

WOMEN'S LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT

GUIDE TO COLLECTION (1978-1979)

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a. WOMEN'S LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT INTERVIEWS

ANITA ANDERSON: Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, domestic worker, Yugoslavian community and union consciousness

ANNA ARTHUR: Work at Boys' Industrial School, organization of the B.C.G.E.A; equal pay for equal work.

JACK ATKINSON: Ladysmith Ladies' Auxiliary of the I.W.A., describes attitudes of women in the area to the auxiliary.

ELLEN BARBER: One of the first women active in the Vancouver Trades and Labour Congress; laundry and communication workers; working during WWII as matron

PEARL BARRINGTON: From conductorette to bus driver; building the bus drivers' union; solidarity among women drivers

LYDIA BASTION: Okanagan fruit cannery worker; Oliver Fruit Co-op; work environment; building the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union

ANNA BELANKAYA: Winnipeg Garment workers organize; ILGWU vs. UGW, rank and file militants, garment workers in B.C.

LORI BELIN: Lake Cowichan in the 1930s; building the I.W.A.; Lake Cowichan Ladies' Auxiliary

MYRTLE BERGEN: domestic and agricultural work; on staff for the I.W.A.; communism and the unions; the WIUC split in 1948; United Packinghouse Workers' Union organizing in the Okanagan in 1946.

DAISY BROWN: On staff for the HREU; marital status of women in the hospitality industry; conditions of work and consciousness

RUTH BULLOCK: Domestic work; CCF activist; childbirth and birth control in the 1930s; cannery work in WWII; joining the Trotskyists; organizing clerical workers; Burrard Drydocks.

JOSEPHINE CHARLIE: Fish cannery worker; UFAWU and Native Brotherhood membership; race conflicts; early organization; childcare issues

MARGE DALSKOG: Logging camps of the 1930s; raising children in the wilderness; women's community spirit in camps; work at Boeings WWII.

VIVIAN DOWDING: birth control pioneer; CCF membership

ALMA FAULDS: fruit cannery worker; becoming shop steward; fruit cannery strike; union divisions; Packinghouse Workers vs. Vegetable Workers

SUZIE FAWCETT: Working at Hotel Vancouver; membership in CBRT; solidarity strike in 1950

ELIZABETH FORDHAM: raising a child on her own in the Depression; welfare; eviction fights; unemployed organizations; Women's Labour League

BUSTER FOSTER: Steward in the shipyards in WWII; supervising women; strike during the war

JOAN GILLATT: Changes in women's government employment during WWII, steward for BCGEA

THELMA GODKIN: IWA steward; first woman in the woods in Chemainus area; attitudes of male coworkers

LIL GODFREY: IWA Women's Auxiliary Lake Cowichan; Federated Auxiliary movement; activities of auxiliary on local and district levels.

BETTY GREENWELL: Mine/Mill Auxiliary; social functions and union building

MARY GREENWELL: children and auxiliary involvement; family background; Lake Cowichan Women's Auxiliary of the IWA

JOSEPHINE HALLOCK: Organized domestic workers with the Trades and Labour Congress in 1943; HREU member; active in Union Label Committee BCFL

WINIFRED HENDERSON: Telephone operator, 1920s; women in the CCF;

GLADYS HILLAND: IWA; 1946 march to Victoria during strike; breakaway from IWA in 1948

EFFIE JONES: CCF, CPC membership and activism; organizing the unemployed; Housewives' League; support for 1938 post office occupation

JANET JUDD: Postal clerk; one of first female fulltimers in Vancouver Post Office; establishing right to maternity leave; racism at work

PEGGY KENNEDY: Boeing Aircraft during the war: equal pay but not equal promotion

VERNA LEDGER: Work at Canadian Forest Products; established equal pay in 1966

ANNE MARSHALL: Waitress, garment worker; organized at Jantzen's; entered ILGWU, full time organizer 1946-1962

MAY MARTIN: Restaurant worker; organized in Yukon; take over of Vancouver leadership by International

SARA MCKINNON: Worked at St. Paul's Hospital in laundry; changed company union into real union; CCF involvement.

EDRA MCLEOD: Worked at Boeings during WWII; worked for B.C. Hydro 1944, bus driver

PEARL MOREAU: Worked at Fraser Cafe; fought for stronger union shop; VDTLC member

MONA MORGAN: led district council of IWA Auxiliaries; CPC women's organizing

EMILY NUTALL: worked in restaurant industry 1930s; organizer for HREU in 40s

JUNE OLSON: growing up as a union child in Lake Cowichan; joined auxiliary at 16; activities of women in auxiliary

JEANNE OUELLETTE: supporter of Longshormen's strike in 1935; worked with IWA

MURIEL OVERGAARD: Worked in retail stores; then as part-time school board employee; development of CUPE; NDP candidate

ALICE PERSON: IWA member; hired at Hammond Cedar during War; equal pay central issue; steward

JONNIE RANKIN: entered shipyards during the War; active in Marine Workers and Boilermakers Union; wrote women's column for union newsletter

MARION SARICH: worked as domestic from age 13; organized domestics in 1930s with Housewives' League; worked at Trocadero Cafe; organized and struck it; organized in HREU

JEAN SCOTT: Domestic worker in 1930s; in 40s worked for Retail, Wholesale Department Store Union; organized support for 1947 Packinghouse Workers' Strike; organized office workers into OTEU local 15

EDNA SHEARD: struggle to keep and support children in the Depression

BERTHA SOUDERHOLM: Active in Finnish community women's groups, worker at Berryland; involved in organizing campaign in 1940s; won end to piecework

LUBY STEFANI: shipyard work in WWII; worked as shipwright's helper; attitudes to women

BARBARA STEWART: Domestic worker in 1936; became waitress; became business rep. for VDLC

LIL STONEMAN: Teacher in 1920s; on relief in 1930s; active in unemployed movement; joined Women's Labour League

MARGE STORM: worked at Pacific Veneer since 1940s, became steward; fought for equal pay for women

EILEEN TALLMAN: Organized banks in 1940s; organized for Steelworkers; led campaign in Ontario to organize Eatons

EVA VASELENAK: worked in fish plant in Richmond; joined UFAWU; became organizer

CHRIS WADDELL: worked in Aristocratic Restaurant; joined HREU, helped to establish union and set precedent of information picketing.

CONNIE WHITE: organizer for ILGWU, worked in Boeing during WWII.

ELIZABETH WILSON: worked for CCF; organized unemployed in 30s