

Mrs. Nora Hendrix.  
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Ms. I think we should just try your voice and see if the trucks are going to drown your voice out. You could just say anything you feel like saying, just for now.

Mrs. Hendrix: I came to Vancouver in 1911, from Seattle, and I've been living here ever since. How's that?  
(interruption in tape) I could start out, if you want me to start out, like that.

Ms. Sure.

Mrs. Hendrix: Well, should I give you where I was originally... where I was born?

Ms. Please, yes.

Mrs. Hendrix: Well I was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1883. And I lived in Chicago, for... went to Chicago in 1900 and lived there until about 1909, then I came out to Seattle and lived there about two years and then I came to Vancouver in 1911, so I've been living here ever since.

Ms. What brought you to Vancouver?

Mrs. Hendrix: Well my husband had got a job here, and so I had come with him to this job that he was working at. So we continued living here and finally, where all the family come growing, you know, gradually, ~~comes~~ having the family, and so after awhile, when... oh, about 19... I guess 1934 or 35, my husband died then. 'Course then that left me <sup>to</sup> ~~with~~ raise up the youngsters that wasn't raised up old enough to look after themselves. So I lived... I was living... I first lived out on Sophia Street. That was way back in 1912, '14. Then I moved from there out east, out in the place where I lived the longest. Well, practically, not right out in the east, but, I moved from that down in the Strathcona district

later in '35 or '36. And that's when I lived there, practically, well, till I moved here. I moved there in... it was 1918, I moved a bit out in the east, then I moved to the West End. I live in the West End, and moved there in 1926, then I moved from the West End to Strathcona district in 1936, and I lived there all the while.

Ms. Did you live in the same house in the Strathcona district?

Mrs. Hendrix: No, I lived... well, in '36 I lived there till I moved over on Hastings Street, in the Fox Apartments 1950, I think. '50, '51. And I lived then at the Fox Apartment until I moved to the highrise, in 1967.

Ms. That's the Raycam Highrise?

Mrs. Hendrix: Yeah. The Raymur Highrise. Down Campbell Avenue.

Ms. Which street did you first live on in Strathcona? Before Hastings street.

Mrs. Hendrix: Georgia Street. I lived on Georgia Street.

Ms. Oh. Did you have a house, or apartment...?

Mrs. Hendrix: Yeah, I lived in a house. 827 Georgia Street East. Yeah, I lived there till I moved across, on Hastings Street. And then I lived down Hasting in the Fox Apartment, and then <sup>I</sup> moved to their highrise. But there were.../when I lived out east, <sup>was</sup> / <sup>'course</sup> I used to... we'd go to church, Our church was on Jackson Avenue, and of course we used to go to church, because of entertainments and everything <sup>they</sup> / had .... and sociable affairs and things. But if you was wanting to know about the different restaurants and things that they had down in the Strathcona district...

Ms. Sure.

Mrs. Hendrix: ... that part, well there was... Mrs. Pryor <sup>[Hosa]</sup> had a eating place on Keefer\*, and then there was a Mrs. {E.} Alexander had one on Union Street,\*\* and there was Mr. Soldier Williams <sup>{Martin Luther Williams}</sup>, he had one. I think it was on Union

\* The Chicken Inn, 2-- Keefer Street.

\*\* Mother's Tamale & chili parlour, 250 Union Street

Street, too.

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