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**Gordon Sinclair Brown fonds**

**1976.003, 0.3594, 1990.059, 2018.025, 2018.234**

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## KAMLOOPS MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

1976.003, etc.

Access: Open.

**Gordon Sinclair Brown Fonds**

Textual, Graphic

ca. 1914-1942

0.06 meters

**Title:** Gordon Sinclair Brown fonds

**Dates of Creation:** ca. 1914-1942

**Physical Description:** 5 cm of textual records, 1 cm of b&w photographs, 4 postcards, and 2 b&w nitrate negatives

### **Biographical Sketch:**

**Gordon Sinclair Brown** (often referred to as "Shindy") was the son of Alexander G. Brown and Carrie Cherry. He worked as a telegraph operator for the Canadian Pacific Railway in Albert Canyon.

### **Scope and Content:**

Fonds consists largely of correspondence between Robert Roy Poole Brown (Gordon's brother) and Alexander G. Brown and photographs taken or collected by Gordon Sinclair Brown. Fonds also includes a small amount of ephemera collected by Brown including souvenir envelopes, and newspaper clippings and materials related to the death of Robert Roy Poole Brown.

### **Custodial History:**

Accession 1976.003 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on February 5, 1976 by Gordon Brown via the Mission Historical Society. Materials were originally placed in the Vertical Files until processing in 2018. One photograph was removed from correspondence materials to facilitate preservation and numbered separately.

Accession 0.3594 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Gordon Brown ca. February 1981. Materials were originally placed in the Kamloops 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee fonds (0.3594.002) and the Vertical Files (remainder) until processing in 2018. Item 0.3594.005 was removed from the collection and placed in the accessions case file, as it is correspondence from Gordon Brown regarding this donation.

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Accession 1990.059 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Connie Vicars at an unknown date ca. 1990. Photographs were noted to be from “Shindy” Brown (Gordon Brown), and were placed with this collection by the Archivist during processing in 2018.

Accession 2018.025 was donated on February 26, 2018 by Bart Vanderline, the husband of Gordon Sinclair Brown’s granddaughter.

Accession 2018.234 was originally filed and numbered with accession 1990.059, but correspondence from Gordon Brown (which included a file listing specific to these photographs) and lack of mention of these materials in the accessions record for 1990.059 prompted the Archivist to re-accession them separately. Original item numbering has been retained, based on the file listing provided by Gordon Brown.

### Notes:

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

**Arrangement:** Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist, based on original donation dates.

**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:** File list is available for this collection.

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

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1976.003.001	Correspondence – File contains correspondence (including postcards) from Robert Roy Poole Brown to his father Alexander G. Brown and brother George Sinclair Brown during his tour of duty during World War I in England and France. File also includes 2 letters from Alexander G. Brown to Robert Brown, returned after the former's death. – 1.5 cm of textual records	1915-1917	1/1
1976.003.002	Photograph of dogs – File contains a photograph of two dogs. – 1 b&w photograph	[ca. 1900s]	1/2
0.3594.001	Robert Simpson Western Limited Envelope – File contains an envelope from Robert Simpson Western Limited store addressed to Mr. G.S. Brown. – 1 textual record	October 17, 1942	1/3
0.3594.002	Souvenir Booklet envelope – File contains an envelope for the Souvenir booklet issued for Kamloops' 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. – 1 textual record	1937	1/4
0.3594.006-007	Clippings – File contains newspaper clippings about a Salmon Arm vs. Kamloops hockey game and an article reporting on the death of Robert "Bob" Brown during World War I. – 2 textual records	[ca. 1917]	1/5
0.3594.008-009	Telegraphs – File contains two telegraphs from the Director of Records informing Alexander G. Brown of Robert Brown's admittance to a clearing station for injuries sustained and of his subsequent death. – 2 textual records	November 1917	1/6
0.3594.010	Robert R.P. Brown – File contains a photograph of Robert Roy Poole Brown in military attire. – 1 b&w photograph	[ca. 1916]	1/7
0.3594.011	Queen Victoria – File contains a matted print of Queen Victoria. – 1 b&w photograph	[ca. 1900s]	1/8
0.3594.012	Cenotaph for the Dead – File contains a photograph postcard showing the south face of the Battle Street Cenotaph in Kamloops, B.C. – 1 b&w photograph	[ca. 1900s]	1/9

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1990.059.002	Photographs – File contains 6 photographs taken or collected by Gordon Brown. See Appendix 1 for details. – 6 b&w photographs	[ca. 1916-1918]	1/10
2018.025	C.P.R. Locomotive at Kamloops Station – File contains 2 nitrate negatives showing a C.P.R. train at the Kamloops Station. – 2 b&w nitrate negatives	1918-1920	Nitrate Negative Storage
2018.234	Photographs – File contains 17 photographs taken or collected by Gordon Brown. See Appendix 2 for details. – 17 b&w photographs	ca. 1914-1920	1/11

### Appendix 1:

1. Bob Brown and Gordon Brown, 1917.
2. Alex Brown, 2 unknown men, and Antone Penny at Long Ways Beach.
3. Fred Carr, Jack Robertson, Bert Smith, Ted Buce?, Mee Brown, Cecil McDonald, ca. 1918.
4. Chuck Falconer, September 1918.
5. Bill Grudron and Fulton.
6. Jessie and Ethel Brown, ca. 1918.
7. Bob, Chuck, Bill Smith, Bill Power, ca. 1916.

### Appendix 2:

1. C.P.R. Gardens showing the electric sign at night, 1917.
2. Midnight view of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue taken from the C.P.R. Station, 1917.
3. Monte Creek Motel at Ducks, B.C., with Jim Bromley and Jack Robertson in the foreground, 1919.
4. Shuswap Bridge across the South Thompson River.
5. Hedley Saw Milling Co, Kamloops, B.C., 1918
6. The Steam Power House, Kamloops, 1918.
7. James R. Bromley, 1918.
8. Bullet hole at the house in Chinatown where City Police Constable Allan was shot, ca. 1914.
9. Construction of Tranquille Sanatorium, 1919.
10. Elks Float at the May Day Parade, May 7, 1920.
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12. Hudson's Bay Co. Float at the May Day Parade, May 7, 1920.
13. May Queen at the May Day Parade, May 7, 1920.
14. Construction of the C.N.R. Bridge over the South Thompson River at Kamloops, 1917.
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