

TAPE OUTLINE

Interview with Mary Traill by T.R. McCloy, c.1972-73

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Topic of Interview

Reminiscences of daughter of Hudson's Bay Co. chief trader William Traill re family and nursing experiences

<u>Tape Footage</u>	<u>Subject</u>
011-106	Story re canyon crossing. Women and children crossed above while men went through rapids in boats. One man overboard; men panicked; man and boat saved because of father William Traill's calm reaction.
107-113	Canyon was on Fraser River. Possibly Hell's Gate.
114-137	Were heading to Quesnel. Then further trip to Soda Creek where they took a "stagecoach" (a lumber wagon) to Ashcroft to board train
138-146	Stopping house called "169 House" between Soda Creek and Ashcroft
147-156	(adjustments to microphone)
158-177	Train journey. Children sleepy and cross.
178-199	Incident re Mr. McFarland (H.B.C. officer - friend of William Traill). Boarded train with treats for children.
200-224	Farm at Prince Albert. "Uncle Jimmy" bought it for William Traill
225-240	(adjustments to microphone)
241-252	Family did not do well on farm-drought years
253-265	Why family went to Meskanaw. Possibly heard of virgin land there for homesteading and cattle raising from John Bighead
266-281	Squatted on land-afterwards the Caldwell farm. No homestead papers.
282-338	Uncle Walter Traill-farming near Meskanaw
339-348	Not sure of date of family's arrival in Meskanaw

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349-389	Uncle Jack and Riverside Farm. Was with police force before marriage. Arrived in Meskanaw after or possibly during Boer War
390-	Uncle Angus at Fort-a-la-Corne
404-430	In second year at Fort-a-la-Corne had "cloudbust" and whole area flooded. Lost all hay. Had to take cattle to Fort-a-la-Corne for winter.
431-451	Went to Ontario in 1911. From Lakefield to Brantford in 1914. Down east seven years altogether
452-481	Knew Lakefield family well. Aunt Kate was family "historian" and told her many stories re family.
482-500	Came back to Meskanaw when father took ill and was there when he died
501-550	Association with Purdy family
556-601	Came back to Saskatchewan to look after family when Aunt Esther went to Rochester for operation
602-610	Began nursing career in Saskatchewan
611-654	Reminiscences re Brantford hospital and Miss Ford (matron)
655-685	Nursing case in Lakefield (Strickland family)
686-734	Nursing case in Meskanaw
735-780	No recollection re building of old log house because was at Green Lake at that time for 3-4 years teaching children of Uncle Angus
781-788	Aunt Jessie. Husband Bill Beaver was railroad man (met as neighbours in Riverside)
869-end	Story re her mother as a girl meeting with Sioux Indian raiding party