

Kamloops Museum and Archives



**Palmer Family fonds**

**2018.149, 2020.039**

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## KAMLOOPS MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

2018.149, etc.

Access: Open.

Palmer Family fonds

Textual, Graphic, Cartographic

1970-2010

0.15 meters

**Title:** Palmer Family fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1970-2010

**Physical Description:** 15 cm of textual records, photographs, and maps

### Biographical Sketch:

**William Palmer** was born circa 1843-1845 in England. He emigrated to North America sometime during the 1870s, landing first in the United States. On January 19, 1870 he married Jane Ann McClarty in Portland, Oregon, with whom he had two sons (William Frederick and James Malcolm) and two daughters (Mary Jane Ora and Azela Margaret). He moved his family to the Nicola area in 1872 and took up ranching, establishing a successful enterprise by the 1880s near Stump Lake. Palmer was also a member of the local branch of the Masons, Mount St. Paul Lodge No. 109. William Palmer died on January 12, 1895 in Rockford, B.C. at the age of 50 from pulmonary tuberculosis.

**Jane Ann Palmer (nee McClarty)** was born on February 8, 1839 in Cushendall, North Ireland. She emigrated to North America, and worked for a time as a successful tailoress and dressmaker. On January 19, 1870 she married William Palmer in Portland, Oregon, with whom she had two sons (William Frederick and James Malcolm) and two daughters (Mary Jane Ora and Azela Margaret). The family relocated to the Nicola area, and established a successful ranching enterprise which Jane helped run. After her husband's death in 1895 she continued to operate the ranch until passing it along to their children. Jane Ann Palmer (nee McClarty) died on November 13, 1922 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 83.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists predominantly of genealogical records researched and collected by donor Monica Cooper related to the family originating with William Palmer and wife Jane Ann Palmer (nee McClarty) and their descendants. Fonds also includes a copy of Mary Balf's "Kamloops: A History up to 1914" with notations made by James Douglas Palmer. Records are predominantly photocopies of original archival and family records, including certificates, newspaper clippings, correspondence, maps, photographs, essays, and websites.

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### **Custodial History:**

Accessions 2018.149 and 2020.039 were donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Monica Cooper on March 1, 1998 and November 20, 2020, respectively. Cooper is a descendant of William and Jane Ann Palmer via Douglas James Palmer, James Douglas Palmer, and William Frederick Palmer.

### **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:** Further accruals are possible.

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2018.149	Copy of "Kamloops: a history up to 1914" first edition, with notes by James Douglas Palmer – File contains a photocopied version of Mary Balf's <i>Kamloops: a history up to 1914</i> with notes by James Douglas Palmer written to his son Douglas James Palmer. – 1 cm of textual records	1970	1/1
2020.039.001	First Palmer Generation: William Palmer and Jane Ann McClarty – File contains compiled genealogical documents related to William Palmer and wife Jane Ann McClarty, as well as their children William Frederick Palmer, James Malcolm Palmer, Mary Jane Ora Palmer, and Azela Margaret Palmer. – 3 cm of textual records, photographs, and maps	2010	1/2
2020.039.002	Second Palmer Generation: William Frederic Palmer and Jane Jennie Fortune – File contains compiled genealogical documents related to William Frederick Palmer and wife Jane Jennie Fortune, as well as their children Mary Palmer, William Richard Fortune Palmer, James Douglas Palmer, and Vera May Palmer. – 2 cm of textual records and photographs	2010	1/3
2020.039.003	Third Palmer Generation: William Richard Fortune Palmer and Olga, Bonnie, Helen O., Florence D., June L and Ruth Isabelle Sherman – File contains compiled genealogical documents related to William Richard Fortune Palmer and his children Olga, Bonnie, Helen O., Florence D., June L and Ruth Isabelle Sherman. – 3 cm of textual records, photographs, and maps	2010	1/4
2020.039.004	Third Palmer Generation: Vera May Palmer and Michael B. Crockford – File contains compiled genealogical documents related to Vera May Palmer and husband Michael B. Crockford, as well as their child Peter Michael Crockford and his children Ross Michael Crockford and David Neil Crockford. – 1 cm of textual records, photographs, and maps	2010	2/1

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2020.039.005	Fourth Palmer Generation: Douglas James Jim Palmer and Jeanne Florence Cordonier – File contains compiled genealogical documents related to Douglas James Jim Palmer and wife Jeanne Florence Cordonier. – 1.5 cm of textual records and photographs	2010	2/2
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