



Digney family fonds

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10597>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1934 and 1964] (date of originals), copied in 2016 and 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Fonds
Accession Code:	BV019.18
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	7 mp4 videos (approx. 3hr., 18 min.) : digital, 23 fps
Material Details:	Films were digitized in 2019 from original 8 mm format
Formats:	mp4
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Fonds consists of various short films created by Andy Digney and his son Ernest "Dig" Digney. Films include; a compilation of Burnaby content shot by Andy Digney and narrated by Lisa Codd (Curator of Burnaby Village Museum) along with a collection of six films shot on 8 mm film. Film content includes footage of members of the Digney family and friends in Burnaby; the Digney homes on Bonsor Avenue and Kaymar Drive; construction of the Digney Bowling Alley and the Simpsons-Sears building; Lawn bowling at Central Park as well as various family events, gatherings, vacations and trips. Films are arranged and described at item level.

History/Biography:

Andy Digney was born in London, England on July 27, 1886. His given names were Andrew Charles and in 1905, he immigrated with his elder brother to Raymore Saskatchewan and worked on a farm. In 1914, he met and married Alice Swan and in 1920 they had their one and only child, Ernest ('Dig'). The young family lived in Beatty Saskatchewan where they ran a small general store with a pool hall over the top. Andy sold the store and they moved to Carberry Manitoba where Andy worked selling lightening rods and hanging wallpaper. At this time he met and formed a partnership with someone who owned a hand cranked movie projector and in the evenings, he and his wife, traveled to church halls in neighbouring towns showing movies. Eventually, he purchased his own movie projector and opened a small theatre in Carberry. He worked odd jobs during the daytime and projected movies in his small theatre at night. Eventually he made enough money to move to Brandon, Manitoba where he purchased a restaurant which he turned into a theatre with living quarters above. Andy called the theatre 'The Oak' since the mighty oak was strong and stood forever. After starting the first Oak Theatre in Brandon, Manitoba when talking pictures came along, Andy Digney, his wife Alice and son Ernest ('Dig') moved to Burnaby in 1936 and chose the site of their new theatre and home at the corner of Kingsway and Marlborough. The Oak Theatre - which opened on August 4, 1937 - was hailed as an artistic masterpiece for its ultra modern white stucco exterior, floodlights and pink-and-green neon marquee. The interior featured a mirrored ceiling, fireplace, and aquarium and had a colour scheme of orchid, royal blue, silver and black. Andy was a very involved member of the Burnaby community becoming the founding president of the Lion's club and the chairman of the committee raising money for war bonds during World War II. In 1944, Andy suffered a severe heart attack, forcing him to retire, so in 1945 he sold the theatre to Odeon Theatres of Canada who continued to operate at this location until 1968 when competition forced its closure and demolition. Andy and his family relocated to a house at 2698 Bonsor Avenue (after 1959-6521 Bonsor Ave.) on 3/4 acres where he spent much of his time cultivating a lovely garden. In about 1946, Andy was approached by the B.C. Midget Auto Racing Association, who were looking for a good location to race the smaller, racing cars, popular at the time. Andy was interested and purchased 10 acres of property located near the corner of Irmin Street and MacPherson Avenue and built a race track. The Digney Speedway opened on July 8, 1948 with stands that had capacity of holding 4500 people. In 1949, when the popularity of midget racing declined, Digney started racing roadsters. However, he struggled to find local drivers, and it was expensive to bring in drivers from elsewhere. In 1951 Digney found a winner: jalopy racing. Local men would buy 1930s cars and strip them down, remove the glass, and weld the doors shut. By early 1952 over forty cars were showing up for jalopy races. By the early 1950s the Speedway was well established, with coverage in the sports pages and on radio. Andy's son Ernest Digney (also known as Dig) worked at the race track but moved away with his wife in 1951 to work in Seattle. Dig and his wife Joyce, along with their two young sons, Paul and Bruce returned to Burnaby in 1953 moving into a 550 square foot apartment located above the Digney Speedway restrooms. In 1954 Simpson Sears built a large store on Kingsway and their parking lot came up to the back garden of the family home on Bonsor Avenue. Andy thought of building small stores on his property but in the end decided to build a bowling alley, clearing out his beautiful garden. The Digney Bowl opened on August 19, 1955 and Andy Digney, his wife Alice, son 'Dig' and daughter in law Joyce all worked at both the Speedway and the Bowling Alley. In 1956 Andy decided to finally retire and sold the bowling alley and home to his son 'Dig' which he paid for over time. 'Dig' and his family moved into the house on Bonsor Avenue and ran the bowling alley until their son Bruce took over in 1980. Andy Digney died in England in 1964 while on his world tour. His wife Alice died on June 3, 1982 and their son, Ernest ('Dig') died November 27, 2009.

Notes:

Title based on contents of fonds

Subjects:

[Sports - Bowling](#)
[Sports - Badminton](#)
[Sports - Swimming](#)
[Construction](#)

Names: [Digney, Alice](#)
[Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney, Bruce](#)
[Digney, Dorothy](#)
[Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"](#)
[Digney, Paul](#)
[Digney, Joyce](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby](#)
[Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue](#)
[Burnaby - Kaymar Drive](#)



Digney film 1 - Christmas tree

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10619>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [1955] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.2

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (21 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment of a silver Christmas tree in a living room of Andy and Alice Digney's home on Kaymar Drive. Tree is spinning slowly on a stand.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Holidays - Christmas](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Kaymar Drive](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Christmas tree, \[1955\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 2 - Yard and back of house

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10636>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [between 1958 and 1964] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.3

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (33 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment of the back porch and yard of Alice and Andy Digney's home at 7749 Kaymur Drive in Burnaby.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)

Creator: Andy Digney

Names: [Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney, Alice](#)

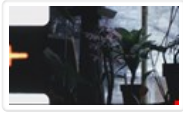
Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 7749 Kaymar Drive](#)

Historic Neighbourhood: [Alta Vista \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

Planning Study Area: [Suncrest Area](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Yard and back of house, \[between 1958 and 1964\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



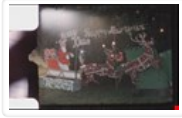
Digney film 2 - Plants in sunroom

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10641>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)
Date: [between 1958 and 1964] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)
Description Level: Item
Accession Code: BV019.18.3
Storage Location: Digital only
Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (1 min., 3 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type: Moving Images
Access Restriction: No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions
Scope and Content: Film segment of Andy Digney's plants in his sunroom/greenhouse at the rear of his house on Kaymar Drive.
Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)
Creator: Andy Digney
Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 7749 Kaymar Drive](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Plants in sunroom, \[between 1958 and 1964\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Outdoor Christmas display

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10592>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1954 and 1963] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.2
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (25 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of an outdoor Christmas display with a mechanical Santa, his sleigh and two reindeer with "Merry Xmas Happy New Year" in behind. Reindeer part of the display rotates on a motor. This could be in Burnaby outside of the Digney's home on Kaymar Drive. The wooden display was created by Andy Digney.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Holidays - Christmas
Names:	Digney, Andy
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Kaymar Drive

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Outdoor Christmas display, \[between 1954 and 1963\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Newlyweds

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10599>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[1958] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.2
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (25 sec.) : digital, 24 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of what appears to be newlyweds standing outside houses in an unidentified neighbourhood in Burnaby. The couple is unidentified. A group of unidentified men are looking on and standing near automobiles. Ernest "Dig" Digney can be seen in the foreground holding a camera.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Ceremonies - Weddings
Names:	Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"
Geographic Access:	Burnaby

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Newlyweds, \[1958\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Digney family in their yard

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10600>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1961 and 1962] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.2
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (54 sec.) : digital, 24 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of members of the Digney family sitting in lawn chairs outside in Alice and Andy Digney's backyard on Kaymar Drive. Joyce Digney and sons Paul and Drew are seated along with Sydney Swan, Connie Swan, Alice Digney and Andy Digney. There is a black dog which belonged to Alice and Andy Digney.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Names:	Digney, Andy Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig" Digney, Joyce Digney, Paul Digney, Bruce Digney, Alice Swan, Sydney Swan, Constance "Connie"
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Kaymar Drive

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Digney family in their yard, \[between 1961 and 1962\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Digney's at Brentwood mall

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10601>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [between 1961 and 1963] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.2

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (12 sec.) : digital, 24 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment of Andy Digney, Alice Digney and Joyce Digney walking along a sidewalk outside stores at Brentwood mall in Burnaby. The Brentwood Shopping Centre opened in August 1961.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Buildings - Commercial - Malls](#)

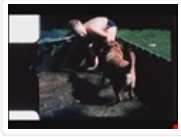
Names: [Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney, Alice](#)
[Digney, Joyce](#)
[Brentwood Shopping Centre](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 4567 Lougheed Highway](#)
[Burnaby - Lougheed Highway](#)

Planning Study Area: [Brentwood Area](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Digney's at Brentwood mall, \[between 1961 and 1963\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Bruce Digney and Tawny

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10614>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [between 1958 and 1959] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.2

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (1 min., 13 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment of Bruce Digney playing with family dog named Tawny in a pool of water in the front yard of Digney home located at 6521 Bonsor Avenue. Bruce Digney is using a hose to spray water on the dog.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Animals - Dogs](#)
[Sports - Swimming](#)

Names: [Digney, Bruce](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue](#)

Historic Neighbourhood: [Central Park \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

Planning Study Area: [Maywood Area](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Bruce Digney and Tawny, \[between 1958 and 1959\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Playing badminton

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10615>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[1960] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.2
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (53 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment taken from the front yard of Digney home at 6521 Bonsor Street. Joyce Digney is in the front yard playing badminton with her son Bruce while son Paul Digney is holding a hose and filling a pool in the driveway. Bonsor Park can be seen across the road along with houses.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Sports - Badminton
Names:	Digney, Bruce Digney, Paul Digney, Joyce Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue Burnaby - Bonsor Avenue
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Playing badminton, \[1960\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Playing with Tawny

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10616>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [1960] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.2

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (1 min., 22 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment taken from the front yard of Digney home at 6521 Bonsor Street. The Digney family dog named Tawny is playing with a sprinkler in the yard, barking at the camera man who is probably Dig Digney. Film continues with Joyce Digney throwing a piece of wood for the dog while Bruce Digney looks on.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Animals - Dogs](#)

Names: [Digney, Bruce](#)
[Digney, Joyce](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue](#)
[Burnaby - Bonsor Avenue](#)

Historic Neighbourhood: [Central Park \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

Planning Study Area: [Maywood Area](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Playing with Tawny, \[1960\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Digney family Christmas

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10618>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [1955] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.2

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (41 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment of Digney family gathered in the basement of Andy and Alice Digney's home on Kaymar Drive for Christmas dinner. Family members are identified as: Andy Digney, Alice Digney, Joyce Digney, Sydney Swan, Connie Swan, Bruce Digney, Paul Digney, Mel and June Arthur.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)

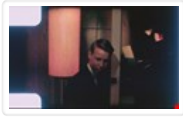
Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Holidays - Christmas](#)

Names: [Digney, Alice](#)
[Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney, Bruce](#)
[Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"](#)
[Digney, Joyce](#)
[Digney, Paul](#)
[Arthur, Malcolm "Mel"](#)
[Arthur, June](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Digney family Christmas, \[1955\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Graduation party

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10625>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[1964] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.2
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (1 min., 28 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of a party in recognition of Paul Digney's high school graduation. The party takes place in the basement of the Digney family home at 6521 Bonsor Avenue. Several young people are seated on the outside of the room while people dance in the centre. People identified include; Paul Digney, Bruce Digney, Marjorie Sager (nee Peterson) and John Sager.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Recreational Activities - Dancing
Names:	Digney, Bruce Digney, Paul Sager, John Sager, Marjorie
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Graduation party, \[1964\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 1 - Yard on Bonsor Avenue

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10631>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[1965] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.2
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (2 min., 48 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of back yard of Digney home at 6521 Bonsor Avenue. The footage opens, looking northeast towards the remains of a concrete foundation from a neighbouring house and pans to the left over the roof of the Digney Bowling Alley towards the Sears building. The camera then pans to Bruce Digney at the front of the house and then in the backyard playing with their dog "Rex".
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)
Creator:	Ernest "Dig" Digney
Names:	Digney, Bruce
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Yard on Bonsor Avenue, \[1965\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 2 - Great Dane

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10632>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1955 and 1958] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.3
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (2 min., 2 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of Andy Digney's Great Dane playing in the yard of the Digney home at 6521 Bonsor Street. The elaborate dog house was built by Andy Digney.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Animals - Dogs
Names:	Digney, Andy
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Bonsor Avenue Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Great Dane, \[between 1955 and 1958\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



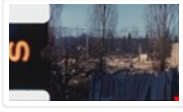
Digney film 2 - Five pin bowling

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10638>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[1955] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.3
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (7 min., 11 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Material Details:	Poor quality - dark
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film close up of five pin bowling at the Digney Bowling Alley at 6521 Bonsor Avenue in Burnaby. Footage cuts everytime pins are reset. The Digney Bowling Alley opened in 1955.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Sports - Bowling
Names:	Digney Bowling Alley
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Five pin bowling, \[1955\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



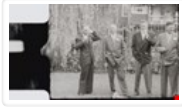
Digney film 2 - Construction of Simpsons-Sears

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10640>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[1954] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.3
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (5 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Short Film segment of a view from the Digney's backyard at 3698 Bonsor Avenue (address changed to 6521 Bonsor Ave. after 1958) of the construction of the Simpson-Sears building on Kingsway in Burnaby.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Buildings - Commercial - Malls
Names:	Simpson Sears
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Construction of Simpsons-Sears, \[1954\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



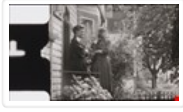
Digney film 2 - Garden wedding

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10642>

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Date:	[195_] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.3
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (1 min., 52 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, b&w, si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Film segment of a garden wedding of an unidentified couple at an unidentified location. Several men and women are standing around with glasses to watch the ceremony and toast the bride and groom. Alice Digney and Sydney and Connie Swan are identified as guests.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Ceremonies - Weddings
Names:	Swan, Sydney Swan, Constance "Connie" Digney, Alice

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Garden wedding, \[195_\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 2 - Garden wedding

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10643>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [195_] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.3

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (3 min., 49 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, b&w, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment of a garden wedding of an unidentified couple at an unidentified location. Several guests are gathered together outside to watch the ceremony. Alice Digney (blue suit with pink hat) and Sydney and Connie Swan are identified as guests.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)

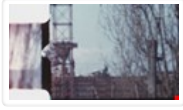
Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Ceremonies - Weddings](#)

Names: [Swan, Sydney](#)
[Swan, Constance "Connie"](#)
[Digney, Alice](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Garden wedding, \[195_\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 2 - Construction of Simpsons-Sears building

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10644>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[1954] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.3
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (1 min., 30 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment documenting the construction of the Simpsons-Sears building located at 3660 Kingsway in Burnaby (address changed to 4750 Kingsway after 1958). The film footage is shot by Andy Digney from his backyard at 2698 Bonsor Avenue (address changed to 6521 Bonsor Avenue after 1958).
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Buildings - Commercial - Malls Buildings - Commercial - Stores
Names:	Simpson Sears
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue Burnaby - 4750 Kingsway
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Construction of Simpsons-Sears building, \[1954\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)




Digney film 2 - Gathering at Alice and Andy Digney's

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10647>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1960 and 1964] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.3
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (2 min., 3 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment documenting family and friends gathering in the living room of Alice and Andy Digney's home at 7749 Kaymar Drive in Burnaby. People identified include; June and Mel Arthur, Sydney Swan and Alice and Andy Digney.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.3)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Names:	Digney, Alice Digney, Andy Swan, Sydney Arthur, Malcolm "Mel" Arthur, June
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 7749 Kaymar Drive
Historic Neighbourhood:	Alta Vista (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Suncrest Area

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 2 - Gathering at Alice and Andy Digney's, \[between 1960 and 1964\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney Film 3 - Inside Digney Bowling Alley

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10650>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [1955] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.4

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (48 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment documenting the inside of the Digney Bowling Alley. Views of kitchen and counter staff working and serving customers who are gathered at the bar. The camera pans back outside and shows buses parked outside from "Channel / Chan TV. 8". Sign on roof of building reads: "BOWL" and "DIGNEY" sign hangs vertically out front.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.4)
Film segment may have been taken on the same day as BV019.18.4.2

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Buildings - Recreational - Bowling Alleys](#)
[Sports - Bowling](#)

Names: [Digney Bowling Alley](#)

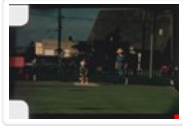
Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue](#)

Historic Neighbourhood: [Central Park \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

Planning Study Area: [Maywood Area](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney Film 3 - Inside Digney Bowling Alley, \[1955\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney Film 4 - Lawn bowling at Central Park

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10658>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[196_] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.5
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (2 min., 9 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of unidentified women and men lawn bowling at Central Park in Burnaby. Buildings along Kingsway and Boundary Road are visible in the background.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.5)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Sports - Lawn Bowling
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Central Park Burnaby - Boundary Road Burnaby - Kingsway
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)

Video Tracks

 [Digney Film 4 - Lawn bowling at Central Park, \[196_\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney Film 4 - Lawn bowling at Central Park

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10659>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[196_] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.5
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (3 min., 22 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Film segment of women and men lawn bowling at Central Park in Burnaby. Buildings along Kingsway and Boundary Road are visible in the background. Sydney Swan (wearing glasses and vest) is identified as one of the bowlers.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.5)
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Sports - Lawn Bowling
Names:	Swan, Sydney
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Central Park Burnaby - Boundary Road Burnaby - Kingsway
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)

Video Tracks

 [Digney Film 4 - Lawn bowling at Central Park, \[196_\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney film 6 - Digney family travels

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10675>

Repository: Burnaby Village Museum

Date: [between 1950 and 1964] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.7

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video (35 min., 8 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., b&w, si.

Material Details: Film segments in colour and black and white

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Item consists of a film compilation created by Andy Digney and his son Ernest "Dig" Digney. The film footage is a combination of twenty four short segments taken at different times in various locations. The film footage documents the Digney family travels to Arizona, San Diego and the United Kingdom.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film

Creator: Andy Digney

Geographic Access: [United States of America - California](#)
[United States of America - Arizona](#)
[United Kingdom](#)



Digney film 1 - Digney family in Burnaby, Okanagan, Vancouver, Victoria, California and Seattle

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10593>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [between 1954 and 1964] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.2

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (23 min., 34 sec.) : digital, 16 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: May be restricted by third party rights

Scope and Content: Item consists of a film compilation created by Andy Digney and his son Ernest "Dig" Digney. The film footage is a combination of twenty eight short segments taken at different times in various locations. The film footage documents family events, gatherings and vacations. The film opens with an outdoor Christmas display and is followed by several other film segments taking place in Burnaby at 7749 Kaymur Drive; 6521 Bonsor Street and Brentwood Mall as well as Okanagan Lake Resort; California; Seattle; Vancouver and Victoria.

Notes: Title based on contents of film
Digitized film is a copy from original 8 mm film
Twelve Film segments from this compilation with Burnaby content are described at item level and available for viewing on Heritage Burnaby: BV019.18.2.1; BV019.18.2.2; BV019.18.2.3; BV019.18.2.4; BV019.18.2.6; BV019.18.2.11; BV019.18.2.12; BV019.18.2.13; BV019.18.2.15; BV019.18.2.16; BV019.18.2.22; BV019.18.2.28
Contact Burnaby Village Museum to view entire content

Creator: Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"
Digney, Andy

Subjects: [Holidays - Christmas](#)

Names: [Digney, Andy](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Bonsor Avenue](#)



Digney film 2 - Family in Burnaby, Construction of Sears building and wedding

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10598>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [between 1934 and 1964] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.3

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video (26 min., 51 sec.) : digital, 16 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film created by Andy Digney and his son Ernest "Dig" Digney. The film opens with scenes of different dogs playing outside; exterior of Andy and Alice Digney's house on Kaymar Drive; interior of the Digney bowling alley with pins being reset; interior of Andy Digney's greenhouse at his house on Kaymar Drive; construction of the Sears building in [1954] behind Digney home at 3698 Bonsor Street; unidentified outdoor wedding attended by the Digney's and Swans; Campbell family gathering in Victoria; gathering of friends and family inside Alice and Andy Digney's home on Kaymar Drive before they leave for their World tour in 1964.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Digitized film is a copy from original 8 mm film
Nine Film segments from this compilation are described at item level and available for viewing on Heritage Burnaby: BV019.18.3.1; BV019.18.3.5; BV019.18.3.9 to BV019.3.13 and BV019.18.3.16
Contact Burnaby Village Museum to view entire content

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Sports - Bowling](#)
[Buildings - Commercial - Stores](#)
[Buildings - Recreational - Bowling Alleys](#)

Names: [Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Bonsor Avenue](#)
[Burnaby - Kaymar Drive](#)



Digney film 1 - Digney's on board a ship

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10603>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [1964] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.2

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (1 min., 26 sec.) : digital, 24 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment of the Digney family, friends and relations on board a passenger freighter. They are gathered to toast and send off Andy Digney who is heading off on his world wide trip. Family members are identified as: Andy Digney, Andy's wife Alice Digney (nee Swan), their son Ernest Digney (Dig), Dig's wife, Joyce Digney (in pink), Dig and Joyce's sons Paul and Bruce Digney and Sydney "Sid" Swan. Friends are identified as; Malcolm "Mel" and June Arthur with their two young daughters.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.2)

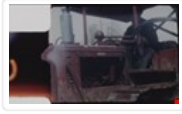
Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Transportation - Ships](#)

Names: [Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney, Joyce](#)
[Digney, Paul](#)
[Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"](#)
[Digney, Bruce](#)
[Digney, Alice](#)
[Swan, Sydney](#)
[Arthur, Malcolm "Mel"](#)
[Arthur, June](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney film 1 - Digney's on board a ship, \[1964\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney Film 3 - Construction of Digney Bowling Alley

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10648>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: 1955 (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.4

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (8 min., 40 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment documenting the construction of the Digney Bowling Alley in Burnaby. The bowling alley was built on the west side of the Digney family home located at 2698 Bonsor Avenue (address became 6521 Bonsor Avenue after 1958). The film documents Ozzie Cavello using his bulldozer to clear the land followed by construction workers laying cinder block walls, a large crane helping to lay steel girders and lumber for the roof. The opening footage is taken from the parking lot of the Simpson Sears store on Kingsway. The Film segment closes with large flower arrangements gathered around the entrance of the Digney Bowling Alley in honour of the grand opening with Andy Digney and his brother in law Sydney Swan at the entrance.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.4)

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Buildings - Recreational - Bowling Alleys](#)
[Sports - Bowling](#)

Names: [Digney, Andy](#)
[Swan, Sydney](#)
[Digney Bowling Alley](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue](#)

Historic Neighbourhood: [Central Park \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

Planning Study Area: [Maywood Area](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney Film 3 - Construction of Digney Bowling Alley, 1955 \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney Film 3 - Tournament at Digney Bowling Alley

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10649>

Repository: [Burnaby Village Museum](#)

Date: [1955] (date of original), copied 2019

Collection/Fonds: [Digney family fonds](#)

Description Level: Item

Accession Code: BV019.18.4

Storage Location: Digital only

Physical Description: 1 mp4 video file (3 min., 12 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.

Media Type: Moving Images

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: No known restrictions

Scope and Content: Film segment documenting a bowling tournament at the Digney Bowling Alley at 2698 Bonsor Avenue (address became 6521 Bonsor Avenue after 1958). Two male and female pairs appear to be competing against each other and a camera man and camera from Channel 8 - Chan TV are filming the event. One of the couples are wearing shirts with "Digney Bowl" printed on the back. Ernest "Dig" Digney assists in handing out awards at the end. Joyce Digney is identified working in the kitchen. The camera pans outside where there are two "Channel 8 - Chan TV" buses parked in the parking lot of the Digney Bowl.

Notes: Title based on contents of film segment
Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.4)
Film segment may have been taken on the same day as BV019.18.4.3

Creator: Andy Digney

Subjects: [Buildings - Recreational - Bowling Alleys](#)
[Sports - Bowling](#)

Names: [Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig"](#)
[Digney Bowling Alley](#)
[Digney, Joyce](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue](#)

Historic Neighbourhood: [Central Park \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

Planning Study Area: [Maywood Area](#)

Video Tracks

 [Digney Film 3 - Tournament at Digney Bowling Alley, \[1955\] \(date of original\), copied 2019](#)



Digney Film 5 - Okanagan, Mattick's Farm and ocean voyage

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10661>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[196_] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.6
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video (54 min., 1 sec.) : digital, 16 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Item consists of a film compilation created by Andy Digney and his son Ernest "Dig" Digney. The film footage is a combination of sixteen short segments taken at different times in various locations. The Film segments document the Digney family at their cottage on Okanagan Lake; a visit to Mattick's Farm and miniature railway in Victoria and parts of Andy Digney's ocean voyage on a passenger freighter where he travels to parts of Asia.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film
Creator:	Andy Digney Ernest "Dig" Digney
Subjects:	Geographic Features - Lakes and Ponds Transportation - Ships
Names:	Digney, Joyce Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig" Digney, Paul Digney, Bruce Digney, Drew Digney, Andy
Geographic Access:	British Columbia - Okanagan Southeast Asia East Asia British Columbia - Victoria



Digney Film 3 - Construction and opening of Digney bowling Alley, visit to Stanley Park and summer vacations

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10678>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1955 and 197_] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.4
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video (20 min., 30 sec.) : digital, 16 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Item consists of a film compilation created by Andy Digney and his son Ernest "Dig" Digney. Film compilation documents the construction, opening and a tournament of the Digney Bowling Alley located at 6521 Bonsor Avenue in Burnaby along with family outings at Stanley Park and vacations at Birch Bay and Okanagan Lake.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film compilation Three Film segments from this compilation are described at item level and available for viewing on Heritage Burnaby: BV019.18.4.1; BV019.18.4.2; BV019.4.3 Contact Burnaby Village Museum to view entire content
Creator:	Andy Digney
Subjects:	Buildings - Recreational - Bowling Alleys Sports - Bowling
Names:	Digney, Andy Swan, Sydney Digney Bowling Alley Digney, Drew Digney, Joyce Digney, Bruce Digney, Paul
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue British Columbia - Okanagan United States of America - Washington State
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area



Digney Film 4 - Seattle World Fair, Lawn Bowling and visit to Stanley Park Zoo

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10679>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1962 and 1967] (date of original), copied 2019
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.5
Storage Location:	Digital only
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video (27 min., 15 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., si.
Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Item consists of a film compilation created by Ernest "Dig" Digney. The film footage is a combination of eight short segments taken at different times in various locations. The film footage documents Joyce, Ernest "Dig", Paul and Bruce Digney's visit to the Seattle World Fair in 1962 as well as lawn bowling at Stanley Park and Central Park in Burnaby and a visit to the Stanley Park zoo.
Notes:	Title based on contents of film segment Film segment originates from digitized version of original 8 mm film (See BV019.18.5) Two Film segments from this compilation are described at item level and available for viewing on Heritage Burnaby: BV019.18.5.4 and BV019.18.5.7 Contact Burnaby Village Museum to view entire content
Creator:	Ernest "Dig" Digney
Subjects:	Sports - Lawn Bowling Exhibitions - Fairs Menageries - Zoos
Names:	Digney, Paul Digney, Joyce Digney, Ernest Frank "Dig" Digney, Bruce Central Park Lawn Bowling Club Swan, Sydney
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Central Park Burnaby - Boundary Road Burnaby - Kingsway British Columbia - Vancouver - Stanley Park
Historic Neighbourhood:	Central Park (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Maywood Area



Through the Lens of Andy Digney

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/museumvideo10099>

Repository:	Burnaby Village Museum
Date:	[between 1934 and 1964] (date of original film), edited and narrated in 2016
Collection/Fonds:	Digney family fonds
Description Level:	Item
Accession Code:	BV019.18.1
Physical Description:	1 mp4 video file (12 min., 17 sec.) : digital, 23 fps, col., sd., stereo
Material Details:	278 MB

Media Type:	Moving Images
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	No known restrictions
Scope and Content:	Burnaby resident Andy Digney captured footage of Burnaby and beyond from 1934 to 1964. This short, narrated film features a compilation of the Digney footage created and narrated by the Burnaby Village Museum. Highlights include the construction of the Oak Theatre, a Depression-era May Day workers' parade, and visits to locations throughout the Lower Mainland, including Grouse Mountain, Burnaby's Central Park, and the Capilano Suspension Bridge.
History/Biography:	<p>Andy Digney was born in London, England on July 27, 1886. His given names were Andrew Charles and in 1905, he immigrated with his elder brother to Raymore Saskatchewan and worked on a farm. In 1914, he met and married Alice Swan and in 1920 they had their one and only child, Ernest ('Dig'). The young family lived in Beatty Saskatchewan where they ran a small general store with a pool hall over the top. Andy sold the store and they moved to Carberry Manitoba where Andy worked selling lightening rods and hanging wallpaper. At this time he met and formed a partnership with someone who owned a hand cranked movie projector and in the evenings, he and his wife, traveled to church halls in neighbouring towns showing movies. Eventually, he purchased his own movie projector and opened a small theatre in Carberry. He worked odd jobs during the daytime and projected movies in his small theatre at night. Eventually he made enough money to move to Brandon, Manitoba where he purchased a restaurant which he turned into a theatre with living quarters above. Andy called the theatre 'The Oak' since the mighty oak was strong and stood forever. After starting the first Oak Theatre in Brandon, Manitoba when talking pictures came along, Andy Digney, his wife Alice and son Ernest ('Dig') moved to Burnaby in 1935 and chose the site of their new theatre and home at the corner of Kingsway and Marlborough. The Oak Theatre - which opened on August 4, 1937 - was hailed as an artistic masterpiece for its ultra modern white stucco exterior, floodlights and pink-and-green neon marquee. The interior featured a mirrored ceiling, fireplace, and aquarium and had a colour scheme of orchid, royal blue, silver and black. Andy was a very involved member of the Burnaby community becoming the founding president of the Lion's club and the chairman of the committee raising money for war bonds during World War II. In 1944, Andy suffered a severe heart attack, forcing him to retire, so in 1945 he sold the theatre to Odeon Theatres of Canada who continued to operate at this location until 1968 when competition forced its closure and demolition. Andy and his family relocated to a home on Bonsor Avenue on 3/4 acres where he spent much of his time cultivating a lovely garden. In about 1946, Andy was approached by the B.C. Midget Auto Racing Association, who were looking for a good location to race the smaller, racing cars, popular at the time. Andy was interested and purchased 10 acres of property located near the corner of Irmin Street and MacPherson Avenue and built a race track. The Digney Speedway opened on July 8, 1948 with stands that had capacity of holding 4500 people. In 1949, when the popularity of midget racing declined, Digney started racing roadsters. However, he struggled to find local drivers, and it was expensive to bring in drivers from elsewhere. In 1951 Digney found a winner: jalopy racing. Local men would buy 1930s cars and strip them down, remove the glass, and weld the doors shut. By early 1952 over forty cars were showing up for jalopy races. By the early 1950s the Speedway was well established, with coverage in the sports pages and on radio. Andy's son Ernest Digney (also known as Dig) worked at the race track but moved away with his wife in 1951 to work in Seattle. Andy and his wife Joyce, along with their two young sons, Paul and Bruce returned to Burnaby in 1953 moving into a 550 square foot apartment located above the Digney Speedway restrooms. In 1954 Simpson Sears built a large store on Kingsway and their parking lot came up to the back garden of the family home on Bonsor Avenue. Andy thought of building small stores on his property but in the end decided to build a bowling alley, clearing out his beautiful garden. The Digney Bowl opened on August 19, 1955 and Andy Digney, his wife Alice, son 'Dig' and daughter in law Joyce all worked at both the Speedway and the bowling alley. In 1956 Andy decided to finally retire and sold the bowling alley and home to his son 'Dig' which he paid for over time. 'Dig' and his family moved into the house on Bonsor Avenue and ran the bowling alley until their son Bruce took over in 1980. Andy Digney died in 1964 while travelling with his wife in England. His wife Alice died on June 3, 1982 and their son, Ernest ('Dig') died November 27, 2009.</p>

Notes: Title based on contents
City of Burnaby Archives holds the original Digney film masters (562.003) that this narrated segment was disseminated from

Creator: Andy Digney

Names: [Digney, Andy](#)
[Digney Bowling Alley](#)
[Digney Speedway](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 6521 Bonsor Avenue](#)
[Burnaby - Kingsway](#)

Video Tracks

 [Through the Lens of Andy Digney, \[between 1934 and 1964\] \(date of original film\), edited and narrated in 2016](#)