

**British Columbia Provincial Police
Veterans' Association fonds
MsC 131**

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Fonds description

Title: British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association fonds

Dates of creation: [ca. 1900]-2012.

Physical description: 9.2 cm textual records and other material.

Administrative history:

Policing in British Columbia was first the responsibility of the Chief Inspector of Police (1858-1863), then the Superintendent of Police (1863-1871). The Colony of Vancouver Island was policed by the Commissioner of Police (1858-1866). Upon the amalgamation of the colonies into the province of British Columbia in 1871, the British Columbia Constabulary was created, and it was renamed the British Columbia Provincial Police Force (BCPP) in 1895. The BCPP is generally dated from 1858-1950. In 1950 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were given the responsibility of policing BC, and many BCPP members were absorbed into the RCMP.

Some former members of the BC Provincial Police force met at a reunion dinner in 1964, and successive reunion dinners led to the formation of the British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association in 1966. The Association holds reunion dinners and in the 1980s published "Off-Patrol," a newsletter directed at former BC Provincial Police members.

Custodial history: The records were maintained by BC Provincial Police Veterans' Association President Eric Hallam until the time of their donation to SFU.

Scope and content:

The fonds reflects the role of the BC Provincial Police Veterans' Association in maintaining the relationships and memories of the men who served on the police force. Records include written reminiscences, newspaper clippings, and photographs of the men in service, as well as documentation and photographs of the activities of the Veterans' Association and the lives of members.

Notes:

Source of title: Title based on contents of fonds.

Physical description: Includes 147 black and white photographs, 19 colour photographs, 21 black and white prints, 59 colour prints, 2 contact sheets, 7 postcards, 4 scrapbooks, 2 banners, 3 posters, 2 plaques, 2 decals, 1 cassette tape, 2 VHS cassettes, 4 CD-Rs, 1 ribbon, 1 string, 1 seal press, and 1 commemorative gavel. Some prints contain more than one image.

Arrangement: Photographs, prints, and contact sheets have been numbered consecutively through the fonds in the format "131.001;" the numbers contained in each file are noted in the Box and Series Lists. Scrapbooks have been unbound and pages numbered and, where possible, photographs have been removed from albums.

Associated material: SFU Library Special Collections and Rare Books holds bound copies of the magazine *The Shoulder Strap* (1938-1954), as well as numerous books relating to the BCPP, including *92 Years of Pride, 1858-1950: The Story of the British Columbia Provincial Police*, by P. Hereward Brown, *Tales of the British Columbia Provincial Police*, by Cecil Clark, *Policing a Pioneer Province: the BC Provincial Police, 1858-1950*, by Lynne Stonier-Newman, and *Off Patrol: Memories of B.C. Provincial Policemen*.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Series descriptions

1 British Columbia Provincial Police. – [ca. 1939]-2008. – 4.0 cm textual records and other material. Series consists of information related to the BCPP, including photographs of officers on duty, training material, and material from the official BCPP magazine, *The Shoulder Strap*.

Note: series includes 126 black and white photographs, 16 colour photographs, 15 black and white prints, 4 colour prints, 7 postcards, 1 poster, and 1 plaque. Some prints contain more than one image.

2 BCPP Veterans. – [ca. 1900]-2012. – 4.5 cm textual records and other material.

Series consists of material relating to the BCPP Veterans' Association and its official activities, as well as to individual veterans. Includes material relating to reunion meetings, museum exhibits, and memorial plaques, as well as biographical information and photographs for individual veterans.

Note: series includes 22 black and white photographs, 3 colour photographs, 6 black and white prints, 55 colour prints, 2 contact sheets, 4 scrapbooks, 2 banners, 2 posters, 2 decals, 1 cassette tape, 2 VHS cassettes, 4 CD-Rs, 1 ribbon, 1 string, 1 commemorative gavel, 1 plaque, and 1 seal press. Some prints contain more than one image.

2.1 British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association. – [ca. 1900]-2012. – 3.5 cm textual records and other material.

Subseries consists of official material of the BCPP Veterans' Association, photographs of members at reunions and meetings, and information related to the association's involvement in remembering the BCPP, through museum exhibits and memorial plaques. Most of this material is contained in four scrapbooks of photographs, newspaper clippings, and ephemera.

Note: subseries includes 20 black and white photographs, 6 black and white prints, 55 colour prints, 2 contact sheets, 4 scrapbooks, 2 banners, 1 poster, 2 decals, 2 VHS cassettes, 4 CD-Rs, 1 commemorative gavel, and 1 seal press. Some prints contain more than one image.

2.2 Individuals. – 1935-2009. – 1.7 cm textual records and other material.

Subseries consists of photographs and biographical information of BCPP officers on and off duty as well as in retirement, and stories of their careers. Includes some information relating to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Note: subseries includes 1 black and white photograph, 3 colour photographs, 1 poster, 1 cassette tape, 1 ribbon, 1 string, and 1 plaque.

Series list

1 British Columbia Provincial Police

Box-File

- O/s-5 West Kootenay District Officers, BC Provincial Police. – 1 October 1935.
 Note: photograph was removed from frame.
 Note: frame backing paper, listing names, has been preserved, and also scanned (available at Y:/KEEP/Digital Files/MsC131 BCPPVA/BCPPVA.Os5.tif).
- 1-5 [Photographs]. – [ca. 1939]-2008. – Consists of 2 folders.
 Note: contains photographs/prints 131.001-131.152.
- 2-9 British Columbia Police Index to General Orders Nos. 1 to 271. – [1941].
- 2-4 [The Shoulder Strap material]. – 1942-[ca. 1948].
- 2-8 British Columbia Police 1943-1950. – [ca. 1943-ca. 1950].
 Note: material has been removed from album. A photocopy of the album is included in the file.
 Note: contains photographs/prints 131.306-131.353.
 Note: contains a birth certificate which may require further conservation treatment if warranted.
- 1-10 [Photographs and memorabilia]. – [ca. 1949, ca. 2001].
 Note: contains photographs/prints 131.158-131.167.
- 2-5 [BCPP and RCMP training material]. – 1949-1951.
- 2-2 [BC Provincial Police member information]. – [ca. 1950-ca. 2000].
- O/s-1 A Brief History of the British Columbia Provincial Police. – [196-?].
- O/s-3 British Columbia Provincial Police [plaque]. – [196-?].

2 BCPP Veterans

2.1 BCPP Veterans – British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association

Box-File

- 5 Inspector S.F.M. Moodie [scrapbook]. – [ca. 1900-ca. 1987].
 Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.
- 6 [Green scrapbook]. – [ca. 1905]-2010.
 Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.
- 2-7 [Veterans' dinner photograph album]. – [ca. 1920-ca. 1964], 1993.
 Note: material has been removed from album. A photocopy of the album is included in the file.
 Note: contains photographs/prints 131.280-131.305.
- 8 B.C.PP Vets Assn. [scrapbook]. – [ca. 1942-2001].
 Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.
- 7 B.C. Provincial Police Veterans' Assoc. [scrapbook]. – [ca. 1950-2007].
 Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.
- 3 British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association [corporate seal press]. – [196-?].
- 9-1 [Commemorative gavel]. – [196-?].
- 10-2 92 Years of Pride. – [196-?].
- 10-1 B.C. Provincial Police Veterans Association. – [196-?].
- 1-4 [Commemoration memorabilia]. – 1961-2008.
- 2-3 Constitution/By-laws. – 1964-1967.

- O/s-2 British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans Association [emblem]. – [ca. 1966].
Note: emblem was removed from frame.
- 2-1 Off Patrol [BCPP Veterans' Association newsletter]. – Issues 3 through 17. – 1980-1984.
- 4-3 BCP Vets Plaque Presentation in Council Chambers. – [1992?].
- 4-2 B.C. Prov. Police Vets Association Plaque Presentations. – [1993?].
- 1-1 Discs, decals, membership cards, sympathy cards. – [200-?].
- 1-2 A salute to the BC Provincial Police [program]. – 2008.
- 2-6 [Sooke Regional Museum exhibit]. – 2008.
Note: contains photographs/prints 131.168-131.279.
- 2-10 [BCPP Veterans' Association meeting minutes]. – 2010-2012.

2 BCPP Veterans

2.2 BCPP Veterans – Individuals

Box-File

- 1-3 [Memorabilia]. – [194-?]-2008.
Note: string was removed from Certificate of Discharge.
- 4-1 Tape of Cecil Clark telling 3 stories from his life in the B.C. Prov. Police. – [197-?].
- 1-6 Geof. H. Aston: Story of his grave marker. – 1982-1983.
Note: contains photographs 131.153-131.155.
- 1-8 [Bill Davidson material]. – [ca. 1994].
Note: contains photograph 131.156.
Note: one item is in Oversize File 4.
- O/s-4 [Bill Davidson material]. – [ca. 1994].
Note: removed from File 1-8.
- 9-2 [Plaque for service to veterans, to Eric R. Hallam]. – 2001.
- 1-11 The Thin Blue Line. – Vol. 3 Issue 2. – [2003?].
- 1-9 [C. Ledoux material]. – 2005.
Note: contains print 131.157.
- 1-7 [Don Brown and John Macdonald material]. – 2009.

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British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association [corporate seal press]. – [196-?]. – 1 seal press.

Box 4

- 1 Tape of Cecil Clark telling 3 stories from his life in the B.C. Prov. Police. – [197-?]. – 1 cassette tape.
- 2 B.C. Prov. Police Vets Association Plaque Presentations. – [1993?]. – 1 VHS cassette.

- 3 BCP Vets Plaque Presentation in Council Chambers. – [1992?]. – 1 VHS cassette.

Box 5

Inspector S.F.M. Moodie [scrapbook]. – [ca. 1900-ca. 1987]. – 1 scrapbook : 98 pages ; 38 x 41 cm.
Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.

Box 6

[Green scrapbook]. – [ca. 1905]-2010. – 1 scrapbook : 180 pages ; 29.5 x 37 cm.
Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.

Box 7

B.C. Provincial Police Veterans' Assoc. [scrapbook]. – [ca. 1950-2007]. – 1 scrapbook : 48 pages ; 29 x 36 cm.
Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.

Box 8

B.C.PP Vets Assn. [scrapbook]. – [ca. 1942-2001]. – 1 scrapbook : 62 pages ; 29.5 x 35.5 cm.
Note: pages have been numbered to maintain order.

Box 9

- 1 [Commemorative gavel]. – [196-?]. – 1 gavel : wood with metal label ; 32 x 10 x 6 cm.
- 2 [Plaque for service to veterans, to Eric R. Hallam]. – 2001. – 1 plaque, metal on wood ; 20.5 x 25.5 cm.

Box 10

- 1 B.C. Provincial Police Veterans Association. – [196-?]. – 1 banner : paint on paper ; 60.3 x 318.8 cm.
- 2 92 Years of Pride. – [196-?]. – 1 banner : paint on paper ; 45.5 x 301.5 cm.

Oversize (O/s)

Note: Oversize files are in Case 3 – Drawer K.

- 1 A Brief History of the British Columbia Provincial Police. – [196-?]. – 1 poster : ink on paper ; 43 x 75.8 cm.
- 2 British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans Association [emblem]. – [ca. 1966]. – 1 poster on particleboard ; 50 x 61 cm.
Note: emblem was removed from frame.
- 3 British Columbia Provincial Police [plaque]. – [196-?]. – 1 plaque : paper on foamcore ; 23 x 40.8 cm.
- 4 [Bill Davidson material]. – [ca. 1994]. – 1 poster ; 27.9 x 35.4 cm.
Note: removed from File 1-8.
- 5 West Kootenay District Officers, BC Provincial Police. – 1 October 1935. – 0.1 cm textual records. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 16.5 x 41.7 cm on 27.7 x 53 cm mat.
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