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and 1989) and was a driving force behind the publication of The Wicked Mate: The Antarctic Diary of Victor Campbell (Huntington, UK, 1988).

Nancy retired from the Centre for Newfoundland Studies in 1989 and she and her husband moved to a farm, which they had bought in the 1950s in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, near the village of Sutton. From that base, she became an active part of the cultural and heritage preservation life of Sutton, travelled extensively, and maintained an interest in all things related to Newfoundland. She leaves her husband, David, her children, Jeff, Sally, and Andrew and their spouses, her grand-daughter Natania, and her many, many friends.

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Donald Baird (1926-1994)

Donald Baird, former University Archivist and University Librarian of Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, died on 1 November 1994. Don was for twenty-six years a key figure in the development of Simon Fraser University, serving as the University Librarian from a year before the University started in 1965 until he resigned in 1977 to become University Archivist. During his tenure in both positions, he was recognized as a builder and innovator by his peers. At the time of his retirement in 1990, because of ill-health, he was made an honourary member of the Association of British Columbia Archivists in recognition of his contribution to the archives profession and to the ABCA.

Don was born in 1926 in Edmonton, Alberta. He received a B.A. from the University of British Columbia, and was a graduate of the School of Librarianship of Columbia University. He was one of the first appointees at the new University of Simon Fraser when he was recruited from the University of Alberta to become University Librarian at SFU. During his years as University Librarian, he introduced many innovative ideas to the University community at large and when he became the University Archivist he continued to apply his expertise, knowledge, and creativity to the benefit of our profession.

Almost immediately after joining ABCA, Don produced the first published membership guide. He also became closely involved in the work of the Association of Canadian Archivists and did a detailed survey of University Archives in 1980 and 1985, which proved a very useful tool for university archivists.

Among Don’s contributions to ABCA was his work as vice-president, president, and past president of the association. As editor of the ABCA Newsletter, which was targeted towards small archives in the province, he brought members into an expanded network of consciousness of their many colleagues.
Don's work in the Archives of Simon Fraser University was laudable. He was in the fortunate position of being able to set up a separate Archives in a professional manner and under his direction the Archives came a very long way. He gained the confidence of his administration, the faculty, staff, and students—no mean achievement—and was able to build a very strong archival and records management programme. He was also a successful grants-getter and brought many distinguished collections to the University. One of his many activities at SFU was the teaching of the archival component of the Public History course for two years when he engendered an enthusiastic support of archives in his many students of that period.

He was the inspiration for the production of the Manual for Small Archives and the Handbook for Records Management and College Archives. During the latter production, Don's typical patience and determination to gain funding, involve the college community, and produce a handsome, useful volume was admirable. His great strength was always to take an idea and make it work. The ACA and the ABCA benefitted greatly from this strength.

Don leaves a wife, Sydney, a daughter, Alexis, and a son, Brenan. A Don Baird memorial fund has been set up at SFU. Donations may be made through the Library, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6.

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