

# Gibby's Field Past...

**M**oses **Gibson**, known to friends and neighbours as "Gibby", was a prominent citizen in Cedar Cottage from the 1890's until 1937. He owned a hotel, a dairy and was a councilor for South Vancouver and the secretary and trustee of what is now Lord Selkirk School.



**I**n 1893, Gibson and his wife bought nearly 19 acres of land, including the three lots on 18th Avenue now affectionately known as Gibby's Field. The parcel of land included a **dairy farm** on 20th Avenue and was known as Gibson's Ranch. Gibby's Field was a magnet for kids for miles around in the 1920's and is still well used today. **Kids used to come to play, fish, and pick crab apples and hard pears from a nearby orchard.**



...other people had **picnics** by the stream during the summer...



**T**he headwaters of **Gibson Creek** were near 37th and Dumfries. The creek crossed Kingsway near Knight Street at the site of the old **Cedar Cottage Brewery**. The stream passed through Kingscrest Park (Knight and 26th) and Kensington Park (Dumfries and 37th) as well as what is now the **Tyee Elementary School** site.



At some point after the 1940's Gibson Creek and the downstream tributary (Davy Creek) were culverted. The pipes now pass under Kingscrest Park and Kensington Park.