

Maple Ridge's First Realtors

WILLIAM HALBERT MENZIES was one of the original realtors in Maple Ridge. His parents, Mary and William Henry Menzies, had first settled at the extreme north end of Best Road (224th Street) at the foothills of the Golden Ears Mountains before choosing to relocate at the confluence of the South Alouette River and McKenney Creek in 1893. The senior Menzies, born in Ailsa Craig, Ontario, had worked as a baker in CPR railway camps around Rat Portage (later Kenora) before working his way west to New Westminster in 1891. In 1898 the family decided to homestead on 160 acres on Sheridan Hill. They called their new home Boulder Eden. In time their home on Sheridan Hill caused the mountain to be informally known as Menzies' Island or Menzies' Mountain. It had earlier been known as

Menzies & Martyn Real Estate office on River Road in 1912.
Left to right: Young entrepreneurs W. Halbert Menzies and Donald Blake Martyn with clerk Angus McIver.
Their sign read: Buy Port Haney Gardens • The Great Fruit District • 5 & 10 acre blocks • best of soil • large profits assured • Menzies & Martyn Farm Land Specialists.

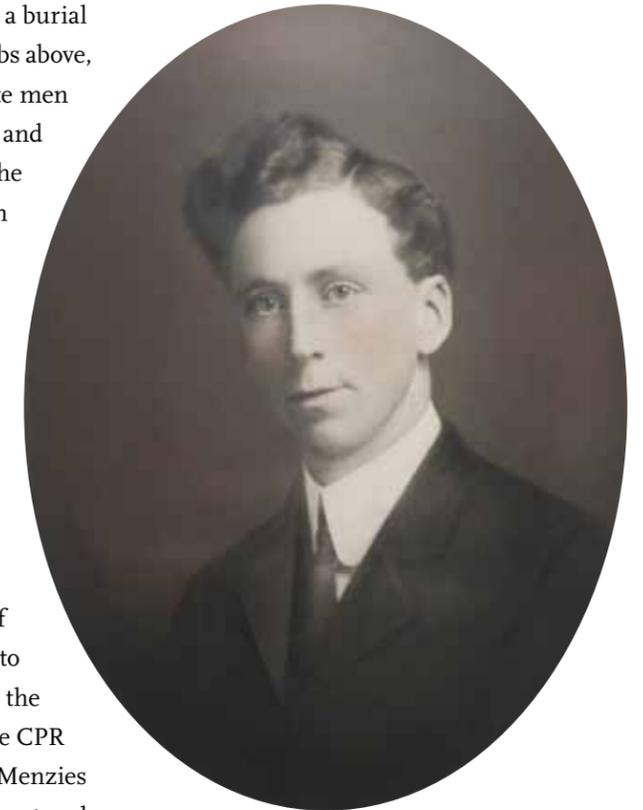


St. Mary's Island because the First Nations people used it as a burial site. Some burials were below the surface, some in rock tombs above, and some in trees. When the Indians learned that the white men were coming to inhabit the island, they removed the bodies and interred them in the Katzie cemetery at Port Hammond. The entire farm used to be completely surrounded by water each spring and at high water time in the summer. This was the second Menzies' Island, as there used to be one named after William H. Menzies in the Lake of the Woods region in Ontario.

Young Hal used to do quite a bit of grouse and deer hunting to supplement the family larder and on several occasions took along Alfred Charlton, the storeowner at Port Haney, as a companion. During periods when the family was cut off from getting to Port Haney because of high water, Hal used to stay at the general store on the wharf and after school and on Saturdays worked as a store clerk to pay for his room and board. Mr. Charlton had bought out the Dockstader Store that stood out on the wharf in front of the CPR station. While still establishing the farm on Sheridan Hill, Menzies Sr. moved into Haney, and father and son built a home at Front and Ontario Streets as well as the manse for St. Andrew's Presbyterian (later United) Church. William also installed the church bell in the church's belfry.

Alf Charlton and his wife, the former Mary Berry, were associated with the storeowners across the Fraser River at Fort Langley and Langley Prairie. During the winter of 1907 Alfred and his son were skating across the Fraser River to get supplies, when they both went through the ice and were drowned. Alf's nephew, William Storey, came out to help run the store and later married the widow.

Donald B. Martyn, a schoolteacher from Ripley, Ontario, came to teach at the Ruskin School but quickly gave up that occupation for a more lucrative venture. Property had begun to sell in Maple Ridge, so Hal Menzies and Martyn talked about the activity in real estate and decided to set up as agents for local landowners, and so Port Haney got its first real estate office. In 1910 the two young men, along with Angus McIver, a son of the municipality's first landowner, built a small office on the northeast corner of Front and Ontario Streets. Hal painted the sign for their real estate office and used to paint most of the signs for the other businesses in Port Haney. The two



William Halbert Menzies, the son of an early Maple Ridge pioneer family. Hal with Donald B. Martyn and John McIver Jr. started the first real estate company in Port Haney. Years later Menzies was commissioned by the Soldiers' Settlement Board to negotiate the values of Port Haney Japanese fruit farms.

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My husband and I moved into the Pitt Meadows/ Maple Ridge area in 1988 and are proud to call this place home. We are raising our children here and have developed a love for this town! We enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us as well as the strong sense of community and the real "hometown feel" that is evident in our streets. I look forward to seeing how our community changes in the future and am excited to be part of the process!



Sandie Scherer

In 1949 my family moved to Maple Ridge after my Mother, a war bride, and my brother took the long journey from Scotland. They bought acreage in Whonnock where I enjoyed the lifestyle and still call it home. I attended Websters' Corners Elementary, Garibaldi High School, and thrived on the opportunities our area had to offer. Through my career experiences, I learned the most important skill is simply listening. To find your dream home or accurately market your most important asset, listening, combined with area knowledge, is essential.



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John Fedorko has been living in the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows since moving from South Burnaby in 1988. The great scenery, recreation, rural setting and the history of this region were some of the reasons I and my family choose to move here in the first place. After getting to know many of the locals and establishing business in the area I wished that I had moved here sooner. I and my family consider ourselves permanent residences of this great community.



Eve Kyle

I have lived and worked in Maple Ridge for the past 21 years, while raising two beautiful daughters. For 10 of those years, I helped clients "Feel more at Home" through my decorating business, Interiors by Eve. It seemed only natural to continue helping others in this way by becoming a Real Estate Professional. I am proud to call Maple Ridge my home and am dedicated to enriching lives through home ownership with friendly, personal service, honesty and integrity, and attention to detail.



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Harvey and Brenda have been in the real estate business a combined 57 years. The Exner family has deep roots in Maple Ridge having moved to Webster's Corner in 1948. Our children were raised and schooled in Maple Ridge and we are now on our "third generation" with 7 grandchildren. We love helping people grow wealth in real estate. We look forward to helping you find the perfect place to raise your family, and future generations.



Ron Mitchell

Having been in the real estate business for almost 30 years, with the past 22 years in Maple Ridge, I've discovered that caring for clients is the most important aspect of my job. When you make the important decision to buy or sell a home. I'm committed to ensure that all your needs are successfully met in a professional and honest manner. My experience and dedication to staying on top of current real estate trends allows me to provide uncompromising service with a personal touch.



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I am fortunate to call Maple Ridge my home. Both my wife Colleen and I have grown up here and even with the many changes over the years, Maple Ridge was still our first choice to raise our two children. The smaller town environment and all the natural beauty, make this a great place to live. I believe in giving back to the community I live in, so I am actively involved with the sports community, coaching, and other local groups. Having lived here my entire life I have a vast knowledge of the area and would be glad to assist you with your residential or commercial real estate needs.



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men would hang out in their tiny office or the local café and wait for potential clients to arrive by train or river steamer. They would then rent Tom Haney's horse and buggy and show the clients the potential of investing in a home or land in the municipality.

When Don Martyn enlisted in the First World War, the Menzies & Martyn Real Estate partnership dissolved, and the business was taken over entirely by Hal Menzies, who in 1914 had married Ethel Best, the daughter of pioneer James Best. Prior to Don's leaving to go overseas, John B. Martyn, his brother, came out to Port Haney looking for business opportunities. It didn't take John long to learn the real estate game from Hal and Don. He was unable to go overseas to fight due to a heart condition. "JB" was an enterprising individual with a Midas touch. He had arrived in Port Haney with the grand sum of 20 cents in his pocket. His first job was working in the Storey Post Office, and before long he knew everyone in town. Not one to let the grass grow under his feet, Martyn soon purchased a pool hall at the foot of Ontario Street and built a barbershop on adjacent property. According to newspaper accounts, barber Frank

An upriver view of Port Haney on River Road, circa 1897.

In the left foreground is the shed from the Carr and Carter Brickyard, left distance is the Temple F. Sinclair Ice Storage; the Alfred T. Charlton General Store and Post Office with the livery barn in the centre. The Haney Hotel was later built on the bracken-covered bank in the left foreground. A river steamer is tied up at the wharf on the right.



Port Haney, circa 1900.

This downriver photograph shows the second CPR station, single track, and telegraph wires. The Alfred T. Charlton General Store stands on the wharf, with the livery barn to the right. The piles of cordwood are ready for steamboats. The photographer had to have jockeyed for position to set up in order to capture the CPR passenger train, the tug *Delta*, and a sternwheeler.

Travener was cutting hair before the windows and doors were installed. Martyn sold the pool hall to Tom Baker and Norman Owen. A true entrepreneur, he next built a theatre and began showing silent movies. During this period he became the United Church's Sunday school superintendent, but when the congregation suggested that the movies were evil, he quit and moved on to the position of school trustee, while Hal Menzies filled his church position. When "talkies" were introduced, JB decided to close the theatre as he didn't want to spend the capital to buy new projectors. JB started up the J. B. Martyn Farmlands Real Estate Company and went into competition against Menzies. He even managed to lure away a few of Hal's salesmen by offering them greater commission splits. JB became a notary public and handled all his own financing. Soon he owned property on the east side of Best Road (later 8th Avenue and still later 224th Street) from the Dewdney Trunk Road all the way north to the Alouette River. He became involved in the buying and selling of large acreages. He rented out some of this land to the Japanese for berry growing. In 1917 JB married Margaret Reid Clark, the municipality's first high-school teacher.

He became involved with the Webber Mill in Webster's Corners as the mill manager, but when the partnership failed, he chose to start up his own lumberyard in the vicinity of the Haney Slide at the foot of Carr's Hill. It was an excellent location. He could bring logs into

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Front Street, 1910, shows the livery stable and Raymond L. Carter General Store with the Bank of Montreal under construction. As well, the John B. Martyn's barber shop and pool hall are under construction on the east side of Ontario Street. The Haney Progressive Association (later the Maple Ridge Board of Trade and still later the Maple Ridge Chamber of Commerce) has a huge sign that would be clearly visible to both passenger trains and boat traffic offering 30,000 acres of the best available land in the province.



R.L. CARTER GENERAL STORE

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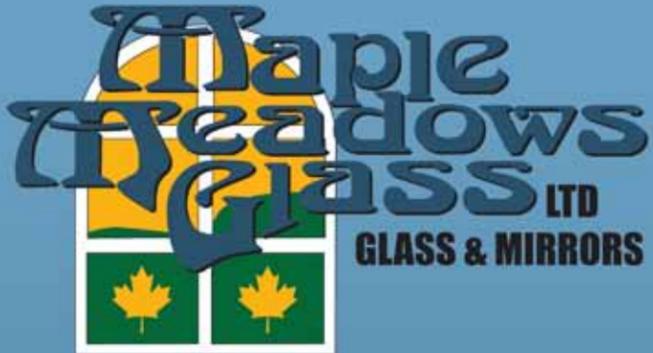
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his mill from the Fraser River, cut them up into lumber, and export them out either by boat to New Westminster or by rail to the prairies for the building of grain elevators.

From 1925 to 1929 JB was Maple Ridge's Reeve, and it was during this period that he was featured in the local paper under the headline "Wizard of Finance solves the problem of the Pacific Berry Growers." The Japanese berry growers were not getting proper treatment from the Caucasian berry inspectors, so Reeve Martyn was called upon to solve the problem. He decided that each berry grower have his own numbered stamp to place upon his crates of berries, and consequently the berry inspectors were not able to match the crates to the growers, and this eliminated any favoritism.

John Blake Martyn and his lumber mill located on the Fraser River immediately west of the Port Haney townsite.

Maple Meadows Glass Ltd. has been in the Maple Ridge area for 15 years. The owner, Robert D. Clarke first came to the Maple Ridge area in 1950 when he used to visit his older sister. In 1979 Mr. Clarke bought a small company called B.C. Glass which was operated out of a small storefront of 22300 block of Dewdney Trunk. The name was changed and operated as a thriving business until 1989 when Mr. Clarke sold the business to one of his employees and he himself decided to retire. After approximately 5 years he became bored with his retirement and bought Maple Meadows Glass which he has been successfully operating to this day installing residential windows, commercial storefronts, auto glass, shower and bathtub enclosures, mirrors and custom orders.

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The Hogarth History

James "Grandpa Jim" Hogarth first came to Pitt Meadows in the 1940's to farm. When the Maple Ridge Hospital was built he landscaped and maintained the gardens until his retirement.

George and Win Hogarth moved to Maple Ridge in 1951 and built the family home on 8th Avenue (now 224th Street). In the late 60's they bought a drive-in restaurant near Telosky Stadium (now Thomas Haney Centre). The drive-in was named "Hogie's" and was located on the south side of the Lougheed Highway east of the downtown core at approximately the 116th Ave intersection.

Al was born in 1952 and has remained in the community marrying Deb and raising their daughter Aleesha. Al first began working at Safeway and after a work related accident began taking courses in drafting and design. After a variety of jobs in civil and structural drafting as well as survey work, Al ventured out on his own in the early 70's designing homes and small commercial buildings. In 1979 Al was licensed as a Real Estate Salesman. In 1993 Al received a certificate in Site Planning from the University of British Columbia and in 1994-1995 obtained his agents designation. Al had the privilege of serving the community as Mayor from 1999 to 2002 and again as councillor from 2005 to 2008.