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**Ian Findlay fonds**

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1957 – [ca. 1998]  
0.42 metres

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Textual. Graphic

**Title:** Ian Findlay fonds

**Dates of creation:** 1957 – [ca. 1998], predominant 1961 – 1974

**Physical description:** 0.42 m of textual records and graphic material

### **Biographical sketch:**

**Ian Douglas Findlay** was born on 2 December 1923 at Cullen, Scotland. He graduated from the University of Aberdeen in 1946 with his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBCChB). In 1949 he joined the Royal Air Force as a medical officer and served in Egypt, Aden Protectorate (Yemen), and Ceylon (Sri Lanka). After his military service, he moved to Canada and made his way across the country working as a physician in Newfoundland (1951), Bassano, Alberta (1952-1954), and Smithers, B.C. (1955). While living in Smithers he met his wife Annie, a French nurse traveling in Canada. They were married a year later in southern France. From 1956 to 1958 Findlay and his wife worked as medical volunteers in Nyasaland (later Malawi), where he served as the physician for an Anglican mission and medical director for seven local hospitals and a leper colony. Following his return to Canada in 1959, Findlay was appointed medical health officer for the Peace River Health Unit in Dawson Creek, B.C. In 1961 he obtained a diploma in public health from the University of Toronto. He then moved to Kamloops and from 1962 to 1970 served as the medical health officer and director of the South Central Health Unit. During these years he delivered weekly talks on health and medicine for the radio station CFJC. As a leading advocate for public health services in the Kamloops region, it was largely through his support that in 1968 a new community health centre was opened near the Royal Inland Hospital. After stepping down from his position as medical health officer, Findlay returned to private practice at the Irving Clinic in Kamloops (1971-1978). He then returned to institutional medicine taking a position with the Workers Compensation Board, where he remained until his retirement in 1989. Following his retirement he played an active role in the formation of Kenna Cartwright Park on Mount Dufferin, Kamloops. He and his wife Annie had 4 children, Catherine, Peter, Anne-Marie, and Andrew. He died on 20 April 2010 in Kamloops.

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### Scope and content:

The fonds consists of the professional records of Dr. Ian Findlay while he was the Kamloops medical health officer and director of the South Central Health Unit during the 1960s. The records document various facets of his career as a medical health director and include drafts and copies of a series of weekly talks he delivered on the radio between 1962 and 1967; subject files related to the Kamloops Health Centre, pollution, drug abuse, and sex education; course material and notes from continuing education courses he attended between 1962 and 1974; files of newspaper clippings; and a copy of the disaster control plan for Kamloops from 1969. Also included is one file of biographical information on Findlay from approximately 2000. The fonds has been divided into 5 series: radio talks, subject files, refresher courses, newspaper clippings, and biographical.

### Notes:

**Source of supplied title:** Title based on contents of fonds.

**Physical description:** Graphic material includes 11 b&w photographs.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** The records were donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Ian Findlay's wife, Annie Findlay, on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**Access restrictions:** No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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**Finding aids:** Series descriptions are available for this fonds.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

### **Access points:**

Findlay, Ian Douglas, 1923-2010

Kamloops, British Columbia

South Central Health Unit, Kamloops, British Columbia

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### Series 1: Radio talks

1961-1967. — 0.10 m of textual records.

This series consists of drafts and typescripts of radio talks Ian Findlay delivered on the Kamloops radio station CFJC between 1961 and 1967. The talks are primarily related to medical issues and health concerns though some also address topics such as families, women, household safety, and municipal politics. Files include accompanying material and are arranged in reverse chronological order; within files, however, talks are largely arranged in chronological order. Findlay often reused paper for writing out his radio talks. Accordingly, the reverse of many sheets in these files contain memos, correspondence, and meeting minutes from approximately 1961 to 1967 that relate to the South Central Health Unit.

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### Series 2: Subject files

1957-1974. — 0.11 m of textual records and graphic material (2 b&w photographs).

This series consists of notes, drafts of talks, newspaper clippings, reports, pamphlets, and correspondence that relate to Findlay's work as medical health officer for Kamloops during the 1960s. The files in this series contain records he pulled together on various subjects, including 2 files on publicity surrounding the development of the Kamloops community health centre; 2 files on pollution; and 2 files on drug abuse and sex education. Also included are a number of publications about family planning and emergency health services, and Findlay's copy of the 1969 City of Kamloops Disaster Control Plan.

2007.001/001	(07)- (08)	Kamloops Health Centre publicity	1962-1968
2007.001/002	(01)- (02)	Pollution	1966-1967
	(03)	Drug abuse	1966-1969
	(04)	Sex education	1963-1969
	(05)- (06)	Family planning	1966-1968

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	(02)	
	(03) City of Kamloops. Disaster control plan	1969

### Series 3: Medical health officer refresher courses

1962-1974. — 0.10 m of textual records.

This series mainly consists of Findlay's notes from refresher courses he attended at Canadian medical schools between 1962 and 1974. Also included are various course materials he received such as course outlines, lectures, readings, and handouts.

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### Series 4: Newspaper clippings

1962-1972. — 0.10 m of textual records and graphic material (9 b&w photographs).

This series consists of newspaper clippings collected or received by Findlay between 1962 and 1969. The file for 1968 also contains letters Findlay received from his radio talks' listeners, news releases regarding the McArthur Island swim area, and 9 photographs taken of the Kamloops community health centre and its staff. The files are arranged in reverse chronological order.

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### Series 5: Biographical

[ca. 1998]. — 0.01 m of textual records.

This series consists of a small amount of biographical records relating to Ian Findlay's personal life and environmental interests. The records include a brief resume of his life and notes for an address entitled "Finis – Lessons Learned".

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