

# Eva Callbreath, Personal history transcript, 1977

## Interview with Eva Callbreath

Eva Callbreath was also born and raised in Telegraph Creek, B.C. She lived there most of her life. Eva is 62 years old.

interviewer: If you had a choice of what life you would like to live in, either then or now, what would your choice be?

Well, that's an easy question, I would rather live in today's way of life because the younger people have it so easy. I'm not saying that I had it hard, but today everything is done for you. You have power, telephones, television, electrical appliances, things like that. When I was young you never even heard of such things. Seeing we hadn't heard of them we didn't miss them.

interviewer: Did you go to school?

Yes, I went to school for about four years. But when we were going to school, there was six or seven kids attending, there was a lot. I remember once when I went to school alone. I walked and waited and nobody came so the teacher told me to go home. The boat came in that day. It was the first boat in the spring. It came up the Stikine River, so that's where everyone was that day.

interviewer: Did you have to walk to school? If so, how far?

Oh, yes, I had to walk. It wasn't far. It was about two blocks or about 1/4 of a mile.

interviewer: Did you attend school for ten months of the year?

No, I went only in the fall for a while and in the spring. During the winter months I had to help my parents set traps for trapping and help around the house with my mother.

interviewer: Has Telegraph Creek always been the same?

Yes, I don't think it will ever change.

interviewer: What kind of work did you do when you were young?

Well, I didn't do anything. There was nothing for the young girls to do in town. Sure, there was stores and hotels but seeing that there wasn't many people, they didn't need extra help in running the business. All there really was for the young girls was to learn how to cook, knit, sew and do other household chores. All the work was independent.

interviewer: Did you have any special hobbies?

Well, as a young girl I loved to sing. I was with the Anglican choir for years. I have always envied the organist. I wished that I could play an organ. I can remember we had an old organ which I used to try to play. That's why girls these days have so many chances to get out and make something of themselves, they have so many opportunities to do more things. If I was a young girl I would get into as many activities, and learn as much as I possibly could.

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