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Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Name Amy Leigh  
(interviewee)

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Date May 24, 1973

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Jane Covernton  
(interviewer)

[Signature]  
W.J. Langlois / Chairman

May 30, 1973  
Date

*Restriction lifted (interviewee  
born 1897, so deceased.)  
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INTERVIEWEE

NAME: Miss Amy Leigh BIRTH DATE: 1897  
(print)

HOME ADDRESS: 5788 Highbury Street

INTERVIEW LOCATION same-dinette

INTERVIEWER: Jane Covernton

INTERVIEW TITLE: A Pioneer Social Worker in B.C.; interested in Public  
Welfare

INTERVIEW DATE: Friday March 30, 1973

INTERVIEW SUMMARY: comes to Burnaby from England 1913; starts Burnaby girl guides; takes  
business course; works for Burnaby school board; Burnaby municipality; starts taking Probation  
cases (girls); 1927 to Univ. of Tor. school of social work; 1929 - job Vancouver City Social Services -  
comments on social work in the Depression; CNIB supervisor western division; City Social  
Service director of welfare (still during Depression); 1942 B.C. Security commission - in charge of  
social workers involved in Japanese evacuation; Assistant director Provincial welfare; 1958 retired  
but some other short term jobs; what is Public welfare.

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FD5 LEIGH, AMY Interviewee

FD6 COVERINTON, JANE Interviewer

FD7 Address of Subject

FD8 1897 Birth Date FD9 Deceased FD10 1973 Taping Date

FD11 1900 Per. Start FD12 1972 Per. End FD13 Special Date

FD14 VANCOUVER BC References, Names, Dates, etc.

BURNABY BC

DEPRESSION 1930s

C.M.I.B.

GIRL GUIDES

JAPANESE-CANADIANS

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DEPRESSIONS

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1913.  
 EMIGRATION FROM ENGLAND, GIRL GUIDES AND  
 CHILDHOOD RECOLLECTIONS, EARLY JOBS AS A  
 SECRETARY, PROBATION WORK, TRAINING AT  
 THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCHOOL OF SOCIAL  
 WORK, VARIOUS SOCIAL WORK JOBS.  
 JOBS:  
 2 DIRECTOR OF WELFARE, VANCOUVER. DISCUSSION  
 OF THE DEPRESSION AND RADICALISM. CNIB.  
 DIRECTOR OF WELFARE, VANCOUVER, 1931-43. DECENTRALIZATION;  
 SOUTH VANCOUVER EXPERIMENT; JAPANESE  
 EVACUATION. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF WELFARE  
 FOR THE PROVINCE. COMMENTS ON SOCIAL WORK.  
 RETIREMENT, 1958. OTHER JOBS: TEACHING PUBLIC  
 WELFARE, U. OF WASHINGTON; WELFARE DEPT. IN  
 YUKON; CNIB; WINNIPEG + OTTAWA, 1963-64. GENERAL  
 COMMENTS ON PUBLIC WELFARE. ROLE  
 OF GOVERNMENT; LIMITS OF FINANCIAL AID.