



Interview with Judy Hagen by Eric Damer November 7, 2012 - Track 1

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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Judith "Judy" (Robins) Hagen's views on the neighbourhood of Dover Street in Burnaby. She begins by discussing how her family first arrived on Dover Street (when her father Jack Robins was only two years old) and continues their story through her childhood during the war years, including neighbours and neighbouring buildings.
Date Range:	1918-1948
Photo Info:	Judith "Judy" Robins (later Hagen) posing in a dance costume, 1949. Item no. 549-036.
Length:	0:09:53
Subject:	Geographic Features - Neighbourhoods
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Dover Street
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	November 7, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Judith "Judy" (Robins) Hagen conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, November 7, 2012. Major theme discussed: the neighbourhood of Dover Street.
Biographical Notes:	Judy Robins (later Hagen) was born in 1941 and grew up in South Burnaby. Her paternal grandfather, a master stone mason from Devon, moved to Vancouver in 1912 to find work before bringing over the rest of the family. He bought three lots in Burnaby and in 1918 moved his family to a small house on Dover Street (formerly Paul Street). Judy's father, Jack, married, bought one of his father's lots and built a new home for his family. Judy attended school and church nearby, took dance and piano lessons and participated actively in Girl Guides. After high school, she attended the University of British Columbia (UBC) and then Simon Fraser University (SFU), worked for a few years and then married in 1967 before moving to Courtenay, British Columbia.
Total Tracks:	7
Total Length:	1:09:51
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Hagen, Judith "Judy" Robins
Interview Location:	Nanaimo Museum on Vancouver Island
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.:	MSS171-011_Track_1
Transcript Available:	None
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Reidun Seim by Kathy Bossort January 13, 2016 - Track 5

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Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Reidun Seim talking about the families and the vineyard and apple orchard on Aubrey Street. She tells stories about picking wild blackberries near Aubrey and raspberries grown on her parent's farm, and about her mother's large garden and kale grown for chicken feed.

Date Range: 1930-1950

Length: 0:09:51

Subject: [Geographic Features - Neighbourhoods](#)
[Geographic Features - Gardens](#)
[Agriculture - Fruit and Berries](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 7300 Block Curtis Street](#)
[Burnaby - Aubrey Street](#)

Historic Neighbourhood: [Lochdale \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)

Planning Study Area: [Lochdale Area](#)

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: January 13, 2016

Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Reidun Seim conducted by Kathy Bossort. Reidun Seim was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about Reidun Seim's memories about her parent's farm on Curtis Street, events in her childhood, and the people who lived in or visited her neighborhood. She takes us on a tour of her neighborhood in the 1940s, telling us stories about families who lived on Curtis Street on and east of 7300 block, including people who lived on Burnaby Mountain in the old Hastings Grove subdivision above the end of municipal water service at Philips Avenue. She describes changes to Curtis Street, particularly after it provided access to Simon Fraser University in 1965. She also talks about her teaching career, and about how she values the green space and conservation area on Burnaby Mountain.
Biographical Notes:	Reidun Seim was born in 1931 in Vancouver B.C. to Sjur and Martine Seim. Sjur and Martine Seim emigrated to Canada from Norway in 1930, and after settling in Vancouver, moved to an acre of land and a new home at the base of Burnaby Mountain in 1932. Sjur attended UBC to learn about poultry farming and began his own chicken and egg business in 1935. The farm animals and large garden also contributed to the family's livelihood and self-sufficiency. The Curtis Street neighborhood was a lively place and extended well up Curtis Street on the west slope of Burnaby Mountain, where Reidun would babysit for families. Reidun attended Sperling Avenue Elementary School (Gr. 1-8), Burnaby North High School, and Vancouver Normal School for teacher training in 1950-1951. She began teaching primary grades in Port Coquitlam at James Park School. Most of her career was spent in North Delta, teaching at Kennedy and Annieville schools from 1954-1958, appointed Primary Consultant (1958-1960) and Primary Supervisor (1960-1985), before retiring in 1986. Reidun lived at home with her parents on Curtis Street, commuting to Delta, and continues to live in the original farmhouse.
Total Tracks:	14
Total Length:	2:35:58
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Seim, Reidun
Interview Location:	Burnaby City Hall in the Law Library
Interviewer Bio:	Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.
Collection/Fonds:	Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds
Series:	Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series
Item No.:	MSS196-017_Track_5
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

[Track five of interview with Reidun Seim](#)