



Julia Kong's visit to Santa

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Series:	Burna-Boom Oral History Project series
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Scope and Content:	Photograph of Julia Kong (later Poole) sitting on Santa Claus's knee with one of her siblings.
Subjects:	Holidays - Christmas
Names:	Poole, Julia Kong
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph

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Interview with Ron Smitherman by Eric Damer November 15, 2012 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory404>

Repository: City of Burnaby Archives



Summary: This portion of the recording pertains to Ron Smitherman's memories of changes to house construction over the years. Ron discusses working in construction, designing his own house and changes to the process of obtaining building permits (including a situation involving direct wiring in his home).

Date Range: 1969-2012

Photo Info: Ron Smitherman, [199-]. Item no. 549-065.

Length: 0:08:06

Subject: [Construction](#)
[Buildings - Residences - Houses](#)

Interviewer: [Damer, Eric](#)

Interview Date: November 15, 2012

Scope and Content: Recording is an interview with Ron Smitherman conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, November 15, 2012. Major theme discussed: building construction and development in Burnaby.

Biographical Notes: Born in 1933 and raised in Vancouver, Ron Smitherman learned the construction trade from his father, upgrading his knowledge and skills as techniques and materials changed and improved. Ron built houses and commercial buildings in Burnaby and elsewhere during the nineteen-forties, fifties and sixties. In 1969 Ron and his family settled in Burnaby where he shifted his business to real estate.

Total Tracks: 6

Total Length: 0:46:51

Other Tracks: [View All Tracks](#)

Interviewee Name: [Smitherman, Ron](#)

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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Transcript Available: None

Media Type: Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Ron Smitherman by Eric Damer November 15, 2012 - Track 3

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory405>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Ron Smitherman's memories of the postwar construction boom in comparison to the modern day. Ron discusses the changes in construction practices which lead to the leaky condo phenomenon.
Date Range:	1949-2012
Photo Info:	Ron Smitherman, [199-]. Item no. 549-065.
Length:	0:07:25
Subject:	Construction Buildings - Residences
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	November 15, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Ron Smitherman conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, November 15, 2012. Major theme discussed: building construction and development in Burnaby.
Biographical Notes:	Born in 1933 and raised in Vancouver, Ron Smitherman learned the construction trade from his father, upgrading his knowledge and skills as techniques and materials changed and improved. Ron built houses and commercial buildings in Burnaby and elsewhere during the nineteen-forties, fifties and sixties. In 1969 Ron and his family settled in Burnaby where he shifted his business to real estate.
Total Tracks:	6
Total Length:	0:46:51
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Smitherman, Ron
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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Transcript Available: None

Media Type: Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Ron Smitherman by Eric Damer November 15, 2012 - Track 4

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory406>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the recording pertains to Ron Smitherman's memories of changes to construction regulations over the years. Ron discusses Burnaby's industrial construction during the postwar era and beyond. He explains environmental and municipal regulations in relation to common practices within the construction industry.

Date Range: 1949-2012

Photo Info: Ron Smitherman, [199-]. Item no. 549-065.

Length: 0:09:51

Subject: [Construction Buildings - Industrial](#)

Interviewer: [Damer, Eric](#)

Interview Date: November 15, 2012

Scope and Content: Recording is an interview with Ron Smitherman conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, November 15, 2012. Major theme discussed: building construction and development in Burnaby.

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Total Length: 0:46:51

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Interviewee Name: [Smitherman, Ron](#)

Interview Location: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

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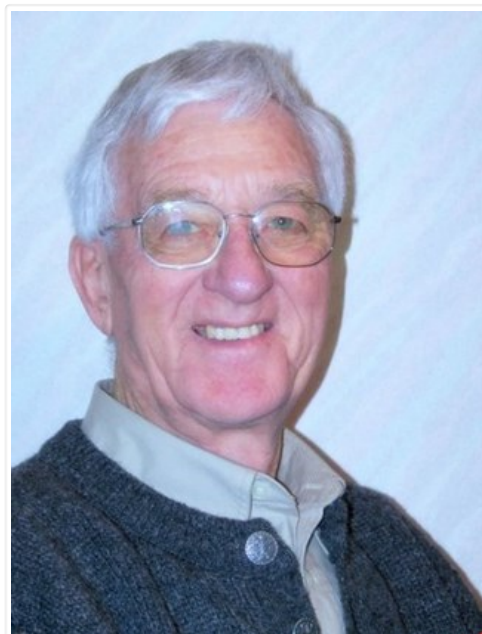
Transcript Available: None

Media Type: Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Ron Smitherman by Eric Damer November 15, 2012 - Track 5

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory407>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Ron Smitherman's memories of construction regulations and public policies that made Burnaby unique. Ron discusses the impact of paved lanes and unusual lot widths.
Date Range:	1949-2010
Photo Info:	Ron Smitherman, [199-]. Item no. 549-065.
Length:	0:04:54
Subject:	Construction
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	November 15, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Ron Smitherman conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, November 15, 2012. Major theme discussed: building construction and development in Burnaby.
Biographical Notes:	Born in 1933 and raised in Vancouver, Ron Smitherman learned the construction trade from his father, upgrading his knowledge and skills as techniques and materials changed and improved. Ron built houses and commercial buildings in Burnaby and elsewhere during the nineteen-forties, fifties and sixties. In 1969 Ron and his family settled in Burnaby where he shifted his business to real estate.
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Total Length:	0:46:51
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Smitherman, Ron
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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Transcript Available:	None
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Ron Smitherman by Eric Damer November 15, 2012 - Track 6

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory408>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Ron Smitherman's memories of the construction of industrial areas in Burnaby. Ron discusses the progressive construction of industrial buildings and goes on to describe independent construction projects.
Date Range:	1970-2012
Photo Info:	Ron Smitherman, [199-]. Item no. 549-065.
Length:	0:07:50
Subject:	Construction
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	November 15, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Ron Smitherman conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, November 15, 2012. Major theme discussed: building construction and development in Burnaby.
Biographical Notes:	Born in 1933 and raised in Vancouver, Ron Smitherman learned the construction trade from his father, upgrading his knowledge and skills as techniques and materials changed and improved. Ron built houses and commercial buildings in Burnaby and elsewhere during the nineteen-forties, fifties and sixties. In 1969 Ron and his family settled in Burnaby where he shifted his business to real estate.
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Total Length:	0:46:51
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
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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.: MSS171-025_Track_6

Transcript Available: None

Media Type: Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

[Track six of recording of interview with Ron Smitherman](#)

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Interview with Jim and Linda Champion by Eric Damer October 21, 2012 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory316>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Jim Champion's memories of the help he received building a house for his family and the barn he built at the back for their horse. He describes household amenities of the time.
Date Range:	1951-1954
Length:	0:09:21
Subject:	Construction
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	October 21, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Jim Champion and his daughter Linda Champion conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, October 21, 2012. Major themes discussed are: raising a family in Burnaby as well as the experience of growing up in the area as it developed from farmland to suburbia.
Biographical Notes:	Although Jim Champion was born in Burnaby in 1924, he grew up and attended school in White Rock. After serving in the navy during the war, Jim Champion came back to Vancouver, met and married Ethel (Danielson) Champion and began working for the Vancouver Fire Department. Jim and Ethel Champion's eldest daughter, Linda Champion, was born in 1948. In 1949, the Champions bought 1.8 undeveloped acres on Gilpin Street and began to build. By the time their house was built, they had become a family of six, so Jim and Ethel worked to built a larger house adjacent to the first. The Champions had chickens and a horse as their neighbourhood changed from farmland to suburbia. Jim has retired from the Vancouver Fire Department and his daughter Linda Champion is currently a City of Burnaby employee.
Total Tracks:	4
Total Length:	0:41:09
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Champion, Jim Champion, Linda
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.:	MSS171-007_Track_2
Transcript Available:	None
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

[Track two of recording of interview with Jim and Linda Champion](#)

