



Brown-John family

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Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Date: 1914 (date of original), digitally copied 2012

Collection/Fonds: [Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds](#)

Series: Burna-Boom Oral History Project series

Description Level: Item

Item No.: 549-004

Accession Number: 2012-30

Storage Location: See Location of AIP field

Physical Description: 1 photograph (jpeg) : col. ; 300ppi

Media Type: Photograph

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Photograph of the Brown-John family; Victor, his wife Winnifred, their two eldest sons Victor and Archie, and twin boys Frank and Roy.

Names: [Brown-John, Victor Joseph Charles](#)
[Brown-John, Winnifred Douglas](#)
[Brown-John, Victor](#)
[Brown-John, Archie](#)
[Brown-John, Frank](#)
[Brown-John, Roy](#)

Notes: Title based on contents of photograph

Historic Neighbourhood: [Vancouver Heights \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

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Interview with Elsie Ansdell by Eric Damer September 18, 2012 - Track 1

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory287>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the recording pertains to the Brown-Johns first settling in Burnaby. Elsie (Brown-John) Ansdell discusses land clearing for the family home, each of her parents and her brothers.

Date Range: 1910-1946

Photo Info:	Elsie Brown-John (bottom, far right) with her class at Kitchener Street School, [1936]. Item no. 549-001.
Length:	0:09:17
Name:	Brown-John, Victor Joseph Charles Brown-John, Winnifred Douglas
Subject:	Land Clearing
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Napier Street
Historic Neighbourhood:	Vancouver Heights (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Willingdon Heights Area
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	September 18, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with early Burnaby resident Elsie (Brown-John) Ansdell conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, September 18, 2012. Major themes discussed are: settling in Burnaby and the early years of the Brown-John family.
Biographical Notes:	Elsie (Brown-John) Ansdell's father, a trained carpenter and cabinet maker, Victor Brown-John came to Canada from Wales in 1910. He cleared three lots at Napier and Gilmore Streets and built a two-roomed house. In 1912, he was joined by his wife and two eldest sons, Victor and Archie. Twin boys, Frank and Roy, were born in 1914 in the Burnaby home and their fifth son, Clive, was born in 1915. From 1916 to 1919 Victor John-Brown left Burnaby to serve overseas. Elsie Brown-John (later Ansdell) was born in 1921. Her younger brother, Gwyn "Jerry" was born in 1923. In 1925 Victor Brown-John suffered a fatal accident while working as a longshoreman in Northern British Columbia. Elsie attended Kitchener Elementary and North Burnaby High School. She married during the Second World War and moved to South Burnaby to raise her family whilst continuing to work in various department stores both in Vancouver and Burnaby.
Total Tracks:	4
Total Length:	33:02
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Ansdell, Elsie Brown-John
Interview Location:	Burnaby Village Museum
Interviewer Bio:	Eric Damer is a lifelong British Columbian born in Victoria, raised in Kamloops, and currently residing in Burnaby. After studying philosophy at the University of Victoria, he became interested in the educational forces that had shaped his own life. He completed master's and doctoral degrees in educational studies at the University of British Columbia with a particular interest in the history of adult and higher education in the province. In 2012, Eric worked for the City of Burnaby as a field researcher and writer, conducting interviews for the City Archives and Museum Oral History Program.
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Series:	Burna-Boom Oral History Project series
Item No.:	MSS171-001_Track_1
Transcript Available:	None
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

[🔊 Track one of recording of interview with Elsie Ansdell](#)

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Blasting stump

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto76892>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Date:	[1920] (date of original), digitally copied 2012
Collection/Fonds:	Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds
Series:	Burna-Boom Oral History Project series
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	549-009
Accession Number:	2012-30
Storage Location:	See Location of AIP field
Physical Description:	1 photograph (jpeg) : col. ; 300ppi
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of the Brown-John children playing on the blasting stump that was located near the corner of Gilmore Avenue and Napier Street.
Subjects:	Plants - Trees
Names:	Brown-John, Victor Brown-John, Archie Brown-John, Frank Brown-John, Roy Brown-John, Clive
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Gilmore Avenue Burnaby - Napier Street
Historic Neighbourhood:	Vancouver Heights (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Willingdon Heights Area

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Blasting stump

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto76891>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Date:	[1921 or 1922] (date of original), digitally copied 2012
Collection/Fonds:	Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds
Series:	Burna-Boom Oral History Project series
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	549-008
Accession Number:	2012-30
Storage Location:	See Location of AIP field
Physical Description:	1 photograph (jpeg) : col. ; 300ppi
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of members of the Brown-John family sitting and standing on the blasting stump. This stump was located near the corner of Gilmore Avenue and Napier Street.
Subjects:	Plants - Trees
Names:	Brown-John, Victor Joseph Charles Brown-John, Archie Brown-John, Frank Brown-John, Roy Ansdell, Elsie Brown-John Brown-John, Clive
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Gilmore Avenue](#)
[Burnaby - Napier Street](#)
Historic Neighbourhood: [Vancouver Heights \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)
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