



## Ada Smith and her friend

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto35455>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Date:	[1920] (date of original), copied 1986
Collection/Fonds:	<a href="#">Mayor's Office fonds</a>
Series:	Pioneer Tales files
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	204-313
Accession Number:	BHS988-3
Storage Location:	A/V Storage
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 12.7 x 17.8 cm print
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of (right) Ada Smith and an unidentified friend. Ada was the daughter of James Smith and Agnes Smith, and lived in one of the first homes built at 6186 Royal Oak Road. This photograph was probably taken in the back yard of the family home.
Names:	<a href="#">Smith, Ada</a>
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - Royal Oak Road</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - Royal Oak Avenue</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - 6186 Royal Oak Avenue</a>
Historic Neighbourhood:	<a href="#">Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)</a>
Planning Study Area:	<a href="#">Windsor Area</a>

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## James & Agnes Smith Residence

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/landmark601>

Repository:	<a href="#">Burnaby Heritage Planning</a>
Civic Address:	<a href="#">6186 Royal Oak Avenue</a>
Associated Dates:	1907
Description:	Residential building.

Heritage Value: During the Edwardian era, the western provinces were experiencing unprecedented population growth, and in response, in 1904 the Vancouver-based B.C. Mills, Timber and Trading Company patented a modular prefabricated building system that could be adapted to provide everything from modest one-room cottages to churches, schools and banks. Wall panels were assembled from the short mill ends of lumber and siding, until then just waste material that piled up in the millyard. These panels were bolted together on site, with the joints between the panels covered by distinctive vertical battens. Wall panels were assembled at the mill, pre-painted, and packaged with the other components and the instructions necessary to assemble the building. The disassembled building was then shipped to the waiting customer. As western settlements became established, labour and materials were more freely available and local construction companies could be more competitive in their costs. By 1910, this prefabricated system was rendered obsolete. The Smith Residence is a beautifully-preserved example of a B.C. Mills house, and is one of the models that featured a gambrel roof and a full open front verandah. This house was built by local contractor Mr. MacLean for James Smith, a ship's engineer on the Empress of Japan, and his wife, Agnes. Agnes Smith continued to live here after her husband's death and sold the house and property in the late 1920s with two of the acres being purchased by her daughter, Grace and husband Henry Pletcher to build a neighbouring house.

Locality: Central Park  
Historic Neighbourhood: [Central Park \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)  
Planning Study Area: [Oakalla Area](#)  
Area: 1147.85  
Contributing Resource: Building  
Ownership: Private  
Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 6186 Royal Oak Avenue](#)  
Street View URL: [Google Maps Street View](#)

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## James Smith house

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto34808>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Date:	[1907]
Collection/Fonds:	<a href="#">Grace Pletcher collection</a>
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	137-001
Accession Number:	BHS985-6
Storage Location:	A/V Storage
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 10.0 x 14.0 cm mounted on 17.7 x 22.cm cardboard
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Photograph of the exterior of the James Smith house, 6186 Royal Oak Avenue. A woman and two girls are seated on the porch stairs. The accession description states that the house is a B.C. Mills Prefab erected in 1907 by Mr. and Mrs. Smith.
Subjects:	<a href="#">Buildings - Residences - Houses</a>
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph Annotations on the back of the cardboard read, "With love from Agnes" and "Mrs H Rolfe / Charles Rd. / South Portland / Maine."
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - Royal Oak Road</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - Royal Oak Avenue</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - 6186 Royal Oak Avenue</a>
Historic Neighbourhood:	<a href="#">Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)</a>
Planning Study Area:	<a href="#">Windsor Area</a>

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## Smith family home

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto35452>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Date:	[1960] (date of original), copied 1986
Collection/Fonds:	<a href="#">Mayor's Office fonds</a>
Series:	Pioneer Tales files
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	204-310
Accession Number:	BHS988-3
Storage Location:	A/V Storage
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 12.7 x 17.8 cm print
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of the Smith family home at 6186 Royal Oak Road. Although this photograph was taken in the 1960s, this was one of the first houses built on Royal Oak, in 1907. This was the home of James Smith and his wife, Agnes Smith (nee Taylor). They had four children: Grace Smith (later Grace Pletcher), Bob Smith, Warden Smith, and Ada Smith. It was a BC Mill Timber and Trading Co. prefabricated house originally built in BC and shipped to this site.
Subjects:	<a href="#">Buildings - Residences - Houses</a>
Names:	<a href="#">British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading Company</a>
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - Royal Oak Road</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - Royal Oak Avenue</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - 6186 Royal Oak Avenue</a>
Historic Neighbourhood:	<a href="#">Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)</a>
Planning Study Area:	<a href="#">Windsor Area</a>

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