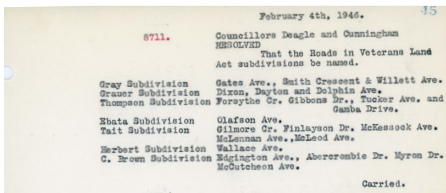


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Council Minutes February 4, 1946,  
Resolution 8711.



Page 1 of the *Marpole-Richmond Review*,  
May 24, 1956.

## Canada 150 Projects

The Friends of the Richmond Archives has been very fortunate to have received funding for two projects through the Richmond Canada 150 Community Celebration Grant Program: *What's in a Name? Name Origins Project*; and the *Richmond Review Newspaper Digitization Project Phase 1*. Both of these projects will be completed and online by the end of 2017.

### *What's in a Name? Name Origins Project*

Since the 1990s the Friends of the Richmond Archives have been compiling information on the soldiers who lost their lives in military service during World War I and World War II. The result of this work led to the publication "*We Will Remember Them: The Lives Behind the Richmond Cenotaph*" written by Mary Keen and published by the City of Richmond Archives in 1998.

Since 1998, research has continued on name origins. On April 25, 2016 Richmond City Council approved a project proposed by the Friends of the Richmond Archives, the Memorial Road Names Project, to mark those streets named after a fallen serviceman with a poppy.

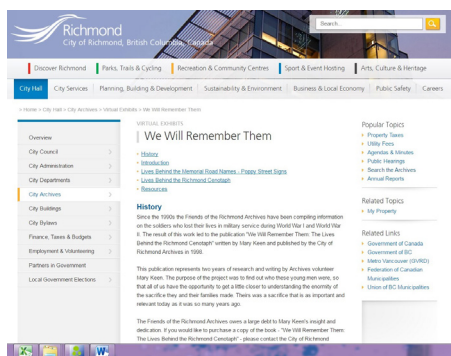
Now, we would like to go one step further. Over the years, the City of Richmond Archives has developed a Name Origins database which lists the name origins of streets, areas and landmarks in Richmond. To date, there are almost 500 entries in this database. We will soon be uploading our entire Name Origins database to the City of Richmond Archives website. This way, community members can access this information 24-7 and learn the history behind the names of streets, areas and landmarks in their community.

### *Richmond Review Newspaper Digitization Project Phase 1*

The *Richmond Review* began life in 1932. After a few issues published by founder Bill Carruthers, it was sold to Ethel Tibbits, who ran it until 1948. For much of its existence it was known as the *Marpole-Richmond Review*. By the 1970s it was BC's largest circulating biweekly. The last issue came out on July 24th, 2015. Over the years, through donations from the Legislative Library of BC, the Richmond Public Library and the *Richmond Review*, the City of Richmond Archives now has a complete run of the paper from 1932-2015 either in microfilm or hard-copy issues.

The *Richmond Review* is widely accessed by researchers as it is a detailed account of our community history, unparalleled by any other local historical collection. At the same time, the original newspapers are brittle and deteriorating daily. Every time they are handled decreases their life expectancy. It is urgent that they be digitized as soon as possible not only to increase accessibility but also for long-term preservation.

As this project is so large in scope, we are proposing to complete it in phases. Phase 1 of the *Richmond Review* Newspaper Digitization Project, will be the digitizing of 1/3 of the newspapers beginning with the oldest and most fragile issues.



Main page of the “We Will Remember Them” online exhibit.

## List of Donors of Community Records 2016

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## What’s in a Name – “We Will Remember Them” Online Exhibit

In response to overwhelming positive feedback regarding the Memorial Roads Poppy Signs, we have revamped an online exhibit “We Will Remember Them” which previously had featured five fallen servicemen listed on the Cenotaph—Private John James Watson Abercrombie, Private Robert Spratt Bowcock, Private Louis Pete Gamba, Private James Arthur Hayne and Pilot Officer Air Gunner Ian Thomas Myron. The updated online exhibit now features all 76 fallen servicemen listed on the Cenotaph plus an unidentified fallen serviceman with the surname Smith who is not on the Cenotaph but does have a road named after him.

You can now view all 77 biographies on the City of Richmond Archives website under the Virtual Exhibits tab: [www.city.richmond.bc.ca/cityhall/archives/exhibits/remember.htm](http://www.city.richmond.bc.ca/cityhall/archives/exhibits/remember.htm)

## Remembrance Day Exhibit

The Friends of the Richmond Archives were once again proud to have been invited to participate in this year’s Remembrance Day reception at City Hall. This year’s exhibit provided an update on the Memorial Roads project.

After the success of last year’s exhibit, in December 2015 the Friends of the Richmond Archives wrote to Richmond City Council asking it to consider supporting a project to create and install poppy signage for the memorial streets. Council referred the matter to staff, who presented a detailed response for Council’s consideration in April, 2016. At the Council meeting of April 26, 2016 Council members voted unanimously to implement the program that had been proposed.

The approval of the Poppy and Remembrance Committee of the Royal Canadian Legion, Ottawa, was also sought and obtained. This involved a

review of the service records of each of the servicemen with a road named after them.

By the end of November 2016, approximately 275 new poppy-adorned street signs were installed around the City of Richmond to commemorate 56 local soldiers who lost their lives in military service during World War I and II. Over time, a total of 61 Richmond streets have been named for these local soldiers who died in military service.

In January 2017, an online exhibit was created, “We Will Remember Them”, available on the City of Richmond Archives website, which describes this project in further detail, including a biography of each of the fallen servicemen ([www.richmond.ca/cityhall/archives/exhibits/remember.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/archives/exhibits/remember.htm)).



Friends of the Richmond Archives Remembrance Day exhibit at City Hall reception, 2016. Friends of the Richmond Archives President Barbara Williams, with Gilmore Elementary School student Graham Jiang, November 11, 2016.



Intersection of Fedoruk Road and Kartner Road, showing newly installed poppy signs. Photo by John Campbell, November 2016.

## Friends of the RICHMOND ARCHIVES

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Richmond Archives will be held Wednesday March 15 at 7:00 pm in the Archives Reference Room. This is the yearly business meeting at which the Friends elect a new Executive, report on financial matters, and set a budget for the coming year. Nominations will be welcomed in advance or from the floor.

The Friends would also like to remind members that the membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Those members who are in arrears are encouraged to send their annual dues (\$5 per person) to the Friends of the Richmond Archives, c/o City of Richmond Archives, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, B.C. V6Y 1R9. Phone 604-247-8305 or email [archives@richmond.ca](mailto:archives@richmond.ca) if you are unsure about your membership status.

### Donating to the Friends

The Friends of the Richmond Archives is a registered charity and welcomes donations to assist with its activities to support the City of Richmond Archives. A receipt for income tax purposes will be issued for donations over \$10.

In 2016, your donations helped support: the Records Legacy Bylaws Disbinding Project; the Community Exhibit program; the annual Archives Tea; the Social Media program; and the Digitization program.

### Volunteers of the Year

The City of Richmond Archives Volunteers of the Year for 2016 are Barbara Nielsen and Eunice Robinson. Barbara and Eunice spend hours at the Archives working on researching Sea Island's history and enhancing the City of Richmond Archives' records about the Island and its people. Barbara and Eunice are both on the Board of Directors of the Sea Island Heritage Society, and Eunice is the president. Eunice and Barbara have been volunteering with the City of Richmond Archives since 2014. Congratulations Barbara and Eunice on your well-deserved award, and thank you for your support and dedication.

Eunice (née Hamalock) Robinson grew up in the Cora Brown subdivision on Sea Island. In 1973, she became interested in family history, and by extension, local history. In 1978, she, along with several other former residents, organized the first Cora Brown Reunion. There have now been 12 reunions with the next one planned in 2018. Keeping in touch and reconnecting with friends and former neighbours, led to her interest in the history of Sea Island. In 1995, she met up with fellow Sea Island historian Doug Eastman, formerly of Burkeville, which led to the creation of the Sea Island Heritage Society. Now retired, she is able to devote more time to her family, family history research and to the Sea Island Heritage Society. In the past couple of years, Eunice and Barbara Nielsen have made Wednesday's their research day in the City of Richmond Archives, where they search through the City's records for information on Sea Island, and offer their family history expertise to the Archives. Eunice is also a member of the Friends of the Richmond Archives.

Barbara Nielsen was born in Vancouver as were her parents. When Barbara's father returned from World War II the family moved to Sea Island and lived in the Air Force barracks while their house in the Cora Brown subdivision was built. Barbara attended Sea Island Elementary School, Cambie Jr. High and then Richmond High School from which she graduated in 1961. This coincided with the expropriation of their home in the Cora Brown subdivision. The family then moved to West Vancouver where Barbara attended Grade 13. Barbara then went to business school and worked for a couple of years before travelling to Australia and New Zealand where she lived for two years. Barbara returned to Canada and lived in Edmonton and then Toronto where she met her husband. They eventually moved to North Delta and raised their children. Barbara became involved in genealogy about 16 years ago through her friend Eunice Robinson and a whole new episode in her life started. After her husband's death 14 years ago she threw herself into genealogy and eventually joined Eunice in the Sea Island Heritage Society. Barbara is Eunice's sidekick but her specialty is the pioneers of Sea Island. Barbara is working to create family trees for the pioneers.



Eunice Robinson (R), seen here receiving her award from Jennifer Yuhasz, Archivist (L), December 9, 2016. Missing from photo: Barbara Nielsen.



Barbara Nielsen (L) and Eunice Robinson (R) at the membership table, Archives Tea 2016, October 14, 2016.

## Friends of the Richmond Archives Annual Archives Tea

The annual Archives Tea was by all accounts another great success. This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our annual event. To mark this special occasion, the Friends of the Richmond Archives presented all attendees with a gift-bag of “Friends of the Richmond Archives 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea”, a unique tea blend made specially for the occasion, consisting of a mix of green and black tea complimented with jasmine and blueberry. Although the weather did not cooperate with us, 100 guests had the opportunity to discuss Richmond’s past, catch up with old friends, and enjoy delicious sandwiches and sweets. Mayor Malcolm Brodie addressed the crowd on behalf of the City.

Once again the Friends would like to thank the Board of the Minoru Seniors Society and the staff at the Minoru Place Activity Centre for their support and assistance.



Friends of the Richmond Archives Tea, 2016.

## Mystery Photo

If you know someone in this photo, please help out the City of Richmond Archives by contacting [archives@richmond.ca](mailto:archives@richmond.ca) or 604-247-8305. To find out who has been identified, please check on the Friends of the Richmond Archives’ Facebook page; it will also be published in the next *Archives News*.



One of Aida Knapp’s dance classes, [ca. 1955]. Aida Knapp School of Dance Collection.  
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