

The Indar Gill Family

Photos clockwise starting from the far left

Indar Singh Gill started his own business in Mission, in 1951 under the name of Indar Fuel Company. He picked up raw material from Albert McMahon's mill at Suicide Creek and delivered wood and sawdust for the community to burn for heat. The appearance of natural gas brought an end to his company, which closed in 1958.

Indar Singh Gill out shopping with his wife, Kartar Kaur Gill, and son Nacchatter Singh Gill, in downtown Vancouver. Kartar Kaur Gill seems to have adapted well to western clothing, with minor adaptations such as the head covering. Family life took on new meaning for men who had lived a bachelor lifestyle for so many years, alone in a country so far away from their loved ones. Time lost was spent quickly in raising children and setting up households with the help of family and friends.

This photo was taken in Canada in 1931 when most men lived with each other in joint homes that they called “cook houses”. Their wives awaited their return in India or for a call to join them in Canada.

L to R: Naranjan Singh Gill (Indar Singh's Taiyaji, (older Uncle)), Joginder Singh Gill (Indar Singh's Chachaji (younger Uncle), cousin Ganga Singh Gill and Indar Singh Gill are all from the village of Dhudike, District Moga, in Punjab, India.

This passport photo of Katar Kaur Gill was taken for her passport in 1949 before she travelled to Canada with her husband, Indar Singh Gill and son, Nacchattar Singh Gill.

This photo is a passport photo of Indar Singh Gill taken in 1935 when he was 22 years old. By this time he had matured and sported a beard and wore a turban. However, before he returned to India in 1947 he had cut his hair and removed his turban.

Farmily group photo *L to R:* Cousin Ganga Singh Gill, Malkit Kaur Gill (Indar's daughter), Kartar Kaur Gill, Indar Singh Gill, Nachhattar Singh Gill (Indar's son), Joginder Singh Gill (Uncle)

Standing: Kartar Singh Sidhu (Brother-in-law), Mohinder Singh Gill (Brother), Pal Singh Gill (Cousin).