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William Thomas Louie fonds

1972.064, 1984.087

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Textual

1920-ca. 1940s

0.03 meters

Title: William Thomas Louie fonds

Dates of Creation: 1920-ca. 1940s

Physical Description: 3 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch:

William Thomas Louie was born on October 12, 1892 at Shuswap, B.C., the son of Chue Ah Louie and Losee Louie. Louie attended school in the Shuswap area and Kamloops, and later worked as a farm labourer. In February 1918 he enlisted in the 1st Depot Battalion of the Alberta Regiment at Calgary, and would serve overseas until the end of World War I. After the war he returned to Kamloops, and gained his Masters of Boats certificate in 1924, operating many boats on the Shuswap Lakes and Adams Lake. In 1926 Louie began a fuel business, selling wood which was hauled in from Heffley Creek by horse and wagon. This business would grow to become the Wood and Coal Yard, and Louie would later expand the business to include a garage called the Kingsway Service Station. In 1932 he purchased the steamship the S.S. C.R. Lamb, using it to haul fuel for his business, as well as offering commercial cargo services and passenger service between the Shuswap Lakes and Kamloops. In 1933 Louie was instrumental in reopening the bridge crossing the South Thompson River at Pritchard to boat traffic, and was showing his positive influence in Kamloops through positions with the Board of Trade, speaking at the Kamloops Rotary Club on agricultural development in the region, and acting as the local agent for Canadian Cannery (Western) Ltd. In April of 1934 Louie married Elva Etta White, with whom he would have one son (Allen). 1950 to 1953 saw Louie acting as the secretary for the Kamloops Garage and Service Station Operators Association, and he was later elected as the organization's president. In 1953 he was elected the Chairman of Public Works and Highway Commission on the Board of Trade, as well as acting as a Trustee for School District #24 from 1954 to 1956. William Thomas Louie died on March 22, 1956 at the age of 63 in Kamloops, B.C.

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Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of a copy of *the Canadian Rules and Regulations relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates of Coasting and Inland Vessels* which belonged to William Thomas Louie, a boat journal for the S.S. C.R. Lamb, and a ledger of accounts for William Thomas Louie's businesses.

Custodial History:

Accession 1972.064 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on September 13, 1972 by Mrs. E. Louie, the wife of William Thomas Louie. It was originally placed in the Vertical Files Collection.

Accession 1984.087 was donated on December 4, 1984 by A.K. Bond, after being found in a house on the corner of 8th Avenue and Victoria Street (presumed to be the former residence of William Thomas Louie, 709 Victoria Street).

Notes:

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

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

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
1974.064.001	Canadian Rules and Regulations relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates of Coasting and Inland Vessels – File contains William Thomas Louie's copy of <i>Canadian Rules and Regulations relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates of Coasting and Inland Vessels</i> . – 0.5 cm of textual records	1920	1
1984.087.001	Boat Journal S.S. C.R. Lamb – File contains a bound ledger showing accounts for passage and cartage on the S.S. C.R. Lamb, as well as some loose sheets containing calculations and accounts. – 1.5 cm of textual records	1935-1936	Ledgers
1984.087.002	Ledger of Accounts – File contains a ledger of accounts showing sales and purchases of fuel (coal, wood, gas, and oil) and auto accessories, Louie's expenses, wages, cartage, and repairs. – 1 cm of textual records	[ca. 1930s-1940s]	Ledgers