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**Harper Family fonds**

**1969.123, 1970.013**

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1969.123, etc.

Access: Open.

Harper Family fonds

Textual

1908-1934

0.01 meters

**Title:** Harper Family fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1908-1934

**Physical Description:** 3 textual records

### Biographical Sketch:

**Noel George Harper** was born on December 25, 1873 in Cheshunt, England, the son of Thomas Harper and his wife (nee Etheridge). Harper served in the Boer War in South Africa, and after the war ended he remained there until immigrating to Canada in 1907. He settled in near Kamloops, B.C. and purchased property in the area of Westsyde with the intention of starting a ranch and farm. Harper would continue working his property until his retirement shortly before his death. He also served during World War I, and was a member of the Kamloops Branch (No. 25) of the Canadian Legion. Harper was married to Nina Denniston Syme, with whom he had two daughters (Mollie and Nancy) and one son (John Phillip). Harper was also known in Kamloops for his love of sports, particularly polo and cricket. Noel George Harper died on December 28, 1954 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 84.

**John Phillip Harper (also known as Jack)** was the son of Noel George Harper and Nina Denniston Syme. Harper served during World War II and was a member of the Kamloops Branch (No. 25) of the Canadian Legion. He was also an active member of the Church of Cleopas. John Phillip Harper died on April 20, 1983 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 75.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of two agreements related to Noel George Harper's purchase of land and water rights for his farm and ranch in Westsyde, and a Subscriber Agreement for John Harper with the Royal Inland Hospital.

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### **Custodial History:**

Accessions 1969.123 and 1970.013 were donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Jack (John Phillip) Harper on November 28, 1969 and February 18, 1970, respectively. Records were originally placed in the Vertical Files collection, and were brought together as a distinct fonds during reprocessing in 2020.

### **Notes:**

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

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

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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
1969.123a-b	Agreements for Sale of Lands and Water Rights – File contains two agreements made between Noel George Harper and Canadian Real Properties, Limited for Harper’s acquisition of land and water rights in Westsyde. Leonard Etheridge (presumed to be a relative of N.G. Harper) appears as a cosigner on the Land Agreement. – 2 textual records	1908	1
1970.013.001	Subscriber and Royal Inland Hospital Agreement – File contains an agreement for rural services from the Royal Inland Hospital for John Harper. – 1 textual record	1934	2