

Note: Hogans (Hogan's) Alley is transcribed "Hogan's" Alley throughout tapes 2676-77-78. Which is correct.

Mrs. Doris Lawson.
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Mrs. Lawson: I was born^{ed} in Athabasca, Alberta, in 1911, and I left away from Athabasca when I think I was -- I was six years old. ^{(moved to Amber Valley, now Pine Creek) DM-} My mother brought us all from the farm, you know, Athabasca, to North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and I started school in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, you know. And then from North Battleford, Saskatchewan, I went to school in North Battleford and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. And then back from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, I lived in North Battleford, and I got married in 1934, in Lloydminster. Lloydminster, Alberta. That was right on the border. And then from Lloydminster and North Battleford, I was around there, you know, and after I got married -- that was during the Depression time, you know, and then in 1941, I came to Vancouver.

Ms. And when you came to Vancouver did you settle in the neighbourhood of Stratcona right away, or...?

Mrs. Lawson: Yeah, when I first come to Vancouver, I lived at Main and Union. The BINGARRARooms .Oh, just for about two weeks. ^{And} my husband, he was working for the Faircrest Furniture Company. I think that was up on Main Street, somewhere. And from there, well we -- I only stayed there about two weeks, because it was only just one room, you know, and then I moved up to 638 Prior Street. The Prior Apartment. And then that's where I lived for quite awhile,

you know. On Prior Street. And on Prior Street, I used to work for a lady name Mrs. Alexander. We all called her "Ma Alexander" and she had a chicken inn, 250 Union Street. So I worked there quite awhile for her. And then after I started work -- quit working for her -- I went and worked for at 355 Keefe Street. At Disco Poultry.

Ms. Was this a factory?

Mrs. Lawson: Yes. It was a factory of poultry, you know. Chicken poultry, you know.

Ms. Did they -- was it a slaughterhouse too, or...?

Mrs. Lawson: Oh yeah, they killed chickens right there, and we dressed the chickens and put them in cartons and, you know, plastic bags, just like they are today in the store.

Ms. Right, yeah.

Mrs. Lawson: And then from when ^vDisco's moved from there, they moved over by the CN Station, you know. Station Street, and that opened up a big plant. But then I quit ^vDisco Poultry and I went to work at ^vQueen Charlotte Fish Cannery, but I done forgot the year.

Ms. And what were you doing there, at the cannery?

Mrs. Lawson: At the cannery, we were washing fish. The fish cannery then was right where Bayshore Inn is.

Ms. Huh! Really.

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Mrs. Lawson: You know, Queen Charlotte Fish Cannery.

And then from the fish cannery, well, I come and start -- you know, like, during the war, I started.... I work for Mrs. Pryor. 278 Keefer Street. The Chicken Inn. I think about nine or ten years, you know. And that's when I moved down at 250 Union Street in Hogan's Alley. And.... it was kind of close to Mrs. Pryors.