

An Interview with **Capt. George Proctor, August 3, 1984**

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Q. ... August the 3rd, 1984, interviewing Capt. George Proctor, Woodsworth (?) Road, Shady Side. Capt. Proctor, can you tell us when you came to live in Shady Side – what year?

A. [Capt. Proctor] Yes, I was born in Shady Side in 1894. I never got much schooling.

Q: Did you go to school down here in Shady Side?

A: Yes, went to school, when I went was down here.

Q: Do you remember who some of your classmates were?

A: I remember so many of them.

Q: Well, would you like to tell us the names of some of them? We'd be interested to know.

A: Yes... Gertrude Bullen(?), Minnie Atwell ... there were two Minnie Atwells – Minnie Miller and Millie M. ? Our teacher was named Miss _____ at this time, the head teacher. And there was Helen Leatherbury and Mamie Weems, Annie Weems, Delores Leatherbury, Tilla(?) Leatherbury, ... Lillian Wilder, _____? Linton, Ester Linton, Mabel Rogers... and Bernice, Lizzy, ... and my wife was going there too then – Nellie. _____.

Q: So you met your wife when you were going to school down here then?

A: Yes, oh yes.

Q: How old were you met your wife? If you were going to school together, what ages did you meet?

A: I don't know... I got married before I was twenty. I lived with her mother and father for a little over two years. I bought this place here from Capt. Richard Trott...

Q: What year was that?

A: In 1916 I bought it. In 1918 we moved here on the 28th day of April and I moved down here with my boat... and what furniture we had up here...

Q: What was the name of this boat? Could you tell us?

A: Well I didn't have no name on it – I just had my number on it.

Q: I see. So you moved in the house with all your belongings on your boat ...

A: Well I tell you, we lived in that little house ... it wasn't very much of a house, but we lived in it for four years.

Q: What house was this?

A: A little house that sit down on the shore. And at the end of four years I built this house here. I saved money enough ??? to build it ... and of course I had something left. We lived there until 1923 and I bought Nellie a car...

Q: What type of car did you buy her?

A: A little four-cylinder Buick. I bought it from _____ in Annapolis. ??

Q: What did you have to pay for a car then?

A: I paid \$1000 and \$20 for the tire? ... it was just a little... brand new car, but it was just a four cylinder Buick. And my wife run that until 1929 and I bought her a Mark 10? She used that a long time. She would drive it all the time. ... ? she got in it, she drove it. And she was a good driver – even better than I was. We went up in Canada in that car... ? In the Leatherbury family ... Delores is gone, Sil? is gone, Merl? is gone... and another one's gone too... four of them. All four of the boys are gone. That was Luther, Gilbert, and Edward and Taylor. And they all four gone, and they were all a lot younger than I am... but they're all gone.

Q: Well we're glad you're here, that you can tell us some of these nice stories that you're going to tell us about Shady Side.