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# British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association fonds

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books  
**Title:** British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association fonds  
**ID:** MsC-131  
**Date:** [ca. 1900] - 2012 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 9.2 cm textual records and other material  
168 photographs : b&w  
80 photographs : col.  
7 postcards  
4 scrapbooks  
4 CD-Rs  
3 posters  
2 banners  
2 plaques  
2 decals  
2 videocassettes  
1 audio cassette  
1 ribbon  
1 string  
1 seal press  
1 commemorative gavel

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:** Created 2012, Jennifer Zerkee

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Policing in British Columbia was first the responsibility of the Chief Inspector of Police (1858-1863), followed by the Superintendent of Police (1863-1871). The Colony of Vancouver Island was policed separately 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 British Columbia Provincial Police's administration 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 continued to hold regular reunion dinners, in the 1980s published "Off-Patrol," a newsletter directed at former BC Provincial Police members, and collects photographs and other

memorabilia from former BCPP officers. The Association has also been responsible for remembering and celebrating BCPP officers through plaques, memorials, publications, and exhibits.

## Custodial history

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

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## Scope and content

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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. The fonds has been arranged in three series: 1: Administrative records and photographs ([ca. 1900]-2012); 2: British Columbia Provincial Police photographs and other records ([ca. 1939]-2008); and 3: Records relating to individual British Columbia Provincial Police officers (1935-2009).

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the provenance of the records.

### Arrangement

Scrapbooks have been unbound and pages numbered and, where possible, photographs have been removed from albums. Photographs have been numbered consecutively through the fonds in the format "131.001;" the numbers contained in each file are noted in the File and item level descriptions and Box list.

### Conditions governing use

Reproduction of material subject to approval by the Head Librarian, Special Collections.

### Related 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.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Published

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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)
- British Columbia (place)
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## Series descriptions

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### Series MsC-131-0-1: Administrative records and photographs

Date: [ca. 1900] - 2012 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of administrative records of the British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association, photographs of members at reunions and meetings, and records 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.

Physical description: 3.5 cm textual records and other material

57 photographs : col.

26 photographs : b&w

4 scrapbooks

4 CD-Rs

2 banners

2 decals

2 videocassettes

1 poster

1 commemorative gavel

1 seal press

Access points:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Textual record (documentary form)</li> </ul> <p><u>Publication status:</u></p> <p>draft</p>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MsC-131-0-1-0-1	File - Inspector S.F.M. Moodie [scrapbook]	[ca. 1900 - ca. 1987]		MsC-131-Box 5
MsC-131-0-1-0-2	File - [Scrapbook]	[ca. 1905] - 2010		MsC-131-Box 6
MsC-131-0-1-0-3	File - [Veterans' dinner photograph album]	[ca. 1920 - ca. 1964], 1993		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-1-0-4	File - B.C. PP Vets Assn. [British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association] [scrapbook]	[ca. 1942 - 2001]		MsC-131-Box 8
MsC-131-0-1-0-5	File - B.C. Provincial Police Veterans' Assoc. [Association] [scrapbook]	[ca. 1950 - 2007]		MsC-131-Box 7
MsC-131-0-1-0-0-1	Item - British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association [corporate seal press]	[196-?]		MsC-131-Box 3
MsC-131-0-1-0-0-2	Item - [Commemorative gavel]	[196-?]		MsC-131-Box 9
MsC-131-0-1-0-0-3	Item - 92 Years of Pride [banner]	[196-?]		MsC-131-Box 10
MsC-131-0-1-0-0-4	Item - B.C. Provincial Police Veterans Association [banner]	[196-?]		MsC-131-Box 10
MsC-131-0-1-0-6	File - [Commemoration memorabilia]	1961 - 2008		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-1-0-7	File - Constitution/By-laws	1964 - 1967		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-1-0-0-5	Item - British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans Association [emblem]	[ca. 1966]		Case 3, Drawer K
MsC-131-0-1-0-8	File - Off Patrol [British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association newsletter]	1980 - 1984		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-1-0-9	File - BCP Vets [British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association] Plaque Presentation in Council Chambers	[1992?]		MsC-131-Box 4
Msc_131-0-1-0-10	File - B.C. Prov. Police Vets Association [British Columbia Provincial Veterans' Association] Plaque presentations	[1993?]		MsC-131-Box 4
MsC-131-0-1-0-11	File - Discs, decals, membership cards, sympathy cards	[200-?]		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-1-0-0-6	Item - A salute to the BC Provincial Police [program]	2008		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-1-0-12	File - [Sooke Regional Museum exhibit]	2008		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-1-0-13	File - [British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association meeting minutes]	2010-2012		MsC-131-Box 2

## Series MsC-131-0-2: British Columbia Provincial Police photographs and other records

Date: [ca. 1939] - 2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to the British Columbia Provincial Police and collected by the British Columbia Provincial Police Veterans' Association, including photographs of officers on duty, training material, and material from the official BCPP magazine, The Shoulder Strap.

Physical description: 4.0 cm textual records and other material

141 photographs : b&w

20 photographs : col.

7 postcards

1 poster

1 plaque

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

draft

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MsC-131-0-2-0-0-1	Item - West Kootenay District Officers, BC Provincial Police	1 October 1935		Case 3, Drawer K
MsC-131-0-2-0-1	File - [Photographs]	[ca. 1939] - 2008		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-2-0-2	File - British Columbia [Provincial] Police Index to General Orders Nos. 1 to 271	[1941]		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-2-0-3	File - The Shoulder Strap material	1942 - [ca. 1948]		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-2-0-4	File - British Columbia [Provincial] Police	[ca. 1943 - ca. 1950]		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-2-0-5	File - Photographs and memorabilia	[ca. 1949, ca. 2001]		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-2-0-6	File - [British Columbia Provincial Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police training material	1949-1951		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-2-0-7	File - [British Columbia Provincial Police member information]	[ca. 1950 - ca. 2000]		MsC-131-Box 2
MsC-131-0-2-0-0-2	Item - A Brief History of the British Columbia Provincial Police	[196?]		Case 3, Drawer K
MsC-131-0-2-0-0-3	Item - British Columbia Provincial Police [plaque]	[196-?]		Case 3, Drawer K

## Series MsC-131-0-3: Records relating to individual British Columbia Provincial Police officers

Date: 1935 - 2009 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of photographs and biographical information of British Columbia Provincial Police officers on and off duty as well as in retirement, and stories of their careers. Series includes some information relating to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as many BCPP officers continued their careers with the RCMP when it took over responsibility for policing in British Columbia

Physical description: 1.7 cm textual records and other material

3 photographs : col.

1 photograph : b&w

1 poster

1 audio cassette

1 ribbon

1 string

1 plaque

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

draft

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MsC-131-0-3-0-1	File - [Service memorabilia]	[194-?] - 2008		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-3-0-0-1	Item - Tape of Cecil Clark telling 3 stories from his life in the B.C. Prov. Police	[197-?]		MsC-131-Box 4
MsC-131-0-3-0-2	File - Geof. H. Aston: Story of his grave marker	1982 - 1983		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-3-0-3	File - [Bill Davidson material]	[ca. 1994]		MsC-131- Box 1 Case 3, Drawer K
MsC-131-0-3-0-4	File - [C. Ledoux material]	2005		MsC-131-Box 1
MsC-131-0-3-0-5	File - [Don Brown and John Macdonald material]	2009		MsC-131-Box 1
Msc-131-0-3-0-0-2	Item - [Plaque for service to veterans, to Eric R. Hallam]	2001		MsC-131-Box 9
MsC-131-0-3-0-0-3	Item - The Thin Blue Line Vol 3 Issue 2	2003		MsC-131-Box 1