

Kamloops Museum and Archives



**William and Louise Gertrude Wilson fonds**

**1981.024**

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1884-1948

Access: Open.

Graphic, Textual

0.005 meters

**Title:** William and Louise Gertrude Wilson fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1884-1948

**Physical Description:** 0.25 cm of textual records, 8 b&w photographs, and 3 b&w negatives

### Biographical Sketch:

**William Wilson** was born on January 1, 1871 in Savona, B.C., the son of “Cattle King” John William Wilson and Mary Ann Cavanaugh. On September 30, 1898 he married Louise (Louisa) Gertrude Eagle in Kamloops, B.C., with whom he would have three daughters (May G., Elizabeth, and Agnes) and four sons (Charles William, Joseph Cecil, John, and Thomas James). After living in 150 Mile, the family settled in Westwold in 1906 after Wilson inherited ranching property there from his father. William Wilson died on May 29, 1950 in Westwold, B.C., at the age of 79 and was buried on the family property.

**Louise (or Louisa) Gertrude Wilson (nee Eagle)** was born on November 7, 1872, the daughter of Charles William Boromeo Eagle and Anna Tatqua. On September 30, 1898 he married Louise (Louisa) Gertrude Eagle in Kamloops, B.C., with whom she would have three daughters (May G., Elizabeth, and Agnes) and four sons (Charles William, Joseph Cecil, John, and Thomas James). After living in 150 Mile, the family settled in Westwold in 1906 after Wilson inherited ranching property there from his father. Louise was noted to be an excellent rider and hunter. Louise (or Louisa) Gertrude Wilson (nee Eagle) died on January 7, 1965 in Vernon, B.C. at the age of 42 and was buried in Falkland, B.C.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of family photographs (predominantly unidentified) and correspondence and accounts related to the family ranching property and Thomas Wilson’s fur trapping activity.

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### Custodial History:

Fonds was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on April 1, 1981 by employees of Inland Natural Gas, after being found in a house in Westwold, B.C. Records were initially placed in the Vertical Files collection and Photograph collection, and brought together as a distinct fonds during reprocessing in 2021.

### 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
1981.024.001-011	Family Photographs – File contains 3 negatives and 4 photographs (predominantly unidentified) of individuals presumed to be part of the Wilson family. Activities depicted include fur trapping, canoeing, fishing, and horseback riding, as well as formal portraits. One image each is identified as being printed by A.C. Taylor or J.H. Blome. – 3 b&w negatives and 8 b&w photographs	[1890s?]-1931	Photo Collection 3.4
1981.024.012-027	Correspondence and Accounts – File contains shipping tags for raw furs, envelopes, receipts, and correspondence largely related to the operations of the family ranching property in Westwold, B.C. and to Thomas Wilson's fur trapping activities. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1884-1948	1