



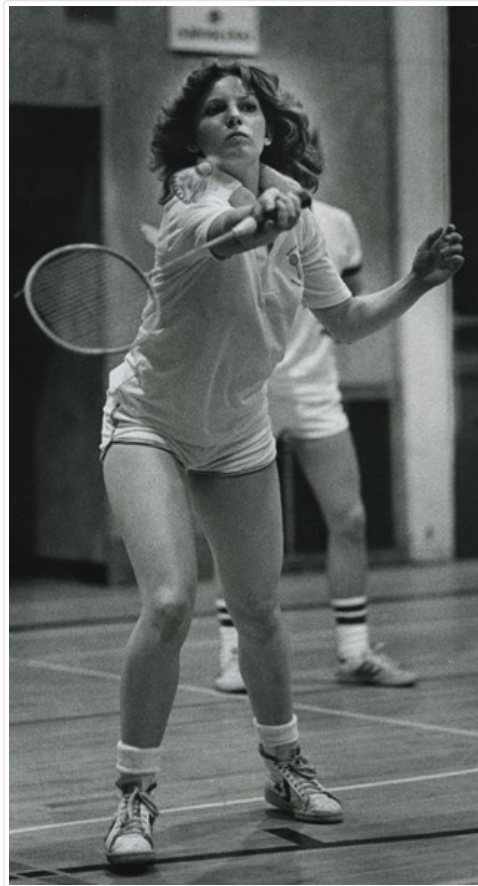
## Brenda Eraut

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45557>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)  
Date: [between 1979 and 1984]  
Collection/Fonds: [Columbian Newspaper collection](#)  
Description Level: Item  
Item No.: 480-451  
Accession Number: 2003-02  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 22.5 x 12 cm  
Media Type: Photograph  
Access Restriction: No restrictions  
Reproduction Restriction: May be restricted by third party rights  
Scope and Content: Photograph of Brenda Eraut playing a game of senior mixed doubles badminton.  
Photographer: [Battistoni, Peter](#)  
Subjects: [Sports - Badminton](#)  
Names: [Eraut, Brenda](#)  
Notes: Title based on contents of photograph  
Note on recto of photograph reads: "BRENDA ERAUT - SR. MIXED DOUBLES"

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## 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](#)



## Badminton player

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45552>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Date: November 12, 1980

Collection/Fonds: [Columbian Newspaper collection](#)

Description Level: Item

Item No.: 480-446

Accession Number: 2003-02

Physical Description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 22.5 x 11 cm

Media Type: Photograph

Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: May be restricted by third party rights

Scope and Content: Photograph of a badminton player. She is in the air, and swinging her racket.

Photographer: [Battistoni, Peter](#)  
Subjects: [Sports - Badminton](#)  
Notes: Title based on contents of photograph  
Note on verso of photograph reads: "Local Volleyball" but this is a photograph of a badminton player

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### Badminton player

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45553>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)  
Date: November 18, 1981  
Collection/Fonds: [Columbian Newspaper collection](#)  
Description Level: Item  
Item No.: 480-447  
Accession Number: 2003-02  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 2.5 x 9 cm  
Media Type: Photograph  
Access Restriction: No restrictions

Reproduction Restriction: May be restricted by third party rights

Scope and Content: Photograph of of a woman playing badminton.

Photographer: [Battistoni, Peter](#)

Subjects: [Sports - Badminton](#)

Notes: Title based on contents of photograph

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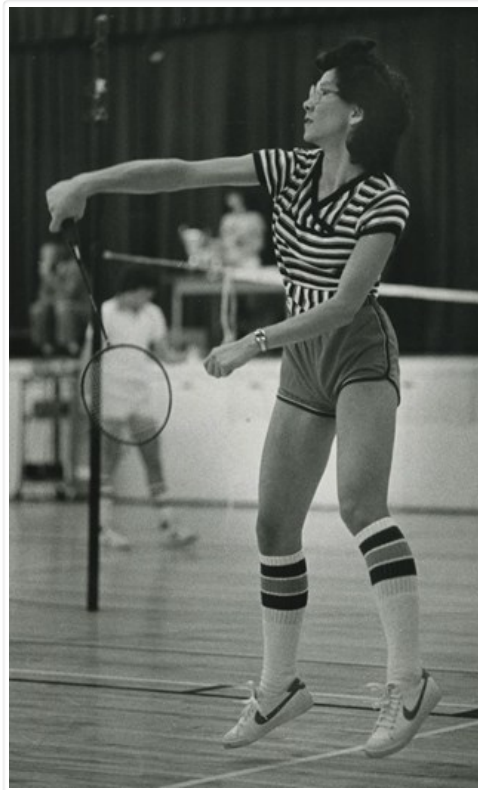
## Badminton player

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45555>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)  
Date: November 18, 1981  
Collection/Fonds: [Columbian Newspaper collection](#)  
Description Level: Item  
Item No.: 480-449  
Accession Number: 2003-02  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 22.5 x 13.5 cm  
Media Type: Photograph  
Access Restriction: No restrictions  
Reproduction Restriction: May be restricted by third party rights  
Scope and Content: Photograph of a woman playing badminton.  
Photographer: [Battistoni, Peter](#)  
Subjects: [Sports - Badminton](#)  
Notes: Title based on contents of photograph

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## Salna Mitha

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45550>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)



Date: November 1979  
Collection/Fonds: [Columbian Newspaper collection](#)  
Description Level: Item  
Item No.: 480-444  
Accession Number: 2003-02  
Physical Description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 23 7 14 cm  
Media Type: Photograph  
Access Restriction: No restrictions  
Reproduction Restriction: May be restricted by third party rights  
Scope and Content: Photograph of Salna Mitha, a Cariboo Hill Secondary School student playing badminton at Burnaby Central Secondary School.  
Photographer: [Battistoni, Peter](#)  
Subjects: [Sports - Badminton](#)  
Names: [Mitha, Salna](#)  
Notes: Title based on contents of photograph  
Geographic Access: [Burnaby - 4939 Canada Way](#)  
[Burnaby - Canada Way](#)  
[Burnaby Lake \(Historic Neighbourhood\)](#)  
Historic Neighbourhood:  
Planning Study Area: [Douglas-Gilpin Area](#)

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## Salna Mitha

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45558>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Date:	November 1979
Collection/Fonds:	<a href="#">Columbian Newspaper collection</a>
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	480-452
Accession Number:	2003-02
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 23 x 19 cm
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of Salna Mitha, a Cariboo Hill Secondary School student playing badminton at Burnaby Central Secondary School.
Photographer:	<a href="#">Battistoni, Peter</a>
Subjects:	<a href="#">Sports - Badminton</a>
Names:	<a href="#">Mitha, Salna</a>
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph Newspaper clipping attached to verso of photograph reads: "Salna Mitha of Cariboo Hill reaches high to return the bird during V and D action Tuesday afternoon at Central."
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - 4939 Canada Way</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - Canada Way</a>
Historic Neighbourhood:	<a href="#">Burnaby Lake (Historic Neighbourhood)</a>
Planning Study Area:	<a href="#">Douglas-Gilpin Area</a>

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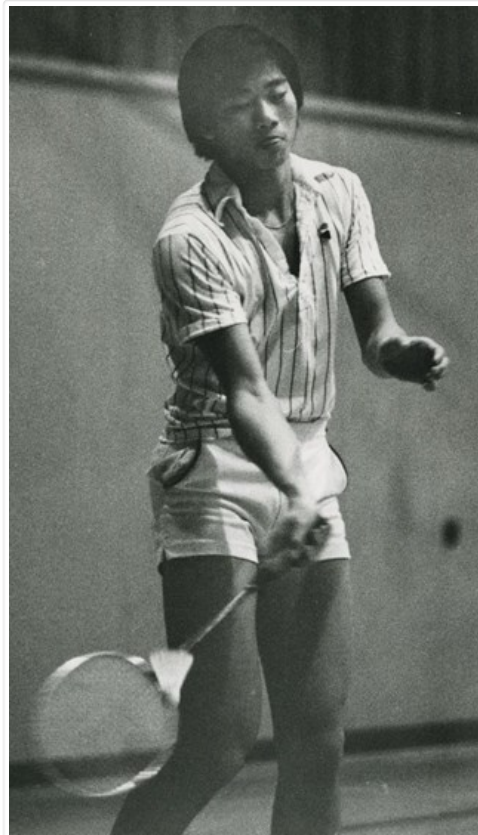
## Craig Shaum

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45551>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Date:	[between 1979 and 1984]
Collection/Fonds:	<a href="#">Columbian Newspaper collection</a>
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	480-445
Accession Number:	2003-02
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 24.5 x 14 cm
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of Craig Shaum playing badminton. He is swinging his racket under-handed.
Photographer:	<a href="#">Battistoni, Peter</a>
Subjects:	<a href="#">Sports - Badminton</a>
Names:	<a href="#">Shaum, Craig</a>
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph

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## Snezana Blaskovic

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45556>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Date:	January 25, 1984
Collection/Fonds:	Columbian Newspaper collection
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	480-450
Accession Number:	2003-02
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 18.5 x 18.5 cm
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of Snezana Blaskovic crouching low to return the birdie during a game of senior mixed doubles badminton.
Photographer:	<a href="#">Battistoni, Peter</a>
Subjects:	<a href="#">Sports - Badminton</a>
Names:	<a href="#">Blaskovic, Snezana</a>
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph Note on recto of photograph reads: "SNEZANA BLASCKOVIC - SR. MIXED DOUBLES"

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## Ying Chen and Snezana Blaskovic

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/archivephoto45554>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Date:	January 25, 1984
Collection/Fonds:	Columbian Newspaper collection
Description Level:	Item
Item No.:	480-448
Accession Number:	2003-02
Physical Description:	1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 16.5 cm
Media Type:	Photograph
Access Restriction:	No restrictions
Reproduction Restriction:	May be restricted by third party rights
Scope and Content:	Photograph of Ying Chen and Snezana Blaskovic readying themselves to return the birdie just shot by Ian Corder during a senior's mixed doubles badminton game.
Photographer:	<a href="#">Battistoni, Peter</a>
Subjects:	<a href="#">Sports - Badminton</a>
Names:	<a href="#">Blaskovic, Snezana</a> <a href="#">Chen, Ying</a> <a href="#">Corder, Ian</a>
Notes:	Title based on contents of photograph Note on recto of photograph reads: "YING CHEN & SNEZANA BLASKOVIA FACE RETURN FROM IAN CORDER - SR. MIXED DOUBLES"

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## 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:	<a href="#">Digney Family fonds</a>

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