

Kamloops Museum and Archives



David Meridew fonds

1983.008, 1984.037, 1985.042, 2018.098, 2021.030

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1914-2004

0.07 meters

Title: David Meridew fonds

Dates of Creation: 1914-2004

Physical Description: 5 cm of photographs and 2 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch:

David James Meridew (“Jim”) was born on June 18, 1911 in Paris, Ontario, the son of Herbert Witherdon Meridew and Mary Elizabeth Knowles. During the late 1920s Meridew worked with his father on the harvest trains through the prairies, eventually ending up in Kamloops where he gained employment as a gardener at Tranquille Sanatorium. While in Kamloops Meridew met his wife, Rietta Irene Gertrude Smith, who he married on October 6, 1939 in Vancouver, BC. The couple had two children: son David, and daughter Darleen. Shortly after their marriage the family moved to Victoria, BC, where Meridew was employed as a gardener for the Empress Hotel. During World War II he worked at the Esquimalt Shipyards. In 1947 the family moved back to Kamloops, where Meridew was appointed head gardener at Tranquille Sanatorium, a position he would retain until his retirement in 1975. Meridew also enjoyed outdoor activities including camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, and boating. David James Meridew died on July 27, 2009 in Kamloops, BC at the age of 98.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of materials collected by David James Meridew. Records are predominantly photographs, taken either by Meridew or acquired by him, with a small amount of textual records which include correspondence, ration books, license books, and an issue of *the Sandhouse* magazine.

Custodial History:

All materials were donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by David Meridew on various dates: accession #1983.008 on February 18, 1983; accession #1984.037 on May 1, 1984; accession #1985.042 in July 1985; 2018.098 on March 31, 2010; and accession #2021.030 on an unknown

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date. Materials from accession #2021.030 were formerly placed in the Subject Files, and were removed by staff prior to their accessioning. Materials from accession #2018.098 were acquired by David Meridew from an unknown person during his time working at Tranquille Sanatorium.

Notes:

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

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

Access restrictions: Some photographs in File #2018.098 are restricted until 2047 as they contain Personal Information. All other records are open. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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Finding aids: File list is available for this collection; some item descriptions are also available.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1983.008.001-007	Photographs from 1100 Block Battle Street House – File contains photographs found in a house at the end of the 1100 block of Battle Street. Photographs may be related to the H.L. Banks or Palmer family. Images are predominantly of unidentified soldiers during World War I; see Appendix 1 for details. – 6 b&w photographs	1914-1920	Photograph Collection
1983.008.008-024	Photographs of Railway Stations – File contains photographs of railway stations taken by David Meridew. See Appendix 2 for details. – 17 b&w photographs	1965-1981	Photograph Collection
1984.037.001	Letter from Hewitt Bostock to R.M. Corning – File contains a letter from Hewitt Bostock to R.M. Corning re: demobilization and homesteading. – 1 textual record	1919	1
1984.037.006-010	Ration and License Books – File contains a Leave or Duty Ration Book (WWI, R.M. Corning), two Gasoline Licence and Ration Books (WWII), an Individual Liquor Permit and Purchase Invoices Book (WWII), and a Ration Book 2 (WWII, Thomas Roy). – 1 cm of textual records	1919-1945	2
1985.042	Kamloops CNR Junction on Kamloops Indian Reserve / David J. Meridew – Item is a mounted composite photograph of the roundhouse at the CNR Yard at the Kamloops Junction. – 68.1 cm x 20.2 cm – Title based on inscription. – 1 b&w photograph	May 1965	Oversize Photograph Collection
2018.098	Tranquille Photo Album – File contains a photograph album of Tranquille Sanatorium showing buildings, doctors, nurses, and patients. – 2 cm of b&w photographs. <i>(Restricted until 2047).</i>	[1907-1947?]	5
2021.030.001	Photographs – File contains photographs of a house on Battle Street, the future extension of Columbia Street to Battle Street, the Meridew children in a buggy at the Kanyon View Auto Court near Boston bar, a 1903 Holsman buggy,	1948-1949	3 and Photograph Collection

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	and the 1 st Kamloops Company The Boys Brigade. – 9 b&w photographs and 1 CD-R		
2021.030.002	The Sandhouse Vol. 28, No. 4, Issue 112 – File contains an issue of <i>The Sandhouse</i> magazine. – 0.5 cm of textual records	2003-2004	4

Appendix 1: 1983.008.001-007: Photographs from 1100 Block Battle Street House

1. KMA 9586: Kamloops 1914-18 [two soldiers].
2. KMA 9587: 1914-1918 [soldier].
3. KMA 9588: WWI [Scottish Regiment soldier].
4. KMA 9589: UGOIGO Summer Camp, Tappen, BC, 1914.
5. KMA 9590: Kamloops 1914-1920 [lady and child with calf].
6. KMA 9591: Kamloops 1914-1920 [group of soldiers].

Appendix 2: 1983.008.008-024: Photographs of Railway Stations

1. KMA 9592: Chase CPR Station, April 29, 1965.
2. KMA 9593: Chase CPR Station, April 29, 1965.
3. KMA 9594: VIA engine 1414, Chase, BC, June 7, 1981.
4. KMA 9595: Chase Station and engine 5822, October 29, 1979.
5. KMA 9596: Chase Station and engine 5822, October 29, 1979.
6. KMA 9597: Tranquille CNR Station, March 1, 1967.
7. KMA 9598: Tranquille CNR Station, March 1, 1967.
8. KMA 9599: North Kamloops Station (Halston Station), March 1967.
9. KMA 9600: Rayleigh Station, March 1967.
10. KMA 9601: Rayleigh Station, March 1967.
11. KMA 9602: Savona Station, March 30, 1965.
12. KMA 9603: CPR Station, Kamloops, July 1965.
13. KMA 9604: Shuswap Station, April 29, 1965.
14. KMA 9605: Pritchard Station, April 29, 1965.
15. KMA 9606: Kamloops CPR Station, March 1967.
16. KMA 9607: Savona CNR Station, March 30, 1965.
17. KMA 9608: CN Falkland Station, September 1971.