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Providence Health Care Archives, St. Paul's Hospital: Preserving 110 years of tradition

Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Providence in 1894, St. Paul's Hospital is one of the oldest institutions in Vancouver, and it has the records to prove it! In 1978 Dr. C.E. (Ed) McDonnell, an internist at St. Paul's Hospital with a keen interest in medical history, recognized the importance of preserving the hospital's history, and organized a meeting with other individuals that shared his passion. With the encouragement of Executive Director Dr. Hugh MacDonald, Shanny Sochowski, an alumnus of the St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing, presented a proposal to the hospital's Board of Directors asking for support to develop an Archives. As a result, a small committee chaired by Dr. McDonnell was formed to begin the process of planning an Archives.

After several committee meetings, the St. Paul's Hospital Archives was eventually founded in 1979, funded almost entirely by the hospital's Medical Advisory Committee, with some funds provided by the School of Nursing Alumnae Association. The medical staff, therefore, was instrumental in the establishment of the Archives, and continued to provide funding until the hospital assumed that responsibility in 1984. The space for the Archives was provided by the hospital. For the first few years, accumulated archival material was stored in the basement of the Burrard Building; however, when the operating theatres were relocated to the new Providence Building in 1983, the Archives was established in the former doctor's lounge on the sixth floor of the Comox Building. After two subsequent moves, the Archives is currently located on the third floor of the Comox Building, the former School of Nursing residence.

The Archives was staffed entirely by volunteers for many years. From 1978 until 1996, Robert Gregory, retired Manager of Stores, was Archivist. He was responsible for "rescuing" much of the oldest material in the Archives' collection, including the earliest Board and Medical Advisory Committee minutes; early handwritten patient and financial registers; administrative records; original photographs; and artifacts, including many pieces of medical equipment illustrating the evolution of medical practice throughout the hospital's existence. During the early years, a trip was made to the Sisters of Charity of Providence Archives at Providence Centre in Edmonton, in order to make copies of material relating to St. Paul's. This included the hospital's first admissions register and photographs dating back to the time of the original 1894 building.

Due to its close association with the School of Nursing Alumnae, the Archives also assumed custody of the School's archives. Established as the St. Paul's Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1907, the School was closed permanently in 1974. The archives includes official student records, transcripts, and graduating class composites and diplomas from 1910 until 1974. Among the diplomas in the collection is that of 1910 graduate Gertrude Jenkins; printed on vellum, the diploma bears the signature of the hospital's first doctor-in-residence, Dr. H.B. Gourlay. Jenkins, the top student in her class, later married Gourlay, and their son, Dr. Robert H. Gourlay, also enjoyed a lengthy career as a physician at St. Paul's.

The story of the Gourlay family is but one example of the remarkable events and individuals documented at the Archives. For instance, the Archives holds records pertaining to the career of Sister Charles Spinola. Arriving at St. Paul's in 1906, Sister Charles graduated from the Training School for Nurses in 1912, and became Supervisor of Surgery; she was later in charge of the Operating Room and the Laboratory. In the hospital's early days, methods of treatment were still quite crude, including the administration of anesthetic. In 1919, Sister Charles invented the 'St.

Charles Ether Machine', a vaporizing machine designed to provide a more even flow of anesthesia to the patient, thus reducing possible dangerous after-effects. Upon the advice of several doctors, she patented the machine in 1924. Although encouraged to name it after herself, she refused, and modestly named it after her patron, St. Charles; interestingly, the patent mistakenly refers to Sister Charles as "him." The innovative device was implemented in hospitals throughout the country.

In 1933 Sister Charles became the official manager of the X-ray Department; while there, she continued to develop several inventions. In 1938, she created an X-ray identity machine out of a packing case, a treadle from an old sewing machine, and an electric light bulb, saving the hospital the expense of purchasing such a machine. She remained in the Radiology Department until 1963, when she retired after fifty-seven years at the hospital. Her nephew, Benny Gagnon, who trained under her watchful eye, later became Head of Radiology.

Another innovator at St. Paul's, Dr. Harold Rice, designed and built the first heart-lung machine in Canada from parts that he machined himself in the hospital's basement. The machine was used in the first open heart surgery performed at St. Paul's in 1960, and in over 1,000 additional heart surgeries, until the early 1970s. The Archives has both the original heart-lung machine and a pediatric version also built by Dr. Rice on display.

After twenty years of successful volunteer management, the first professional archivist was hired at the Archives in 1999, for one day per week. During this entire period, Dr. McDonnell continued to be deeply involved in the activities of the Archives. The Archives now employs one professional archivist two days per week, assisted by two volunteers one day per week. In March 2003, the Archives' mandate was expanded to include all Providence Health Care sites. To date, records have been transferred from St. Vincent's Arbutus, Heather, Brock Fahrni, and Langara sites; Mount St. Joseph Hospital; and Youville Residence.

On September 29th, an Open House was held at the Archives to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary and the official opening of its new display space. A special event was held in the morning, at which Dr. McDonnell, whose own birth record may be found in the Archives, was honored for his many contributions to the Archives' development over the past twenty-five years. Former long-time volunteers Shanny Sochowski and Rene Carlin were present, as were several original Archives Committee members. All expressed the hope that the Archives will continue to document and preserve the history and traditions of Providence Health Care. One thing is certain, the richness and complexity of the records found at the Archives today would not exist were it not for a group of dedicated individuals brought together by a common ambition to record and sustain the history of the organization for which they had come to have such a strong affection. As the current PHC Archivist, I feel fortunate indeed to have such a strong foundation upon which to build.

—Melanie Hardbattle

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Salt Spring Archives Expanding

The Salt Spring Archives has been awarded a grant by Library and Archives Canada to expand its website. A comprehensive project is well underway to enlarge the content of the website to include historical records from multicultural and neighbouring partners.

One component of the project will offer educators opportunities to use the website right in the classroom. Retired teacher, Donna McWhirter with the support of Wendy Herbert, Superintendent of School District 64, Gulf Islands, is coordinating this project. McWhirter will begin work with local teachers in early October. All teacher and student materials will be available online in both English and French.

The content of the website is being expanded to include photographic and documentary records of Salt Spring Island Archives' ethnic partners; Japanese, Black, Hawaiian, and First Nations. Already, webmaster Frank Neumann has added hundreds of photographs from these groups and the number grows daily.

Recently, upcoming Archives manager Barb Lyngard took the group to the Ackerman Museum, which highlights artifacts from Salt Spring's First Nations. Bob Ackerman led the group through the collections and allowed them to photograph the artifacts to add to the Archives website.

A partnership with the Galiano Island Museum and Historical Society has opened the doors for a companion website featuring Galiano's local historical artifacts and photographs thanks to Susan Good, an Archives volunteer with Galiano family ties.

The site will soon be available in French as well as English. Translator Alex Faster has already prepared more than 55,000 words which are being presented in a parallel website.

Archives manager Mary Davidson is pleased with the progress and feels the work is going along at a great rate. To view the website go to <http://www.saltspringarchives.com>.

The Salt Spring Archives acknowledges the financial support of the Department of Canadian Heritage through the Canadian Culture Online Program, Library and Archives of Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives.

Written by Gail Neumann

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UNBC Internship Project - Northwood Pulp & Timber



My name is Elizabeth Tait, and I am a student at the University of Northern British Columbia, majoring in historical studies. I decided to take an accredited history internship at the university consisting of 260 hours which equaled to six credits of study. I began my history internship at the Northern British Columbia Archives in September of 2003, having met previously with the Head of Archives, Ramona Rose to discuss the project relating to the Northwood collection.

The Northwood Photographic Collection acquired by the Archives in 2001, consists of approximately 10,000 black and white, and color photographs, 300 plus colored slides, video recordings, 16 mm colored films, and 250 plus color negatives. As well the collection includes textual materials including company brochures, newsletters, and inter office memoranda. These records encompass thirty years of business from 1964 to

1999 when Northwood was bought out by Canadian Forest Products.

Northwood Pulp and Timber Limited was developed by Noranda Mines in partnership with the Mead Corporation of Dayton, Ohio in the early 1960s. The pulp mill, along with its subsidiary companies had its headquarters in Prince George, British Columbia.

Initially I conducted background research on the company to familiarize myself with the collection. I soon realized I would need assistance in identifying employees, as well as the various processes of pulp making, and identifying regional sawmills. We were able to call on a group of former employees including Mr. Horst Sander, former President and CEO of Northwood (1965-1990), Ms. Laura Boyd, former Administrative Assistant to the President and CEO (1968-1999), Mr. Hans Westerhout, former Pulp and Group Foreman (1966-1999), Mr. Bill Theessen, former Manager Employee and Public Relations (1967-1998), and Mr. Harry Miller, former Manager of Shelley Sawmill (1966-1997).

From January to April 2004, we identified most of the photographs in albums, as well as loose photographic items. Each member of this team provided expertise on their individual departments and activities. They relayed information on various photographic subjects from the identification of individual employees to pulp mill sites, techniques, and resources. As well they were able to convey sawmill work processes and provided information on Northwood's sponsorship contributions to existing community foundations.

At the conclusion of the project, the Archives launched a reception for the Northwood team, and UNBC faculty members with research interests in northern rural community development and associated land use were invited. As

well, selections of the photographs were mounted for a display at the Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum, and will be on display there until Fall 2004. For information on the project see <http://lib.unbc.ca/unbcarchives/main.html>

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University of British Columbia Publication Digitization Project

The University of British Columbia has nearly completed a new project <http://www.library.ubc.ca/archives/ubcpubs/index.html> that provides on-line access to scanned copies of three of the University's primary publications: *Alumni Chronicle*, *The Ubysey* and *UBC Reports*. Collectively they include almost 53,000 pages that chronicle the historical evolution of the University. To support this important project the Archives received financial support from a unique partnership on campus that included Grad Class (2002/03), President's Office, UBC Library, Alumni Association, Public Affairs and *The Ubysey* Publications Society.



Project Overview

While these three publications constitute a significant historical resource back issues are quite rare and becoming even more so with the passage of time. First, because of the relatively small print runs of the publications, the University Archives seems to be the only source for back issues and these are quite heavily used for research. Unfortunately, this material suffers from the same weakness shared by all newspapers -- chemical instability inherent in the manufacture of newsprint. It is simply not intended to be an enduring medium. As a consequence, these publications (particularly *The Ubysey* from the 1940s and 1950s) are beginning to demonstrate signs of serious deterioration as they become increasingly brittle and much more susceptible to tearing and ultimate disintegration. There are definite limits as to how long access might be provided to the original paper copies of these publications.

The UBC Library has addressed the preservation of the information in the publications through a microfilming program. While ensuring the preservation of page images for perhaps hundreds of years, microfilming does little to enhance general access to these important sources of information. In fact, because there is generally only one public use copy of the microfilm and that requires specialized equipment to use, it might be considered something of an impediment to access.

Ironically, another difficulty inherent in the effective use of these resources is the over-abundance of information. Unfortunately, unless one has a very specific date for their research topic, it can be rather daunting and ineffectual to attempt to skim through long runs of the publication to locate necessary information.

The decreasing access to these publications over time and the fact that there currently exists no effective means of accessing their contents provided an opportunity to employ information technology, particularly scanning, as a solution. Such an approach has a couple of important advantages for promoting access to this material. First, as an on-line resource, it is no longer necessary for users to travel to the Archives to access the publications. The

newspapers and their unique contents are now more readily accessible through the internet to a much wider audience. In addition, the creation of electronic copies of these publications also provided the opportunity to employ OCR software as part of the scanning process to provide full-text search capabilities. As a result, the publications are self-indexing with each character string becoming a potential search term. This searching capability, perhaps more than anything else, will be critical in providing effective and efficient access to the contents of the publications.

As a result users can access the publications either chronologically through the structured web page constructed for each publication or use a search engine built with software package called dtSearch. The search engine that can be found at <http://wildhorse.library.ubc.ca/archives.html> allows users to enter a character string and search a variety of indexes either individually or collectively. In addition to the indexes for the three publications, users may search through the full text of all of our on-line HTML inventories, or PDF copies of the UBC Presidents annual report (1927-2002), Senate Minutes (1915-1991), selected sections from the UBC Calendars (1915-1960), Librarian's report to Senate (1927-2003), and published University histories. Those that have used the new search engine have been extremely impressed with the speed and comprehensiveness with which they can now search across tens of thousands of pages of PDF and HTML files.

Chris Hives
University Archivist, UBC

Brief description and date ranges of publications included in the digitization project

Alumni Chronicle (1931-2000)

Published by the UBC Alumni Association the *Alumni Chronicle* first appeared in 1931. Since the time of its inception it has served as a vehicle to report on activities and initiatives undertaken by the Association, communicate information about important developments at the University to its alumni and to maintain the network of personal relationships existing between former students of the University. The publication has featured articles written by alumni on general topics and has also included profiles of alumni and other significant individuals affiliated with the University

UBC Reports (1955-2002)

First appearing in early 1955, *UBC Reports* has served to disseminate information about important events, activities and people at the rest of the University campus and to the community beyond. Its pages chronicle the physical and intellectual evolution of the institution, provides profiles of faculty members and their research, and informs the community of upcoming University events.

The Ubyyssey (1918-1998)

By far the most voluminous of the publications included in this project (37,000 pp.), *The Ubyyssey* first began publishing in October 1918. The newspaper provides an unparalleled glimpse into the development of student life for over eighty-five years. Since its inception, *The Ubyyssey* has documented lives and events of students through the roaring twenties, depression, world war, cold war and social turmoil. Its pages reflect the views of students about life and events at the University as well as other happenings around the world. *The Ubyyssey* offers a unique perspective on the events of the twentieth century and provides some glimpses of the idealistic beginnings of future generations of leaders. Over the years many notable Canadians have contributed to the newspaper as students. Just a few of these include Pierre Berton, Alan Fotheringham, Pat Carney, John Turner, and Eric Nicol.

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Executive Minutes

Meeting Minutes: 15 May 2004

Executive of the Archives Association of British Columbia

Location: University of Victoria Archives -- McPherson Library -- Victoria, B.C.

Present:

Anthea Seles, Vice President

Linda Nobrega, Secretary

Krisztina Laszlo, Institutional Member-At-Large

Siôn Romaine, Individual Member-at-large

Regrets:

Christine Meutzner, President

Jian Liu, Treasurer

Guest:

Lara Wilson

1. Approval of Agenda: Approved

Anthea Seles called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes of 18 April 2004 Meeting

Approved by Anthea Seles, seconded by Krisztina Laszlo.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Current State of the CCA -- Lara Wilson

Lara Wilson, CCA Board member, provided the new Executive with a short report on matters relating to Canadian Council of Archives activities.

Lara reported that Library and Archives Canada's (LAC) evaluation reports on the CCA's grant funding for regular programs and Archives Canada (CAIN) will likely be released soon on the LAC website. These evaluation reports were prepared by LAC in response to the government-wide review of grants and contribution authorities, the renewal of which must take place before March 31, 2005 in accordance with the Treasury Board Policy on Transfer Payments. The CCA is hopeful that, with the support of the Canadian archival community and LAC,

these granting authorities will be renewed. The CCA will keep the AABC up to date on any developments, and may call on the AABC and our allies in the research communities to support our case for renewal.

Lara reported that the results from the CCA's 2003/04 survey of councils and institutions will be available shortly on the CCA website.

Lara also briefly reviewed AABC's services (Network, Education, Preservation) and the role of the CCA funding streams.

The CCA will be holding its summer Board meeting, 28-30 June in Charlottetown, PEI. If members of the archival community have questions or issues they would like the Board to address, please contact the Secretariat or any Board member with your concerns.

3.2 Fundraising White Paper

There was some discussion regarding the White Paper, "Developing a Fundraising Program for the AABC", and the potential feasibility of implementing these recommendations. Anthea Seles, Vice-President, noted that the committee structure did not include a member of the executive. Overall the report was commended for highlighting the fact that the AABC cannot rely on CCA funding as a means of supporting mission critical activities.

The Vice-President recommended that the executive examine the White Paper at length in order to determine the best course of action for the AABC and present potential avenues to its membership.

4. President's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

5 Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Jian Liu, Linda Nobrega presented the reports for the month ending March 31, 2004 (see attached).

The reports presented:

1. Statement of Revenue and Expenses (Unaudited) for the month ending March 31, 2004.
2. Statement of Revenue and Expenses by Fund (Unaudited): General Fund - for the period ending March 31, 2004.
3. Statement of Revenue and Expenses by Fund (Unaudited): Archival Network Service - for the period ending March 2004.
4. Statement of Revenue and Expenses by Fund (Unaudited): B.C. Archival Preservation Services - for the period ending March 31, 2004.
5. Statement of Revenue and Expenses by Fund (Unaudited): Education & Advisory Service - for the period ending March 31, 2004.
6. Archives Association of British Columbia. Balance Sheet - as at March 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

Linda Nobrega moved to accept the budget. Seconded by Siôn Romaine. Moved.

6. Committee and Program Reports

6.1 Education

6.2 Grants

Krisztina Laszlo stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

6.3 Membership

6.4 Conference

6.5 Internet

6.6 Preservation

Siôn Romaine reported that clarification should be made on the AABC website stating that only members of the AABC may access services provided by the preservation contractor, Rosaleen Hill.

6.7 PAAL

6.8 Newsletter Editorial Board

6.9 Regional Representatives

6.10 Constitution and Bylaws

6.11 Nominations

Due to the late call of the Executive Meeting many of the committees were not contacted. Executive sends an apology.

7. Other Business

7.1 The Executive encouraged Jennifer Mohan to continue campaigning for a President.

7.2 On behalf of Jennifer Mohan, Anthea Seles submitted for consideration a draft letter to be sent to the Minister and Premier in regards to the amendment of the Vital Statistics Act. Executive moved that the letter be sent out on the AABC listserv to encourage members to lobby the minister concerning the amendments to the Vital Statistics Act. Moved by Krisztina Laszlo, seconded by Siôn Romaine.

Action: Anthea Seles will complete the first paragraph pertaining to the AABC and forward the letter to the listserv.

8. Adjournment

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 25 July 2004.

Siôn Romaine moved to adjourn the meeting. Krisztina Laszlo seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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Meeting Minutes: 7 July 2004

Executive of the Archives Association of British Columbia

Location: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver -- 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Present:

Anthea Seles, Vice President

Linda Nobrega, Secretary

Jian Liu, Treasurer

Regrets:

Christine Meutzner, President

Krisztina Laszlo, Institutional Member-At-Large

Siôn Romaine, Individual Member-at-large

Guest:

Karen Blimkie

1. Approval of Agenda: Approved

Anthea Seles called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes of 15 May 2004 Meeting

Minutes were approved over e-mail exchanges, June 15, 2004.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Karen Blimkie report on Finances

Karen Blimkie presented a financial report to the Executive. A Financial Overview Report was provided and attached to the minutes.

Karen presented the Statements of Revenue and Expenses for the period ending May 31, 2004 (see attached).

3.2 Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committees are established on a yearly basis and are reconstituted after the AGM. Be it resolved the continuation of the Ad Hoc Committees and the reappointment of the Chairs except for the AABC CAIN Coordinator who is no longer available and the current vacancy of PAAL (Public Awareness and Archival Legislation).

Anthea Seles moved to approve. Jian Liu seconded. Passed.

Jennifer Mohan is to be notified that there are two vacant chair positions: the Public Awareness and Archival Legislation Committee and the AABC CAIN Coordinator position.

3.3 Roundtable

There was a proposed Roundtable for July/August concerning CAIN, CCA funding, federal government reports and the AABC fundraising white paper. Given the financial report provided by Karen Blimkie and the fact that a roundtable took place last year at the AGM (April 26, 2003) - The Executive agreed to strike the issue of the roundtable.

Action: Linda Nobrega will notify the Executive, Chairs and Regional Representatives about the cancellation of the roundtable.

3.4 AABC's Opinion on the LAC Review

Manitoba's archival association had issued a statement in support of the CCA and the CCA's response to LAC's Evaluation of the Grants and Contributions Program. In line with Manitoba's statement, Be it resolved that the AABC extend their support to the CCA and its endeavours. Linda Nobrega moved to approve, Jian Liu seconded. Passed.

Action: Anthea Seles will post the statement, on behalf of the AABC, onto ARCAN-L.

4. President's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

5 Treasurer's Report

Signing authority for the AABC. Currently that authority is with Erwin Wodarczak and Jian Liu. Anthea Seles needs to speak to Erwin to relinquish and pass signing authority to her.

As Karen had presented the Statements of Revenue and Expenses there is nothing further to report at this time.

6. Committee and Program Reports

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7. Other Business

7.1 Archives Week

It had been suggested by Valerie Billesberger, Fraser Valley Regional Rep., that the PAAL Committee solicit the membership for ideas on a theme for Archives Week. This should be done via the website and/or the regions and the committee announce the theme at the AGM in order to extend the planning time frame. This will give members more opportunity to seek resources for staging events to celebrate Archives Week and potentially increase the number of institutions who participate on a province-wide basis. In addition, the Archives Week poster should be created as a pdf file and available via the AABC website. The Executive agreed to the suggestions.

The PAAL Committee does not currently have a Chair. If a Chair is not appointed in the next month the Executive will address the organization of this year's Archives Week (November).

7.2 Executive Advisory Committee

Due to the absence of a president a committee shall be established to assist the current Vice President/Acting President and the new Executive for the current year. Be it resolved that the AABC Executive establish the Executive Advisory Committee and appoint Chris Hives, Jennifer Mohan and Lara Wilson as members of the committee. Linda Nobrega moved, Jian Liu seconded. Passed.

7.3 Network Services/Internet Committee

Heather Gordon shall be invited to the next Executive Meeting in order to discuss the program/fund of the network services and the funding concerns.

Action: Anthea Seles shall e-mail Heather Gordon.

8. Adjournment

Next meeting date to be determined at a later time.

Anthea Seles moved to adjourn the meeting. Jian Liu seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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British Columbia Archival Network News

AABC Web Resources Continue to Grow in Popularity

Statistics for the first half of fiscal year 2004-2005 show continued growth in the usage of the AABC/BC Archival Information Network (BCAIN) web site. From April through September 2004, 265,558 unique visits (1,896,930 hits) were recorded, with a daily average of 1,451 visitors. This represents a 34% increase in unique visits over the same time period the year before.

The most often accessed area of the site was the BC Archival Union List (BCAUL). For the first half of this fiscal/program year, 171,411 unique database sessions were established, a 27% increase over the same time period in the previous fiscal year. (Each database session can constitute any number of searches, index scans, result lists and displays.) The online Guide to Archival Repositories in British Columbia and the Archivist's Toolkit were the next most accessed areas of the site.

New and Notable on the Web

University of British Columbia Archives -- UBC Digitized Publications

"UBC Digitized Publications", a new section of the University of British Columbia Archives' web site, now provides access to almost 53,000 high-quality scanned pages of *The Ubyyssey* (1918-1998), *UBC Reports* (1955-2002), and the *Alumni Chronicle* (1931-2000). A keyword search capability over all text in these publications will soon be available for public use. Check out this fabulous resource on the University of British Columbia Archives web site at: www.library.ubc.ca/archives/ubcpubs/index.html.

British Columbia Archival Union List -- New Descriptions on the Database

Archives in the province are reminded that new and revised BCAUL descriptions should be submitted to the BC Archival Network Service Program. For more information on the various ways submissions can be made, people are asked to contact Bill Purver, BCANS Coordinator, by phone (604-876-9150), by fax (604-876-9850) or by email <mailto:bpurver@aabbc.bc.ca>.

The following are new or revised descriptions recently submitted and added to the *British Columbia Archival Union List* at aabbc.bc.ca/aabc/bcaul.html:

British Columbia Archives:

Victoria Young Men's Christian Association fonds
William Middleton fonds
Hayes Trucks Ltd. fonds
Brandvold family fonds
George Gilbert fonds
Sylvia Spring fonds
Winston A. Shilvock fonds
Ichiro Shiino fonds
Richard Francis Heurtley Reed fonds
Sculptors' Society of British Columbia fonds
Kenneth A. Hodgson fonds
Lester G. Morrell fonds
Tannice McKillop collection
Fraser River Harbour Commission fonds
Jack Fillion film collection
Eve Ostepovich collection
Canron Inc. fonds
Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Company fonds
Thomas F. Wade fonds
Arthur S. Sutcliffe fonds
Joseph Algernon Pearce collection

British Columbia Medical Association Archives:

Dr. Sydney Segal fonds
Dr. Geoffrey Robinson fonds
Dr. Peter Banks fonds
Dr. George Elliot Seldon fonds

City of Richmond Archives:

British Columbia Packers Limited fonds
British Columbia Packers Limited photograph collection
City of Richmond fonds

City of Surrey Archives:

Stan McKinnon fonds

City of Victoria Archives:

British Columbia Funeral Company fonds
Hayward family fonds

Delta Museum and Archives:

John Landysheff fonds
Delta Branch Canadian Red Cross Society fonds
British and Foreign Bible Society Ladner Branch fonds
Delta Women's Institute fonds
Brunswick Cannery (Canoe Pass) fonds
Roy York collection
Holmes family fonds

Margaret MacInnis and family fonds
Whitworth family fonds
William H. Ladner fonds
Delta Choral Society fonds
Edgar Dunning fonds
Vancouver Wireless Station Parent-Teacher Association fonds
F.V. Delta Cooperative Association fonds
Dallas Kamlah fonds
Ken Young photograph collection
Thomas E. Ladner and family fonds
Beatrice and William Cain fonds
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Delta Agricultural Society fonds
Delta Chamber of Commerce fonds
Delta Centennial (1979) Committee fonds
Ladner Dugout Committee fonds
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Guide to Archival Repositories in British Columbia -- Recent Updates

The following is information recently updated on the AABC's online directory, *A Guide to Archival Repositories in British Columbia* (aabc.bc.ca/aabc/bcguide.html):

1) Library and Archives of Canada. Vancouver Office

New repository name: (formerly National Archives of Canada)

New email address: reference.vancouver@lac-bac.gc.ca

New web address: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/>

New hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00

2) Alder Grove Heritage Society Archives

New hours of operation: Wednesday to Saturday, 11:00-4:00

3) Anglican Diocese of Kootenay

New web site: <http://www.kootenay.anglican.ca/>

4) Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge

New web site: <http://www.mapleridge.org/>

5) Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford Museum

New web site: www.abbotsford.net/msamuseum/new_page_2.htm

6) Archives of the Diocese of Kamloops

New contact name: Mrs. Mary Howard , Archivist

7) Archives of the Diocese of Prince George

New contact: Florence M. D'Costa , Archivist

New phone number: (250) 964-4486

New email address: archives@pgdiocese.bc.ca

8) Lytton Museum and Archives

New web address: www.botaniecreek.com/museum/

9) Mackenzie and District Museum

New web site: <http://www.mackenziemuseum.ca/>

10) Sechelt Community Archives

New web address: <http://www.secpl.scrd.bc.ca/archives.html>

11) Trail City Archives

New contact: Museum/Archives Director

New phone number: (250) 364-0829

New hours of operation: Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

New email address: spoling@cityoftrail.com

New web site: <http://www.trailhistory.com/archives.html>

12) Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives

New web address: www.gdpl.scrd.bc.ca/museum/index.htm

13) Kimberley District Heritage Society

New email address: kdhs@telus.net

14) B.C. Central Coast Archives

New listing:

B.C. Central Coast Archives

(Bella Coola Valley Museum Society)

1685 Airport Road

Hagensborg, B.C. V0T 1H0

Mailing Address: Box 726, Bella Coola, B.C. V0T 1C0

Access:

Contact Person: Lorna Dishkin , Archivist

Phone Number: (250) 982-2130

Fax Number: (250) 982-2130

e-mail address: museum@belco.bc.ca

Days and Hours of Operation:

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-3:30; Closed on statutory holidays. Closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Holdings:

Total Volume: 123 feet

Inclusive Dates: 1890s-2003

Predominant Dates: 1890s-1950s

Acquisition Policy/Holdings Summary:

B.C. Central Coast Archives is active in the collection and preservation of records with archival value to the Central Coast of British Columbia, defined as the area within the Central Coast Regional District boundaries, with particular attention to material related to the Bella Coola Valley and its geographical content. Both public and private records are acquired by donation, bequest or any other transaction by which title to the material passes to the Archives. The British Columbia Central Coast Archives accepts the following public or private material, based on their relation to the purpose as stated above and on their archival value, defined as administrative, legal, financial, or historical usefulness: textual records, photographs, drawings and paintings, maps, plans, architectural records, and audio or visual tapes. The Archives will only accept books, reference material, artifacts and electronically stored data at the discretion of the archivist.

15) Pitt Meadows Museum and Archives

New email address: pittmuseum@look.ca

New web address: www.pittmeadows.bc.ca/services/recreat/rmuseum.html

16) City of Richmond Archives

New email address: lwaller@richmond.ca

17) Chemainus Valley Museum

New email address: cvhs@telus.net

18) Saanich Pioneers' Society Museum and Archives

New hours of operation: Saturday and Sunday, 12:00-16:00 (Appointments on request for special arrangements)

19) Sisters of Saint Ann Archives

New contact name: Mickey King , Archivist

20) Delta Museum and Archives

Contact person: Kathy Bossort , Archivist

New email addresses: deltamuseum@dccnet.com or bossort@dccnet.com

New hours of operation: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00-3:00, closed at lunch between 12:30 and 1:00

New holdings information: Total volume -- 88 metres textual material, ca. 140 metres all media; Inclusive dates -- ca. 1840-2002;

Predominant dates -- ca. 1895-1990

British Columbia Archival Network Service - Contact Information

Archives or archivists wishing to submit new information for any of the AABC's web resources, including new or revised descriptions for the *BC Archival Union List* and the online *Guide to Archival Repositories in BC*, should contact Bill Purver at the BC Archival Network Service program (Phone: 604-876-9150 ; Fax: 604-876-9850 ; Email: bpurver@aabc.bc.ca).

For more information about the program, people are asked to consult the BC Archival Network Service homepage at aabc.bc.ca/aabc/bcans.html.

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