

Kamloops Museum and Archives



Tranquille Neighbourhood collection

2018.244

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Access: Some records restricted	Graphic, Textual, Cartographic, Object	0.74 meters

Title: Tranquille Neighbourhood collection

Dates of Creation: 1900s-2000s

Physical Description: ca. 45 cm of textual records and photographs, 15 objects, and 6 maps

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records related to the Tranquille Neighbourhood of Kamloops, as collected by the former residents of the neighbourhood. Residents were former employees (or their children) of the Tranquille Sanatorium or its subsequent operations. Records document life at Tranquille and reunions held by former residents and include albums, photographs, maps, textual records, and souvenirs.

Custodial History:

Accession 2018.244 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on November 10, 2018 by Melody Formanski, after being in the possession of the KMA since ca. 2010-2014. Formanski and other members of the Kamloops History Society collected records from residents of the Tranquille neighbourhood during outreach activities at the Kamloops Farmers Market between 2000 and 2014. No formal record was kept of residents (donors) as records were being collected, though some records include this information.

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Notes:

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

Arrangement: No order to records was apparent, so organization based on content was imposed by the Archivist during processing in 2020 to facilitate access. Records have been arranged into three series: Series 1: Albums; Series 2: Textual Records; and Series 3: Photographs.

Access restrictions: Some records are restricted on the basis that they include Personal Health Information or Personal Information. The dates of many of the photographic records of individuals believed to be patients cannot be accurately determined, so records are restricted indefinitely. See Series and File descriptions for more information. All other records are open. 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.

Treatment note: Two artifact objects (syringe and medical bottle) were removed from file 2018.244.001.003 Album #3 Tranquille Reunions for safety purposes. Certificates and photographs in files 2018.244.002.014 and 2018.244.003.001 were removed from frames in 2020.

Related material: See Artifact Collection for additional materials donated with accession 2018.244.

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Series 1: Albums

[1900s-2000s]. — 25 cm of textual records and photographs, 14 objects, and 4 maps

Scope and Content: Series contains photograph albums and scrapbooks documenting the Tranquille neighbourhood, including reunions of the neighbourhood's former residents.

Photographs of patients in files 2018.244.001.001, 2018.244.001.007, 2018.244.001.009, 2018.244.001.011, 2018.244.001.012 are restricted indefinitely. Photographs of patients in file 2018.244.001.010 are restricted until 2084.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.244.001.001	Book #1 – File contains a photograph album. Photographs show buildings, farming activities, a dock on Kamloops Lake, staff, patients, buildings, and general scenes. – 1 cm of photographs – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[1920s-1960s]	1/1
2018.244.001.002	Album #2 – File contains a scrapbook compiled by Dorothy Walton which includes photographs, clippings, and artwork by Walton. Photographs and artwork show buildings and the surrounding area. – 2.5 cm of photographs and graphic material	[1900-2000s]	1/2
2018.244.001.003	Album #3 Tranquille Reunions – File contains a scrapbook for the 1990, 1998, and 2001 Tranquille reunions. Records include programs, clippings, newsletters, invoices and licenses, correspondence, posters, a Kamloops information package, a list of attendees, photographs of the reunion event, a map of the Tranquille complex, souvenir pens, ribbons, pins, a nametag, and a garbage key tag. – 5.5 cm of photographs and textual records, 7 objects, and 2 maps	1974-2001	1/3
2018.244.001.004	Album #4 – File contains a scrapbook for the 1990, 1998, and 2001 Tranquille reunions. Records include programs, a list of attendees, clippings, a Kamloops information package, invitations, correspondence, the history of	1964-1998	1/4

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	Tranquille, photographs of the reunion event, and souvenir ribbons, pens, pins, and a nametag. – 5.5 cm of textual records and photographs and 5 objects		
2018.244.001.005	Album #5 – File contains a photograph album for a Tranquille reunion. Records include clippings and photographs of the reunion event, historical Tranquille, a rally at Riverside Park during the closure of the institution, and a reunion Christmas luncheon. – 3.5 cm of textual records and photographs	1979-2006	1/5
2018.244.001.006	Album #7 – File contains a scrapbook for the 1990 Tranquille reunion. Records include signs, brochures, programs, newsletters, a history of Tranquille, clippings, correspondence, a map of Kamloops, photographs of the reunion event, a souvenir ribbon, and pin. – 3 cm of textual records and photographs, 2 maps, and 2 objects	1990	2/1
2018.244.001.007	Album #8 – File contains a scrapbook. Records include correspondence, clippings, and photographs showing buildings, Battle Bluff, boats on Kamloops Lake, students and patients, and staff. – 4 cm of textual records and photographs – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[1900-1960s]	2/2
2018.244.001.008	Album #9 – File contains a scrapbook. Records include a brochure for the Tranquille School for the Mentally Retarded, a student athletic test, “Play to Learn” essay, a welcome brochure, and a presentation entitled “Information on the Tranquille School.” – 2 cm of textual records	1967-1974	2/3
2018.244.001.009	Album #10 – File contains a photograph album with materials from the Philips family, the Linge family, and the Madeline Webbers family (De Mazes). Photographs show sports teams, buildings, a marching band, a historical plaque, nurses and staff, patients, the Tranquille Fire Department, farming activities, and general scenes. – 0.5 cm of photographs – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[ca. 1930s-1940s]	4/1
2018.244.001.010	Binder #12 – File contains a scrapbook collected by Veryl J. Chapman. Records include clippings, and photographs of staff, students,	1962-1984	2/4

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	and activities. – 5 cm of textual records and photographs – <i>Restricted until 2084</i>		
2018.244.001.011	Blue Album – File contains a photograph album. Photographs show sports events (golf, softball, hockey, rowing), buildings, nurses and staff, patients, buildings, and general scenes. – 0.25 cm of photographs – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[ca. 1920s-1950s]	4/2
2018.244.001.012	Black Album – File contains a scrapbook containing tax rolls for 1935-1940, correspondence, and photographs. Photographs show buildings, the train station, an aerial of the Tranquille complex, train derailment, sports events (rowing, hockey), Halloween party, nurses and staff, patients, farm activities, and a Christening. – 0.25 cm of photographs and 0.25 cm of textual records – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[ca. 1910-1950s]	4/3
2018.244.001.013	Grey Album – File contains a photograph album. Photographs show patients, buildings, staff, and general scenes. Album also includes a welcome booklet and concert program. – 1 cm of photographs and textual records – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[1920s-1960s]	2/5

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Series 2: Textual Records

1932-2012— 13 cm of textual records and photographs, 2 maps, and 1 object

Scope and Content: Series contains textual records related to the Tranquille neighbourhood. Records include a reunion guest book, historical material compiled by Ashlynn Harris, a booklet on Tranquille on the Lake, two cook books, Awards of Merit, Range Research Station brochures, and files on reunions, the school, and stories from former residents.

Records relating to employment history (salaries and vacation) in file 2018.244.002.012 are restricted until 2084. Photographs of patients in file 2018.244.002.009 are restricted indefinitely.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.244.002.001	Guest Book – File contains a guest book for the 1990, 1998, and 2001 Tranquille reunions. – 1 cm of textual records	1990-2001	3/1
2018.244.002.002	History of Tranquille, Archival Material Volume 1 – File contains a booklet of archival material compiled by Ashlynn Harris. Volume 1 contains a list of books about Tranquille, a list of newspaper articles, and photocopies of newspaper articles. – 3 cm of textual records	2008	2/6
2018.244.002.003	History of Tranquille, Archival Material Volume 2 – File contains a booklet of archival material compiled by Ashlynn Harris. Volume 2 contains a list of newspaper articles and photocopies of newspaper articles. – 3 cm of textual records	2008	2/7
2018.244.002.004	History of Tranquille, Archival Material Volume 3 – File contains a booklet of archival material compiled by Ashlynn Harris. Volume 3 contains a list of secondary source articles, copies of articles, list of photographs and maps, photocopies of photographs and maps, and a list of areas for future research. – 3 cm of textual records and photographs and 2 maps	2008	2/8
2018.244.002.005	Tranquille on the Lake – File contains a booklet about the proposed community at Tranquille on the Lake, which includes the history of the site,	2008	4/4

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	planning documents, and maps of the area. – 0.25 cm of textual records			
2018.244.002.006	<i>Favourite Recipes from Tranquille</i> / Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association	[ca. 1960s-1970s?]	Rare Book Collection	
2018.244.002.007	<i>Tranquille Cook Book</i> , 2 nd Edition / Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association	[ca. 1960s-1970s?]	Rare Book Collection	
2018.244.002.008	Reunion 2001, 1990, 1988 obituaries, newspaper articles – File contains clippings, correspondence, and a souvenir ribbon from the 1990 reunion. – 1 cm of textual records and 1 object	1988-2001	3/2	
2018.244.002.009	File Folder #1 – File contains photographs of the school house, staff, and patients, correspondence, and clippings. – 0.25 cm of photographs and textual records – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[ca. 1900s]	3/3	
2018.244.002.010	Range Research Station – File contains two brochures from the Range Research Station. – 0.25 cm of textual records	[ca. 1984-1985]	3/4	
2018.244.002.011	Stories File – File contains a certificate to Alexander McIntosh for services to the community, poems, clippings, a history of Tranquille booklet, correspondence, and information collected from former residents. – 1 cm of textual records	[ca. 1940s]-2012	3/5	
2018.244.002.012	Staff and School Info – File contains information about the Tranquille School including clippings, a welcome booklet, employment correspondence and information, a grocery order, safety rules, maps of the property, operations procedures, staff lists with salaries and vacation for 1984, and a telephone directory. – 2 cm of textual records – <i>Restricted until 2084</i>	1932-2009	3/6	
2018.244.002.013	Oxygen Readings – File contains reading for the oxygen system taken nightly. – 2 textual records	1983-1984	3/7	
2018.244.002.014	Awards of Merit – File contains Awards of Merit for safety awarded to the Department of Public Works, Stationary Engineers Tranquille,	1968-1971	3/8	

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Series 3: Photographs

[1900s-1980s] — 3 cm of photographs and 0.25 cm of textual records

Scope and Content: Series contains photographs related to the Tranquille Neighbourhood.

Photographs of patients in files 2018.244.003.005 and 2018.244.003.007 are restricted indefinitely. Photographs of patients in file 2018.244.003.006 are restricted until 2051.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.244.003.001	Framed Photos – File contains photographs of an ice rink next to the infirmary, the gardens, and safety awards presentations. – 10 photographs	[ca. 1900s]-1973	3/9
2018.244.003.002	Tranquille Reunion Photos from Elsie Bart – File contains photographs of a Tranquille reunion and a CD of digital photographs of historic Tranquille. – 20 photographs	[ca. 1900s]	3/10
2018.244.003.003	San Photos Tranquille 1936-42 – File contains a USB drive of photographs of Tranquille Sanatorium. – 44 photographs	1936-1942	2/9
2018.244.003.004	Unfiled #1 – File contains photographs of buildings, farming activities, nurses and staff, and an aerial view of the Tranquille complex. – 0.25 cm of photographs	1920-1943	4/5
2018.244.003.005	Unfiled #2 – File contains photographs of patients, nurses and staff, buildings, and general scenes. – 0.25 cm of photographs – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>	[1910s-1980s]	3/11
2018.244.003.006	Album #3 – File contains loose photographs presumed to have been removed from Album #3 prior to donation. Photographs show patients, staff, the Rocky Mountain Rangers band, golfing, and general scenes. – 0.5 cm of photographs – <i>Restricted until 2051</i>	1940-1951	3/12
2018.244.003.007	Loose Photos #1 – File contains photographs of nurses and staff, buildings, patients, and a	1920-1947	4/6

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	Halloween party. – 0.25 cm of photographs – <i>Restricted indefinitely</i>		
2018.244.003.008	Loose Photos #2 – File contains photographs of staff, buildings, a Halloween party, the train station, aerial views of the complex, farming activities, as well as clippings, an envelope, and a menu for a Christmas and News Years celebration. – 1 cm of photographs and textual records	[ca. 1900s-1960s]	3/13