various events made the success of the celebration possible. \Diamond

Island old timers—by Martha Hoggan (married to John Holm)

A hand-written note in the Gabriola Archives (1996.008.04). I've edited or inserted other words as indicated by square brackets. Braces indicate notes in the margin in Martha's handwriting. ED.

[Here's] what I remember first about the folks on the Island. There were very few white women Mrs. Jackie Foster, W. Stephenson's grandma (also a Joe Foster, Taylor Bay, wife Indian); a Miss Jemmison who lived with her two brothers; Mrs. J. Eastham [Easthom], Dick's mother, later married. [text confusing here] Hyme my mother (7 children at the lake) & my father [Alexander's] first wife's sister from Glasgow. There were a few bachelors and widows. Mr. Sabbason, the [pilot] at Taylor Bay, who brought the ships in. Mike Mannly [Manly], where Dick Eastham lived, an Irish bachelor. Mr. Rollo & his two sons, John & George. Jimmies grandfather. Mr. LeBuff [LeBœuf], [widower], one son, two daughters, [Indian mother]. William McDougal, [bachelor] Scotch. Mr. & Mrs. McLay and family all white. Mr. J. White Pemberton [Penberthy], Alaskan Indian wife, one son, two daughters. Mr. John Gemmel [Gimmelle], bachelor Scotch. Mr. McGuffy [McGuffie], Indian wife, two boys, two girls. Mr. Chappel [Chapple], Indian wife, two boys, one girl. Mr. Edgar, Indian wife, two boys, four girls. John Martin, Indian wife, large family. (Son & daughter of [pilot] and Indian...?). Jim Gray (1/2 Indian) married white woman, two sons, twin daughters. Harry Peterson, wife ½ Indian, was a [Boer] from [South Africa], large family. (Sister to Jim Gray). John Silva, [Portuguese], Indian wife. Harry Ogarr [?], [Degnen]'s Bay, bachelor. Mr. Crass [?Cross, also Degnen Bay] bachelor.

This was all that lived there at that time. I think that is all I can recall, till new folks started to move in, and the children got married.

p.s. These were on Gabriola when Uncle Dave & William came to the lake or soon after. [ca 1872, but some names are later than that]

p.s. There used to be a man by the name of Barney who lived on [Coats?] place and had two cabins, one by May's house and one in the woods over by the back bays. He just lived with the woods all around his log cabins, and when the Indians came, he [ran] through the woods to the other cabin till the Indians had left. That is the story told to my parents, but we used the cabin by May's for years, and I have played in the other one. \Diamond

Beautiful Gabriola—anonymous

The following article appeared in the *Beautiful British Columbia* magazine in 1961. As will become obvious as you read it, this is not a recommended account of the Spanish naval visits in the 18th century—the author has garbled that and other parts of Gabriola's history, and the geology needs revising too—but it is an interesting read nevertheless. It also gives me an excuse to print the picture that accompanied the original article. For those that don't know, "panther" is the old name for a cougar. They were once fairly common on the island.

Gabriola Island

Gabriola Island, four miles offshore from Nanaimo, is steeped in history and has a variety of enchanting sights to appeal to the most discriminating visitor.

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⁷ Beautiful British Columbia—Land of New Horizons, Winter 1961, pp.35–36.