

Kamloops Museum and Archives



Tranquille Sanatorium collection

1988.023, 1979.008, 1987.050, 1999.025, 2018.009
2013.001 (1966.090, 1970.053, 1975.060, 1974.017, 1977.082, 1979.054)

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Title: Tranquille Sanatorium collection

Dates of creation: 1907-1984

Physical description: 25 cm of textual records, 2 maps, 18 architectural drawings, 4 technical drawings, and 6 photographs

Administrative history:

Tranquille Sanatorium opened in 1907 at the Fortune Ranch northwest of Kamloops as a sanatorium for people suffering from tuberculosis. It was originally named the King Edward Memorial Sanatorium and was operated by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of British Columbia until 1921. At that time the province formally took over its management to resolve mounting financial difficulties and it was renamed Tranquille Sanatorium. Dr. J.C. Fagan, the province's medical health officer, served as the sanatorium's first director and Dr R.M. Irving was appointed the first medical superintendent (1907-1909). Following the First World War additional buildings were erected by the federal government to help accommodate soldiers who had contracted tuberculosis during the war. In 1922 the sanatorium underwent an expansion on the adjoining Cooney Ranch property. During the following decade a number of new buildings were opened to help meet the growing demands for accommodation and medical services. By 1932 the sanatorium was able to accommodate up to 360 patients. The sanatorium continued to exist until 1958 by which time advances in the treatment of tuberculosis had helped control the disease. After closing, the sanatorium facilities were transferred to the Mental Health Services Branch of the B.C. provincial government and the site was used as an institution for the mentally disabled.

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Scope and content:

Collection consists of annual reports, correspondence, clippings, pamphlets, lists, historical articles, patient records, construction and design certificates, powerhouse log books, photographs, inspection reports and certificates, maps, architectural drawings, and technical drawings related to the Tranquille Sanatorium and Tranquille Mental Hospital (or Tranquille Institution). Annual reports span 1907 to 1932 and contain information on the sanatorium's finances, its patient population, staff, medical facilities, and supplies. There is a small amount of correspondence, mainly consisting of letters received by the first director of the sanatorium, Dr. J.C. Fagan, in 1907. Also included is the first issue of the sanatorium's newspaper, *The Tranquillian*, from 1919.

Custodial history:

Collection initially consisted of accessions 1988.023 and 2013.001. All other records were accrued to the collection during reprocessing in 2018 and 2019.

Accession 1966.090 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on June 6, 1966 by Donald D. McDonald and Bertha Boyd.

Accession 1970.053 was donated on June 9, 1970 by Elvin McKim per Dr. W.E. Knowlton. Records were salvaged from a bonfire at the Tranquille Institution in May 1958 by the donor, at the closure of the institution.

Accession 1975.060 was donated on October 27, 1975 by Earl Binns.

Accession 1974.017 was donated on March 14, 1974 by Gary Burman, after being found in the old S.C. Burton house.

Accession 1977.082 was donated on November 17, 1977 by Mrs. F.H. Woodward.

Accession 1979.008 was donated on February 20, 1979 by the B.C. Buildings Corporation, working out of Tranquille Sanatorium.

Accession 1979.054 was donated on September 20, 1979 by Eric Norfolk.

Accession 1987.050 was donated on October 1, 1987 by Pat McLaren.

Accession 1988.023 was acquired from Dr. Gordon F. Kincade (d. 1989), of Vancouver, BC, on May 26, 1988. He worked briefly at the Tranquille Sanatorium during the 1930s and later became the Director of the Division of TB Control for the provincial government of British Columbia. Many of the records were likely collected by him through his research on the history of tuberculosis in BC.

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Accession 1999.025 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives in 1999 by Wayne Norton (per Peter Walters) and was initially placed in the Map Collection.

Accession 2013.001 consists of records which were acquired by the KMA and previously accessioned separately as 1966.090, 1970.053, 1974.017, 1975.060, 1977.082, and 1979.054. The records in these accessions were later brought together as a collection by a staff member of the KMA likely in the early 1980s.

Accession 2018.009 was acquired from a Sandra Paulus whose grandfather (George Lund) worked at the Tranquille Sanatorium. It is unknown when this donation was brought into the KMA, and was accessioned during processing in 2018.

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Notes:

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

Arrangement: Records were initially brought together as a collection by KMA staff, possibly during the 1980s, with additional materials being accrued to the collection during reprocessing in 2013, 2018, and 2019. During processing in 2013 records were separated into 2 series based on common function (Series 1: Annual Reports and Series 2: Other textual records). Two additional series have been added during reprocessing to accommodate additional materials: Series 3: Maps, Architectural Drawings, and Technical Drawings and Series 4: Photographs.

Access restrictions: Records in file 2013.001/001(06) Patient file and photographs 1988.023b and 1988.023c are restricted until 2026 and 2024, respectively, as they contain Personal Information. All other files 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: Further accruals are possible

Treatment Note: Items from 2018.009 were removed from frames during processing in 2018.

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Series 1: Annual reports

1907-1932 – 7 cm of textual records

Scope and Content: This series consists of annual reports of the directors of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of the Province of British Columbia (1907-1909, 1911, 1913-1919) and annual reports of the Tranquille Sanatorium (1922-1929, 1931-1932).

Accession	Description	Dates	Location
1988.023/001(01)-(05)	Annual Reports – Files contain annual reports from the directors of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of the Province of British Columbia for 1907-1907, 1911, 1913-1919, 1928, and 1931-1932. – 5 cm of textual records – Originally accessioned as 1970.053 and 1988.023.	1907-1932	1/1-5
1988.023/001(06)-(07) and 2013.001/001(01)-(04)	Annual Reports – Files contain annual reports from the Tranquille Sanatorium for 1922-1927 and 1929. – 2 cm of textual records – Originally accessioned as 1975.060 and 1988.023.	1922-1929	1/6-7 2/1-4

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Series 2: Other textual records

1907-1971 – 18 cm of textual records and 1 technical drawing

Scope and Content: This series consists of correspondence, a copy of *The Tranquillian*, a pamphlet for the King Edward Sanatorium, newspaper clippings, a Tranquille polling division voters list, a patient's admittance form, inspection certificates, and Power House logbooks. The correspondence mainly consists of letters received by the sanatorium's first director, Dr. J.C. Fagan, in 1907; other correspondence relates to the admittance of a single tuberculosis patient between 1925 and 1926.

Records in file 2013.001.001(06) are restricted until 2026.

Accession	Description	Dates	Location
1988.023/001(08)	By-laws, rules and regulations of BC Anti-Tuberculosis Society – File contains a copy of the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the BC Anti-Tuberculosis Society. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1918	1/8
1988.023/001(09)	<i>The Tranquillian</i> vol. 1 no. 1 (Aug. 1, 1919) – File contains 3 copies of Vol. 1 No. 1 of <i>The Tranquillian</i> , typescripts of articles from other editions of <i>The Tranquillian</i> , and an advertising insert. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1919-1923	1/9
1988.023/001(10)	History of Tranquille – File contains historical articles about the Tranquille Sanatorium, newspaper clippings, and publications. – 1 cm of textual records	1938-1971	1/10
2013.001/001(05)	J.C. Fagan correspondence – File contains J.C. Fagan's correspondence. – 0.25 cm of textual records – Originally accessioned as 1970.053.	1907	2/5
2013.001/001(06)	Patient file – File contains admittance form and correspondence – 0.25 cm of textual records – <i>File is restricted until 2026</i>	1925-1926	2/6
2013.001/001(07)	King Edward Memorial Sanatorium pamphlet – File contains two copies of a pamphlet for the King Edward Memorial Sanatorium. – 0.25 cm of textual records – Originally accessioned as	[ca. 1915]	2/7

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	1977.082.001.		
2013.001/001(08)	Tranquille polling division – voters list – File contains a voters list for the Tranquille polling division. – 2 textual records – Originally accessioned as 1977.082.002.	[ca. 1923]	2/8
2013.001/001(09)	Tranquille Sanatorium list of personnel – File contains a list of staff at the Tranquille Sanatorium and a newspaper clipping. – 3 textual records	1946- [ca.1958]	2/9
2013.001/001(10)	Anti-Tuberculosis Auxiliary Society dance ticket – File contains a ticket for a dance sponsored by the Anti-Tuberculosis Auxiliary Society at the K.M. and A.A. Hall on April 1, 1910. – 1 textual record – Originally accessioned as 1974.017.	1910	2/10
2013.001/001(11)	Tranquille School booklet – File contains a welcome booklet which gives information about the Tranquille School. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1965	2/11
2018.009	Inspection Certificates – File includes inspection certificates for the Tranquille Mental Hospital building and boiler, certificate of construction and design for boiler, and Connelly Water Tube Boiler diagram. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1964-1984	2/12
1979.008.001	Power House Log – File contains a bound logbook for the Power House at Tranquille. – 6 cm of textual records	1920-1922	Ledgers
1979.008.002	Power House Log – File contains a bound logbook for the Power House at Tranquille. – 6 cm of textual records	1922-1923	Ledgers
1979.008.003	Power House Log – File contains a bound logbook for the Power House at Tranquille. – 1 cm of textual records	1920	Ledgers
1987.050	Christmas Menus – File contains two menus for Christmas Dinners at Tranquille Sanatorium. –	1938-1940	2/13

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Series 3: Maps, Architectural Drawings, and Technical Drawings

[ca. 1920]-1961 – 2 maps, 18 architectural drawings, and 3 technical drawings

Scope and Content: This series consists of maps, architectural drawings, and technical drawings of the Tranquille Sanatorium created by the Government of British Columbia.

Accession	Description	Dates	Location
1999.025.001	Nurses' Home Addition, Tranquille Sanatorium / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip P.W. Engineer	April 1928	Map Collection
1999.025.002	Nurse's Home Addition, Tranquille Sanatorium / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip P.W. Engineer	April 1928	Map Collection
1999.025.003	Tranquille Sanitarium, Female Attendant's Boarding House / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip P.W. Engineer	May 1925	Map Collection
1999.025.004	Tranquille Sanitarium, Attendant's Cottage / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip P.W. Engineer	July 1925	Map Collection
1999.025.005	For Tranquille, B.C., Piggery and Slaughter House / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip P.W. Engineer	June 1923	Map Collection
1999.025.006	For Tranquille, B.C., Piggery and Slaughter House / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip P.W. Engineer	June 1923	Map Collection
1999.025.007	Canteen, Tranquille Sanatorium / Provincial Government of B.C., Department of Public Works; H. Whittaker, Chief Architect	April 1943	Map Collection
1999.025.008	Doctor's Houses, Tranquille / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip, Chief Engineer	March 1928	Map Collection

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1999.025.009	Doctor's Houses, Tranquille / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip, P.W. Engineer	March 1928	Map Collection
1999.025.010	General Plan and Profile of Main Water Line, Tranquille, B.C. / Provincial Government of British Columbia, Department of Public Works; C.D. Campbell, Chief Architect	June 1953	Map Collection
1999.025.011	Electrical Distribution, Tranquille Sanatorium / Provincial Government of B.C., Electrical Energy Inspection Department; L. Robson, Chief Inspector	May 1953	Map Collection
1999.025.012	Plan of Tranquille School, Tranquille, British Columbia / Topographic Division, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Department of Lands and Forests	October 1961	Map Collection
1999.025.013	Plan of Tranquille School, Tranquille, British Columbia / Topographic Division, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Department of Lands and Forests	October 1961	Map Collection
1999.025.014	Doctor's Residence, Tranquille, B.C. / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip, Chief Engineer	August 18, 1927	Map Collection
1999.025.015	Nurses Home, Tranquille, B.C. – Heating Plan / B.C. Government, Public Works Department; Henry Whittaker, Supervising Architect	[ca. 1920]	Map Collection
1999.025.016	Nurses Home, Tranquille, B.C. – Heating Plan / B.C. Government, Public Works Department; Henry Whittaker, Supervising Architect	[ca. 1920]	Map Collection
1999.025.017a-b	Main Bld'g, Tranquille Sanatorium, B.C. – First Floor Plan	February 15, 1952	Map Collection
1999.025.018	New Building, Tranquille Sanatorium / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip, P.W. Engineer	September 1927	Map Collection

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1999.025.019	New Building, Tranquille Sanatorium / Public Works Dept.; P. Philip, P.W. Engineer	September 1927	Map Collection
1999.025.020a	Nurse's Residence, Tranquille Sanatorium / Provincial Government of B.C., Department of Public Works; H. Whittaker, Chief Architect	March 1946	Map Collection
1999.025.020b	Proposed Nurses Home at Tranquille Sanatorium / B.C. Government, Public Works Department; G.P. Halpin Asst, Public Works Engineer	[ca. 1920]	Map Collection
1999.025.020c	Proposed Nurses Home at Tranquille Sanatorium / B.C. Government, Public Works Department; G.P. Halpin Asst, Public Works Engineer	[ca. 1920]	Map Collection
1999.025.020d	Proposed Nurses Home at Tranquille Sanatorium / B.C. Government, Public Works Department; G.P. Halpin Asst, Public Works Engineer	[ca. 1920]	Map Collection
1999.025.020e	Proposed Nurses Home at Tranquille Sanatorium / B.C. Government, Public Works Department; G.P. Halpin Asst, Public Works Engineer	[ca. 1920]	Map Collection

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Series 4: Photographs

1918-1924 – 6 b&w photographs

Scope and Content: This series consists of photographs of Tranquille Sanatorium, and patients and staff.

Photographs 1988.023b and 1988.023c are restricted until 2024. Personal information has also been redacted from their cataloguing record.

Accession	Description	Dates	Location
1988.023a	The Staff, Tranquille B.C. – Item is a photograph of the staff of Tranquille Sanatorium seated on the steps of a building. Partial identification: Mr. Mattison, Dr. Lapp (Head Doctor), Miss Duncan, Mrs. and Miss Whitmore (postmistress), Miss Hogins (matron), Rev. Dr. McLaren?, Phyliss Burrows, George Darling, and Dr. William Morris. – 14 x 8.7 cm – Title based on inscription.	June 1924	Photo Collection
1988.023b	Patients knitting – Item is a photograph of two patients knitting. – 9.5 x 6.3 cm – Title based on contents. – <i>Record is restricted until 2024.</i>	1924	Photo Collection
1988.023c	Tranquille Sanatorium June 1924 B.C. – Item is a photograph showing patients and staff of Tranquille Sanatorium seated on the steps of a building. – 10.8 x 6.3 cm – Title based on inscription. – <i>Record is restricted until 2024.</i>	June 1924	Photo Collection
1988.023d	Tranquille, B.C. – Item is an aerial photograph of the Tranquille Sanatorium complex. – 25 x 20.5 cm – Title based on inscription.	[ca. 1900s]	Photo Collection
1988.023e	Tranquille Sanatorium Oct 1918 – Item is a matted panoramic photograph showing the main building at Tranquille Sanatorium. – 30 x 8.3 cm – Title based on inscription.	October 1918	Photo Collection

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1988.023f	Tranquille Sanatorium – Item is a matted panoramic photograph showing the main complex of Tranquille Sanatorium. – 29.6 x 6.5 cm – Title based on contents.	[October 1918]	Photo Collection
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