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Orono

Family ran the Rolph Hardware on Orono's main street

My family goes back to the 1700's in this area. My grandfather ran Rolph's Hardware store on the main street in Orono. My father met my mother at a dance in the area when he was

surveying, and they ended up settling here and my father took over the store from my grandfather. My grandfather also had a Christmas tree farm. We backed onto the Crown Lands.

I spent my summers at the pool. I was a lifeguard and taught swimming at the Orono Park from age 15 to 19.

I remember my grandfather contributed \$1000 in around 1972 to put lights in at the baseball diamond. On a clear night you could see down to the diamond from our house.

Sharing the history fills me up because it honours my mom, who cared so much about local history.

