

Kamloops Museum and Archives



**Pre-Emption Records collection**

**1988.010.001**

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## KAMLOOPS MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

1988.010.001

Access: Open.

Pre-emption Records collection

Textual

1876-[1990s]

1.02 meters

**Title:** Pre-emption Records collection

**Dates of Creation:** 1876-[1990s]

**Physical Description:** 102 cm of textual records

### Scope and Content:

Collection consists predominantly of records relating to land pre-emption in British Columbia in the Yale and Kamloops Districts, including pre-emption certificates, indices to certificates, and correspondence. Collection also contains a small amount of other land records related to unsurveyed land grants, land improvement, applications to purchase Crown land, lease land, and mining claims.

### Custodial History:

Records were found in the collection in 2019 with no apparent accession or cataloguing information. It is assumed that these records were donated as part of accession 1988.010, which is the only identifiable accession containing pre-emption and land records. Accession 1988.010 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives in January 1988 by Walter Poohachoff, an employee of the Provincial Government, who found the records in the former Kamloops Courthouse.

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### Notes:

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

**Arrangement:** No apparent order to records was apparent, so order was imposed by the Archivist during processing in 2019. Records have been grouped into two series: Series 1: Pre-Emption Records and Series 2: Other Land Records. Records in Series 1 have been arranged chronologically where possible, with access aids and indexes following.

**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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## Series 1: Pre-emption Records

1876-[ca. 1990s] — 97 cm of textual records.

*Scope and Content:* Series contains records related to the pre-emption of land in the Yale and Kamloops Districts of British Columbia. Records include pre-emption certificate books, indexes, and correspondence.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1988.010.001.001	Certificate of Pre-emption Books – File contains 30 ledger books containing Certificates of Pre-emption issued for the Yale and Kamloops District. See Appendix 1 for full listing. – 82 cm of textual records	1876-1955	1-7
1988.010.001.002	List of Pre-emptors from July 1891 – File contains a ledger book listing pre-emptors, which functions as an index to the certificate of pre-emption books. – 4 cm of textual records	1891-[1955?]	8
1988.010.001.003	Pre-emption Correspondence Case 19 – File contains correspondence relating to pre-emption applications. – 6 cm of textual records	1914-1915	9
1988.010.001.004	Pre-emption Books Index – File contains an index to the certificate of pre-emption books, compiled by staff at the Kamloops Museum and Archives. Records are listed alphabetically by surname of pre-emptor. Also includes two pamphlet published by the Province of British Columbia regarding how to pre-empt land and the purchase and lease of Crown lands (Bulletins No. 1 and 10 in the Land Series). – 1.5 cm of textual records	[ca. 1990s]	10/1
1988.010.001.005	Pre-emption Indice and Inventory of R.H. Lee's Survey Notes – File contains an index to the certificate of pre-emption books, compiled by staff at the Kamloops Museum and Archives. Records are listed alphabetically by surname of pre-emptor or by Land Lot number. Also includes a partial inventory of R.H. Lee's survey	[ca. 1990s]	10/2

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	notes relating to pre-emption lots, which are listed alphabetically by surname of pre-emptor or by Land Lot number. See Finding Aid for Robert Henry Lee fonds for a more complete listing of these records. – 3 cm of textual records		
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### Series 2: Other Land Records

1876-1933 — 5 cm of textual records.

*Scope and Content:* Series contains records related to other land claims in the Yale and Kamloops Districts of British Columbia. Records include an unsurveyed land certificate book, a land improvement certificate book, a ledger of applications to purchase land, and two indexes identified as relating to lease land and mining claims.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1988.010.001.006	Certificate of Record of Unsurveyed Land book – File contains a ledger of certificates of unsurveyed land and an index. Ledger includes certificates 110-1112 and 1034 for the District of Yale (Kamloops Division). – 2 cm of textual records	1876-1879	8
1988.010.001.007	Certificate of Improvement book – File contains a ledger of certificates of improvement. Ledger includes certificates 296-351 for the District of Yale. Ledger also contains a small amount of correspondence from the Deputy Minister of Lands. – 1 cm of textual records	1889-1933	8
1988.010.001.008	Applications to Purchase Land book – File contains a ledger of applications to purchase land and an index. – 2 cm of textual records	1907-1910	10/3
1988.010.001.009	Index to Lease Land? – File contains an index to a ledger of Lease Land certificates. No ledger is available. – 0.5 cm of textual records	[1900s?]	10/4
1988.010.001.010	Index to Mining Claims? – File contains an index to a ledger of Mining Claims certificates. No ledger is available. – 0.5 cm of textual records	[1900s?]	10/5

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### **Appendix 1: Certificate of Pre-emption Books**

Box 7:

1. Book #2, certificates 1-32, 1876-1879; includes index.
2. Book #4, certificates 1-59, 1884-1887.
3. [Untitled book], certificates 562-594, 1924-1935; includes index.

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4. Book #17, certificates 1285-1380, 1902-1905; includes index.
5. Book #18, certificates 1378-1458, 1905-1907; includes index.
6. Book #19, certificates 1459-1538, 1907-1909; includes index.
7. Book #20, certificates 1539-1622, 1909-1910; includes index.
8. Book #21, certificates 1623-1721, 1910; includes index.

Box 2:

9. Book #22, certificates 1722-1821, 1910-1911; includes index.
10. Book #23, certificates 1822-1929, 1911; includes index.
11. Book #24, certificates 1922-2021, 1911-1912; includes index.
12. Book #25, certificates 2022-2121, 1912; includes index.

Box 3:

13. Book #26, certificates 2122-2223, 1912-1913; includes index.
14. Book #27, certificates 2224-2323, 1913; includes index.
15. Book #28, certificates 2324-2423, 1913; includes index.
16. Book #29, certificates 2424-2523, 1913-1914; includes index.
17. Book #30, certificates 2524-2623, 1914-1915; includes index.

Box 4:

18. Book #31, certificates 2624-2723, 1915-1916; includes index.
19. Book #32, certificates 2724-2823, 1916-1918; includes index.
20. Book #33, certificates 2824-2929, 1917-1920; includes index.
21. Book #34, certificates 2930-3030, 1920-1922; includes index.

Box 5:

22. Book #35, certificates 3031-3130, 1922-1925; includes index.
23. Book #36, certificates 3132-3229, 1925-1930; includes index.
24. Book #37, certificates 3230-3325, 1930-1931; includes index.
25. Book #38, certificates 3326-3424, 1931-1933; includes index.

Box 6:

26. Book #39, certificates 3425-3524, 1932-1934; includes index.
27. Book #40, certificates 3525-3624, 1934-1936; includes index.
28. Book #41, certificates 3625-3723, 1937-1940; includes index.
29. Book #42, certificates 3724-3823, 1939-1949; includes index.

Box 7:

30. [Untitled book], certificates 3824-3866, 1947-1955; includes index.