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Dates of Creation: 1963-1982

Physical Description: 270 photographs, 224 negatives, and 1 textual record

Biographical Sketch:

Alexander Clifford Backmeyer (Alec) was born on February 5, 1929 in Vibank, Saskatchewan. He worked for a time in Prince George, BC for the Forest Service before marrying his wife, Agnes Loretta (Lorrie) Block on December 28, 1953. The couple had two sons (Mark and Lawrence) and two daughters (Therese and Bernadette). By 1957 the family had relocated to Kamloops, BC, where Backmeyer worked as an assessor and building inspector for the Provincial Government. In 1962 Backmeyer began working in this same capacity for the Village of North Kamloops. After amalgamation between the Village of North Kamloops and the City of Kamloops in 1967, Backmeyer continued working for the City in the advanced position of Director of Planning, Licensing and Inspections. He would remain in this position until his retirement in 1985. While in Kamloops Backmeyer was also involved in the Knights of Columbus, the Kamloops Food Bank, the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, among others. Alexander Clifford Backmeyer died on October 5, 2009 in Kamloops, BC at the age of 80.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of photographs and negatives taken by Alec Backmeyer. Contents largely depict derelict properties in North Kamloops, taken during his tenure as an assessor and building inspector for the Village of North Kamloops. Additional images show heritage-style properties in Vancouver and Victoria area, and may relate to his work with the City of Kamloops as a Director of Planning, Licensing and Inspections.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.092.001	Negatives – File contains negatives showing roads and houses, presumably in North Kamloops. – 10 b&w negatives	[1960s]	1/1
2018.092.002	Negatives – File contains negatives showing houses, presumably in North Kamloops. – 8 b&w negatives	[1960s]	1/2
2018.092.003	Negatives – File contains negatives showing houses, presumably in North Kamloops. – 27 b&w negatives	[1960s]	1/3
2018.092.004	Photographs – File contains photographs showing trucks, stockyard building, parking in Valleyview, Campbell Creek industrial park, ‘The Wash Lot’ car wash, houses in Rayleigh, a cattle trailer, buses, and various houses and buildings. – 32 colour photographs	[1980s]	1/4
2018.092.005	Photographs – File contains photographs of a racetrack and stands on the Kamloops Indian Reserve. – 2 b&w photographs	[1960s]	1/5
2018.092.006	City of Kamloops, Planning – File contains photographs and negatives showing the Delta’s Inn, houses in Victoria, a McDonald’s restaurant, and the Vancouver Seawall. – 11 colour negatives and 12 colour photographs	June 9, 1980	1/6
2018.092.007	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing housing development in North Kamloops. See Appendix 1 for details. – 32 b&w negatives and 32 b&w photographs	May 26, 1967	1/7
2018.092.008	City of Kamloops – File contains photographs and negatives showing an overview of a junkyard and North Kamloops. – 5 b&w negatives and 3 b&w photographs	[1960s-1980s]	1/8
2018.092.009	Town of North Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing Northside Sheet Metal Ltd. Building. – 2 b&w negatives and 2 b&w photographs	January 3, 1967	1/9

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2018.092.010	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing a junk pile in a yard and an empty lot. – 3 b&w negatives and 2 b&w photographs	May 23, 1967	1/10
2018.092.011	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains negatives showing the Riverview Apartments and townhouses complex. File also includes an invoice from the Kamloops Camera House Ltd. – 8 b&w negatives and 1 textual record	April 26, 1966	1/11
2018.092.012	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing various properties in North Kamloops. See Appendix 2 for details. – 24 b&w negatives and 21 b&w photographs	May 25, 1967	1/12
2018.092.013	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing various properties in North Kamloops. See Appendix 3 for details. – 16 b&w negatives and 17 b&w photographs	May 25, 1967	1/13
2018.092.014	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains negatives showing various properties and Parkinson Hardware store. – 9 b&w negatives	May 23, 1967	1/14
2018.092.015	Negatives – File contains negatives showing Cariboo Engineering Services Ltd. and a house. – 2 b&w negatives	[1960s]	1/15
2018.092.016	Photographs – File contains photographs showing various properties in North Kamloops, Ziebart Realty Ltd. and adjacent buildings, Syd Smith dealership, scenic views, apartment buildings, and Purity Feed Co. Ltd. – 30 b&w photographs	[1960s]	1/16
2018.092.017	Photographs – File contains photographs showing various properties in North Kamloops. See Appendix 4 for details. – 21 b&w photographs	[1967]	1/17
2018.092.018	Town of N. Kam. – File contains photographs showing various houses and properties, and a house fire. – 26 b&w photographs	October 19, 1963	1/18
2018.092.019	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing various properties in North Kamloops. See	May 25, 1967	1/19

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	Appendix 5 for details. – 8 b&w negatives and 8 b&w photographs		
2018.092.020	Photographs – File contains photographs showing various properties in Kamloops and North Kamloops. See Appendix 6 for details. – 20 colour photographs and 2 b&w photographs	October 25, 1977	1/20
2018.092.021	Photographs and Negatives – File contains photographs and negatives showing various properties in North Kamloops. See Appendix 7 for details. – 16 b&w negatives and 16 b&w photographs	May 26, 1967	1/21
2018.092.022	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing various properties in North Kamloops. See Appendix 8 for details. – 8 b&w negatives and 7 b&w photographs	May 30, 1967	1/22
2018.092.023	Town of N. Kamloops – File contains negatives showing DPC Park, Simmons Ltd., and various buildings and houses. – 22 b&w negatives	April 25, 1963	1/23
2018.092.024	Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer – File contains photographs and negatives showing various houses, Echo Coffee Bar, lamp store, Dearborn Motors Tractor and Implement Co., Red and White food stores shop, H-M Building Supplies, townhouses, and apartments. – 10 b&w negatives and 19 b&w photographs	[1960s]	1/24
2018.092.025	Town of N. Kamloops, Bennet Dam negs – File contains negatives showing the Bennet Dam. – 13 b&w negatives	[1960s]	1/25

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Appendix 1: 2018.092.007: Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer

1. Town property, 7th Street at 8th Street.
2. Corner Schubert and Clearwater, vacant lots south side, weeds and bushes.
3. Anderson property north side of Richmond east of Dundas Street.
4. Kamloops Salvage on Kingston and weeds behind 740 Windsor on Kingston.
5. 7th Street along Brkovich property, weeds.
6. Near 1044 8th Street, vacant lot next to Ideal Motel, weeds.
7. Corner of Schubert and Clearwater vacant lots, north side, weeds and brush.
8. B.C. Hydro and street corner Schubert and Richmond, weeds.
9. Sitka Street along Bert Edwards School property.
10. Lot A plan 13811 (Fortune Shopping Centre) very weedy.
11. Richmond and 7th Street.
12. Vacant lot Kamano and Richmond, Windsor Park estates, weeds.
13. 725 York Street, old cars.
14. Moyer 605 McKenzie, junky.
15. Duplicate (taken from opposite direction) weeds, old trees and shed off Courtney, Windsor Park estates.
16. Weeds along York just past left station (Windsor Park estates).
17. Kamloops Salvage, 8th Street and CNR r/w, weeds and junk yard not fenced.
18. Residential portion of Rhindress lot being used for irrigation storage pipe, weedy between 7th and Courtenay and York.
19. Lot 21 north of Cumberland Street behind Singh, old pigpen and dead trees and weeds, Windsor Park estates.
20. Corner of Sitka and Kingston vacant lot (south of Kingston) weeds.
21. Fortune Shopping Centre taken from 7th Street.
22. Kingston Avenue – Active Petroleum Products lumber storage.
23. Old shack and weedy lot on Clearwater.
24. Duplicate Lot A Plan 13811 Fortune Shopping Centre weeds and messy.
25. Reichold Chemicals Kingston, weeds on portion used by Town of NK.
26. Part Lot 22 Windsor Park estates, Corner Kamano and Patricia (new portion) old trees – weeds.
27. Corner 7th and Richmond Windsor Park Estates weeds.
28. Brentwood along Brkovich property weeds and scrub brush.
29. Richmond Street along McKnight property weeds and old stumps.
30. B.C. Hydro lot on 7th and Richmond.
31. Richmond and Schubert, weeds on Schubert and Richmond, dilapidated out buildings (Anderson).
32. Corner Schubert and Clearwater vacant lot weeds and brush.

Appendix 2: 2018.092.012: Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer

1. Hilltop Avenue Lot A Plan 13334, weeds.
2. 137 Oak, weeds along lane adjacent to side of lots.
3. 473 Fortune, contracting equipment.
4. 128 Wood Street, weeds.
5. 532 McGowan, branches thrown in lane.
6. Rubbish in lane behind 448 Linden.
7. 272 Willow, Marini, contractor's yard.
8. Aspen Street along Norco property, weeds.
9. 395 Tranquille, messy front yard – rubbish in back.
10. 155-159 Oak Street, weeds along road.

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11. 119 Elm, old car on Chestnut side of lot.
12. End of Hilltop Avenue (Grant), above 392-394-396 Tranquille.
13. Weeds in lane along fence, behind 643 Fortune Drive across from Rose Crest Apartment.
14. Lot B Plan 4987 (north side of Vernon), vacant lot, old shed weeds.
15. 661 Tranquille, messy lot of Morelli, house destroyed but lot not completely closed up.
16. 618 Tranquille, house destroyed by lot not completely cleaned up.
17. 102 Willow Street, junky yard.
18. 654-670 Tranquille, Savage Property (need I say more).
19. Building projecting in lane behind 318 Maple Street.
20. 459 Tranquille, now being cleaned up.
21. Pigeons, 105 Chestnut.

Appendix 3: 2018.092.013: Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer

1. Trunk gardening, 738 McKenzie.
2. [House with garden].
3. Very messy lot adjacent to Rock Shop, around 245 Tranquille Road.
4. 114 Yew Street, illegal shed, pigeons, messy yard.
5. 109 Knox Street, weeds.
6. Weeds, rear yard 230 Royal, also old wreck on Vic Bridge property next to Serles Grocery.
7. 302 Nelson, 3 old cars, 1 in lane.
8. 4 unlicensed cars behind Continental Court – 2 in lane, 254 Royal.
9. Old car messy yard – E. Stanley across from swimming pool, 455 Alexander.
10. Sydney Avenue, messy vacant lot, Lot 6 Plan 10038.
11. 12 Street causeway.
12. McArthur Island near 12th Street causeway.
13. 176 Yew.
14. 170 Yew.
15. 196 Yew.
16. Fence along Sky Way Drive Inn [sic] Holly Street.
17. 196 Yew.

Appendix 4: 2018.092.017: Photographs

1. [Junk lot].
2. 730 Windsor, 2 old cars and messy lot.
3. [Parkinson Hardware].
4. Corner 8th and Lethbridge building supplies.
5. 850 Pembroke, throwing junk in lane.
6. 8th Street – Sudbury to Pembroke, west side of street.
7. End of 11th Street, weeds adjacent to Halston mills.
8. Weeds on undeveloped portion of 9th Street, east side – south of Surrey.
9. Old car on vacant lot alone, 1375 Nanaimo also old car parts along fence.
10. Richmond Street off 8th, Brkovich property, weeds and 2 old wrecks.
11. Boundary extension south side of Sherbrooke Avenue, occupied old shack on 1 lot, pigeons on other.
12. 10th Street on south side of Sudbury, weeds on road and also on vacant lots either side.
13. Old wreck on Elm behind 147 Oak, address of owner.

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14. 883 Lethbridge, junk, vacant lot.
15. 1116 Lethbridge, vacant lot used as contractor's storage.
16. 898 Lethbridge Avenue, small contractor's yard fenced in corner, of vacant lot?
17. 229 Fort, 1 old car left, 1 already removed.
18. 129 Aspen Street, contractor's supplies in lane.
19. Corner Westminster and Tranquille, Standard Oil property.
20. Corner 7th and 8th vacant lot, formerly owned by town, 1120 8th Street.
21. 742 Richmond, old house burned down, messy.

Appendix 5: 2018.092.019: Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer

1. 384 Fortune Drive, old car on Oak.
2. 273 Spruce, Silmon on Spruce Street, 5 cars, a ranch wagon, and 2 trucks, all 1967 licenses.
3. Kitchener Crescent, weeds along east side adjacent to Garost property.
4. 328 Fortune, slightly messy corner.
5. Highways lot – D on Fortune, weeds and old car.
6. Corner Cyprus and Fortune, 310 Cyprus, very sad looking house.
7. Corner Cyprus and Fortune, 310 Cyprus, old car on street r/w also part of house.
8. Old car on street, front of 332 Oak Street.

Appendix 6: 2018.092.020: Photographs

1. [Kamloops Chamber of Commerce].
2. [7up Corner Store].
3. Millward, 648 Lorne.
4. Marino, Oak Street.
5. Dallas.
6. [Highway signs].
7. McCall.
8. McCall.
9. [Cars under Overlander Bridge].
10. [Tranquille Market].
11. [Pizza Hut].
12. [Old cars and bus].
13. [Houses].
14. [Houses].
15. Rear Fortune Drive.
16. [Turn onto Overlander Bridge].
17. B.C. Tel fence, Glenview Drive. Valleyview.
18. [Victoria Street West].
19. Rear McCall r/b.
20. [Offices and work trucks].
21. [Construction site].
22. [Tree being removed].

Appendix 7: 2018.092.022: Photographs and Negatives

1. Lot 131 Plan 285, weeds in vacant lot south of Clapperton also car just south of sewer easement.
2. Lot 130 Plan 285, weeds in vacant lot south of Clapperton.
3. Lot 132 Plan 285, weeds in vacant lot south of Clapperton.

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4. Weeds on McGowan behind Vic Bridge and 268 Cherry.
5. 111 Tranquille, old bridge approach, typical North Kamloops condition, just tall weeds.
6. Very messy and brushy lot behind central animal hospital on Larkspur.
7. 200 Larkspur, North Kamloops Traylor Court and vacant lot across street.
8. 127 Tranquille, old house burned but some rubbish still piled.
9. 240 Tranquille, old car parts on Palm Street behind North Kamloops Custom Body.
10. 241 Leigh, weeds along Leigh and Clapperton, not bad.
11. A-1 Furniture, 2 old wrecks plus messy yard.
12. 321 Cherry, house still unfinished, 2 old cars in driveway, old furnace lying in front of house.
13. Behind Wilson Motors.
14. Behind 133 Wilson, also end of Blair.
15. North side of Clapperton, weeds along bank of 306 and 346 Clapperton.
16. E&M Motors and Northside Service, old cars scattered all over.

Appendix 8: 2018.092.023: Town of N. Kamloops c/o Mr. Backmeyer

1. Highway property along Fortune Drive between Fairview and Tamarack.
2. Leigh Road adjacent to Beach Motel and Inland Natural Gas.
3. Vacant lot corner lane between Larch and Beach on Schubert.
4. Town foreshore end of Beach.
5. Lot 79 Plan 285, corner Leigh and Beach.
6. Looking west along south side of Beach Avenue.
7. Town map on Fortune, h/way property.