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1317 Arm people



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Date: May 9, 1989
Researcher: Jean Macdonald

1317 Arm Street

Original Legal Description

Lot 13, Section B, Vic. West
Admeasurement: 60' x 120'

History of Property

Note: This request for designation was submitted too late for allocation of time for research in the Archives.

1913 June 25th. Building Permit. Value: \$3,150.

1914 Vacant. City Directory
However, under names, Joshua Smith is listed as residing at 1317 Arm Street.

1915 to 1947 Owner: Joshua Smith

Joshua Smith was an engineer. In 1915 he is listed as being employed at B.C. Pottery Co. Ltd., which manufactured sewer pipes. He was there until 1918, when he was the chief engineer at Cameron Lumber Company. In 1921 he was with the Victoria Steam Laundry, which by 1928 was the New Method Laundry. By 1947 he was retired, and still lived in the house with his wife, ~~Agnes~~ BRIDGET

1949 Owner: Martin E. Doyle

He was a Commander in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Note: In this Directory, Joshua and Agnes Smith are listed as living at 1323 Arm Street, which is next door to 1317.

1951 CD - Martin E Doyle (May 1) Comdr RCN h 1317 Arm

"Of all national assets archives are the most precious; they are the gift of one generation to another and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our civilization."

THE CANADIAN ARCHIVES & ITS ACTIVITIES, ARTHUR G. DOUGHTY, 1924.

Wednesday, July 30, 2003

Victoria Heritage Foundation

From: Mary Genest [marygenest@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 29, 2003 9:01 PM
To: jennellbarr@telus.net
Subject: Re: 1317 Arm

Dear Jennifer - Your writeup regarding the Smith family home is correct - my mother's baptismal name was Brigit but her friends called her Agnes which I think originated when she was working in Seattle. I don't seem to have any pictures of the entire house other than a photocopy. When visiting Victoria a year ago I visited the old home and was so very dis-appointed. to see how the gardens surrounding the house have been so neglected. For a heritage home I should think the garden at least could be in better shape. If I come across any pictures I will send them to you. Mary

>book.
>Jennifer Barr 250-389-1864
>1317 Arm St 1913
>Joshua & Bridgit Agnes Smith
>This is a large two-storey front-gabled Craftsman house with several popular
>Edwardian features such as wide eaves, finials on stucco and half-timbered
>gable-ends, first-floor drop siding and shingle on the second floor, and a
>gabled front-entry porch. It has a wall dormer on each side, the right one
>over a recessed balcony. Note the old concrete wall at front of property in
>archival photo. Building and plumbing permits for the house were taken out
>in June 1913, and it was valued at \$3,150. The Smiths enclosed the porch
>with windows very early on.
>Joshua Smith was born in 1876 in Lahard, County Cork, Ireland, of Irish
>farmers (the name was originally Smyth) and came to BC about 1900 with the
>Royal Navy. He settled in Esquimalt, and bought his way out of the navy
>about 1904. He was an engineer, employed in 1913 at BC Pottery Co, then as
>chief engineer with Cameron Lumber Co. By 1921 he was working for Victoria
>Steam Laundry, which became New Method Laundry, where he worked until
>retirement about 1947.
>Bridgit Agnes Collins was born at Six Mile Bridge, County Clare, Ireland in
>1873. In 1898 she joined her sisters in Bayonne, New Jersey. She came to
>Victoria as a nanny with the Robinson family from Montreal, when her
>employer became a BC provincial minerologist. Bridgit then went to Seattle
>as a cook, came back for a visit, and met Joshua in Esquimalt. They were
>married in 1904 in St Joseph's Naval Church (where their son Cornelius was
>married in 1929). Bridgit was active in St Mary's Catholic Church on
>Langford St, which was demolished in the 1920s, and then Queen of Peace
>Church on Esquimalt Rd. Daughters Esther Speller and Mary Genest were both
>married in Queen of Peace. Bridgit died in 1960.
>About 1949 Joshua and Agnes moved next door to a new house they had built at
>1323 Arm. Joshua left Arm St in 1961 and moved between his three children,
>here and in Vancouver with his daughters, wintering in California with
>Cornelius. In 1962, Joshua and Esther went to Ireland, Joshua's only trip
>back to his homeland, as Agnes had never wanted to return. By the time of
>his death at 103 in 1979, Joshua was living in the seniors' home, Douglas
>House, at 50 Douglas St. He was 4th degree Knights of Columbus and a charter
>member of Knights of Columbus Council No.1256.
>In 1949 the new owners were Commander Martin E. Doyle of the Royal Canadian

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found employment as a joined sister, Bayonne, N.J. ^{James}
 Manny with Robinson family from Montreal from Lunenburg
 or one to Victoria W. then + Myrneson

1317 Arm Street in 1898 with 1913
 Joshua & Bridgit Agnes (Collins) Smith



1317 Arm is a large two-storey front-gabled Craftsman house with several popular Edwardian features such as wide eaves, finials on stucco and half-timbered gable-ends, first-floor drop siding and shingle on the second floor, and a gabled front-entry porch. It has a wall dormer on each side, the right one over a recessed balcony. Note the old concrete wall at front of property in archival photo. Building and plumbing permits for the house were taken out in June 1913, and it was valued at \$3,150.

The original occupants were Agnes Bridgit and Joshua Smith. Joshua was born in April 1876 in County Cork, Ireland, and came to Victoria about 1900. He was an engineer, employed at B.C. Pottery Company Ltd; by 1918 he was chief engineer with the Cameron Lumber Company. In 1921 he was working for the Victoria Steam Laundry, which by 1928 had become the New Method Laundry. Joshua was retired by 1947, and he and Agnes still lived in the house.

In 1949 the new owner was Commander Martin Doyle of the Royal Canadian Navy. The Smiths then moved next door to a new house at 1323 Arm Street. By the time of his death at 103 in 1979, Joshua was living in the seniors' home at 50 Douglas Street in James Bay. He had been 4th degree Knights of Columbus and a charter member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 1256.

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317 Arm Street, 2000 Ian Henderson photo
 Bridgit went to Seattle as
 cook visited Victoria +
 net (daughter) - 4038 Quadra 479-
 Joshua Mary Ernest 9963
 in (87) navygenest@
 Requested through a friend
 Bridgit Agnes died in Dec.
 born at Six Mile bridge
 County Clare, southern Ireland
 in March 1874. - farmer
 had it built +
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Joshua moved
 between
 three children
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Agnes
 church
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1317 Arm Street, c.1958-60 Assessment Department photo

CVA R-18030

306 This Old House: Victoria's Heritage Neighbourhoods, 2002: Victoria West area

then
 combined
 with
 Queen's
 road (1920)
 on Esquimalt
 rd.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION ACT.

SCHEDULE C.—Marriages.

Registration District of _____

Bridgroom.

No.	170
His name.	Joshua Smith
Age.	28
Residence when married.	Victoria West
Place of birth.	Middleton Cork Ireland
Condition (Bachelor or Widower.)	Bachelor
Rank or profession.	Engineer
Names of parents.	Joshua Smith & Joanna Coleman

Bride.

Her name.	Agnes Collins
Age.	29
Residence when married.	Victoria West
Place of birth.	Kerry Co Ireland
Spinster or widow.	Spinster
Names of parents.	James Collins Ellen Hagan

Names of witnesses.	J. Collins	Annie Black
Residence of witnesses.	Victoria W. B. C.	Victoria City B. C.
Date of marriage.	Sept 20	
Religious denomination of bridegroom.	Catholic	
Religious denomination of bride.	Catholic	
By whom married.	J. Lefevre	
By license or by banns.	By banns	
Place of marriage, church, residence, &c.	in Catholic Church Beaumont B.C.	

I hereby certify the foregoing to be the correct Record of the marriage of
 and Joshua Smith and Agnes Collins made in pursuance of the above mentioned Act.
 Dated the 20th day of September, A. D. 1904
 Signature of Clergyman, Minister or Registrar. J. Lefevre

N. B.—Reports of marriages celebrated are to be delivered, or forwarded by registered post prepaid, to the District Registrar on the last day of March, June, September and December, in each year.

Jan 1, 1961
SMITH—In Victoria, B.C., on December 30, 1960. Mrs. Bridgit Agnes Smith, aged 87 years. Born in Ireland, and a pioneer resident of 37 years in Victoria West, late residence, 1323 Arm Street. She leaves her husband, Joshua Smith, at home; her son, Cornelius J. Smith, and daughter-in-law, Violet, of Garden Grove, California; her daughters, (Esther) Mrs. A. W. Speller, Victoria, B.C., and (Mary) Mrs. J. A. Genest, West Vancouver, B.C.; nine grandchildren; her sister, Mrs. Catherine Egan, and brothers, Patrick and Jany Collins, in Ireland; nephew, Philip Doyle in New Jersey, New York; and nieces and nephews in Ireland. Prayers will be offered in the Sands Mortuary Limited, "Memorial Chapel of Chimes," on Monday, January 2, 1961, at 7:30 p.m. Requiem mass will be sung in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Old Esquimalt Road on Tuesday, January 3, 1961, at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Father L. MacLellan celebrant. Interment in the Hatley Memorial Gardens.

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~~SMITH~~
SMITH — In Victoria, B.C., on December 16, 1979, Mr. Joshua Smith, in his 104th year. Born in County Cork, Ireland, he had been a resident of Victoria since 1900, late residence, 50 Douglas Street. Predeceased by his wife, Bridgit, and grandson, Sgt. Donald Smith. He leaves his son and daughter-in-law, Cornelius J. and Violet Smith, Huntington Beach, California; daughters and sons-in-law, Esther and Alex Speller, Victoria, B.C., Mary and Joseph Genest, North Vancouver, B.C.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother Tom, in England; nieces and nephews. The late Mr. Smith was 4th degree Knights of Columbus and a charter member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 1256.

Prayers will be offered in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 849 Old Esquimalt Road, on Wednesday December 19, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Thursday, December 20, 1979, at 12:00 noon, Rev. Father M. J. McNamara celebrant. Interment at Hatley Memorial Gardens. Flowers gratefully declined. Arrangements by the Sands Mortuary Limited, 1803 Quadra Street, Victoria, B.C.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND HOSPITAL INSURANCE
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

60-09-015308

REGISTRATION OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH

Name of city or place Victoria, B.C. Name of Municipality (if any) _____
(If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")
Street or road St. Joseph's Hospital House No. _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)

2. LENGTH OF STAY

(in years, months and days) In Municipality where death occurred 60 years In Province 60 years In Canada (if immigrant) 60 years

3. PRINT FULL NAME OF DECEASED

SMITH Brigit Agnes

4. PERMANENT RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:

Name of city or place Victoria, B.C. Name of Municipality (if any) 51-033-07
(If outside city or municipal limits add "Rural")
Street or road Arm Street House No. 1323

5. SEX Female 6. CITIZENSHIP Canadian 7. RACIAL GROUP White 8. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Married 9. BIRTHPLACE: Ireland
(See marginal note) (See marginal note) (Write the word) (City or Place and Province or Country)

10. Date of Birth March 19th 1873 11. AGE (Last Birthday) 87
(Month by name) (Date) (Year) (YEARS) MONTHS DAYS HOURS MIN.

12. (a) Trade, profession or kind of work as logger, fisherman, office clerk, etc. At home
(b) Kind of industry or business, as logging, fishing, bank, etc. _____
(If labourer specify kind of work above) (If Housewife in own home answer "At Home")

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation --- 14. Total years spent in this occupation ---

15. If married, widowed or divorced give name of husband or maiden name of wife of deceased Joshua Smith

16. Name of father Collins James
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names)

17. Maiden name of mother Agan Ellen
(Surname or family name) (All given or Christian names)

18. Birthplace - Ireland Father: Ireland Mother: Ireland
(City or Place and Province or Country) (City or Place and Province or Country)

19. I certify the foregoing to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C., this 31st day of December 1960

Signature of informant [Signature] Relationship to deceased None
(Married woman not to use husband's initials or given name)

Address of informant 1303 Quadra Street, Victoria, B.C.
(House No.) (Name of Street) (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province or State)

20. Burial, Cremation or Removal Burial Date January 3rd 1961
(State which) (Month by name) (Date) (Year)

Place of Burial Colwood, B.C. Name of Cemetery Hatley Memorial Gardens
(Municipality, etc., where Cemetery located) (City or Place and Province or Country)

21. Undertaker: Sands Mortuary Limited Address Victoria, B.C.
Name (Name of City, Municipality or Place) (Province or State)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

22. DATE OF DEATH December 30th 1960
(Month by name) (Date) (Year)

23. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from 19 Oct 1960 to Dec 30 1960, and last saw her alive on Dec 29 1960.

CAUSE OF DEATH
Disease or condition directly leading to death 420.1 Progressive Heart Failure Approximate interval between onset and death 3 weeks
(This does not mean the mode of dying, e.g., heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death) (a) due to (or as a consequence of)
Antecedent causes Coronary thrombosis 2 mos.
Morbidity conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause, stating the underlying condition last. (b) due to (or as a consequence of)
Other significant conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing it. (c)

24. If a woman, did the death occur either during pregnancy or within 90 days following pregnancy? No Yes or No

25. (a) Was there a recent surgical operation? No (b) Date of operation 19
(c) State findings of operation _____ (d) Was there an autopsy? No

26. If a violent death, fill in also: (a) Accident ; Suicide ; Homicide (b) Date of injury 19
(c) How did injury occur? _____

(d) Injuries sustained? _____ (e.g., fracture of skull, left leg, etc., dislocation of, burn to, etc.)

(e) Where did injury occur? (home, farm, industrial place, highway, etc.) _____

27. Signed by [Signature] Designation MD, Coroner, etc.
Address Victoria, B.C. Date 4 Jan 1961

28. Print name of M.D., Coroner, etc., whose signature appears above J. S. CANN

29. Notations _____

30. I hereby certify that the above return was made to me at VICTORIA B.C.

Dated JAN 6 1961 1961

District Registration No. 78 (Signature of District Registrar)

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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

CITIZENSHIP (NATIONALITY) is defined in terms of the country to which the person owes allegiance. The term "Canadian" should be used as descriptive of a person who was born in Canada or who has subsequently become the citizen of another country.

RACIAL GROUP: For purposes of this registration it is necessary to specify only to which of the following bona fide racial groups the person belongs, as traced through the father: White, native Indian, Negro, Chinese, Japanese, or other.

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NAME OF DECEASED	1. Surname of deceased (print or type) Smith			2. SEX Male
	All given names in full (print or type) Joshua			
PLACE OF DEATH	3. Name of hospital or institution (otherwise give exact location where death occurred) Victoria General Hospital			
	City, town or other place (by name) Victoria, B.C.			Inside municipal limits? (State Yes or No) Yes
USUAL RESIDENCE	4. Complete street address: If rural give exact location (not Post Office or Rural Route address) 50 Douglas Street			
	City, town or other place (by name) Victoria, B.C.			Province (or country) B.C.
MARRIAGE STATUS	5. Single, married, widowed, or divorced Widowed	6. If married, widowed, or divorced, give full name of husband or full maiden name of wife Bridget Collins		
	7. Kind of work done during most of working life Engineer			
BIRTHDATE	9. Month (by name), day, year of birth April 15th, 1876		10. AGE (years) (Months) (Days) (Hours) (Minutes) 103	
	11. City or place Province (or country) of birth County Cork, Ireland		12. Native Indian? Yes No If "Yes" state name of band <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
FATHER	13. Surname and given names of father (print or type) Smith Joshua		14. BIRTHPLACE - City or place, Province (or country) Ireland	
	15. Maiden surname and given names of mother (print or type) Kennedy Johanna		16. BIRTHPLACE - City or place, Province (or country) Ireland	
INFORMANT	17. Signature of informant <i>X Rosalind K. Spicker</i>		18. Relationship to deceased daughter	
	19. Address of informant 306 - 4033 Quadra Street Saanich, B.C.		20. Date signed - Month, day, year Dec. 17th, 1979	
DISPOSITION	21. Burial, cremation or other disposition (specify) Burial		22. Date of burial or disposition (month, day, year) December 20th, 1979	
	23. Name and address of cemetery, crematorium or place of disposition Hatley Memorial Gardens Colwood, B.C.			
FUNERAL DIRECTOR	24. Name and address of funeral director (or person in charge of remains) (print or type) Sands Mortuary Limited Victoria, B.C.			

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH	25. Month (by name), day, year of death December 16th 1979			Approx. interval between onset & death
CAUSE OF DEATH	26. Part I 4919 Immediate cause of death (a) <i>Dementia</i> due to, or as a consequence of			1 wk
	(b) <i>Chronic Bronchitis</i> due to, or as a consequence of			10 y.
	Part II 2900 Other significant conditions contributing to the death but not causally related to the immediate cause (a) above <i>Dementia</i>			5 y.
AUTOPSY PARTICULARS	27. Autopsy being held? Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	28. Does the cause of death stated above take account of autopsy findings? Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	29. May further information relating to the cause of death be available later? Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
ACCIDENT OR VIOLENCE (If applicable)	30. If accident, suicide, homicide or undetermined (specify)		31. Place of injury (e.g. home, farm, highway, etc.)	32. Date of injury (month, day, year)
	33. How did injury occur? (describe circumstances)			
SURGICAL OPERATION	34. If there was a recent surgical operation give date of operation		35. State operative findings	
	36. I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above-named person died on the date and from the causes stated herein: <i>X</i> <i>J.D. Storkme</i> <i>2040 Stalburne</i> Signature (attending physician, coroner, etc.) Attending physician <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physician examining body after death <input type="checkbox"/> Coroner <input type="checkbox"/>			
CERTIFICATION (attending physician, coroner, etc.)	37. Name of physician or coroner (print or type) J.D. STORKME 2040 Stalburne			Date: Month, day, year 12-18/79

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Notations:
NOT IN 1901 CENSUS

CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT REGISTRAR	I certify this return was accepted by me on this date at - VICTORIA, B. C.		B.C.
	District Registration No. 9257	Date: Month (by name), day, year JAN - 2 1980	
			Signature of District Registrar <i>[Signature]</i>

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