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**Started:**1530 hrs **Finished:**1640hrs.

The talk was recorded on tape after agreement with all persons mentioned and what follows is background information, aim and a transcription of our talk.

### **Background information**

Mr John Edward Illsley first appeared in the company records of J. O. Williams and Company Ltd. and Jayo Shipping Company Ltd. as director of both companies in 1973. The present John Edward Illsley is the son of the above and grandson by marriage to John Osborn Williams (J. O. Williams also known as Jack or Uncle Jack, deceased.) J. O. Williams was the owner of J. O. Williams and Company Ltd., Jayo Shipping Company Ltd. and Labrador Development Company Ltd. that cut pit wood in Port Hope Simpson mainly from 1934 to 1936 until his last contract in 1948 and when Newfoundland Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada and Labrador came within the Confederation of Canada in 1949. John's mother was Katie Doreen Illsley Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada (formerly Williams) daughter of John Osborn Williams and sister to Arthur Eric Williams (deceased 2nd February 1940.) Katie Doreen Williams married John Edward Illsley, John's father. Mrs Kathleen Squire (formerly James) was the lifelong friend of Katie Doreen and stayed in Port Hope Simpson with her for one year from 1935 to 1936. Mrs Squire has always been known as Bunty, Bunty James as she was then and as Auntie Bunt to John her godson. John had brought along the family archives (consisting of albums of photographs with documents and letters written at the time) to show Llewelyn and gave him an original Labrador Development Company Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Ltd. brochure undated, printed in Cardiff most Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada likely in 1934 or 1935 that included two maps showing its timber concessions in Labrador and a Labrador Mining Company concession area. John then started to take Llewelyn through his collection of photographs and other documents with Mrs. Squire and Sheila contributing as we went along.

### **Research Aim**

To find out as much as possible about the Labrador Development Company Ltd. in connection with the history of Port Hope Simpson.

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## **The Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Talk**

**John:**beyond the page of my mother's flying exploits are the first, is the main bits of photographs from Labrador. There's nothing pre - Hope Simpson It's all er, general (family) snaps. I think this is before Auntie Bunty Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada was there either. I would imagine this is in the Twenties.

**Bunty:** the snaps

**John:**maybe this was in the Thirties?

**Llewelyn:**in what years were you living in Port Hope?

**Bunty:**for one Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada year.

**Llewelyn:**for one year? I lived there too for one Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada year 1969 to 1970.

**Bunty:**then I went out the following year with Auntie Kate.

**John:**you were Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada originally there 1935 Auntie Bunt, '35 to '36 I think.

**Llewelyn:**the company first arrived didn't they in 1934?

**Sheila:**that would be about right because the staff, the bungalow hadn't properly been built and they just had the staff house.

**Bunty:**yes we had to sleep there.

**John:**yes

**Llewelyn:**and you stayed there for the one year?

**Sheila:**that would have been before Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada the um...

**John:**this is the photograph I guess fairly soon after um the Labrador Development Company.

**Llewelyn:**can you just, can we identify the people on here then?

**John:**I don't know. No. Um. There is my grandmother.

**Llewelyn:**4th in Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada from the left.

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**John:**the two ladies are my grandmother and my mother.

**Llewelyn:**right

**John:**so that's Ethel Kate, um wife of J. O., and my grandfather and this is my mother Katie Doreen and the youngest chap with the spectacles is my Uncle John.

**Llewelyn:**right, okay, Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada so Ethel Kate is by the chair. We're actually two generations down Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada the line aren't we here?

**Sheila:**she was Kate Cobb who were bakers in Bristol and Bath actually.

**John:**yes

**Sheila:**your doorstep. They're still there I think.

**Llewelyn:**good grief

**John:**and the chap quite mostly hidden by my grandmother with a moustache is Ron Wilson who might have been you know might have been remembered by the people out there.

**Llewelyn:**was he the chap in the army?

**John:**not that I know of

**Bunty:**Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada he might have been in the Army afterwards but he was in the Cardiff office.

**John:**mm, yes, yes,

**Bunty:**and that's why he went out to manage the office didn't he?

**John:**yes, yes this is my grandfather with what looks like a ship's captain. This is my grandfather here.

**Llewelyn:**right

**John:**on the next picture

**Llewelyn:**he looks like a real Welshman doesn't he?

**John:**yea, (laughs)

**Llewelyn:**He's got the Welsh build what? Tell me about the character of your Grandfather. Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada What was he like as a person,

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what sort of personality was he?

**John:**um, I think he was pretty tough. Um, very entrepreneurial, obviously in setting up this sort of company takes quite a lot of courage and drive; quite a lot of drive. You can see these are rather nice photographs of um, the early days.

**Llewelyn:**that's all the early days is it?

**John:**yes. This over here this is Eric and my grandfather. These have come from I think they are called treasury rolls or something like that. They're rolls of film, they're very tightly Port Hope Simpson Mysteries, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada packed. Unfortunately, they haven't survived very well. I'll show you them in more detail.

**Llewelyn:**okay; I'll just make a note there of er, Eric holding a knife. There just for the record.

**John:**that looks like Uncle John I'm not sure. Yes, I think it must be.

## **Port Hope Simpson Mysteries Newfoundland And Labrador Canada**

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