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Fulton Family fonds

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Dates of Creation: 1883-1944

Physical Description: 1 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch:

Frederick John Fulton was born on December 8, 1862 in Bedlington, England, the son of Alexander Fulton and Barbara Gibson. Fulton studied law at Cambridge University, graduating with a law degree in 1883, and was admitted as a solicitor to the High Court of Judicature in England on February 12, 1887. Later that year Fulton emigrated to Canada, landing in Toronto and spending a short period articling for the law firm of Thom Colhoun Haslett in Hamilton, Ontario before moving west and arriving in Vancouver in August. Fulton was offered an overseeing role at the firm of W.W. Spinks in Kamloops and moved there in October. The following year he was admitted as a solicitor, and quickly rose in legal esteem in the province, being appointed an official administrator and Judge of the Court of Revision for Yale District in 1891 and being called as a barrister in 1892. In 1900 Fulton entered politics and was elected as a Conservative Member of Parliament for the district of Yale North. 1901 would see him appointed to the Queen's Council, and he would be successful in his bid for re-election as an MP for Kamloops in 1903 as well as being appointed president of the Provincial Cabinet Council. In 1904 Fulton would take on the roles of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, working on a variety of tasks such as reorganizing school finances, care of indigent populations in unincorporated districts, management of fisheries, and laying the groundwork for the establishment of the University of British Columbia. After the resignation of Charles Wilson, Fulton would assume the position of Attorney General, holding the office from 1907 to 1909 and successfully prosecuting train robber Bill Miner. In 1907 Fulton was made the Chief Commissioner of Lands, where he chaired two provincial royal commissions: the Irrigation Commission, which led to new water rights being granted in 1909, and the Royal Commission of Inquiry on Timber and Forestry, which resulted in a new Forest Act being passed in 1912. Fulton was re-elected as an MP in 1907, but would resign from politics in protest over government subsidies for railway construction in 1907. After his exit from politics Fulton would marry Winifred Mary Davie in Victoria, B.C. in 1909, and would return to Kamloops to resume a fulltime role in his law firm. The couple would have four children: Alexander, Edmund Davie, John, and Frederick Joseph. Fulton was appointed City Solicitor for Kamloops in 1910 and refocused his efforts on local affairs, acting as Chairman of the Royal Inland Hospital, being active on the Board of Trade, and resuming his favourite pastimes: hunting and fishing. In 1917 Fulton would be asked to re-enter politics as a representative for the Union government in the Cariboo region. He won the

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1917 election, but had little interest in continuing to represent the riding and retired from politics permanently in 1921. Frederick John Fulton died on July 25, 1936 in Kamloops, B.C.

Winifred Mary Fulton (nee Davie) was born on December 8, 1879 in Victoria, B.C., the daughter of Alexander Edmund Boston Davie and Constance Langford Skinner. She married politician and lawyer Frederick John Fulton in Victoria, B.C. on May 12, 1909. The couple would have four sons: Alexander, Edmund Davie, John, and Frederick Joseph. After her husband's resignation from political office, the family would move to Kamloops, where Fulton would become very involved in local charitable and social organizations. She was active in the Soldier's Comfort Club (President), the Kamloops Civilian Auxiliary (secretary), the Kamloops Branch of the Red Cross (charter member and first President), the S.P.C.A., and the Kamloops Council of Women (first President and National Life Membership). Most notably, Fulton played a key role in the Catholic Women's League, where she took on the roles of Councillor, National Convenor of Education, and National 3rd Vice President. She was also instrumental in the reorganization of the Kamloops Diocesan Council, which went through an amalgamation of local chapters in 1947 under her leadership. Her work for this organization earned her a Life Membership. Outside of her social obligations, Fulton was also an accomplished horseback rider and raised prize-winning Irish Setters. Winifred Mary Fulton (nee Davie) died on July 3, 1961 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 81.

John Fulton was born on November 4, 1912 in Kamloops, B.C., the son of Frederick John Fulton and Winifred M. Davie. After graduating high school from St. Michael's private school in Victoria, B.C. Fulton's interest in becoming a pilot caused him to travel to Oakland, California and enrol in the Boeing School of Aeronautics. He graduated from the school at age 19, and returned to Canada to complete his commercial pilot's licence at the Aero Club of B.C. in Vancouver by 1931. After not finding employment as a pilot in Canada, Fulton travelled to the East Coast and caught a cattle boat to England. He then joined the R.A.F., quickly earning himself the nickname "Moose" for his origins in Canada. There he completed basic pilot's training, in 1935 a course in basic training and drills for the army, as well as flight lessons at the No. 3 Flying Training School in Spitalgate. In 1935 he gained a commission as a pilot officer, and was briefly assigned to No. 10 Squadron before transferred to No. 219 Squadron. In January 1938 he was posted in Heliopolis, Egypt with Squadron No. 149, but was recruited only a year later by an experimental squadron of the R.A.F. Exeter. Fulton's work with the squadron would earn him the Distinguished Flying Cross (October 8, 1940), the Air Force Cross (January 1, 1942), and the Distinguished Service Order (April 1942). John Fulton was shot down by German fighters while returning to base on August 2, 1942. His body was never recovered. After his death Queen Elizabeth authorized the renaming of No. 419 Squadron as "Moose Squadron," the City of Kamloops would adopt the squadron, the squadron would be given a moose emblem as a traditional crest alongside the motto "Moosa Aswayita" ("Beware the Moose") by King George IV, and Fulton Flying Field at the Kamloops Airport would be named in his honour.

Edmund Davie Fulton was born on March 10, 1916 in Kamloops, B.C., the son of Frederick John Fulton and Winifred M. Davie. He began his education at St. Michael's School in Victoria, B.C., and graduated high school from the Kamloops High School. Fulton continued his education at the University of British Columbia, before being elected a Rhodes Scholar in 1936. With this scholarship Fulton continued his studies in Law at St. John's College, Oxford, England, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1937. In January 1940 he was called to the Bar of B.C., but would soon be swept

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up in the war effort. Fulton served during World War II in the Canadian Army first as a Company Commander with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, and later as the D.A.A.G. for the 1st Canadian Infantry Division, before transferring to the reserves in July 1945 with the rank of Major. After the war, he returned to Kamloops, taking up a partnership post with the law firm Fulton, Morley, Verchere, and Rogers and became involved in politics with the Conservative Party, becoming elected as a member of the House of Commons for the first time in 1945. On September 7, 1946 he married Patricia Mary Macrae, with whom he would have 3 daughters (Catherine Mary, Patricia, and Cynthia Ann). By 1946 Fulton was leading the Young Progressive Conservatives of Canada as president, a post he would hold until 1949, and soon became a member of the UBC Senate as well (1948-1957). Fulton would be elected to the House of Commons numerous times for the Progressive Conservative Party, holding office in 1949, 1953, 1957, and 1958, and would also hold the posts of Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (1957-1958) and Queen's Council for B.C. (1957). In 1959 Fulton was honoured with a number of positions for his contributions to law and the military in Canada, including being made an Honourable Colonel for the Rocky Mountain Rangers, Member of the Bar for Ontario, Honourable Life Bencher for the Law Society of Upper Canada, and Honourable Member of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Fulton retired from politics in 1968 after unsuccessfully attempting to reinstate the Progressive Conservative Party in B.C. and turned his focus to his law practice. In 1973 he was elected a justice on the British Columbia Supreme Court, holding the position until 1981, and from 1986 to 1992 he served as a commissioner on the International Joint Commission. In 1992 he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. Edmund Davie Fulton died in Vancouver on May 22, 2000.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records related to the Fulton Family, predominantly Frederick John Fulton and his sons John Fulton and Edmund Davie Fulton. Records include certificates, correspondence, receipts, an essay, and a pamphlet.

Custodial History:

Accessions 0.2820, 0.2821, and 0.2822 were donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Mrs. Winifred Fulton, the wife of Frederick John Fulton, at unspecified dates. Records were previously placed in the Vertical Files collection, and were brought together as a distinct fonds during reprocessing in 2020. Accession 2020.018 was found in the collection during processing in 2020, and was summarily accessioned and accrued to this fonds. No donor information is available for this accession.

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Notes:

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

Arrangement: No apparent order to the records exists. Records have been arranged into three series based on their subject to facilitate access: Series 1: Frederick John Fulton; Series 2: John Fulton; and Series 3: Edmund Davie Fulton. Within each series, the accession order of records has been maintained and within each accession records order has been maintained by the Archivist.

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Finding aids: File list is available for this collection.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Related materials: See Kamloops Civilian Auxiliary fonds (0.2870) and Soldier's Comfort Club fonds (0.3132) for additional materials donated by Mrs. Winifred (F.J.) Fulton.

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Series 1: Frederick John Fulton

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Scope and Content: Series contains records relating to Frederick John Fulton, predominantly concerned with his career as a lawyer. Records include Law Society certificates (British Columbia and United Kingdom), birth and death certificates, correspondence, an Articles of Clerkship agreement, notices of appointments and commissions, his degree from Cambridge University, receipts, and an essay recounting his journey from Hamilton to Vancouver.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
0.2820.001	Law Society Certificates – File contains certificates issued to F.J. Fulton for membership in the Law Society of British Columbia. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1891-1933	1
0.2820.002	Law Society of the United Kingdom Certificate – File contains a certificate issued to F.J. Fulton for membership in the Law Society of the United Kingdom. – 1 textual record	1886	2
0.2820.003	Death Certificate – File contains F.J. Fulton’s death certificate. – 1 textual record	1939	3
0.2820.004	Regards from Lands Department – File contains a letter signed by the Lands Department employees on the resignation of F.J. Fulton. – 3 textual records	1909	4
0.2820.005	Articles of Clerkship – File contains an agreement (Articles of Clerkship) from Thomas C. Haslett to F.J. Fulton on his employment with the firm. – 1 textual record	1887	5
0.2820.006	Certified Copy of an Entry of Birth – File contains a copy of F.J. Fulton’s Entry of Birth (Birth Certificate). – 1 textual record	1909	6
0.2820.007-010	Notices of Appointments and Commissions – File contains letters documenting F.J. Fulton’s appointment as a Notary Public, President of the Executive Council of the Province of British	1889-1909	7

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	Columbia, Commissioner, and his commission with the Department of Lands. – 4 textual records		
0.2820.011	B.A. Degree – File contains F.J. Fulton’s B.A. Degree from Cambridge University. – 1 textual record	1883	8
0.2820.012-013	Receipts – File contains receipts for funds received from F.J. Fulton in application of the final examination from the Law Society of the United Kingdom and for passage from Liverpool, England to Hamilton, Ontario. – 2 textual records	1886-1887	9
0.2822	From Hamilton to Vancouver – File contains an essay written by F.J. Fulton describing his first trip from Hamilton to Vancouver. – 6 textual records	[ca. 1883]	10

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Series 2: John Fulton

1935-1944. — 6 textual records

Scope and Content: Series contains records relating to John Fulton, predominantly concerned with his military career. Records include a certificate of his membership in the Distinguished Service Order, correspondence, and his Royal Warrant of Appointment.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
0.2821.001	Appointment to Membership of Distinguished Service Order – File contains John Fulton’s certificate for membership in the Distinguished Service Order. – 1 textual record	1942	11
0.2821.002-005	Correspondence – File contains correspondence relating to John Fulton, largely received by Mrs. F.J. Fulton (his mother). – 4 textual records	1942-1944	12
0.2821.006	Royal Warrant of Appointment – File contains a certificate appointing John Fulton as an Acting Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force. – 1 textual record	1935	Oversize

Series 3: Edmund Davie Fulton

[ca. 1940s]. — 1 textual record

Scope and Content: Series contains records relating to Edmund Davie Fulton. Records include a pamphlet advertising his political campaign.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2020.018	“Where I Stand” by Davie Fulton – File contains a pamphlet exploring Fulton’s campaign platform. – 1 textual record	[ca. 1940s?]	13