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**B.C. Sheepbreeders' Cooperative Association fonds**

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**B.C. Sheepbreeders' Cooperative Association fonds**

Textual, Graphic

1928-1970

0.17 meters

**Title:** B.C. Sheepbreeders' Cooperative Association fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1928-1970

**Physical Description:** 15 cm of textual records, 31 b&w photographs, and 4 b&w negatives

### **Administrative History:**

**The B.C. Sheepbreeders' Cooperative Association** was formed in March 1917 in Kamloops, B.C. as the **Interior Woolgrowers' Association**. The association was formed in response to the already significant number of sheep breeding enterprises in the province, as an organization to administer and control their activities and to improve the quality of wool produced by introducing a wool grading system. The Association elected William McLeod as their first president. The group hosted an annual show and sale in Kamloops (beginning in 1928), as well as hosted regular courses on sheep shearing and wool grading, and acted as a local advocate for sheep breeders with Provincial and Federal levels of government. In 1922 the group amalgamated with the Vancouver Island Flockmasters' Association to become a provincial governing body, subsequently changing their name to the **B.C. Woolgrowers' Association**. As well as regularly playing host to most of the Association's activities in Kamloops, the group also constructed a warehouse on Lorne Street in 1929 to act as a centre of production and storage for wool that was shipped in from surrounding locations. In 1929 the group changed their name to the **B.C. Sheepbreeders' Association**, but soon adopted the name **B.C. Sheepbreeders' Cooperative Association** during the 1930s to reflect the more cooperative membership mandate. This name would be made official in 1958. By the late 1960s the sheep-raising industry had seen a sharp decline, with most of the interior flocks disappearing, but the Association carried on until 1990/1991 when they lost their mandate as a provincial body and became members of the B.C. Sheep Federation.

### **Scope and Content:**

Fonds consists of records created by the B.C. Sheepbreeders' Cooperative Association. Records predominantly include meeting minutes and financial records, but also contain a small amount of correspondence, photographs, reports, clippings, and member lists.

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### **Custodial History:**

Accession #2021.019 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on August 10, 2021 by Graham Atkin on behalf of Shirley Bodman and the Bodman family. The Bodman family were involved with the B.C. Sheepbreeders' Cooperative Association and operated the Joy Springs Ranch in Pinantan, B.C.

### **Notes:**

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

**Arrangement:** Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist.

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**Accruals:** Further accruals are possible.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2021.019.001	1931 Ledger – File contains a ledger, which includes an index list of members with following accounts. – 3 cm of textual records	1931	1/1
2021.019.002	Record Ledger – File contains a ledger, which includes a list of shareholders and meeting minutes for the Association. – 2 cm of textual records	1949-1955	1/2
2021.019.003	Ledger – File contains a ledger, which predominantly includes meeting minutes and financial records. Ledger also includes photographs and negatives of Association activities and events, presidents' addresses, show and sale reports, correspondence, general reports, member lists, and clippings. – 10 cm of textual records, 31 b&w photographs, and 4 b&w negatives	1928-1970	2