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**John Jane collection**

**0.2823, 0.3069, 1964.038, 2020.020**

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0.2823, etc.  
Access: Open.

**John Jane collection**  
Textual, Cartographic

1890-1909  
0.01 meters

**Title:** John Jane collection

**Dates of Creation:** 1890-1909

**Physical Description:** 1 cm of textual records and 1 map

### **Biographical Sketch:**

**John Jane** was born on March 3, 1833 in Lanhyrock, England. In 1857 he came to British Columbia with the Royal Engineers, where he received training in surveying as the Royal Engineers completed the Boundary Survey and developed roads and survey lines through the lower Fraser district. After the Royal Engineers' services were withdrawn from the colony in 1863 Jane chose to remain in Canada. In 1864 he joined Walter Moberly's survey team, which was tasked with locating a path for the Canadian Pacific Railway through the Selkirk and Rocky Mountains. The following year Jane was appointed constable at Derby and then at Fort Shepard, where he would also serve as Postmaster from 1866-1867. Jane would not stay settled for long though, as he returned to his career in surveying, seeing him join teams under Walter Moberly in 1872, Ed Stevens in the Nicola Valley in 1874, and finally gaining his own team under direction of the government to survey Savona and the district in 1877. In 1877 Jane settled in Savona and opened a general store, which he ran to great success. On October 9, 1889 Jane married Harriet McNeill in Kamloops, B.C. When the original community of Savona moved across the river in 1891 in line with the development of the railway, Jane followed, and opened a new store close to the C.P.R. station. In 1893 Jane was appointed Justice of the Peace. John Jane died on July 8, 1907 in Savona, B.C., at the age of 74.

### **Scope and Content:**

Fonds consists predominantly of correspondence received by John Jane. Other records include a map, receipts for supplying his general store, clippings, and a tax assessment for 1894.

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### **Custodial History:**

Accession 0.2823 has no available donor information. Accession 0.3069 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives in 1961 by J.E. Villiers. Accession 1964.038 was donated on April 13, 1964 by Bev C. Jeffery c/o of Malkin's Co. Ltd. per Wilson Knowlton, after being found in the attic of the Savona Store (owned by John Jane). Accessions 0.2823, 0.3069, and 1964.038 were previously placed in the Vertical Files collection, and were brought together as a distinct collection during reprocessing in 2020. Accession 2020.020 was found in the collection in 2020 during processing with no donor information, and was subsequently accessioned and accrued to this collection.

### **Notes:**

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

**Arrangement:** No apparent arrangement of collection was apparent, so records were arranged based on their accession dates (where possible) during processing in 2020. Within accessions, the archivist has maintained the original order of records.

**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
0.2823	Victor Guillaume's Ranch papers – File contains a letter to John Jane from the C.P.R. Engineering Department re: the boundaries of Victor Guillaume's ranch in Valleyview and a map of the ranch and surrounding area. – 2 textual records and 1 map	1891	1
0.3069	Letters – File contains letters to John Jane from the National Cash Register Co. and Charles E. Tisdall. – 2 textual records	1894-1905	2
1964.038	Correspondence and Receipts – File contains letters and receipts to John Jane from W.H. Malkin Co. Limited, Osmund Shrike and Co., British Columbia Soap Works, and James Vair re: supplying his general store. – 8 textual records	1896-1906	3
2020.020.001	Correspondence – File contains letters to John Jane from John McKenzie (Dominion Lands Office), James Ross, R.G> Tatlow, J.W. Jones, Cherry Creek Ranch, the Industrial School, and J.Y. Griffin and Company. File also contains letters from Father Le Jeune to M. Baker. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1890-1909	4
2020.020.002	Clippings – File contains newspaper clippings. – 3 textual records	[ca. 1901]	5
2020.020.003	Assessment Roll 1894 – File contains the 1894 tax Assessment Roll for John Jane's store in Savona. – 1 textual record	1894	6