Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau live on the Wikwemikong Reserve, Manitoulin Island, where they have raised 12 children. Mrs. Trudeau attended school but Mr. Trudeau is entirely self-educated. He has worked as a lumberman, fishing guide and commercial fisherman.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mr. Trudeau's family origins.
Bill: Well, according to what I heard you know, although I don't know exactly if it's true. But if it's true, well so be it. (chuckles) And the very first one that came up here, he came up from Quebec. And he came up with the fur traders from Quebec. And he worked with those fur traders up along the north shoreline coming up from Quebec right up to the Sault (Sault Ste. Marie) all along the shoreline, the north shore. And of course, they were meeting Indian people almost every day and living with them almost every day.

This one particular Trudeau learned to speak a little language,
like Indian language. And the Indian people at the time were somewhat like me. They didn't speak the language - the English language or the French language. And this Trudeau, what he was learning a little bit of this language, he became very useful to the Indian people. He was an interpreter for the Indian people in the fur trading business. And that's how they come about after a while. After a few years, he married an Indian woman. That's where the Trudeaus came from. That's what I heard anyway. I don't know. Maybe they were wrecked along the shoreline someplace, I don't know. He was actually a Frenchman, a full-blooded Frenchman in the first place.

Ernest: You can see...

Bill: There may be some relations. I may be some relation to Pierre, you never know.

Ernest: He admitted that in Ottawa this time. You might as well say he admitted it.

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