



Interview with Diane Stiglish by Eric Damer December 4, 2012 - Track 1

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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Diane Stiglish's memories of her family's mushroom farm. Diane describes how her parents met, married and bought a mushroom farm. She also provides a physical description of the farm and how the work was organized.
Date Range:	1942-1960
Photo Info:	Diane Stiglish with her parents and older brother in New Westminster, 1955. Item no. 549-067.
Length:	0:08:37
Subject:	Buildings - Agriculture Agriculture - Farms
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	December 4, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Diane Stiglish conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, December 4, 2012. Major theme discussed: mushroom farming.
Biographical Notes:	F.J. "Jack" Stiglish (originally spelt Stiglich) and his wife bought a Burnaby home in 1943 at Keswick Street, just south of the Lougheed Highway, and took up mushroom farming. By the time their daughter Diane was born five years later in New Westminster, the F.J. Stiglish mushroom farm was an established business. Mushrooms grown at the F.J. Stiglish farm were sent off to Money's Mushrooms to be packaged and retailed. Later, mushroom growers bought out Money's to form the Fraser Valley Mushroom Growers Co-op and nominated Jack Stiglish as their first president. Jack then entered a float in the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) parade and set up a mushroom booth at the fair. In 1969 Jack Stiglish sold the mushroom farm and he and his wife moved next to their trailer court business just down the road. Diane's brother Allan Stiglich (his family name returned to the original spelling) moved to Langley to open a large mushroom farm of his own which he established with the help of his father. Diane Stiglish began a career with BC Tel.
Total Tracks:	5
Total Length:	0:46:06
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Stiglish, Diane
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.
Collection/Fonds:	Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds
Series:	Burna-Boom Oral History Project series
Item No.:	MSS171-026_Track_1
Transcript Available:	None
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Diane Stiglish by Eric Damer December 4, 2012 - Track 2

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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Diane Stiglish's memories of her family's mushroom farm. Diane describes how compost was created on the farm, how the mushrooms were dealt with and what chores she was responsible for as a child. She also tells stories of inspectors coming to the farm.
Date Range:	1947-1960
Photo Info:	Diane Stiglish with her parents and older brother in New Westminster, 1955. Item no. 549-067.
Length:	0:09:40
Subject:	Buildings - Agriculture Agriculture - Farms
Historic Neighbourhood:	Burquitlam (Historic Neighbourhood)
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	December 4, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Diane Stiglish conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, December 4, 2012. Major theme discussed: mushroom farming.

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Collection/Fonds:	Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds
Series:	Burna-Boom Oral History Project series
Item No.:	MSS171-026_Track_2
Transcript Available:	None
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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