

## **Suzanne Jennings Remembers the Bay House and Associated Characters (Rough notes)**

Howard McDonald. son of Olive and "Sarita Mac" (William). Howard was a Bamfield boy in the same age bracket as mum and Roald. They all played together when kids. I think Howard went to high school in town and we think Van Tech school. Then he went into the airforce/services. We think airforce. After the war he went to UBC and took an engineering degree. Howard was a brilliant man. He did work for Boeing Company in Seattle and for Douglas/McDonal Airplane Company (D brand of planes) in La Joya)SP)California. Howard designed and worked on -with a team- the electronics of the nose of the 747. His wife was Rosemary who was a telegrapher on ships during WW2 and they had a son Fred. (Rosemary learned telegraphy from our grandad Jennings when he taught telegraphy at Spratt Shaw's in Victoria during the ww2) Later after a divorce Howard married Anne. They lived in Seattle and then Calif. Fred went to St. George's School in Vancouver.

Anne and Howard lived in Bamfield and renovated the old house. She worked in the office at the Marine Station. They later became Buddists and spent time in an ashram in Calif. Much later they separated and Howard lived o Salt Spring Island with a widow called Nell. He died there.

Pictures would be in Bamfield.

Old Mr. Mac, as we called him when we were kids, had been a trapper and I think, but not sure, a watchman at Sarita. He was an 'old' man when we knew him and he had a canoe that he fished perch from at different floats around the harbour. The perch were for his cats and maybe he sold them to the Chinese men who worked at the Cable station. They each had a huge garden on the property and grew all their own vegetables and Mrs. Mac canned quarts and quarts of peas, carrots, broad beans, green beans and berries. They had rows of potatoes and around on the banks beautiful trees, heathers and rhododenrons. The was a huge tulip tree next to the old house and woodshed. Mr. Mac build a causeway of mud and stones out in front of their house so that he could bring the canoe along side and bring supplies and come and go as needed because the slough is shallow and when the tide went out it was a mud flat in front of the the house.

Son Fred lives in West/North Vancouver and is retired.

Call if any of this doesn't make sense.

**Suz, 27 December 2020**

**Ed note.** On 28 December 2020 Mike Warren added: *"... Mike Warren bought the Bay House and when he left Bamfield in 1987 he sold the house to Mark Stokes & Wade Gaylard who later sold the house to Purdue."*