

MARJORIE DORIS MOWAT [1898-1966]

Marjorie Doris Mowat was born in Campbellton, on 8 March 1898 the last of John Porter and Barbara Anne Nelson's 11 children.

She studied nursing and did not marry and, although she was a Christian Scientist, believing you could cure yourself, she earned her living as a regular nurse.



Hazel, my mother was her older sister and although she lived in California, Doris used to come to visit us quite often especially when mother gave birth to my younger brother and sister. They were close and laughed a lot and Doris was a great help caring for the new babies.

Doris loved children and she was very easy to love, talkative and full of fun. I remember she sold encyclopedias on the side but also had some strange different ideas. She was interested in the Barberaux System of vocal resonance and left all her money to the promotion of the book or books on the system. I remember her as a child assuring my mother that although I could not carry a tune, I could learn to sing using the method.

She and mother corresponded over the years and I have one of the letters she wrote in 1966, the year she died in her sleep of a heart attack at the age of 68.



Left – sisters on the beach at Oak Bay.

L to R Top – Hazel and Alice

In front of Hazel is Doris holding Holly Kertland, Alice's granddaughter