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**James Reginald Colley fonds**

**2017.021, 2020.010**

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Access: Open.

James Reginald Colley fonds  
Textual, Graphic, Cartographic

1923-1982  
0.10 meters

**Title:** James Reginald Colley fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1923-1982

**Physical Description:** 5 cm of textual records, ca. 50 b&w photographs, and 0.05 cm of cartographic material

### Biographical Sketch:

**James Reginald Colley** was born May 24, 1880 in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada in 1898. He was educated at St. John's College, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and participated in the South African War after enlisting in Winnipeg. He was first elected to the British Columbia Legislative Assembly in the general election of 1924, representing Kamloops, BC, after being an Alderman of Kamloops for 6 years and mayor of Kamloops for 2 years (1923-1924). Colley also spent 23 years working as the Sheriff for Northwest Yale. He received many honours in his life, including Honourary Life President of U.B.C.M. (1923), Honourary Life Member of the Kamloops Board of Trade (1935), Life Member of the Canadian Legion (1935), Canadian Red Cross Service Medal (1923) and Life Member of the Canadian Red Cross, Oddfellows Meritorious Service Medal (1949), Oddfellows Declaration of Chivalry (1949), Honourary Secretary of Kamloops Branch of Returned Soldiers Commission (WW2), and the Special Civil Defence Certificate for Voluntary War Work (WW2). Colley was married to Barbara Elizabeth Colley, with whom he had one son (John Reginald). James Reginald Colley died on November 8, 1968 in Victoria, B.C. at the age of 88.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of the personal papers of James Reginald Colley and includes artwork of Kamloops given to Colley by the Red Cross Society and Syd Smith, correspondence, photographs, Colley's certificates appointing him a Justice of the Peace and for volunteering with the civil defense during World War Two, four books, two scrapbooks, a report on irrigation in Walhachin, and a financial statement for the Kamloops Exhibition Association.

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### Custodial History:

Fonds was originally comprised of accession 2017.021, which was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on October 8, 2014 by Helen M. Colly. Additional material found in the collection related to James Reginald Colley during 2019 was accrued to the collection in 2020 (accession 2020.010).

### Notes:

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

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

**Treatment Note:** Newspaper clippings and general Kamloops history items were removed from collection and placed in subject files. Frames were removed from photographs and graphic materials.

**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 expected.

**Related materials:** See Artifact Collection for additional materials donated with accession 2017.021.

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2017.021.001	<i>Medical Saga: the Burris Clinic and Early Pioneers</i> / H.L. Burris.	1967	Reading Room
2017.021.002	<i>A Flannel Shirt &amp; Liberty: British Emigrant Gentlemen in the Canadian West 1880-1914</i> / Edited by Susan Jackel.	1982	Reading Room
2017.021.003	<i>Who's Who in British Columbia, 1933-34</i> / Editor and Publisher S.M. Carter	1934	Reading Room
2017.021.004	<i>Who's Who in British Columbia, 1944-45-46</i> / Editor and publisher S. Maurice Carter	1946	Reading Room
2017.021.005	Kamloops – File contains a painting of Kamloops in 1812 and a Kamloops area property map. – 1 graphic record and 1 map	[ca. 1970s?]	1/1
2017.021.006	Correspondence re: Colley's funeral – File contains correspondence related to the funeral of J.R. Colley. – 4 textual records	1968	1/2
2017.021.007	Maps – File contains maps of B.C.'s northern development, a history of Canada's boundaries, Fishing Districts of B.C., and Kamloops Lake. – 4 maps	1948- [1960s?]	1/3
2017.021.008	Civil Jury, Baker vs. the Canadian National Railway Company – File contains correspondence, court procedures, and blank letterhead. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1943-1952	1/4
2017.021.009	Health Insurance – File contains reports, plans, legislation, and correspondence related to Health Insurance and its development in British Columbia. – 1 cm of textual records	1930-1947	1/5
2017.021.010	Correspondence – File contains general correspondence. – 1 cm of textual records	1955-1956	1/6
2017.021.012	Letter from Attorney-General – File contains a letter from the Attorney-General to J.R. Colley re: his appointment as Justice of the Peace. – 1 textual record	1959	1/7

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2017.021.013-018, 021	Photographs and Postcards – File contains a postcard of two women on horses and photographs of the funeral of John Oliver, Kamloops, J.R. Colley swearing in the new sheriff?, J.R. Colley, a lawn bowling group, and the 1928 B.C. Legislative Assembly. – 7 b&w photographs	1927-1956	1/8 and Oversized Photo Collection Box 12
2017.021.019	Province of British Columbia declaration of James Reginald Colley as Justice of the Peace – File contains J.R. Colley’s certificate appointing him Justice of the Peace. – 1 textual record	1923	Map Collection
2017.021.020	Kamloops, BC by Edward Goodall for Syd Smith, Ltd. – File contains a sketch by Edward Goodall of Kamloops, B.C., given to J.R. Colley by Syd Smith. – 1 graphic record	[ca. 1950s]	Map Collection
2017.021.022	Dominion Day – File contains a scrapbook which includes clippings, correspondence, and photographs taken by A.C. Taylor & Co. and John Scales related to the Dominion Day celebration in Kamloops. – 2 cm of textual records with photographs	1934-1937	2
2017.021.023	Autographs – File contains a scrapbook which includes clippings and autographs of various people from Kamloops and area. – 1 cm of textual records	1937	2
2020.010.001	Civil Defence Certificate – File contains a certificate issued to J.R. Colley for his volunteer service with the civil defense during World War Two. – 1 textual record	1945	1/9
2020.010.002	Report on Irrigation System of Anglesey Estate, Walhachin, B.C. – File contains a report on the irrigation system of the Anglesey Estate in Walhachin. – 0.25 cm of textual records	[1920s?]	1/10
2020.010.003	Kamloops Exhibition Association Statement to November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 1939 – File contains a financial report for the Kamloops Exhibition Association. – 4 textual records	1939	1/11