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AABC Education and Advisory Service

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After three years of service, Linda Wills stepped down from the position of Education and Advisory Archivist for the AABC at the end of July. Linda is now doing independent contract work for small archives and I wish her well in all her new adventures. I also want to thank her for passing on the records generated by the service, although it has not yet become clear to me, in my small condominium, where '2.1 m. of textual records and other material' will be stored. All teasing aside, I am humbled by the hard work that has clearly been put into this position by all former advisors: Bill Purver, Jan Turner, Patti O'Byrne, Diedre Simmons, and Linda. I hope I can follow in their enthusiastic footsteps. Seeing as I am only two weeks into this job, I thought that I would take this opportunity to tell you about myself and my work experiences.

September will mark ten years since I entered the Master of Archival Studies program at UBC. My internship was spent in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania working on the William Penn Land Survey Conservation Project. The state archives holds several thousand seventeenth century land grants, many authored by the state's founder, which had been laminated in the 1960s. The Penn Project worked to delaminate, mend, deacidify, and encapsulate as many documents as possible over a three year period. It was an incredible experience and it gave me an appreciation for the document as an artifact in addition to as a record. Needless to say, I am a huge believer in providing proper care for records and I preach the doctrine of reversibility!

When I graduated I decided to look for work outside the Lower Mainland. I headed east to Toronto where I worked, under the Young Canada Works program, at the Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives for a summer. But the west coast called me back and I have worked, since 1999, for a variety of institutions in and around Vancouver. The last five years found me working as an archivist at the New Westminster Museum and Archives, as a contract researcher for the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, and spending a year in Arizona starting an archives from scratch. Most recently I had the opportunity to work at the Vancouver Office of Library and Archives Canada. I feel fortunate that I have had an opportunity to see so many different repositories and I understand the challenges that come with working in archives which have very modest funding, few staff, and limited resources.

I am very much looking forward to this position with the AABC and I am eager to start visiting archives and delivering distance education courses. "Introduction to Archival Practice" starts October 1st and I am keen to 'meet' the students. If a workshop or a site visit is of interest to you, please check the Advisory Service section of the AABC website and contact me. <http://aabc.bc.ca/aabc/advisor.html>

As anyone who had Linda visit their repository in the past will know, the role of the Advisory Archivist is that of a friend and support person, not a judge or a critic. Contact me soon as I am planning for 2007 now. The Education and Advisory Service is always available for comments, suggestions, and new ideas. I would love to hear from our membership – what is it that I can do for you and your archives?

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Executive Biographies

Val Billesberger, a graduate of the Master of Archival Studies Program, is the part-time Archivist & Records Manager at the Mission Community Archives and a consultant in field of archives administration and records management for non-profit groups and local public bodies. She has been actively involved in the AABC for the past 15 years, serving on the Grants Committee (1991-1994), Editor of the Newsletter (1992-1994) and the Regional Representative for the Fraser Valley (1994-2005). Val has also assisted with planning conferences (Local Arrangements Chair in 1998 and Program Chair 2005) and taught numerous courses and workshops for the association.

Ramona Rose is the Head of the Northern BC Archives & Special Collections unit at the University of Northern British Columbia. Ramona has served as the AABC Regional Representative of the Central Interior Northeast from 2001-2005. She also has served on local community heritage association boards including the Prince George Heritage Commission and the Prince George Oral History Society. Ramona has worked in archives and the heritage collections management field for over sixteen years and is looking forward to serving the AABC as the Institutional Member at Large.

Lisa Beitel has been working as a Special Projects Archivist at the Simon Fraser University Archives for the past 2½ years. Since graduating with a M.A.S. degree from UBC in 2001 she has worked as an Archivist at the City of Calgary Archives and as the Heritage Collections Officer at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site. She also continues to work at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, where since 1999, she has worked in school program development and programming, visitor services and interpretation, and with the museum's archives and artifact collections. She has been an active volunteer for the AABC since 2002 serving as Secretary, Individual-Member-at-Large, and Programme Chair for the 2003 Nanaimo conference.

Richard Dancy is Special Projects Archivist at the Simon Fraser University Archives, where he has worked since 1998 after graduating from UBC's archival program. Richard first served with the AABC in 1999 when he joined the Public Awareness, Advocacy and Legislation Committee and worked on the AABC's response to changes in access and privacy legislation.

Lisa Codd is the curator at the Burnaby Village Museum. She holds a Master's Degree in History from Simon Fraser University. Lisa has served the AABC on the conference committee for the past three years, and was active in the Fraser Valley Regional Group before moving to Vancouver in 2005. Lisa also serves on the Council of the BC Museums Association.

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British Columbia Archival Network News

New and Notable on the Web

1) City of Richmond Archives -- "Richmond Schools: What's in a Name"

A new online historical resource, "[Richmond Schools - What's in a Name?](#)" traces the expansion of the Richmond school system over the past 125 years, emphasizing how and why each school was given its name, and therefore, a part of its identity. The exhibit is organized into sections corresponding to periods of growth and development within the Richmond school system and in the community itself.

2) University of British Columbia Archives -- "Japanese Maps of the Tokugawa Era" Now Online

As a part of its growing online "Digital Resources" program, UBC Archives has recently mounted a stunning collection of 285 maps of Japan from the Tokugawa era. You can browse through the online collection at <http://angel.library.ubc.ca/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=%2Ftokugawa>.

3) Archives Society of Alberta - Newly-redesigned Web Site Launched

The Archives Society of Alberta recently launched its newly-redesigned web site, incorporating Association information and various online resources including the Archives Network of Alberta, Alberta InSight, and Alberta InWord. Consult the site at <http://www.archivesalberta.org>.

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 at bpurver@aabc.bc.ca.

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

British Columbia Archives:

British Columbia Government Employees Union fonds
John T.E. Gowlland fonds
Pidcock family fonds

British Columbia Medical Association Archives:

Dr. J.H. MacDermot fonds
Dr. A.M. Davidson fonds
British Columbia Anesthesiologists' Society fonds
British Columbia Association of Laboratory Physicians fonds
British Columbia Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons fonds
British Columbia Psychiatric Association fonds
British Columbia Radiological Society fonds
British Columbia Society of Internal Medicine fonds
British Columbia Surgical Society fonds
British Columbia Thoracic Society fonds
Committee on Medical Economics of British Columbia fonds
Osler Society of Vancouver fonds
Vancouver Medical Association fonds
Westminster Medical Association fonds
Dr. Frank Turnbull fonds
Dr. George Elliot Seldon fonds
Dr. G.F. Strong fonds
Dr. H.H. Milburn fonds
Dr. Peter Banks fonds
Dr. Geoffrey Robinson fonds

City of Richmond Archives:

Richmond Artists Guild fonds
Richmond United Church collection
Richmond Summer Games Society fonds
B.C. Blueberry Co-operative Association fonds
FISH Richmond fonds
Richmond Agricultural and Industrial Society fonds
Fraser Agricultural Society collection
Richmond Lumber Company collection
Ruth Helena Estabrooks fonds
Steveston Ratepayers and Household Association fonds
Boy Scouts of Richmond fonds
Thompson family fonds
Richmond British Columbia Centennial '71 Committee fonds
Royal Canadian Legion, Richmond Branch No. 5 fonds
Archie Kelly fonds
Gordon McBurney fonds
Lubzinski brothers and Marine Products Company collection
Audrey Wylie photograph collection
Richmond Community Services Advisory Council fonds
David Hobson litigation collection
Victorian Order of Nurses, Richmond Branch fonds
Robert Gordon collection
South Arm Community Association fonds
Richmond General Hospital Society fonds
Fraser River Pilots' Association fonds

City of Vancouver Archives:

Harry Barratt fonds
Gordon Price fonds
Green and Huckvale Advertising Ltd. fonds

Cortes Island Museum and Archives:

Cortes Island Ratepayers Association fonds
Gilean Douglas fonds
Regional Director of Area I (Cortes Island) fonds

Nanaimo Community Archives:

Methodist Church Sunday School fonds
Norman Barrass fonds
William E. Bray fonds
City of Nanaimo Pound fonds
Arthur Hyde Chambers fonds
Addison family fonds
Ashlar Lodge No. 3 (Nanaimo) collection
Nanaimo Community Archives Beban House collection
Britannia Hotel fonds
Canadian Federation of University Women - Nanaimo fonds
Doreen Ketchen fonds
Cottle family collection
Devlin, Beck family fonds
Dominion Express Company (Nanaimo) fonds
Empire Day Celebration Committee fonds
Fred Taylor collection
Freeman family fonds
Jack E. Work fonds
Mayo Lumber Company collection
Lawless family fonds
Leighton family fonds
Malaspina Hotel collection
Marcia Galloway fonds
Martha A. Kenny fonds
Mary Hardy fonds
Pacific Coast Militia Rangers Association (Nanaimo) fonds
McGill, Cunningham family fonds
Nanaimo Power and Sail Squadron fonds
Nanaimo Ratepayers Association fonds
Nanaimo Recreation Commission fonds
Neck Point and Piper's Lagoon Parks collection
Wagstaff family fonds
Perry family collection
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Nanaimo) collection
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Nanaimo) fonds
Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia (Nanaimo Chapter) fonds
Salute to Frank Ney Committee fonds
Seiriol Williams fonds
St. Andrew's United Church collection
Thomas Nicholson fonds
Woodman family collection
Wallace Street Methodist Church collection
Welch family fonds
Beatrice Willgress fonds
William (Bill) Drummond Loudon fonds
William McGregor fonds

William B. Smith fonds

Quesnel and District Museum and Archives:

Carson family photograph collection
Alex and Gertrude Fraser photograph collection
School District No. 28 (Quesnel) fonds
Quesnel Cariboo Observer photograph collection

Simon Fraser University Archives:

Student Services fonds
Office of the Vice-President, University Services fonds
Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds
Office of the Associate Vice-President, Academic fonds
Academic Planning Services fonds
Academic Relations Office fonds
Institute of Public Policy Analysis fonds
Kelowna School of Resource Management fonds
SFU Archives Simon Fraser collection
SFU Archives poster collection
SFU Archives publications about SFU collection
Press Gang Publishers fonds
Facilities Management fonds
University Advancement fonds
Media and Public Relations Office fonds
Art Gallery fonds
Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies fonds
Kathleen Hudson Women's Bookstore collection
Frances Wasserlein fonds
Candace Parker women's movement collection
Peter Poole fonds
SFU Archives Gordon Shrum collection
Robert F. Harrison fonds
W. Randle Iredale fonds
SFU Archives apiculture (beekeeping) collection
SFU Archives Association of University and College Employees collection
Margaret Benston fonds
Vivien Leong recycling collection
Simon Fraser Student Society fonds
John F. Ellis fonds
Cliff Lloyd fonds
Peak Publications Society fonds
Teaching Support Staff Union fonds
Working Women Unite fonds
Association of Canadian Publishers fonds
Non-Faculty Teachers Association fonds
Women's Studies Association of British Columbia fonds
Port Coquitlam Area Women's Centre fonds
Simon Fraser University Faculty Women's Association fonds
West Coast Line fonds
Makara Magazine fonds
Women's Cultural Exchange fonds
Simon Fraser Teachers' Union fonds
Canadian Association of Geographers, Western Division fonds
British Columbia Honey Producers Association fonds
British Columbia Student Federation fonds
Faculty of Business Administration fonds
Hugh Johnston fonds

Trinity Western University Archives:

Trinity Western University audio/visual collection
Canadian Evangelical Theological Association fonds
Financial Services fonds
Development fonds
University Advancement fonds
Institute of Aviation fonds
Admissions Office fonds
Faculty Association fonds
Douglas Shantz fonds
Richard Walters fonds
Trinity Western University Student Association fonds
Associated Canadian Theological Schools fonds
Hudson's Bay Company/Langley Farm collection
Trinity Western University maps collection

University of British Columbia Archives:

Douglas T. Kenny fonds
John B. Macdonald fonds
Guy Palmer fonds
Evi Whittaker fonds
UBC subject file collection
Player's Club Alumni fonds
Campus Planning and Development fonds
Wilson Duff fonds
Robert Osborne fonds
Department of Pathology fonds
Stephen Straker fonds
Elliot Weisgarber fonds
"The Corporation" fonds
Juda Quastel fonds
W.H. Mathews fonds

University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections:

Alan Twigg fonds
Albert F. Reeve fonds
Leslie D. Copan fonds
Homer Stevens fonds
Radio Canada International recordings collection
Robert Laird Borden fonds
Henry Ralston fonds
Georges Bugnet fonds
Alpheus Hyatt Verrill fonds
Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform fonds

University of Northern British Columbia Archives:

Mary Fallis fonds
Noel Humphreys fonds

University of Victoria Archives:

Barbara Ann Roberts fonds

University of Victoria Libraries Special Collections:

Gray Campbell fonds
Lawrence Durrell collection
Henry Miller collection
Rona Murray fonds
Alfred Perles fonds
Baptist Noel Turner fonds
Cavenagh family fonds
Cyrus Peck fonds
Robert Seaborn fonds
William W. Duncan fonds
50th Regiment Gordon Highlanders of Canada fonds
88th Regiment Victoria Fusiliers fonds

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) Mennonite Historical Society of BC Archives

New contact: David Giesbrecht

2) Delta Museum and Archives

New web address: www.corp.delta.bc.ca/EN/main/residents/museum.html

3) Kamloops Museum and Archives

New email address: scross@kamloops.ca

New web address: www.kamloops.ca/museum/archives.shtml

4) City of Burnaby Archives

New email address: archives@burnaby.ca

New web site: www.burnaby.ca/cityhall/departments/archvs.html

5) West Vancouver Museum and Archives

New email address: mhardbattle@westvancouver.ca

6) Providence Health Care Archives

New contact: Donna I. Humphries

New e-mail address: dhumphries@providencehealth.bc.ca

New hours of operation: Monday-Tuesday (every week), Wednesday (1st and 3rd weeks only), 8-4:30; phone to make appointment

7) North Pacific Cannery Village Museum

New web site: www.cannery.ca

8) Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society

New contact: Morag Wehrle , Heritage Collections Officer

New e-mail address: Morag.Wehrle@pc.gc.ca

New web site: www.pc.gc.ca/gulfofgeorgiacannery/

9) University of Victoria Archive

New contact: Lara Wilson , Acting University Archivist

New e-mail address: ljwilson@uvic.ca

10) United Church of Canada BC Conference Archives

New contact: Blair Galston , Archivist

11) North Vancouver Museum and Archives

New address: Community History Centre, 3203 Institute Road, North Vancouver, B.C. V5K 3E5

New phone number: 604-990-3700

New email address: MansbridgeF@dnv.org

New days and hours of operation: Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00-5:00

12) Sechelt Community Archives

New web site: www.secpl.scrd.bc.ca/archivesecheltlibrary.html

13) University of Northern B.C. Archives

New web site: library.unbc.ca/UNBCArchives/web/default.html

14) Cumberland Museum and Archives

New email address: cumberlandmuseum@shaw.ca

New web site: cumberlandmuseum.ca

15) Chase and District Museum and Archives

New contact: Carryl Coles

16) Craig Heritage Park Museum and Archives

New email address: parksvillemuseum@shaw.ca

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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