWING UP IN THE OASIS (SEA ISLAND) CONFECTIONARY STORE

by David ENGLAND



*David, Frances and Joe ENGLAND at the Oasis Store in Burnaby  
(Photo: Courtesy of David England)*

We moved to Sea Island during the summer of 1965. Prior to that my parents, Eric (Joe) and Frances ENGLAND owned corner stores in Burnaby and New Westminster in British Columbia. Good and bad things about these locations contributed to us moving to Richmond. The Burnaby store was the first store my parents owned. This was in 1960 and I was in grade one.

The Burnaby store offered excellent living conditions but was not as good from a business standpoint. So, in 1963 they sold the Burnaby store and moved to New Westminster where they found a store, they hoped would offer more business opportunity. I remember the New Westminster store as having substantially nicer living quarters. This was way more space than we'd ever had before, and it had

two levels. We had an official basement like we'd had in Saskatchewan and an upper deck with a view!

However, one evening my father was robbed at gunpoint in the New Westminster store. The thief made off with the contents of the cash register which amounted to around \$300 or \$400 in cash and some chips and pop.

I speculate that as business was so slow during the evenings my father wanted to ensure that in the future, he had more people around him during that time of night. But I sense that this robbery may have been the prime motivation for our move to Sea Island in Richmond. In 1965, we moved to the store at 307 Airport Rd on Sea Island.





Aerial view of the stores at Miller and Airport Roads  
(Photo: Vancouver Archives MA1376F12CVA29016.12)

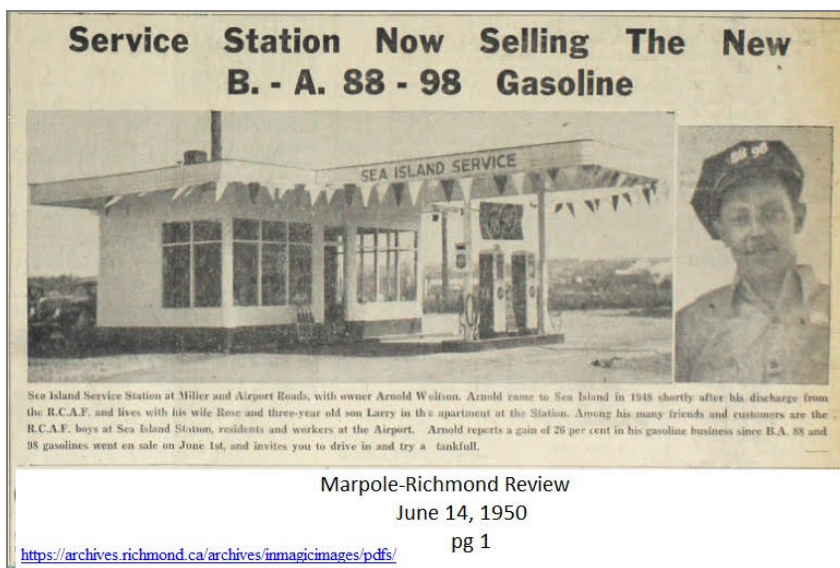
The Sea Island store was located at the corner of Miller and Airport Road on Sea Island with other businesses in an early strip mall, if you will. There was a BA gas station. Our store was to the west of the gas station, which also housed a small barber shop. Then directly to the west of our building, separated by a space that was about 30-feet wide, was a Lucky Dollar grocery store. The Army Navy Air Force Club was directly behind the four businesses.

My first memory of moving to the Richmond store was how busy we were was. As it was located on the main road to the airport it seemed like there were customers all the time. At times it was so busy that my father was often unable to handle the business by himself. My Mom, sister and I were always required to assist when possible.

My sister Arlene got married prior to our move to Richmond and was not always able to help. She lived in Coquitlam but would make the trip into Richmond to help as much as she could.

When we first moved to the Richmond store, my parents kept the store opened from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. It made for incredibly long days, seven days a week. They eventually settled on opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 9:00 p.m. every night.

They split the hours so that my mother worked primarily during the late mornings and afternoon and my father took care of the early morning and evening shifts. An awkward situation always occurred at mealtimes. I recall never having dinner together with my mother as she would be busy in the store while my father and I ate. Then they would change positions and my father would go to work while my mother came back and had her dinner. I look back on this time now and realize how tough this must have been for them. And yet they did this for years and years.



To give you an idea of what the living quarters in the back of the store were like, they were sparse yet adequate for the three of us. There were three smallish bedrooms, one bathroom, a full kitchen and a storage area. While we didn't have a yard at the back of the property, we had two parking spots. We had another parking spot in front, beside the store to the northeast.

A key point in my memory is that living and growing up in stores from 1960 through to the 70s provided us all with a very good quality of life. There was always adequate money and there was no shortage of work - there was always something to do.



*Joe's Lunch Bar (Joe SCARDINA) circa 1950  
(Photo: Courtesy of Arnold WOLFSON)*

Remember Joe's Lunch Bar & Confectionery? It became the Sea Island Confectionary and known to many as the Oasis. The store itself was maybe 1,000 square feet in size. It consisted of two parallel aisles which ran towards the back of the store where we had a magazine stand located. Parallel to the main aisle was the service counter behind which we would stand, ready to assist customers.

Oh yes, the magazine section...I recall the type and subject matter of the magazines we carried as being extremely wide and varied from triple

X through to comic books and paperbacks and grew over time. I believe it was unique on Sea Island at the time, other than at the airport, perhaps providing a bit of a niche market for us.

We also had a small post office, like we did in our other two stores. My father viewed it as a draw to bring in extra business. It was somewhat of a hardship due to the excessive paperwork it seemed to generate but at certain times of the year it truly did bring people in with parcels that needed to be mailed. And while in the store I'm sure they purchased something else.

Over time my parents decided to close on Fridays and take the day off. I don't know why Fridays but I suspect they wanted a day off during the week as opposed to the weekend.

In 1960, I was in grade one. I wasn't required to work in our first store in Burnaby but I knew I would be expected to do certain things as I got older. Over time these tasks became second nature and part of my day.

By the time 1965 rolled around I was in grade 5. I was assisting in the store mostly in the evenings where I had specific tasks. These jobs were simplistic but to this day I know they created a sense of responsibility that I wouldn't possess now without these tasks.



*A typical pop cooler of the day  
(Photo: Eunice Robinson)*

One of my primary jobs was to maintain the pop cooler, a tough job I could never get right. I could never second guess the correct ratio of what pop to put in that cooler. Today's pop brands are not too different from what was popular back then. Some have disappeared, but today's power brands are still here.

Coke was the biggest seller, followed by 7-UP or Canada Dry ginger ale. Then there were others that I used to put in the pop cooler that didn't sell well at all. But I felt I had to include them so there was some variance in the assortment. For instance, ginger beer...nobody seemed to drink ginger beer but I included some in the cooler anyway.

Mountain Dew came and went. Cream soda seemed to be around for a while and then also disappeared...but I made sure they were all in the cooler. Apparently, I positioned the slower brands in the cooler in too much quantity as we were always running out of Coke and 7-UP. As a marketer my skills were not yet honed!

Cleaning out the container where the bottle tops would go was also a messy, sticky and dirty job but one that had to be done every day or at the very least every other day. Also, the towel that people would use to wipe the bottles off, as the bottles were held in cold water, had to be changed and washed frequently. Just think, today we would not ever consider having a towel like that around food or drink in a store!

When people would bring their empty bottles in to get their deposit refund, we would end up storing these "empties" in a shed off the side of the store. We had to sort the empties by manufacturer every two to three days; there really wasn't a set schedule for this just so long as it was done prior to the manufacturers arriving which was once a week. They would pick up the empties and provide us with new inventory. If the empty bottles weren't sorted correctly, the manufacturers did not accept them which meant we did not get a credit for them. So, this was an important job! At an early age, I learned what brands of soft drinks the manufacturer's made. I knew all the brands that all companies produced during the 60s and 70s.

We also had a candy counter that contained all types of penny candy. The candy was in the glass counter where the customer would point at what they wanted. In turn, we would pick up their choice

with our hands, put them into a small paper bag and then take their money. Can you imagine someone giving you candy in this way today? Not on your life! It was a different world then! Germs didn't exist!

As I mentioned, there was an Army Navy Air Force Club (ANAF) behind us. On weekends my parents would often go for dinner at the ANAF. And they would arrange to have a hamburger provided to me from the club's kitchen. I wish I could remember the woman's name that oversaw the kitchen at the time...this would have been around 1966 or 1967. She used to work at the White Spot and knew how to make a great White Spot hamburger! She copied the recipe and provided this burger to the patrons at the ANAF Club on a regular basis.



*The new Army Navy Air Force (ANAF) Club Unit #285 on Miller Road (Photo: Courtesy of Grant THOMPSON)*

I also remember them having live music. As our buildings were very close together, I could hear the music from my bedroom. I think this is what started my interest in live music from an early age.

Truly fun stuff for a young teenager! Live music drifting through the air, food coming to you out the back door of a bar and you are by yourself!

To this day, I question how our store managed to survive so close to the Lucky Dollar store directly beside us and GRAUER's store just a short drive down the road. It was also an easy drive into Brighthouse



*The Tom - Boy corner store at Airport and Miller Roads next to the Oasis (Photo: K.E. EICHE at S. EICHE & M. EICHE)*

or Marpole to go to Safeway. Looking back, maybe each store had its specific niche. While we were competitors, we all offered something special to our customers.

Nevertheless, because of the competitive nature of the grocery business I remember spending a lot of time with my father driving to other stores such as the Safeway in Brighthouse to look at their prices. We would also drive into Vancouver to check out other corner grocery stores. We would buy specific things to see what their prices were and see first-hand how they merchandised their

products. Now I realize that at that time I was getting a very early education in retail marketing. I regret not paying more attention.

During the summer, once a week, I had to go with my father to the wholesaler to purchase products that weren't delivered to us. Items like canned goods, boxed goods such as cookies, crackers and any produce items had to be picked up from local wholesalers. Bread, soft drinks and chips were delivered, but not all products. Remember the Old Dutch delivery trucks driving around!

At that time the two prime wholesalers were Kelly Douglas in Vancouver and Malkin's in New Westminster. My father's preferred supplier was Malkin's. I'm not sure of the reason; but once a week during the summer I accompanied him on this shopping trip.

Our shopping trips were like going to Costco today. The wholesalers were very similar in the merchandising tactics, just smaller. Every time I'm in Costco I go back in time....

As I had to work in the store in the evenings, my parents were extremely open to me getting involved in as many extracurricular activities as I wanted during the early part of the day and weekends. I don't know if they felt guilty, but I took advantage of most offers they provided.

They encouraged me to participate in anything that I was curious about.

Consequently, I was involved in

Cubs, Sea Cadets, band at school, rock music, theater, baseball, swimming, writing, ice and roller skating and a million other things.



May 1968 Sea Island School Combo are: (left-right) Jim COOL, Alan ELISS,, Craig FORSYTH, David ENGLAND, Dean ISAAK and Reggie HENRY. (Photo: Courtesy of David ENGLAND)

Looking back there is only one thing I would change about growing up in corner stores - my attitude. I would pay more attention to the value of the "now" that surrounded me during those years. For the "now" is too soon past.

Thank you, Mom and Dad!



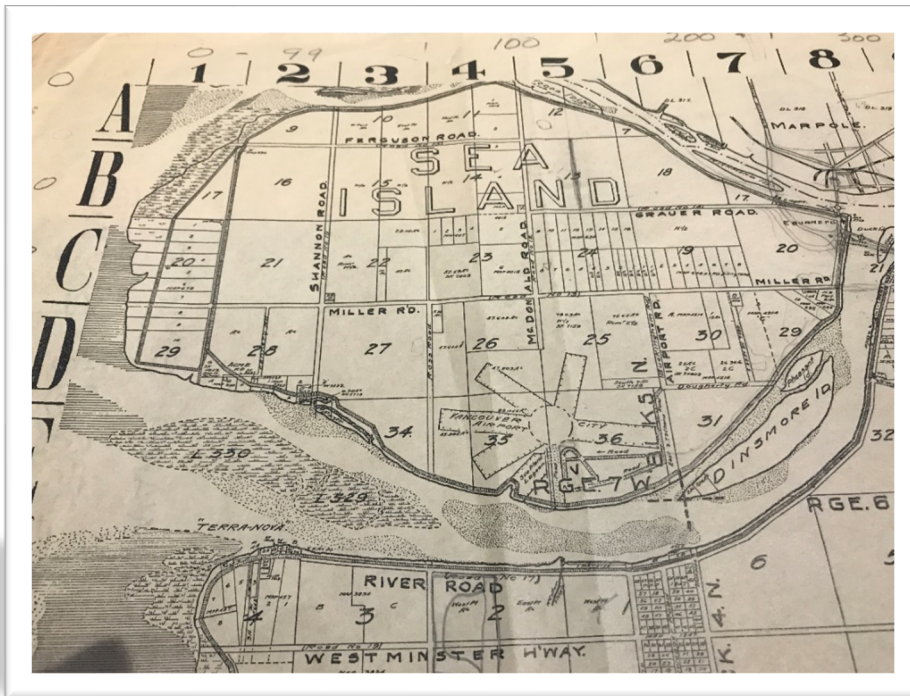
*Frances and Eric (Joe) ENGLAND  
(Photo: Courtesy of David ENGLAND)*

## SEA ISLAND ROADS AND THE FAMILIES FOR WHOM THEY WERE NAMED

There are roads on Sea Island that we are all familiar with. This is because of a motion by the Richmond Municipal Council, on February 7, 1881, requesting the establishment of certain roads in the Municipality.

On Lulu Island the roads gazette shows the roads as No. 1 through No. 9. On Sea Island the roads were named No. 11 through to No. 15.

- No. 11 Road - became SHANNON Road.
- No. 12 Road - became McDONALD Road.
- No. 13 Road - became MILLER Road.
- No. 14 Road - became GRAUER Road.
- No. 15 Road - became FERGUSON Road.



Map of Sea Island (McCLELLAN Family Collection)

## WILLIAM SHANNON FAMILY



William SHANNON

William SHANNON was born on February 19, 1841, in County Sligo, Ireland. He and his family emigrated from Ireland to Ontario in 1845. In 1863, he arrived in British Columbia and started a road construction company. In 1886, he returned to Ontario and married Eliza Jane McINDOO on December 15, 1886.

They then returned to Vancouver. William and Eliza Jane had one son; William Lloyd SHANNON born in 1887. William Junior became a doctor. In the various census returns, William Senior was listed as a real estate broker. He died on February 2, 1928, in Vancouver, and is buried in Ocean View Burial Park in Burnaby, British Columbia.

Photo: "A History; British Columbia", by R.E. Gosnell, compiled by Lewis Publishing Company; [no publishing place]; Hill Printing Company, 1906; facing page 446,

<https://archive.org/details/historybritishco00gosnrich/page/n530/mode/1up>

**DUNCAN MCDONALD FAMILY***Duncan McDONALD*

Duncan McDONALD was born on May 2, 1850, in Glengarry, Ontario. His parents were from Perth, Scotland. He arrived in British Columbia in 1874 along with his brother Hugh, via San Francisco, Victoria and then to Sea Island in 1875. In April 1886, he married Catherine 'Katie' Isabella McDOWELL. They had six children. Their daughter Mary Arabella "Minnie" married into the pioneering May family.

Their son, Gordon KILGOUR, married into the pioneering MOODIE family. Their youngest son, Hugh "Ralph" lived on Sea Island and married Jean McDONALD. Brother Hugh married Harriet R. STEPHENS and their son Hugh Herbert Donald married Mary Jane "Babe" DRANEY, another pioneer family. And their son, Hugh Lawrence, married Jean May Studley FORSYTH. Their daughter Sharon and her brother Reg are fourth generation Sea Islanders!

Sharon and her husband Charlie BORDELEAU had three sons, and one granddaughter who is sixth generation Sea Islander. In 2023, after all these years, the Sea Island McDONALDs left Sea Island due to further expansion of the Vancouver International Airport.

Through the Draney family connection - Sharon, Barb THOMAS NIELSEN and Doug EASTMAN are related! Who knew! They didn't until now. Another little unknown fact is that there was another McDONALD family who came early to Sea Island - but they were Irish - and that's another story.

Photo: Elvin McDONALD Collection

**JOHN FERGUSON**

John FERGUSON was born in August 1842 in Kirkcudbright, Scotland. In 1875, John came to BC with James MILLER - they were known as "FERGUSON & MILLER". At the suggestion of Hugh BOYD, they looked for farmland on Sea Island. FERGUSON and MILLER bought a tract of land that was part of the Hugh McROBERTS property. Their cabin was often the centre of hospitality.

FERGUSON was elected to the Richmond Council in 1881 and was appointed with two others as Fence Viewer. In 1907, he sold his farm on Sea Island, and moved to New Westminster. He didn't marry. He died on February 24, 1913, and is buried in Fraser Cemetery, New Westminster, BC.



## JOSEPH WILLIAM FOSTER MILLER FAMILY



Joseph MILLER

Joseph MILLER was born on October 25, 1864, in Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales. He arrived in British Columbia in 1873. He married Isabella Florence Aubrey WYATT on November 25, 1891, at the McCleery home in Vancouver BC.

On the 1901 census, Joseph and Isabella were living on Sea Island. His occupation was given as farmer. They had four children. Joseph served on Council beginning in 1896 for three terms. Joseph died on October 13, 1943, in North Vancouver. He is buried in Ocean View Cemetery, Burnaby.

Photo: Courtesy of Gary McQUEEN

## JACOB JOHANN "JAKE" GRAUER FAMILY



John Jacob GRAUER - 1931

Jake GRAUER was born April 19, 1860, in Jettenburg, Tubingen, Wuttemberg, Germany. He emigrated to Seattle, Washington, where on September 12, 1885, he married Maria Barbara NETH - both were residents of Seattle. In 1886, while Maria travelled by boat, Jake travelled overland with a team of horses and a wagon. They lived on Cordova Street, Vancouver, in a cabin and started Vancouver's first butcher business. By 1901, they were living on Sea Island. They had 11 children. Jake took over the post office and store from Churchill & McKay. He served as postmaster for 24 years until 1936. Jake & Marie bought 300 acres on Sea Island.

They also purchased 640 acres in Ladner. First opening a butcher shop in Marpole, they opened another one on Sea Island. Jake brought the first running water to Sea Island by piping it across the Marpole Bridge. Their son Rudy, born on 11 August 1890 in Eburne, BC., took over the store in 1912 and operated both store and post office until the post office closed in 1947.

**JACOB JOHANN "JAKE" GRAUER FAMILY Continued**

Rudy was very innovative. He started the fire department in Richmond and built a new drainage system on Sea Island. He served on the School Board and as Reeve of Richmond for 20 years. It was because of him that the Sea Island School was finally built. He passed away on February 22, 1972.

Rudy married Lulu Anna CHAMPION on February 20, 1913, in Eburne, BC. They had five children. Two of their sons, Les and Carl, who raised their families on Sea Island in the Cora Brown subdivision, took over the operation of their father's grocery business and the family farm until expropriated by the Vancouver International Airport.

Photo: Vancouver Archives, Major Matthews Collection: AM54-S4-Port P1538.1

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

- It takes over 700 pounds of paint to complete the painting and camouflage of a PBY Catalina aircraft (exclusive of primary coats). PB stands for Patrol Bomber and Y is the code associated with the manufacturer, Consolidated Aircraft.
- Jack "Bud" and his brother Pete SCARDINIA operated B&P Meat Market next to their brother Joe's Confectionery Store at the corner of Miller and Airport Roads in the 1950s.
- Eddy, the barber, charged \$2 for a haircut. The barber shop was in the same building as the Oasis.
- The stores at Miller and Airport Roads were expropriated along with 20 Burkeville subdivision homes in the early 1970s for airport expansion and road access purposes, especially for Russ Baker Way.
- Russell Francis Baker (1910-1958) was a Canadian bush pilot and founder of Canadian Western Airlines, formerly Central BC Airways.
- In Eburne, Grauer's Store had all the tugboat business. They purchased their supplies from Grauer's for the week(s) they were out on the water.

- SIHS Vice-President David ENGLAND's photo is one of ten new 2023 street banners in Richmond selected from over 500 entries. The banners can be found at various points of entry into the city and areas within Richmond's downtown core. Congratulations, David!



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Sadly, we share the recent passing of Gail (Miller) Rankin. We regretfully missed noting the loss of Win FOSTER in 2022. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

If you hear of a Sea Islander passing, please let us know at [seaislandbc@gmail.com](mailto:seaislandbc@gmail.com).

## CONTACT US

Downsizing, de-cluttering or looking for a good home for Sea Island memorabilia? Please consider donating to the Sea Island Heritage Society.

If you have questions, comments or want to share your memories and photos, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [seaislandbc@gmail.com](mailto:seaislandbc@gmail.com).

To submit a letter, documents, photos, or a cheque for your membership or donation via snail mail:

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