

Kamloops Museum and Archives



E.G. Prior and Company fonds

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0.3505, 0.3506, 0.3507, 0.3508, 0.3509, 0.3510, 0.3512, 0.3513, 0.3520,
0.3522, 1973.026, 1979.032, 1993.015, 2019.026**

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Title: E.G. Prior and Company fonds

Dates of Creation: 1889-1915

Physical Description: 21 cm of textual records

Administrative History/Biographical Sketch:

Edward Gawler Prior was born on May 21, 1852 in Dallowgill, Yorkshire. He worked as a mining engineer in England until 1873, when he moved to Nanaimo, British Columbia, to become an assistant manager of the Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company Limited. He opened his own hardware business in 1880, and had many branches throughout British Columbia. Prior also active in politics, where he served as the 15th Premier of British Columbia (1902 to 1903), 11th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia (1919-1920), Member of Parliament for Victoria (1888-1901), and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Victoria (1886-1888). He died December 12, 1920 in Victoria, BC.

E.G. Prior & Company (Kamloops, B.C.) was established in the late 1880s, by Edward Gawler Prior as a branch of his general hardware store.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists mostly of correspondence between E.G. Prior and Company (Kamloops, B.C.) and merchants, individuals, and Head Office. Also included in fonds are financial records including receipts, waybills, and a receipt book, advertising material, and two ledgers.

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Custodial History:

The collection of E.G. Prior and Company was originally comprised of two accessions (1966.205 and 1979.032), with additional material being accrued to the collection during reprocessing in 2018 (accessions 0.2916, 0.3481, 0.3482, 0.3484, 0.3487, 0.3501, 0.3502, 0.3505, 0.3506, 0.3507, 0.3508, 0.3509, 0.3510, 0.3512, 0.3513, 0.3520, 0.3522, 1993.015) and 2019 (accessions 0.3396, 1973.026, and 2019.026).

Accession 1966.205 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on October 29, 1966 by the Kamloops Fire Department, via Jim Watson, after being found in the old E.G. Prior Company store prior to its partial demolition.

Accession 1973.026 was donated on March 7, 1973 by Mike Hall. Ledger 1973.026.001 may have been reaccessioned as 0.3396, as noted by KMA staff in May 1994.

Accession 1979.032 was donated on June 29, 1979 by George Whale, after also being found along with other materials in the old E.G. Prior and Company store (subsequently the Diamond Café) prior to its full demolition.

Accession 1993.015 was donated on December 3, 1993 by Pamela Watson.

Accession 2019.026 was found in the Subject Files under E.G. Prior and Co., and was removed from the Subject Files by Archivists during the 2010s.

Materials accessioned as 0.2916, 0.3396, 0.3481, 0.3482, 0.3484, 0.3487, 0.3501, 0.3502, 0.3505, 0.3506, 0.3507, 0.3508, 0.3509, 0.3510, 0.3512, 0.3513, 0.3520, and 0.3522 have no donor information.

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Notes:

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

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist. Accrued material was added to the collection based on chronological order of donation, with materials with no donor information following. Materials with no donor information (miscellaneous receipts and correspondence) were grouped together for ease of access.

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	Location
1966.205.001	Advertising – Includes 2 ads for E.G. Prior and Company’s store. – 2 textual records	[ca. 1900s]	1/1
1966.205.002	Okanagan, Grande Prairie, Ducks – Includes correspondence from merchants and individuals from the Okanagan, Grande Prairie (Westwold), and Ducks. See Appendix 1 for full listing. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1892-1911	1/2
1966.205.003	Cariboo Road – Includes correspondence from merchants and individuals. See Appendix 2 for full listing. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1896-1913	1/3
1966.205.004	Salmon Arm, Shuswap, Enderby, etc – Includes correspondence from merchants and individuals from Salmon Arm, Shuswap, Enderby, etc. See Appendix 3 for full listing. – 1 cm of textual records	1893-1915	1/4
1966.205.005	Kamloops, North Thompson, No Address – Includes correspondence from merchants and individuals. See Appendix 4 for full listing. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1889-1913	1/5
1966.205.006	Nicola Valley – Includes correspondence from merchants and individuals from the Nicola Valley. See Appendix 5 for full listing. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1896-1911	1/6
1966.205.007	Ashcroft, Spences Bridge, Lytton – Includes correspondence from merchants and individuals from Ashcroft, Spences Bridge, and Lytton. See Appendix 6 for full listing. – 0.75 cm of textual records	1894-1913	1/7
1966.205.008	Savona, Mammette Lake, Cache Creek – Includes correspondence from merchants and individuals from Savona, Mammette Lake, and Cache Creek. See Appendix 7 for full listing. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1897-1913	1/8
1966.205.009	Correspondence from Suppliers – Includes correspondence from suppliers. See Appendix 8 for full listing. – 0.75 cm of textual records	1895-1913	1/9

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1966.205.010	Correspondence from Head Office – Includes correspondence from head office to the Kamloops E.G. Prior and Co. store. – 5 cm of textual records	1910	1/10
1966.205.011	Receipt Book – Includes a receipt book. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1910	1/11
1966.205.012	J.R. Mitchell's Personal Purchases – Includes a receipt book for J.R. Mitchell's purchases at the E.G. Prior and Co. store. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1900-1901	1/12
1973.026.002	Journal – Includes a bound ledger of accounts. – 4 cm of textual records	1896-1897	Ledgers
1979.032.001	Correspondence – Includes a letter from R. Newton. – 1 textual record	1913	1/13
1979.032.003	Receipts – Includes a receipt issued from the Keremeos Land Co. Ltd. – 1 textual record	1910	1/14
1993.015	Correspondence and Receipts – Includes correspondence, receipts, an order form from E.G. Prior and Co. store, and an ad for Majestic Stoves. See Appendix 10 for full listing. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1897-1913	1/15
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0.3396	Ledger – Includes a bound ledger of accounts. – 5.5 cm of textual records	1901-1904	Ledgers

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2019.026	E.G. Prior and Co. Receipts – File contains two receipts from the E.G. Prior store made out to the Provincial Government. – 2 textual records	1907-1908 1/17

Appendix 1: Okanagan, Grande Prairie, Ducks

Correspondents include A.H. Wade (Penticton), J.K. Robinson (Fairview), Won Crawford (Okanagan Mission), George Whelan (Okanagan Mission), Fasciaux Gruyelle (Okanagan Mission), James B. Leighton (Penticton), W.A. Caldes (Edgewood), J.N. Cameron (Kelowna Carriage Works), W.F. Cameron (General Merchant, Vernon), Frank Hunger (Grande Prairie), Jones Bros. General Merchants (Grande Prairie), A.G. Pemberton (Ducks), A.T. Ball (Monte Creek), John M. Kinnear (Monte Creek), and Thomas Hill (Ducks).

Appendix 2: Cariboo Road

Correspondents include Henry P. Felker (Chimney Creek Ranch), R. Fergusson (20 Mile House), C.H. Smith (Soda Creek), Moses Foster (15 Mile Ranch, Pavillion), Thomas J. Cole (Pavillion), Michael Gillen (Clinton), M. Minton (Williams Lake), Philip Gander (Bef Bar), Norman Lee (Hanceville), Augustus Bortans (Alkali Lake), F.C. Copeland (Alexis Creek), H. Pollard (Clinton), Raymond G. Miller (Clinton), J.S. Deace (Dog Creek), Eagle & Hamilton (Beaver Lake), Eagle & Paxton Estate (Onward Ranch), Stephenson Bros. (Clinton), Marshall & Smith (Clinton), William Parter (Forks Quesnel Express), Philip Garigan (Forks Quesnel Express).

Appendix 3: Salmon Arm, Shuswap, Enderby, Etc.

Correspondents include Oliver P. Roberts (Malakwa), M.J. Finlayson (Sicamous), Columbia River Lumber Company Limited (Kualt), C.J. Knebuier (Kualt), Frank perry (Kualt), L.B. Massey (Mara), John Moses (Mara), G. Whundoel (Sicamous), W.J. Smith (Tappen Siding), Robert Gardiner (Tappen Siding), Alex Reid (Tappen Siding), J.H. Calhoun (Tappen Siding), E.G. Prior, C. Tl. Peterson (Notch Hill), Chas Castle (Notch Hill), John McIntyre (Notch Hill), G.A. Fowler (Notch Hill), J.S. Knight (Notch Hill), Adams River Lumber Co. (Chase), Ah. Louie (Shuswap), A. Summer (Shuswap), A.W. Thorburn (Salmon Arm), Marcisse Chiep (Salmon Arm), A.J. Cummings (Salmon Arm), Chas. Bean (Salmon Arm), Glasgow & Wilson (Salmon Arm), W.J. Green (Salmon Arm), A. McGuire (Salmon Arm), A.P. McLean (Salmon Arm), Lee Moxley (Salmon Arm), W.V. Leonard (Salmon Arm), Andrew Johnston (Salmon Arm), P. Owens (Salmon Arm), S.D. Crowle (Revelstoke), J.W. Armshorry (Salmon Arm), Robert Stewart (Salmon Arm), Henry W. Harvey (Enderby), Chas. Ashley (Enderby), H. Greyell (Enderby), T. Peeks (Enderby), Thomas Hayes (Armstrong), Crane Bros. (Hulldear), G. Paton (Hulldear), Chas. Crozier (Armstrong), Robert Curtis (Armstrong).

Appendix 4: Kamloops, North Thompson, No Address

Correspondents include Pridgeon & McCorvie (Peavine Ranch), Estate Office (Heffley Creek), A Gondreau (Louis Creek), Father Alph H. Carion (K.I.R.S.), William Fortune (Tranquille), A. Wallace (Harper Ranch), John Peterson, James Sinclair, A.H. Skeg, W.T. Slavin, H. Shorton, J.L. Hughes, Jones Bros., McLean & Co., D.C. McLaren, McArthur & Harper, Hudson's Bay Company, Frank Coldarch, R.E. Woods, A. Wright (Kamloops Mines Ltd.), Kamloops Agricultural Association.

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Appendix 5: Nicola Valley

Correspondents include Blair & Co., G.B. Armstrong, Douglas Lake Cattle Co., W.H. Cowen, Nicola Valley Coal & Coke, Joseph Guichan (Quilchena?), Farr Bros., William McAvoy, Charlie Nanclachan, M.A. McConnell, Johnnie Garcia (Courtenay Lake), D. McInnes (Couttee), J. Chapman (Couttee), W. Pooley (Nicola Lake), James Pooley (Nicola Lake), W. Riley (Nicola Lake), Mrs. W. Clark (Nicola Lake), A. R. Camnpton (Nicola Lake), H. Paige (Nicola Lake).

Appendix 6: Ashcroft, Spences Bridge, Lytton

Correspondents include Ashcroft Estate Ltd., Harvey Bailey & Co., Fred L. Petcos (Vancouver), James Porter (Hat Creek), Mrs. E. Dougherty (Maiden Creek), P.R. Harrison, James Haddock, Chas. T. Harris, A. Clemes (Spences Bridge), James Tobin (Thomson's Landing), A.G. Rebaghat (Lytton), J.H. Anthony (General Merchant, Lytton), H.P. Lewis, Ashcroft Hotel (A.G. Van Alstyn, Thomas Gannon), Ashcroft Water Electric & Improvement Co. (Ino Shields), Stewart & Crozier, C.F. Cornwall (Ashcroft Manor), Ashcroft Journal (F.S. Reynolds).

Appendix 7: Savona, Mammette Lake, Cache Creek

Correspondents include Grant Smith & Co., McDonnell Ltd. Contractors, Harry Ferguson (Mammette Lake), A.B. Ferguson (Lake View House), Wilfred J. Ferguson (Lake View House), Louis Quenville (Mammette Lake), A. Fehr, R.A. Walker (Cache Creek), A. Harvin (Mammette Lake), John Jane, Cosstick & Mitchell, A. Chartrand (Mammette Lake), C. Collingwood (Walhachin), Fransi Allen (Summit Ranch, Savona), Chas E. Browne (Lakeside Vineyard, Savona), Alex Hardie.

Appendix 8: Correspondence from Suppliers

Correspondents include Chas. Daley & Co. (Seattle, Washington), Armstrong Manufacturing Company (Bridgeport, Connecticut), Bain Wagon Company (Woodstock, Oregon), David Bain (New Westminster), G.W. Baldwin (Winnipeg), John Burns (Vancouver), The British America Paint Company (Victoria), The Gurney Foundry Company (Toronto), The Bain Wagon Company Limited (Kenosha, Wisconsin), Gurney Stove & Range Company (Winnipeg), The McClary Manufacturing Company (Vancouver), Gurney Foundry Company (Vancouver), E.C. Atkins & Company (Vancouver), S.J. Allen & Company Agricultural Implements (Philadelphia), E.D. Allen Manufacturing Company Brass Founders (Chicago), H.S. Howland Sons & Co. (Toronto), B. Greening Wire Company (Hamilton), The Giant Powder Company (Victoria), The Great West Saddlery Company Limited (Winnipeg), The Brain Brothers Manufacturing Company Limited (Brantford, Ontario), Canadian Pacific Railway Company (Vancouver), Burnette Saw Mill Company Limited (New Westminster), McLennan McFeely & Co., CP Telegraph Communications.

Appendix 9: Misc. Correspondence and Receipts

Correspondents include W. Ferguson, C.F. Cornwall, Jones Bros. Store, Kamloops Industrial School, Hardy, Wright and Co., J.D. Cameron, M.J. Finlayson, Douglas Lake Cattle Co., Alex Hardie, McLean and Co. Grocers, D.C. McLaren, S.M. McGuire, Adams River Lumber Co. Ltd., McArthur and Harper, Blair and Co., and Joseph Guichon.

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Appendix 10: Correspondence and Receipts

Correspondents include McLennan, McFeely and Co., Johnston family, A. Stevenson, the Great West Saddlery Co. Limited, the Copper Mines Limited of British Columbia, M. Schultz, A. Fehr, H.D.G. Armytage, Kamloops Mines, Limited, Henry James Felker, Kamloops Industrial School, H. Fehr, James W. Gillie, the Giant Powder Co., Con., Douglas Lake Cattle Co., Gurney Foundry Company, Ducks Station, Harvey, Bailey and Co., Peter Audap, the Kaledon Supply Company Limited, McLean and Co, and J. Koski.