

PHYLLIS ROBERTS

Saanich Resident

Record ID: 2012-035

Roberts, Phyllis

Saanich recollections [sound recording] / by Phyllis Roberts; interviewed by Caroline Duncan

1 sound recording (56 min. 06 seconds) (wav, 580 MB) (mp3, 40 MB - copy)

Recording is part of the Saanich Archives collection of interviews.

Recorded on Edirol digital recorder, 2 Aug 2012, Saanich, B.C.

Biographical Information:

Phyllis Roberts (nee Mercer) was born on December 11, 1917. Her parents, Robert William Mercer (1892-1988) and Gertrude Marion Yarwood (1891-1975), had a small dairy business on Blenkinsop Road on land that Phyllis' grandfather, William Mercer, had purchased from Adam Glendinning in 1902. The house at 4366 Blenkinsop Road (on the Saanich Heritage Register) was built as a wedding gift from William Mercer to Robert & Gertrude Mercer in 1916. Phyllis has many happy memories of growing up in the house with her parents and younger sister, Muriel. As an adult, Phyllis was given a portion of the land on which to build her own house and in Aug 2012 was still residing there.

Topics include:

Blenkinsop Valley; Mercer family; 4366 Blenkinsop Road; dairy business; nursing profession; social attitudes; Cordova Bay holidays; Cedar Hill School.

Associated records:

Notes from initial meeting between Mrs Roberts and Caroline Duncan in April 2012.