



Interview with Hazel Simnett by Eric Damer October 27, 2012 - Track 1

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory399>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Hazel Simnett's early years. Hazel discusses her childhood, focusing mainly on her school days and her father's interest in politics. Leslie Rossa lends her support to the interview.
Date Range:	1922-1949
Photo Info:	Hazel Simnett standing in a garden, with a small dog in her arms [194-]. Item no. 549-063.
Length:	0:10:13
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	October 27, 2012
Scope and Content:	Recording is an interview with Hazel Simnett conducted by Burnaby Village Museum employee Eric Damer, October 27, 2012. Leslie Rossa lends her support to the interview. Major theme discussed: political activism in Burnaby.
Biographical Notes:	Hazel Simnett was born in Burnaby in 1922 and grew up looking up to her father Frederick Simnett who was very involved in labour and unions. A politically active citizen, Hazel Simnett has supported the Canadian Commonwealth Federation (CCF) and the New Democratic Party (NDP). She once ran as a New Democratic Party candidate for Burnaby City Council. In 2006, Hazel Simnett won the Burnaby Local Hero Award for her volunteer work at the New Vista Society where she served as chair for a number of years. She also served as a member of the Burnaby Historical Society and established the Hazel Simnett Endowment with the Burnaby Public Library to bring a collection of books on Canadian history and social issues.
Total Tracks:	4
Total Length:	0:36:12
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Simnett, Hazel
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.:	MSS171-024_Track_1
Transcript Available:	None
Media Type:	Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Hazel Simnett by Eric Damer October 27, 2012 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory400>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the recording pertains to Hazel Simnett's interest in politics. Hazel describes her father's friendship with Ernie Winch and her own feelings of respect for both Ernie and Harold Winch. As well, she describes the effect her support for the Canadian Commonwealth Federation (CCF) had on her life. Leslie Rossa lends her support to the interview.

Date Range: 1932-1942

Photo Info: Hazel Simnett standing in a garden, with a small dog in her arms [194-]. Item no. 549-063.

Length: 0:09:07

Interviewer: [Damer, Eric](#)

Interview Date: October 27, 2012

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Interviewee Name: [Simnett, Hazel](#)
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.: MSS171-024_Track_2
Transcript Available: None
Media Type: Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Hazel Simnett by Eric Damer October 27, 2012 - Track 3

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory401>



Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the recording pertains to Hazel Simnett's volunteerism and her political activism. Hazel discusses being an organizer for the Burnaby Citizen's Association (BCA) and an active supporter of the libraries in Burnaby. She also discusses what it was like to be a student in the elementary school classroom in the nineteen-thirties. Leslie Rossa lends her support to the interview.
Date Range:	1942-1975
Photo Info:	Hazel Simnett standing in a garden, with a small dog in her arms [194-]. Item no. 549-063.
Length:	0:08:03
Name:	Burnaby Citizen's Association
Subject:	Persons - Volunteers
Interviewer:	Damer, Eric
Interview Date:	October 27, 2012
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Interview Location:	Burnaby Village Museum
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Media Type:	Sound Recording

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Interview with Hazel Simnett by Eric Damer October 27, 2012 - Track 4

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory402>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the recording pertains to Hazel Simnett's memories of political as well as social events. Hazel discusses Tommy Douglas and the redrawing of electoral districts. She also tells a story of the Astoria Hotel's neon lights. Leslie Rossa lends her support to the interview.

Date Range: 2012

Photo Info: Hazel Simnett standing in a garden, with a small dog in her arms [194-]. Item no. 549-063.

Length: 0:08:48

Name: [Douglas, Tommy](#)

Subject: [Elections](#)

Interviewer: [Damer, Eric](#)

Interview Date: October 27, 2012

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