



Dominica Gaglardi

(1881-1935)

Dominica Gaglardi was a woman well-known in the Silverdale area as “always helping someone”.

Born in Italy, she and her husband, John (Giovanni) Gaglardi, emigrated first to the United States, to Revelstoke in 1909 and finally the Silverdale area of Mission in 1911.

As well as farming and attending to her eleven children, Mrs. Gaglardi baked 50 loaves of bread a day in an outdoor brick oven and churned all the butter for their “General Store” in Silverdale.

On their farm property she kept a fine garden and particularly enjoyed flowers, was a good cook and sewed many of the family’s clothing from her own patterns. Her busy life included acting as interpreter for the Italian community, and as a midwife was called to assist at births, often by the doctors.

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