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INTERVIEW WITH MR. JOHNNY BEATTON, FT. ST. JOHN, B.C. Aug., 1955,  
July 1956. Interview by Isabel Loggie, Fairview, Alberta.

[Mr. Beatton's interview was incomplete in itself because the questions asked refer mainly to his father's journals covering the years 1899, 1902-23 at Ft. St. John.]

The Beatton children in order of age (oldest to youngest) are:

an older boy who died at Grouard  
Mary (now Mrs. Birley, Ft. St. John. See interview.)  
Kenneth (who used to write in the Hudson's Bay journals during his father's absence, and died at Peace River Crossing. Dr. Donald operated on him. He is buried in the Anglican cemetery on the hill.)

George

Johnny (born 1898)

a boy who died at Hudson's Hope - Tommy

Margaret

Angus (now ranching on the Halfway River)

Frank ~~(living at Fort St. John)~~

Duncan

Freddie (living at Fort St. John)

Bill (ranching on the Halfway River)

Harry Panter was at Shaftesbury at one time, and was in partnership with John Harris at Old Wives' Lake, Mr. Beatton thought.

John Harris was married to a daughter of Johnny Knott. Their daughter is a Mrs. Gouley in Dawson Creek, B.C.

Dr. Donald of the Indian department was the Dr. Donald who practised medicine in Peace River town.

The three men who arrived at St. John the day a young Indian was drowned there were: Del Miller, Stuart, and Bert Gregory.

John Gullion, Peace River captain, pushed one scow before his boat and pulled one on each side. If the boat ran short of wood for fuel her crew had to chop cordwood while the boat remained tied up to the shore. The deckhands would hew and load the wood using a carrier made from trees with two branches acting as braces.

Men travelling with their wives and families - for instance, Charlie Calihason and Herbie Taylor - went ashore when the crew were cutting wood, and cooked tea and bannock over a camp fire. Mr. Beatton travelled often on these boats going to and from mission school downriver.