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INTRODUCTION

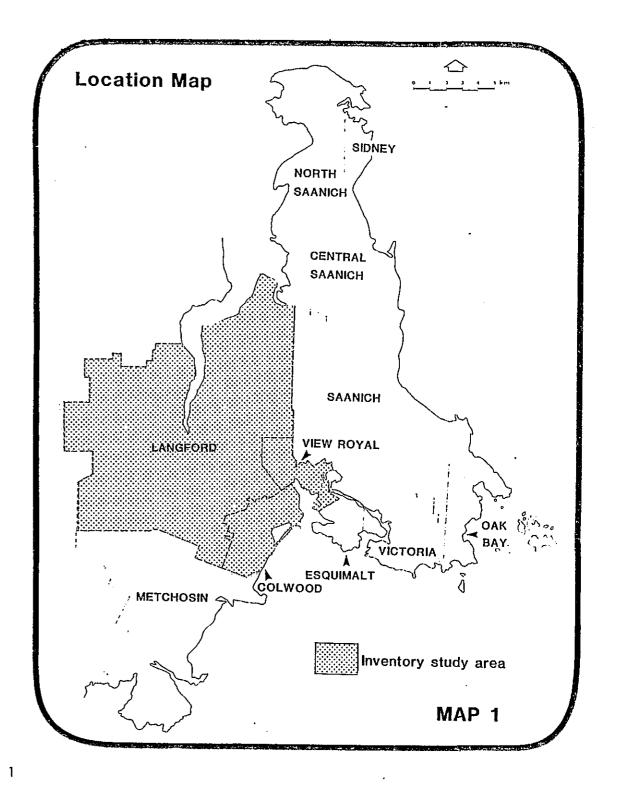
The Community Planning Division of the Capital Regional District was fortunate to have been selected as one of thirty-four out of a total of three hundred applicants for a grant under the Student Employment Programme of the B.C. Heritage Trust.

The Trust funded one student for a total of three months to conduct an inventory of possible heritage buildings in Colwood, Langford and View Royal. During the three months considerable work was done in Colwood and Langford and a start was made in View Royal. Regretfully, time and money constraints have prevented the completion of the View Royal inventory and the inclusion of Metchosin at this time.

The purpose of this publication is twofold. Firstly, to increase public awareness of the heritage resources in the community. Secondly, to encourage members of the community, who have any additional information and/or photographs to contact the Community Planning Division (Maureen Whitfield) at 388-4421, local 312, as it is recognized that the information contained herein is incomplete.

The Community Planning Division wishes to thank all those people who have already contributed to and supported this project.

J.G. Masterton, Manager, Electoral Areas Services Department, Capital Regional District.

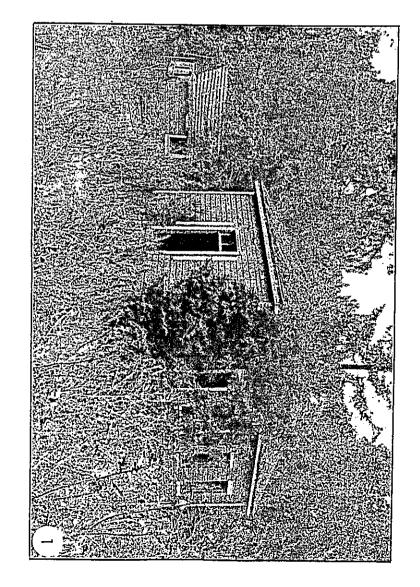


HIGHLANDS

. HIGHLANDS SCHOOL MILLSTREAM ROAD NEAR FINLAYSON ARM ROAD JUNCTION

Gregory's children. Just before the outbreak of WorWar I, as many as 38 children were in attendance at This one room schoolhouse was built in 1893. It served eight grades until 1940, when it was closed who had a cabin near the Gregory farm on Munns Road. was Mr. Like, who lived in the building next to the the Highlands School. Mrs. Canfield remembers going to school with Frank school. area resident and granddaughter of pioneer Caleb Pike, original interior finish. recalls attending Highlands School. for lack of students. frame with a shake roof. residence adjacent are of similar construction, wood The school superintendent was George Bernard, Just before the outbreak of World The schoolhouse and teacher's Mrs. Canfield, a long-time and plaster was the Her Schoolmaster

Information Sources: Stranix, Dorothy NOTES AND QUOTES 1967, p. 89.
Former area resident Mrs. Margaret Canfield

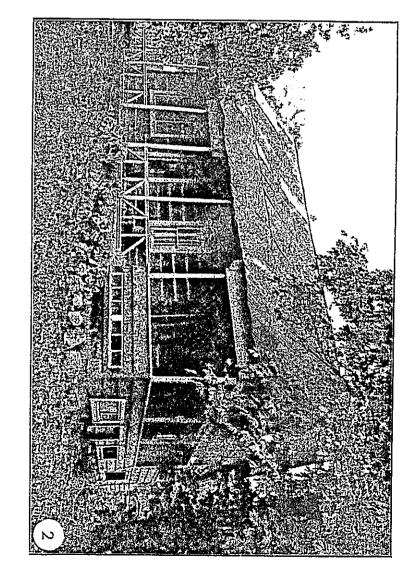


CALEB PIKE HOMESTEAD MILLSTREAM ROAD

Remnants of the legacy of the Caleb Pike property are located near the end of Millstream Road in the Highlands. Caleb Pike built his first cabin here in 1861, after sailing to Canada from England on the HMS Morrison. The cabin is now dismantled, but was built of rough-hewn logs and papered inside with scraps of English and Chinese newspapers. Longtime area resident Mrs. Margaret Canfield is a grand-daughter of Caleb Pike, and shared her memories for the inventory report:

"Grandfather used to buy a place, do just so much to it (fixing it up) and then sell it". The farm property was originally 286 acres, and was bought by William Wale in 1872. By Mrs. Canfield's recollection, the residence that remains today is the third house built on the Pike property. A second house in which Mrs. Canfield was born served as a chicken house and horse stable in later years. It is now gone. The pictured homestead is constructed of squared timbers with dovetail notching at the joints. A corrugated metal roof has replaced the original shakes. Caleb Pike and his wife are buried in Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria.

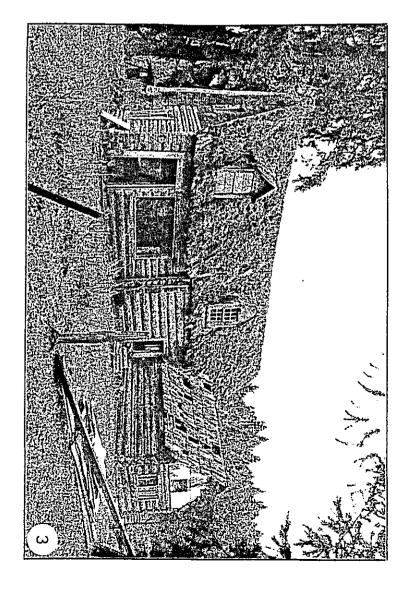
Information Sources: Former area resident Mrs. Canfield
GOLDSTREAM GAZETTE April 29, 1981
Stranix, Dorothy NOTES AND QUOTES 1967 p.76



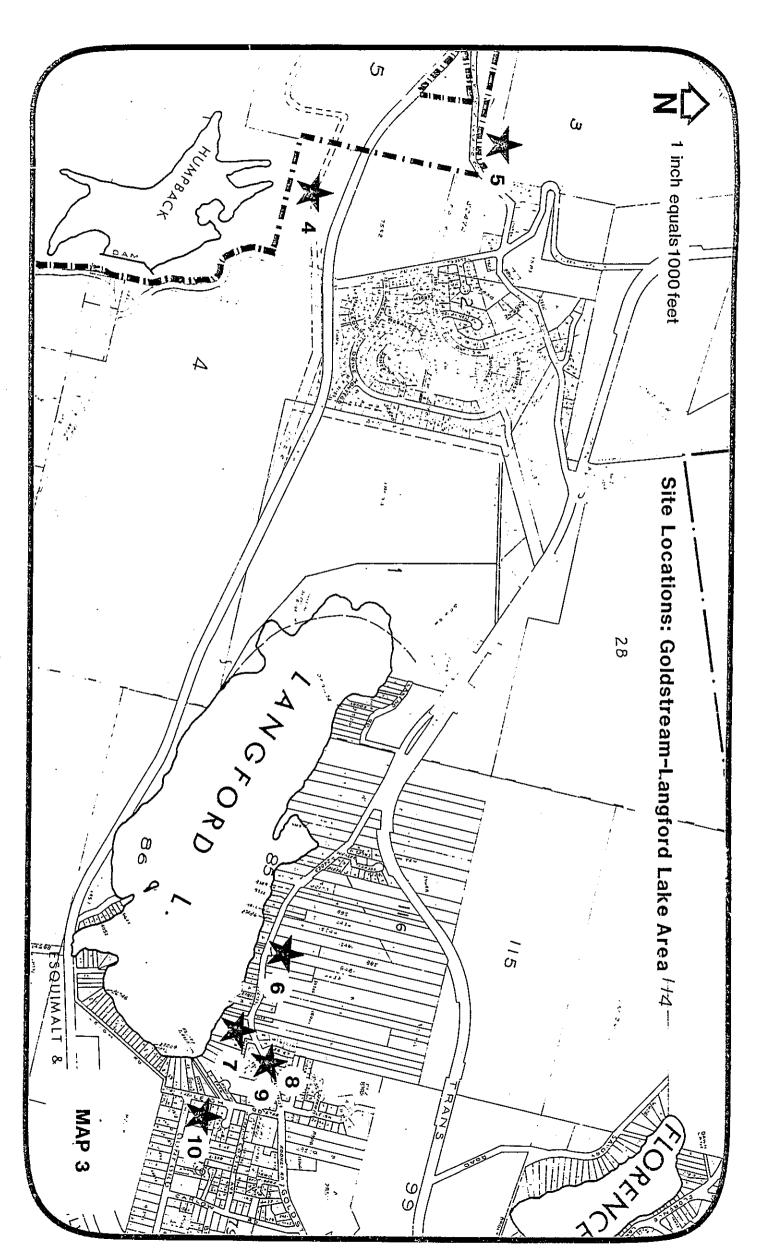
3 GREGORY RESIDENCE AT MUNNS ROAD FARM

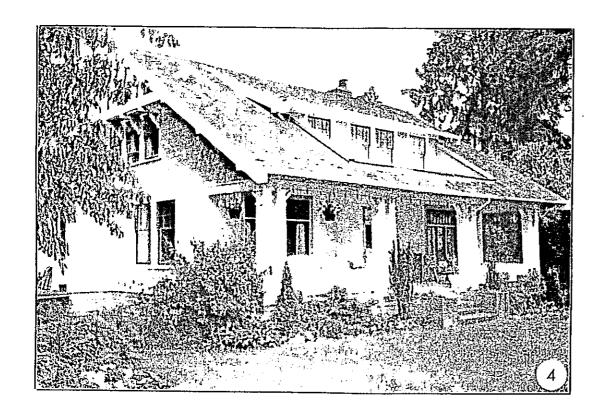
This log cabin was built in 1892 by Frank Gregory and located on Munns Road near Fizzle Lake in the Highlands. Rooms were added to the building by Gregory as his family grew. A corrugated metal roof was recently added in place of the original shakes to help prevent further deterioration of the structure. The steep pitch of the roof may have been built with heavy snowfalls in mind.

Information Source: Stranix, Dorothy NOTES AND QUOTES 1967 p.88



GOLDSTREAM-LANGFORD LAKE AREA





4 1551 SAWYER ROAD

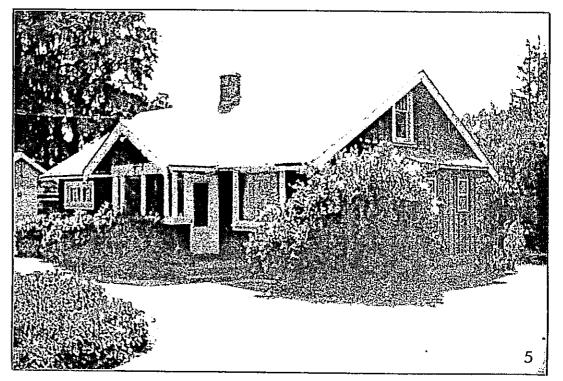
Originally built in 1914, this is a fine example of a well-maintained older home. The recent dormer addition enhances the architectural style of the building. Features of interest include a recessed dormer window in the roof, ornamented eaves, and a bay window.

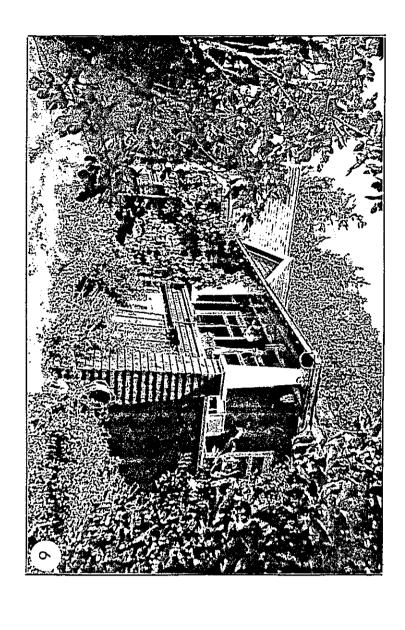
Information Source: Owners Mr. & Mrs. Orchard

5 GOLDSTREAM POST OFFICE 2973 SOOKE LAKE ROAD

This house, built between 1920-1921, served double duty as a Post Office on the original Goldstream-Nanaimo Stage Trail. The foundation of this house is solid 4x4 beams thought by owner, Mr. Hoban, to have been originally part of a bridge structure. During the 1920's the property was an apple orchard and an onion farm.

Information Source: Owners and Residents, The Hoban & Palsson Families.





1184 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

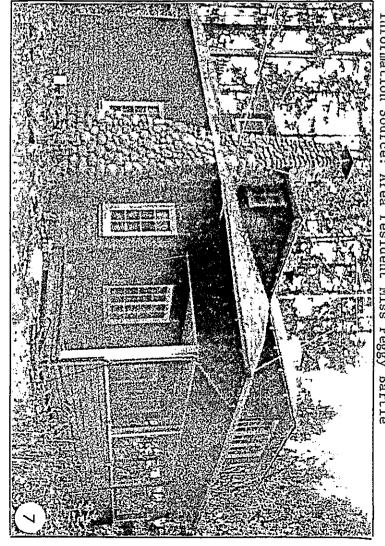
one of several in the area built in a similar style by Owners Mr. and Mrs. Merriman believe that this house is Built circa 1910, possibly by a contractor named Deacon the same man. this building. verandah are two of several interesting features on Shake siding and a large covered

Information Source: Owners Mr. & Mrs. Merriman

POWERS HOUSE 1139 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

stonemason (name unknown) may be seen in the brick and one cobblestone. community. Three chimneys serve this house, two sister Lizzie rode horseback to and from the During their occupancy of the residence, only a Overlooking Langford Lake, trail existed where Goldstream Avenue is now, so 1920's by two sisters, Lizzie and Mary Powers. trees was built in 1904. chimney at the Goldstream Inn. It was owned during the this house-among-the-The work of the same

Information Source: Area resident Miss Peggy Bartle

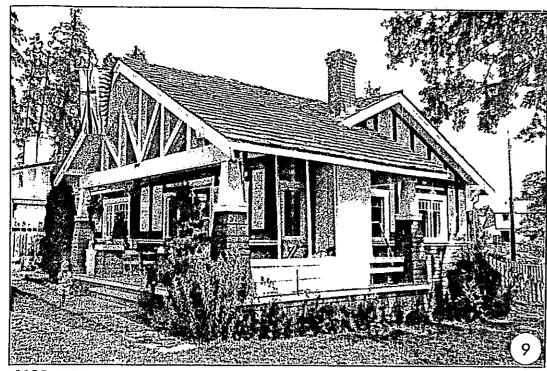


8 1130 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE (not illustrated)

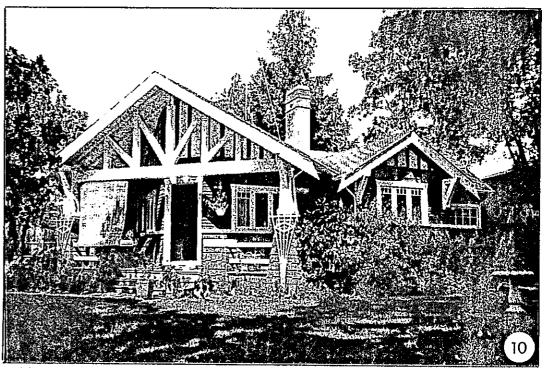
9 1135 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

10 2885 LEIGH ROAD

These houses share a similar architectural style, and were apparently built by the same contractor between 1932-1940. The name of the person is not known, although Mrs. Winter at Leigh Road has heard that the builder stayed to live in it and died there. Newspapers wrapped around plumbing in the building date from 1934.



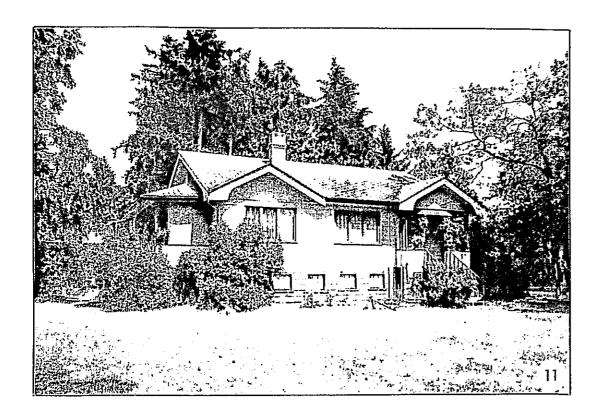
1135 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE



2885 LEIGH ROAD

A prominent stylistic feature which makes this trio of of houses recognizeable from other older buildings in the area is the decorative beam support under the roof gables.

Information Sources: Owners Mr. & Mrs. Winter Tenants Cindy & Kelly Irving GOLDSTREAM AVENUE AREA

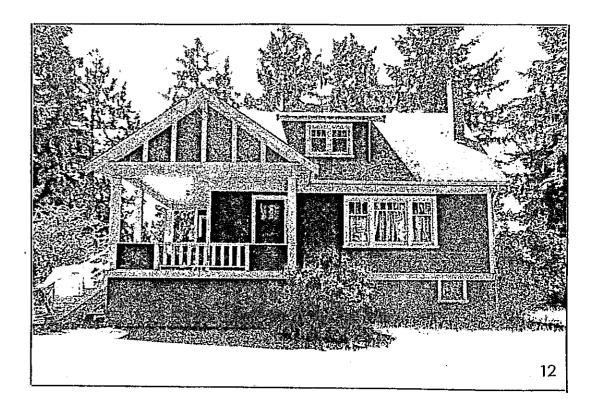


11 814 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

Built circa 1926, this large two-storey house has a concrete foundation and clapboard siding. Its size and style suggests that the building was intended for a number of rented suites.

12 RED HOUSE 825 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

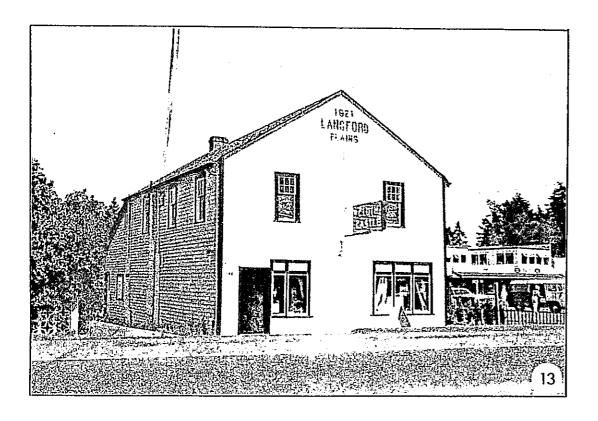
This two-storey red house was built circa 1930 and is set back from the road amongst tall fir trees. Interesting features include a covered verandah on two sides of the house and dormer windows front and rear.

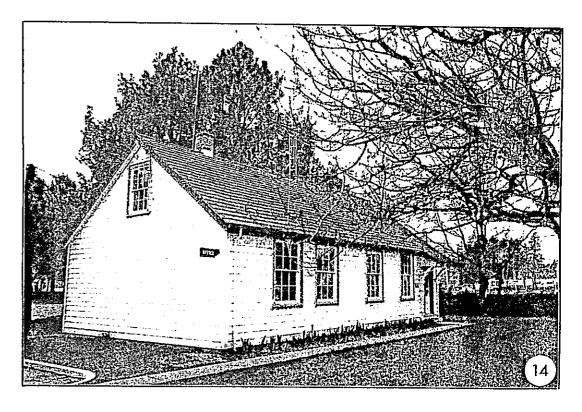


13 LANGFORD PLAINS 786 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

Originally built between 1900-1921, this structure was renovated in 1960. Two-storeys tall, it has apparently served as a commercial building since original construction. At one time a billiard hall, the main floor is presently given to retail space.

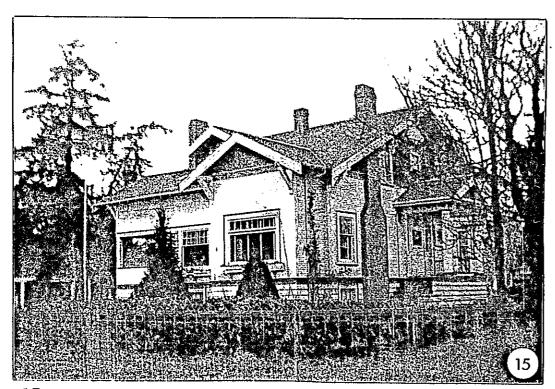
Information Source: Area Resident Ben Tennyson





14 RANGER STATION 697 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

The station house built in 1937 is woodframe construction with shake roofing. Additional outbuildings were constructed at a later date. The storage barn has Gambrel-style dormer windows on its roof. The architectural style of the station is typical of the era in which it was built. Similar Ranger stations were built throughout B.C. in isolated and semi-rural areas, but not many remain as originally constructed.



15 632 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

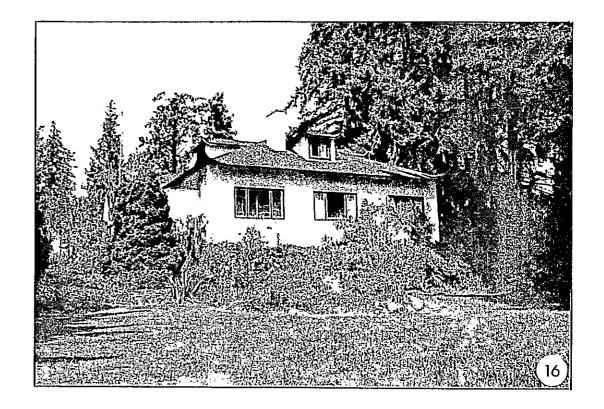
This well-maintained house was built in 1912 on part of a larger property comprising four lots on the opposite side of Goldstream Avenue and one adjacent to the present site. The house pictured here as it was in 1944 has changed little since its original construction. An addition to the left of the building pictured was built recently by owner Dennis Praud and enhances the overall appearance. Distinctive features of the two-storey residence include gabled roofs with overhanging eaves.

Information Sources: Owner Dennis Praud
Past Owner Mrs. Glenn

16 PAGODA 528 GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

The striking Oriental charm of 528 Goldstream elicits much admiration from passers-by. Built circa 1924, the house was owned by people named Bailey. Area resident Mr. Fred Oak remembers the building from his boyhood when he caddied at Royal Colwood Golf Club.

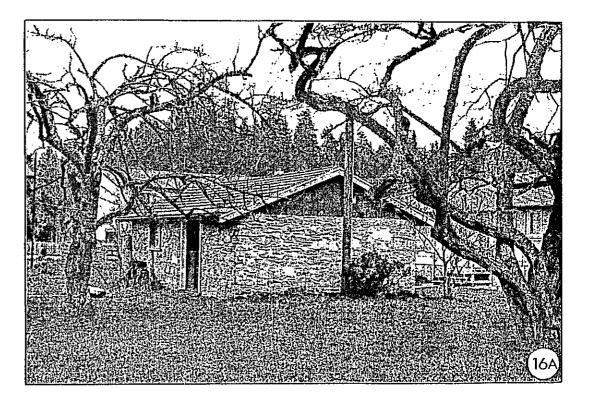
Information Sources: Area residents Fred Oak, Hermon Williams



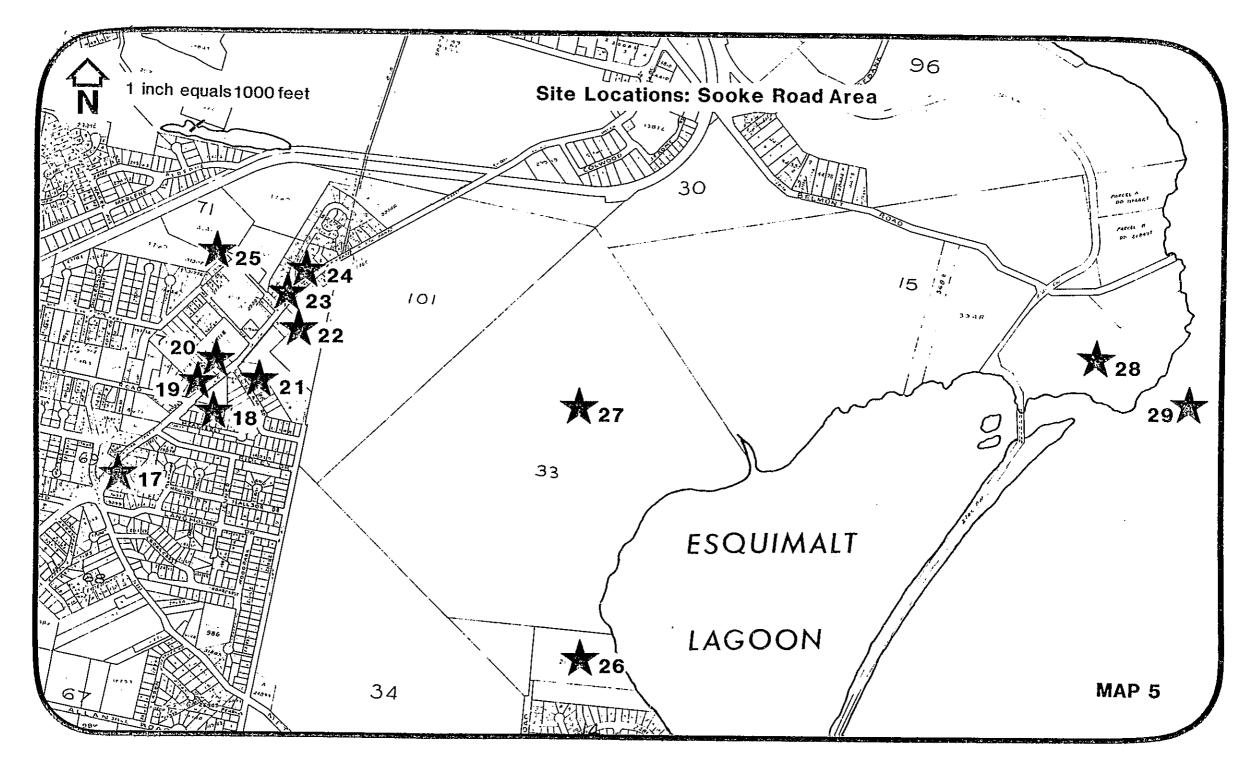
16A COLWOOD FARM DAIRY GOLDSTREAM AVENUE

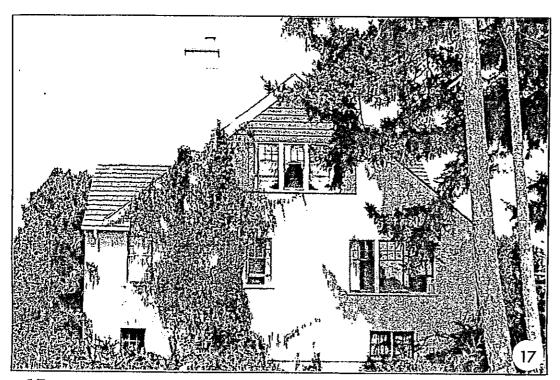
This fieldstone building is the last remaining structure of the original 600 acre Hudson's Bay Company Esquimalt Farm. Built circa 1851-1852, it served as a dairy-house for the Colwood Farmstead, named after Captain Edward E. Langford's home in Sussex, England.

Information Source: Stranix, Dorothy NOTES AND QUOTES 1967



SOOKE ROAD AREA





17 MINK FARM 615 HALLSOR DRIVE

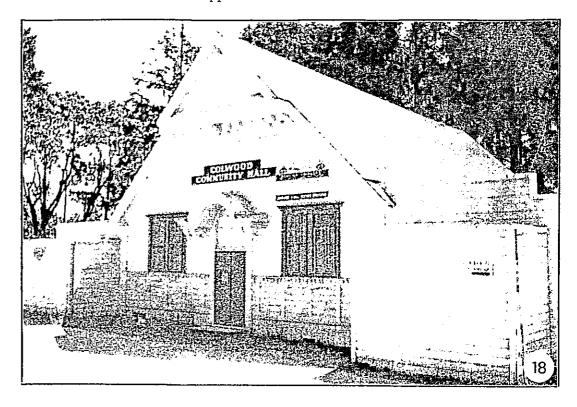
Built in 1939, this building was part of a 20 acre mink farm owned by Hermon Williams. It may also have served as a summer residence. The property extended the length of present-day Hallsor Drive to the Royal Roads property. Mr. Williams farmed at Dewdney Flats in Sooke for 19 years before mink farming at Sooke Road for 28 years. Plaster covers the original woodframe construction and a new shake roof replaces the original shingle.

Information Sources: Area Resident Hermon Williams
Owners Norm & Cean Legere

18 COLWOOD COMMUNITY HALL 2219 SOOKE ROAD

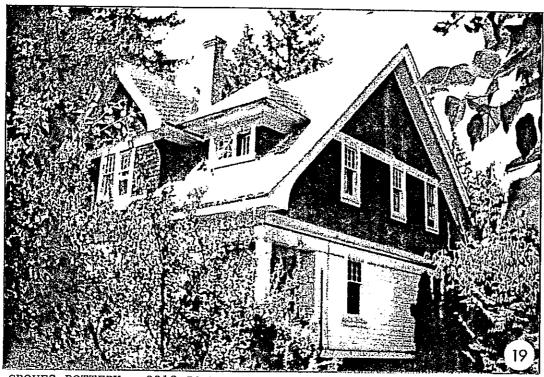
The Colwood Community Hall was built on property originally donated by Arthur Peatt between 1909-1910. Mrs. Peatt (nee Edith Green), a prominent member of the Colwood Womens' Institute, was active in raising funds for the hall. An ornate rounded arch over the front entrance is a striking feature on this building.

Information Sources: Area Residents Mr. & Mrs. Bert Parker Stranix, Dorothy NOTES AND QUOTES 1967 pp. 12 & 26

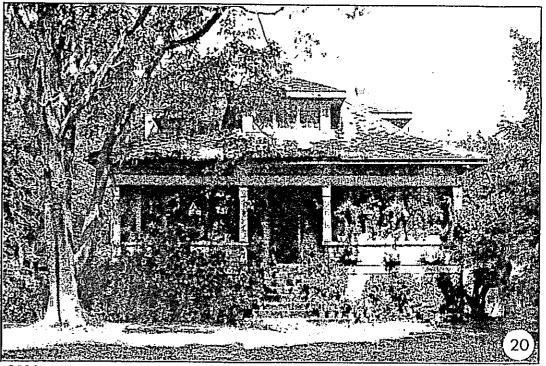


19 GROVES POTTERY 2218 SOOKE ROAD 20 2214 SOOKE ROAD

These two neighbouring houses were built circa 1910 for two sea captains, James and Hall, who were married to two sisters named Clark. The house at 2218 Sooke Road has gabled roofs and upper storey dormers of differing size. The neighbouring residence has one upper dormer and three chimneys. The property behind 2214 Sooke Road has outbuildings that were once sheds for a mink farm.



GROVES POTTERY 2218 SOOKE ROAD



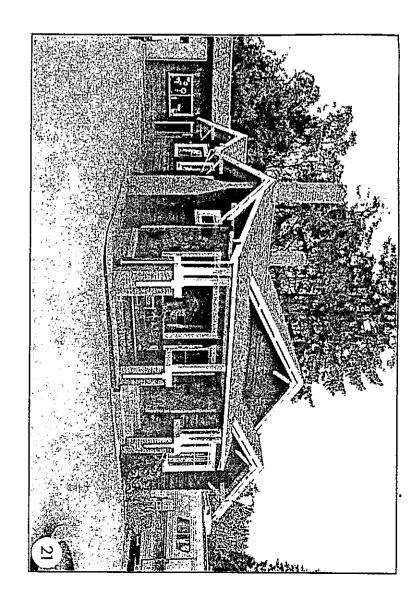
2214 SOOKE ROAD

Information Sources: Tenants, The Horne Family
Area Residents Mr. & Mrs. Bert Parker

21 592 LEDSHAM ROAD

gas station with a hand-operated pump served passers-by. Colwood Post Office. grew, it became necessary to build a new store. day stone wall at Royal Roads. This store was Roads, next door to 592 Ledsham and included the This was done at the corner of built by Alfred Peatt. of Sooke Road, opposite the corner of the present-This house was built circa 1925 by a Mr. Goodall. first general store between Victoria and Cobble 1959-1968. Renovations were made on the building between The store was located on the North side In 1898, Mr. H. Goodall opened the In later years, a one-stall As Goodall's business Sooke and Ledsham

Information Sources: Owners Mr. & Mrs. Timbres
Previous Owner Ron Barker
Stranix, Dorothy NOTES AND QUOTES 1967,
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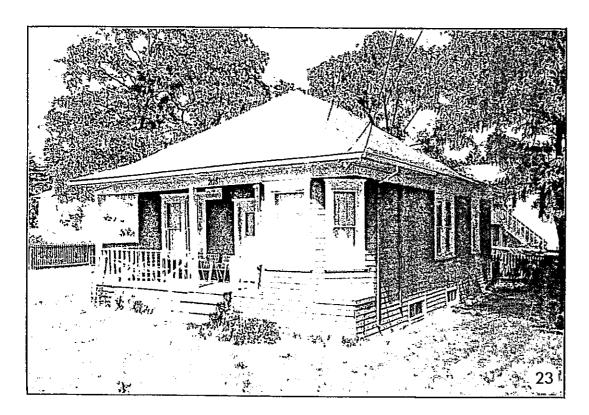




22 COLWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2139 SOOKE ROAD

The original Colwood School was built in 1874 on land donated by Arthur Peatt. In later years on the site was a residence occupied by the Ross Family, and subsequently, a laundry operated by Mr. Yick Woo. The present day Colwood School, which opened in 1912, is across Sooke Road from the original site. The schoolhouse is a much larger building than the Highlands school mentioned previously and is a clapboard and frame construction. Still living in the area is former school teacher Miss Peggy Bartle known for her energy and enthusiasm in school and church activities. She remembers many of the local residents when they were young and restless in the classroom.

Information Sources: Former School Teacher Miss Peggy Bartle
Area Residents Mr. & Mrs. Bert Parker
Stranix, Dorothy NOTES AND QUOTES 1967
pp. 33-34



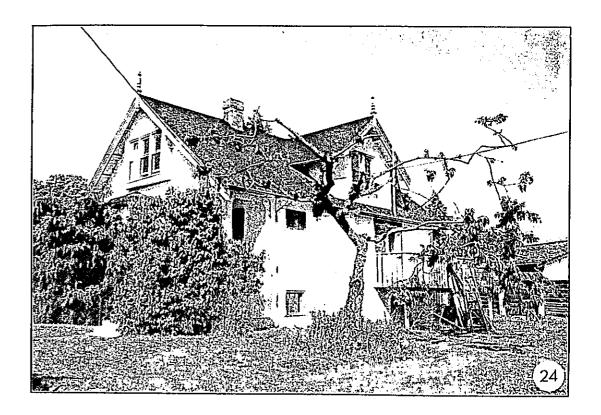
23 STEWARTS' 2128 SOOKE ROAD

This well-maintained older home was built in 1910. Present residents Mr. and Mrs. Hartfield believe that the house may have been owned by a Naval Officer. In 1981, two large steel buoys were unearthed in the Hartfield's back yard... apparently they had been there for 40 or 50 years.

Information Sources: Owners Mr. & Mrs. Hartfield GOLDSTREAM GAZETTE, April 1, 1981.

24 2122 SOOKE ROAD

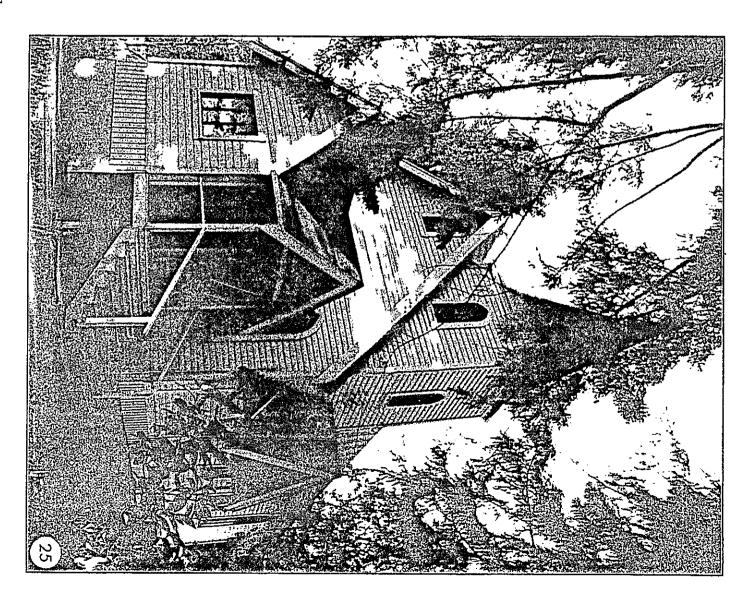
Built between 1910-1913, this house has kept its past a secret. Interesting hand-carved or lathe-turned spires decorate each of four roof peaks. The two-storey building has a dormer window front and rear. The original exterior is now covered with a plaster finish.



25 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH AND PIONEER CEMETERY GLENCAIRN LANE

cf the prominent names. St. John's Church and Hatley Memorial Gardens. The too small and the church closed. The first church was moved from Craigflower to Graves of many of the area's early settlers are here: Alfred Peatt. Pioneer Cemetery is located between H.O. Miles on a quarter acre of land donated by construction of a new church. raising by the Women's Institute of Colwood and the renewed interest in a community church led to fund Peatt during the 1890's. Colwood and rebuilt on land Johnson, Peatt, Veitch, Wale, and Wishart are some first burial was that of Captain McCallum in 1889. The congregation became donated by Alfred This was built by Between 1911-1913,

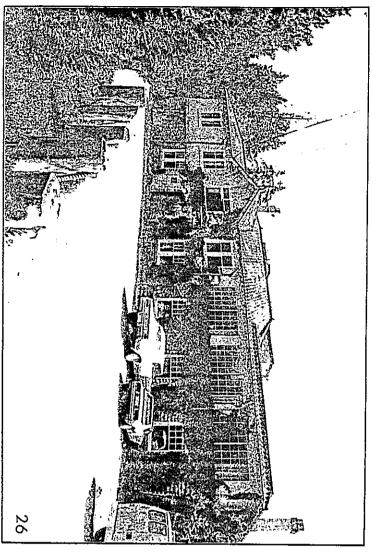
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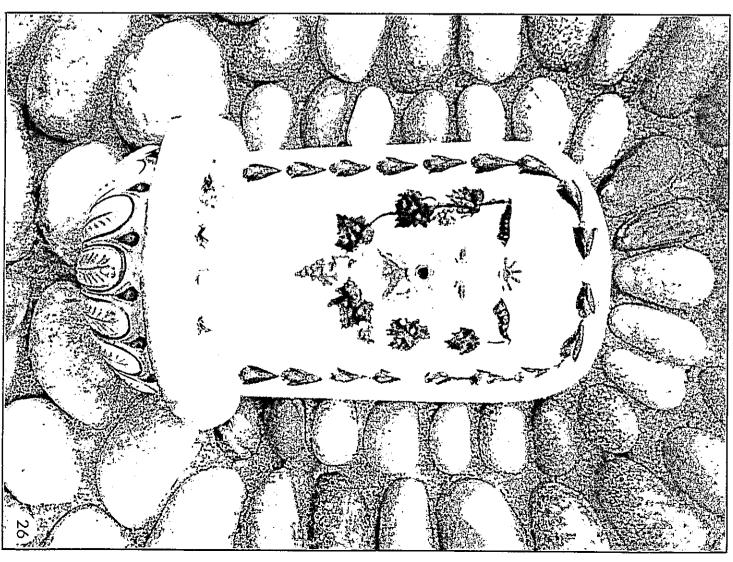


b PENDRAY ESTATE 3221 HEATHERBELL ROAD

Originally named "Havenwood", the estate was an 80 acre piece of property adjoining what is now Royal Roads. The main house was built in 1924 for Herbert J. Pendray of the Bapco Paint Company. The house is constructed of local rock, cut stone and wood, and features lavish use of leaded glass and wood panelling. Used today by the Pacific Centre for Human Development, the estate comprises only 12 of the original 80 acres.

Information Sources: Pacific Centre for Human Development Brochure and Centre Staff

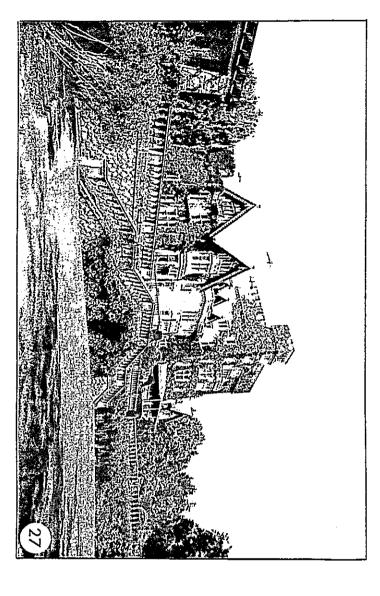


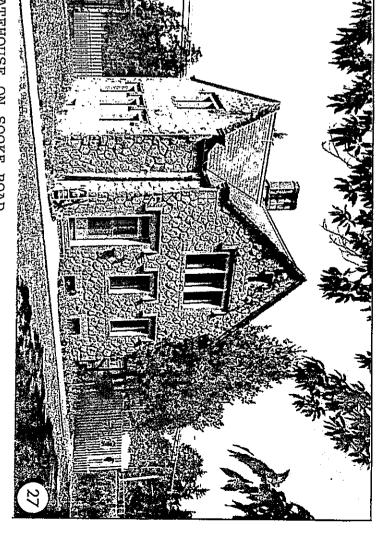


Detail of fountain at top of front steps facing Esquimalt Lagoon.

27 HATLEY CASTLE SOOKE ROAD, COLWOOD

The Honourable James Dunsmuir commissioned Samuel McClure to design this home for him in 1908. Messrs. Betts and Hall, landscape architects, designed the grounds and it remained the home of the Dunsmuirs until 1937. Bought by the Canadian Government in 1940, it is now part of the Royal Roads Military College. The castle is 200 feet long and 86 feet wide, with a turret 82 feet high. The wall surrounding the estate and the gatehouse (pictured) are constructed of stone, hauled by horse and cart from Newcastle Island at Nanaimo.





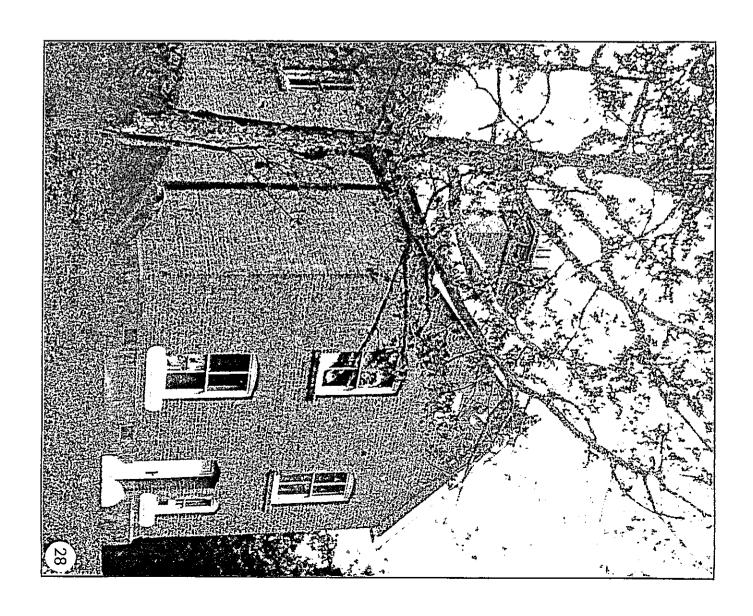
GATEHOUSE ON SOOKE ROAD

Information Sources: Royal Roads Military College Brochure
Area Resident Ben Tennyson

28 FORT RODD HILL

Artillery batteries were first constructed at Rodd Hill in 1895. Pictured here are the Warrant Officers' Quarters originally intended for married Officers. The residence, used by the Master Gunner at Rodd Hill, was completed in 1897. The two-storey brick construction is similar in style to several buildings at Work Point Barracks in Esquimalt and at Signal Hill. The building also served as Officers' Mess for a term during World War II, and has since been renovated for park use. Fort Rodd Hill was declared a National Historic Park in 1962.

Information Source: Fort Rodd Staff



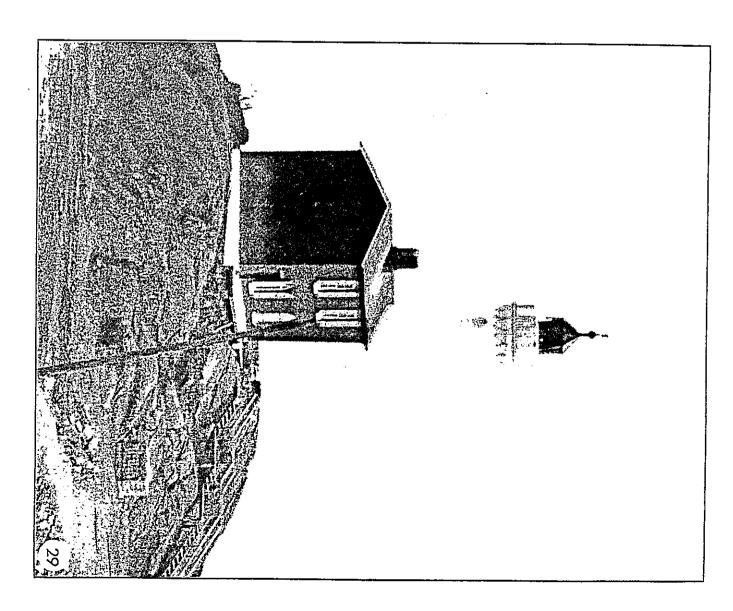
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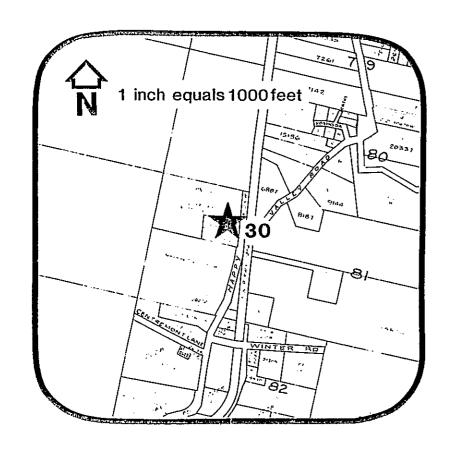
29 FISGARD LIGHTHOUSE

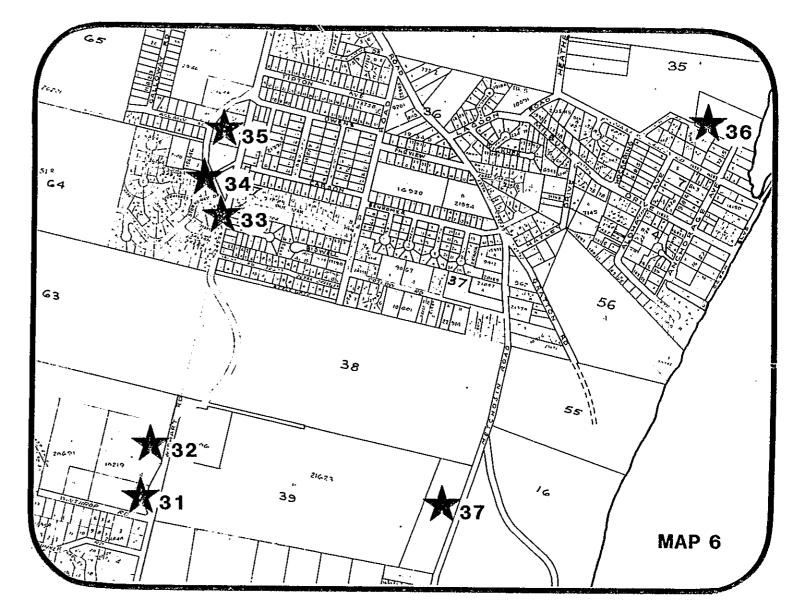
"Close to Fort Rodd Hill is another heritage site, Fisgard Lighthouse. This was the first operational lighthouse on the coast of British Columbia in 1860. The light was automated in 1929 and is operational today. It was declared a national historic site in its centennial year, 1960. Because it continues to be an operational lighthouse, the light tower is closed to the public, but the adjoining original keeper's house has been restored and is open to park visitors. Inside there are two floors of displays depicting the history of the lighthouse itself and of the system of which it is a part on the west coast of Canada."

Taken From: "Fort Rodd Hill National Historic Park" article by Ron Lovatt in DATUM Magazine, Vol. 7, No.2, 1982.



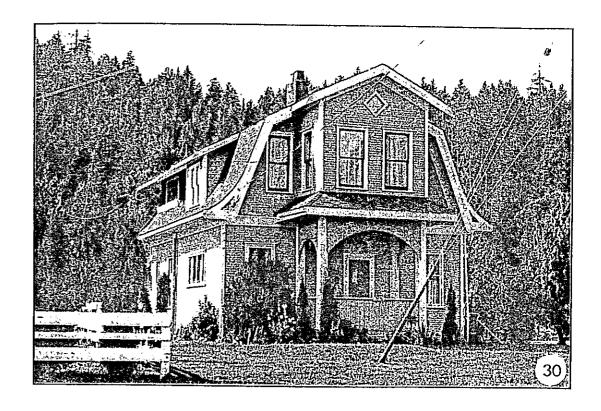
Site Locations: Happy Valley- Wishart Road Area





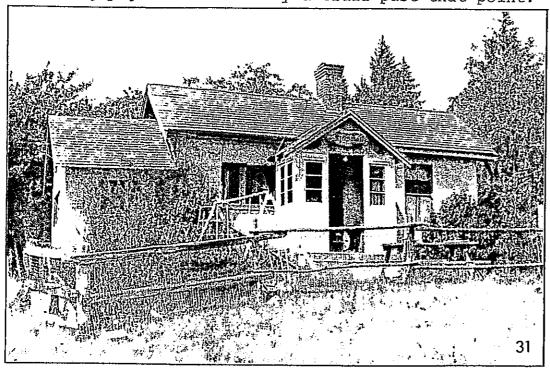
30 LOMA LINDA 3670 HAPPY VALLEY ROAD

Loma Linda was built in 1914 by Fred Barker. The same gentleman also ran a sawmill in Happy Valley in the early 1920's. This striking two-storey residence has twin dormers on each side of the roof. The building received a Hallmark Society Award of Merit in 1980 for work accomplished in its restoration.

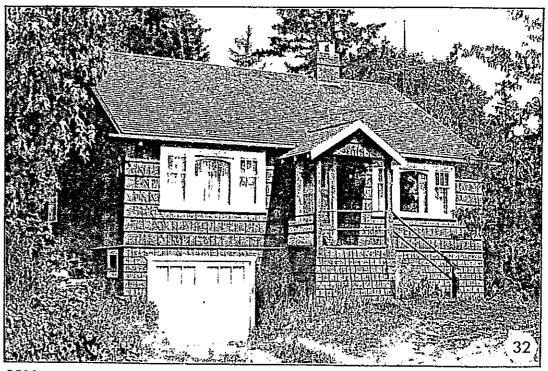


31 ₃₅₃₂ WISHART ROAD 32 ₃₅₁₀ WISHART ROAD

At the turn of the century, these two buildings on Wishart Road were once part of the same 100 acre property extending as far as today's Winthrop Road. The house at 3532 Wishart Road, built between 1900-1909, was occupied by Mrs. Lucy Johnson's grandparents. Mrs. Johnson remembers the 100 acre parcel of land being divided during her childhood. During that period, Wishart Road only went as far as Colwood Springs (see following pages) and was only a trail past that point.



3532 WISHART ROAD



3510 WISHART ROAD

The house at 3510 Wishart Road was also built circa 1900, and has an entire shake exterior, roof and walls.

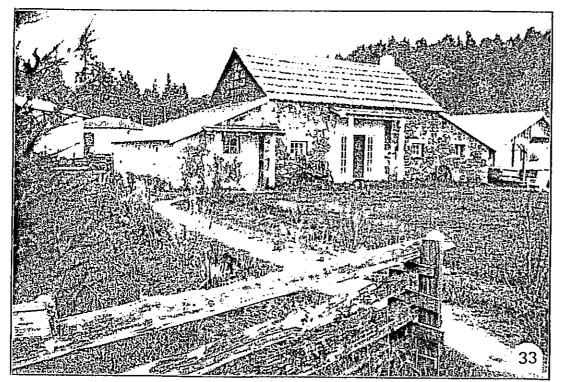
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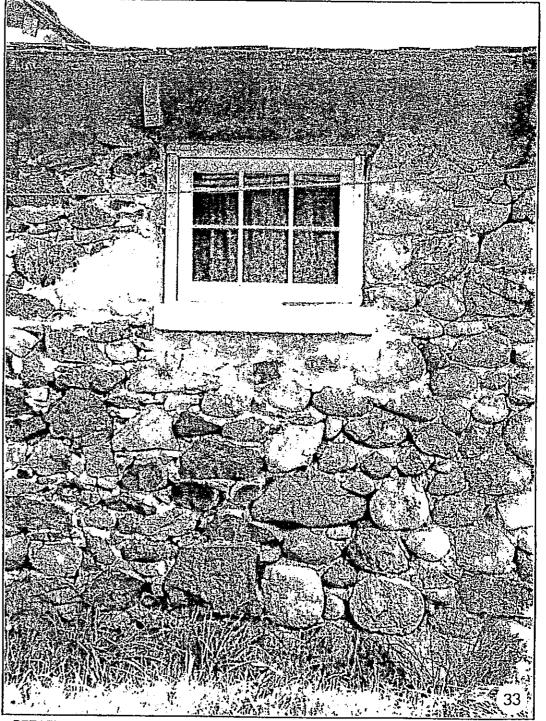
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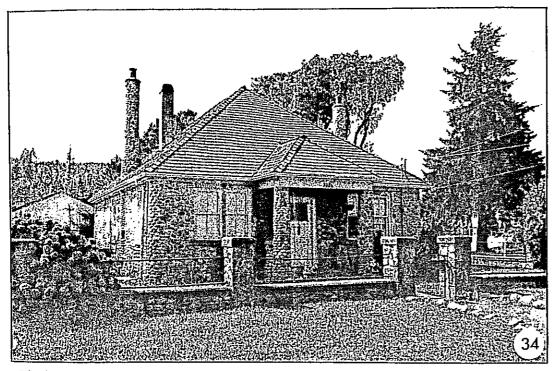
3358 WISHART ROAD



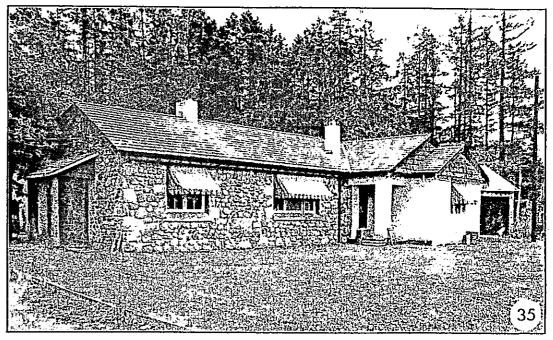
DETAIL OF STONEWORK, 3358 WISHART ROAD

Three stone buildings on Wishart Road are certain to catch the attention of passers-by. These houses are reminders of an early homestead and farm covering 100 acres prior to and through the 1920's. Originally a homestead property for a German pioneer, most of the 100 acres was owned by William John Wishart by 1920. Named Colwood Springs by the German settlers, the property was renamed Cairndale by Wishart.

The residence at 3341 Wishart Road was built in 1919 by Edward Wishart for himself. His style of stonework differs from that of well-known stonemason "Pops" Chisholm, whose work may be seen at the 3354 Wishart Road residence.



3354 WISHART ROAD



3341 WISHART ROAD

In the early 1920's, these two men produced a joint effort at the 3358 Wishart Road home, although it was not planned that way. Pops Chisholm began the work and laid half the stonework, but became too ill to finish the house. Edward Wishart completed the work on the building in his own fashion.

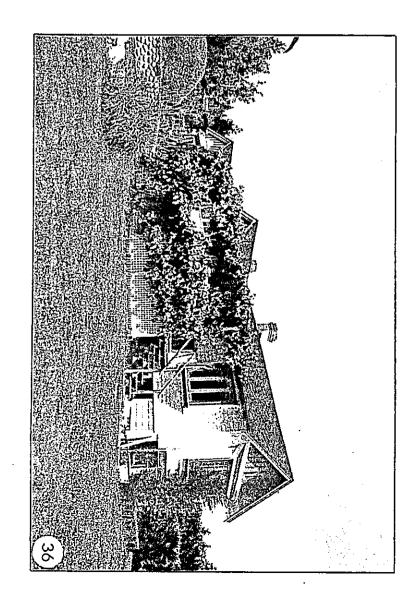
An examination of the picture showing the stone detail reveals the difference in styles between Chisholm and Wishart. Chisholm used round field and beach cobblestones while Wishart preferred split rock in his work.

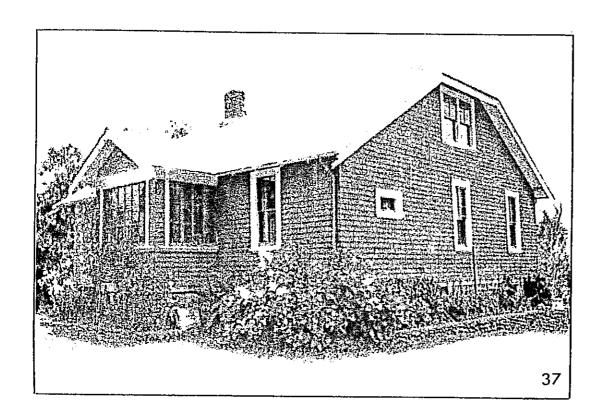
Information Source: Homeowner George Wishart

36 TURNER SPRING FARM 155 GOLDFINCH

The farmhouse was built for owner Steven Jones (owner of the original Dominion Hotel in Victoria) on land purchased from George Heatherbell. The house was built as a cottage for Chinese caretakers, and later enlarged and renovated by John Turner in 1918. A basement was excavated and foundation poured in 1948. The building is frame construction with cedar-shingle exterior. The spring on the property is one of nine well-known Colwood springs. Originally, spring water was run through a flume to the foot of present-day Lagoon Road. This water was provided to ships at Esquimalt. A water tower and additional farm buildings were demolished in 1970.

Information Source: Present Owner Barrie McClung



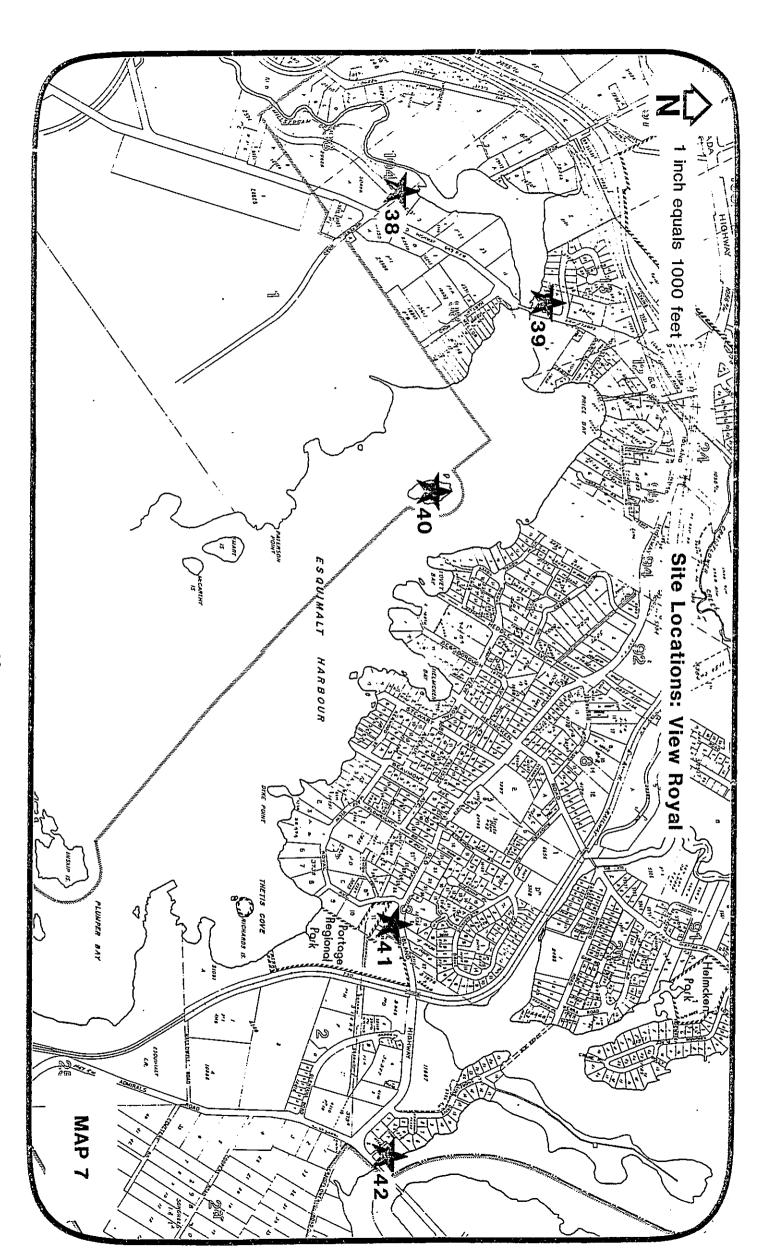


37 3532 METCHOSIN ROAD

Construction on this residence began in 1926, and was completed in 1928 by one of three Murray brothers from Scotland. Their work as carpenters and finishers may also be found in the James Bay area. This solid, well-built house is easy to keep warm during the winter months according to Mrs. Bert Parker, niece of contractor Murray. Owners Mr. and Mrs. Parker are longtime residents of Colwood - brother Elmore once drove a delivery stage from Colwood to Victoria and brothers Bert and Elmore both worked many years at the gravel pit on Metchosin Road.

Information Source: Owners Mr. & Mrs. Parker

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38 POLLOCK FARMSTEAD

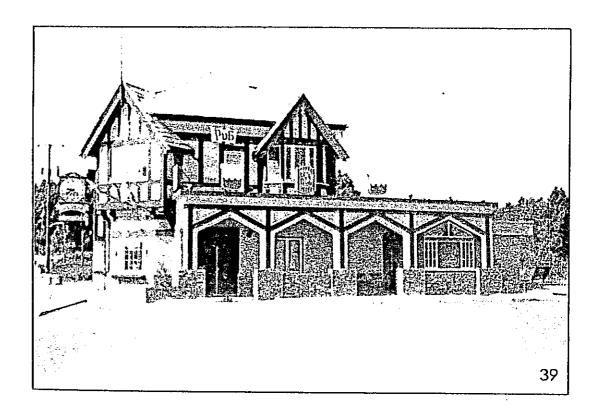
OLD ISLAND HIGHWAY

The existing residence was built circa 1930 as part of a greenhouse farm which served the area. The one story house has a covered porch, shake roof and rough lumber siding. (not illustrated)

39 SIX MILE HOUSE 494 OLD ISLAND HIGHWAY

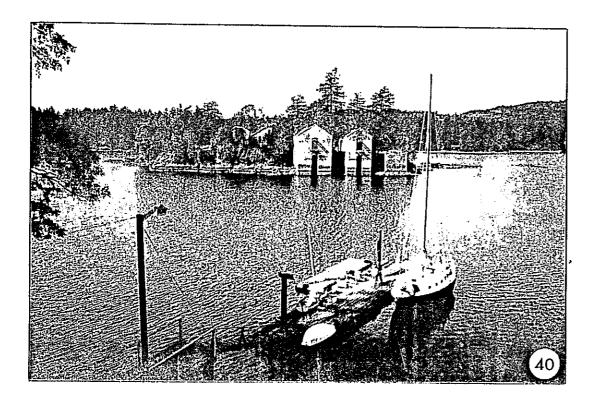
The original building was constructed in 1854 by William Richard Parson, a millwright at Millstream Sawmill. Parson's Bridge Hotel catered to sailors from Esquimalt Harbour, and was demolished at the turn of the century. The existing Six Mile House was rebuilt in 1900 on the same site. An original photograph of the old hotel is on display in the present building.

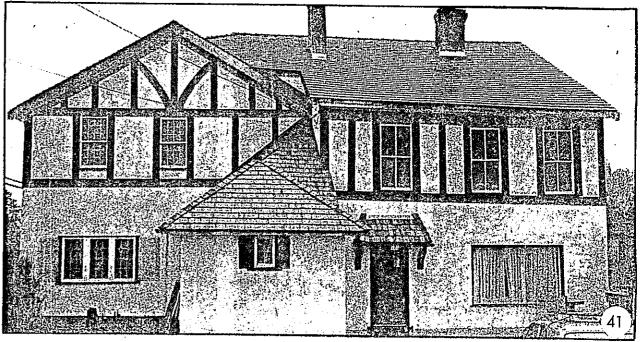
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40 COLE ISLAND - ESQUIMALT HARBOUR

Munitions storage structures on the island were built during the 1860's. In later years, these served as storage for Fort Rodd Hill.





(photo: courtesy of the Goldstream Gazette)

41 FOUR MILE HOUSE 199 OLD ISLAND HIGHWAY

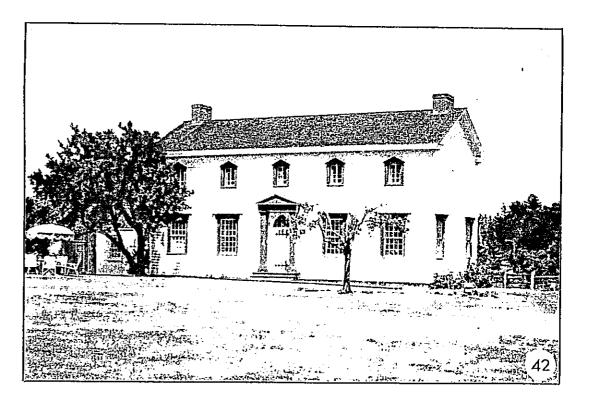
Built between 1851-1854, Four Mile House has served a number of purposes - private residence, "Halfway House" coachstop or roadhouse, and cabaret. Present owners, the Hames family, have restored the building to a mid-1800's style of construction, and were awarded a Hallmark Society Award in 1982 for their efforts.

Information Source: GOLDSTREAM GAZETTE Wednesday Feb. 24,1982.

42 CRAIGFLOWER MANOR 110 OLD ISLAND HIGHWAY

Craigflower Manor was built for the Hudson's Bay Company in 1856 under the direction of Kenneth McKenzie from Scotland. It was a residence for the manager of Craigflower Farm; a 1,000 acre piece of property intended to keep Fort Victoria self-sufficient. The two-storey building is a variation on the popular Colonial American Georgian style of residence. Craigflower Manor became a National Historic Site in 1968.

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- Horne Family
- . B. Horsman
- . C. Irving
- . L. Johnson
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- . C. Merriman
- I. McLean
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- . D. Mumford
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