

Kamloops Museum and Archives



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2018.031

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Graphic, Textual, Cartographic, Architectural Drawing

0.12 meters

Title: Mount Lolo Radar Station collection

Dates of Creation: 1987-2018

Physical Description: 3475 photographs, 2 cm of textual records, 16 maps, and 13 architectural drawings

Administrative History:

CFS Kamloops (known colloquially as the **Mount Lolo Radar Station**) was constructed on Mount Lolo near Kamloops, B.C., in 1956-1957 as part of the Pinetree Line of Ground-Control Intercept radar stations by the United States Military. Operations at the base began in September 1957 by No. 825 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron of the United States Air Force, and it was officially opened in 1958 as **Kamloops Air Station**. On April 1, 1962 control of the base was transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force and it became **RCAF Station Kamloops**, operated by the RCAF No. 56 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. After the Unification of Forces in 1967 the base was redesignated CFS Kamloops. The base operated until April 1, 1988, when advances in technology made its functions redundant. The property remained under the control of the Canadian Military until 2005, when the buildings on the site were fully demolished and the land was returned to the peoples of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc to become part of Kamloops Indian Reserve No. 1. The last search antennae (radar dish) to be used at the site was removed to Riverside Park by the City of Kamloops, where it remains as a memorial to the former radar station.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of photographs of the demolition of buildings and site structures at the Mount Lolo Radar Station. Photographs were taken by Peter Hayes, a retired Warrant Officer who was responsible for the coordination of this operation in 2005 and who had worked at the base prior to its closure in 1988. Collection also contains photographs of the last winter carnival at Mount Lolo, the closing ceremonies for the base, and personnel, as well as a file of research materials about the station.

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Custodial History:

Accession 2018.031 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on March 27, 2018 by Peter Hayes. Hayes was responsible for decommissioning the base on Mount Lolo in 1988, overseeing the site after its closure, and for coordinating the final demolition of site structures in 2005.

Notes:

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

Arrangement: Order that collection 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
2018.031.001	Mt. Lolo #0 – File contains 27 photographs on CDR of buildings, the road up to Mount Lolo, and Mount Lolo; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 27 digital colour photographs, 1 textual record, and 1 map	May 15-16, 2004	1/1
2018.031.002	Mt. Lolo #1 – File contains 220 photographs on CDR of buildings, local cats, vehicles, Mount Lolo, the road to the station, baseball diamond, McNair Trailer Park, the swimming pool, Kamloops, Mount Fleet, building interiors, and sewer lagoons; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 220 digital colour photographs, 5 textual records, and 1 map	October 19, 2004-March 14, 2005	1/2
2018.031.003	Mt. Lolo #3 – File contains 369 photographs on CDR of buildings, local cats, baseball diamond, roads, McNair Trailer Park, a fish pond, tennis court, swimming pool, and building interiors; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 369 digital colour photographs, 8 textual records, and 1 map	March 14-24, 2005	1/3
2018.031.004	Mt. Lolo #4 – File contains 366 photographs on CDR of buildings, local cats, tennis court, fish pond, and McNair Trailer Park; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 366 digital colour photographs, 8 textual records, and 1 map	March 24-27, 2005	1/4
2018.031.005	Mt. Lolo #5 – File contains 315 photographs on CDR of buildings, local cats, McNair Trailer Park, building interiors, swimming pool, tennis court, and Mount Lolo; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 315 digital colour photographs, 7 textual records, and 1 map	March 28-April 5, 2005	1/5
2018.031.006	Mt. Lolo #6 – File contains 322 photographs on CDR of buildings, McNair Trailer Park, hydro poles, fish pond, alert sign, tennis court, and sewage ponds; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 322 digital colour photographs, 7 textual records, and 1 map	April 5-12, 2005	1/6

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2018.031.007	Mt. Lolo #7 – File contains 274 photographs on CDR of buildings, flag pole, Fleet Mountain, the main gate, and building interiors; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 274 digital colour photographs, 6 textual records, and 1 map	April 15-17, 2005	1/7
2018.031.008	Mt. Lolo #8 – File contains 230 photographs on CDR of buildings, a beaver dam, and an alarm box; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 230 digital colour photographs, 5 textual records, and 1 map	April 17-19, 2005	1/8
2018.031.009	Mt. Lolo #9 – File contains 360 photographs on CDR of buildings, local cats, and building interiors; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 360 digital colour photographs, 8 textual records, and 1 map	April 19-22, 2005	1/9
2018.031.010	Mt. Lolo #10 – File contains 270 photographs on CDR of buildings, a reservoir, and the main gate; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 270 digital colour photographs, 6 textual records, and 1 map	April 22-28, 2005	1/10
2018.031.011	Mt. Lolo #11 – File contains 190 photographs on CDR of buildings, a boiler, and Mount Lolo; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 190 digital colour photographs, 4 textual records, and 1 map	April 28-May 2, 2005	1/11
2018.031.012	Mt. Lolo #12 – File contains 316 photographs on CDR of buildings, sewage ponds, tennis court, fire pump, boiler, and the road to Mount Lolo; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 316 digital colour photographs, 7 textual records, and 1 map	May 2-10, 2005	1/12
2018.031.013	Mt. Lolo #13 – File contains 186 photographs on CDR of buildings, boiler, the main gate, trees, tennis court, sewage ponds, and the road to Mount Lolo; an index to the photographs; and a map of the station complex. – 186 digital colour photographs, 4 textual records, and 1 map	May 12-24, 2005	1/13

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2018.031.014	Mt. Lolo #14 – File contains an index to photographs (from a missing CD) and a map of the station complex. – 3 textual records and 1 map	ca. May 24, 2005	1/14
2018.031.015	Indexes – File contains lists of CDs with image counts and lists correlating building numbers to CDs. – 5 textual records	[ca. 2018]	1/15
2018.031.016	Last Winter Carnival – File contains photographs showing the last winter carnival held at Mount Lolo. – 4 colour photographs	1987-1988	1/16
2018.031.017	Closing Ceremony – File contains photographs showing the ceremonies performed for the closing of the Mount Lolo Radar Station, including military exercises at the station, Riverside Park, and the parking lot outside Thompson Park Mall. – 23 colour photographs	July 29, 1988	1/17
2018.031.018	Personnel – File contains photographs of personnel from CFS Kamloops at the time of the base closure. – 3 colour photographs	1988	1/18
2018.031.019	Mount Lolo Research File – File contains research materials compiled regarding the Mount Lolo Radar Station. Records include website printouts, newspaper clippings, maps of the site, information booklets, a building use list, and floor plans for the buildings. – 1 cm of textual records, 12 architectural drawings, and 2 maps	2015	1/19