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## Finding Aid - Bruce Devitt fonds (RBSC-ARC-1762)

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# Bruce Devitt fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Bruce Devitt fonds
<b>ID:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1762
<b>Date:</b>	1947 - 2011 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	1045 photographs: b&w and col. 1.5 m of textual records
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	The fonds was arranged, processed, and described by Salma Berrada, March 2017. Finding aid revised to reflect accrual by Claire Williams in January 2019.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Photograph identifiers: RBSC-ARC-1762-PH-0001 to RBSC-ARC-1762-PH-1045. Majority of photographs in the fonds are in box 7 and 8. Exceptions: RBSC-ARC-1762-PH-01 to 06 (prints glued to report, stored in file 1-01), RBSC-ARC-1762-PH-577 to 593 (prints glue to album, stored in file 6-01)

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

William John Bruce Devitt was born in Burnaby and grew up in South Shalath before attending the University of British Columbia and completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry in 1957. He then went on to work for BC Forest Service as a professional forester focusing on reforestation projects as well as seed and nurseries of the province. In 1973, he joined Pacific Logging Limited, where he worked for eighteen years in industrial forest management. By 1991, he had become Chief Forester for Canadian Pacific Forest Products Limited and soon after took on the role of executive vice-president of the BC Professional Foresters Association. In 1995, he went into private practice and served as director of Pacific Regeneration Technologies Management Incorporated for fifteen years, retiring in 2002.

Throughout his professional career, Devitt has been active in community affairs and environmental issues related to forestry. He has chaired a local school board, a regional district, and a hospital board in addition to participating on various professional committees at the provincial and national level. In 1982, he was President of the Canadian Institute of Forestry and over the decades received several awards, including the Distinguished Foresters Award (1983), the Western Forestry Lifetime Achievement Award (1991), and the Canadian Forestry Achievement Award (1995). Between 1996 and 2012, he was a member of the Provincial Forest Appeal Commission and in parallel served in the Environmental Appeal Board from 2003 to 2012.

Since 1995, Devitt has been living in the Township of Esquimalt, where he was a Parks and Recreation commissioner and also chaired various committees in charge of the revitalization of the locality's recreation centre. These efforts earned him the 2005 Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Award of Merit and more recently the Mel Cooper Citizen of the Year Award for outstanding citizenship and public service in the township.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds consists of records related to Bruce Devitt's activities in the field of forestry in British Columbia as well as his public service in managing critical environmental issues in the Pacific Northwest. The fonds includes news clippings, research papers, letters, transparencies for presentations, and meeting minutes, among other textual content. The photographic material encompasses black and white and color photos in a variety of sizes as well as slides, all pictures pertain to forestry practice in British Columbia. The fonds consists of the following series: Devitt's lectures, presentations, and interviews; research notes; survey photography; and Bill Young.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the creator of the fonds

### Physical condition

Majority of photographs in album RBSC-ARC-1762-PH-576 were separated and housed in individual envelopes for ideal storage. The album and all of its contents are stored in Box 8.

### Finding aids

A small accrual of textual records and photographs was made to the fonds in 2019, and the finding aid has been updated accordingly.

### Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

## Access points

- Devitt, Bruce (Creator) (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)

## Series descriptions

### Lectures, presentations, and interviews

Date: 1956 - 2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series features lectures, presentations, and interviews that Bruce Devitt gave at meetings of institutions in which he actively participated as both a member and chair of various committees at the local, provincial, and national levels.

Physical description: 0.32 m of textual records and other material

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Series contains 0.32 m of textual records

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-01	File - Lodgepole Pine Report	April 8, 1957		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-02	File - Devitt + Pearse Lodgepole Pine [Report]	1955 - 1979		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-03	File - Intensive Forestry Practices and Fertilization [Talk]	August 27, 1974		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-04	File - Forest Country Gardens, How Green are our Valleys, and Other Jazz [Talk]	December 10, 1974		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-05	File - Intensive Forestry Practices and Tree Improvement - An Illustrated Talk	1975		

RBSC-ARC-1762-01-06	File - Coastal Reforestation Report	1975
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-07	File - People, Jobs, and Timber Supply Maintenance in Canada [Proposal]	May 1977
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-08	File - Continuing Education for Foresters - Whose Responsibility [Talk]	1977
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-09	File - Getting Our Act Together - People, Land, and Technology [Talk]	January 18, 1978
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-10	File - Pacific Logging Company Tends Trees on Private Land [Talk]	1978
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-11	File - Silviculture in B.C. Today [Script]	April 20, 1979
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-12	File - Fifteen Years of Douglas-fir tree Improvement at Pacific Logging Seed Orchard, Saanichton, British Columbia [Talk]	August 1979
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-13	File - The New Federal Fishery Act - Repressive or Progressive?	March 1979
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-15	File - Trip around Shawnigan Division's Claim	August 19, 1980
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-18	File - Forest Insect Research Challenges for the 80's [Talk]	March 1981
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-19	File - Canadian and Chinese Forestry Exchanges - a Journey of Contrasts to China [Report]	July 1981
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-20	File - Forestry a chance of a lifetime industry [Speech]	September 16, 1980
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-21	File - Forestry in the 80's, Our Chance of a lifetime Opportunity [Report]	1981
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-23	File - Talent and Olive Trees - Forestry Investment Constraints in Canada	September 1981
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-24	File - Fish Habitat Management - An Upstream Battle [Talk]	November 1982
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-26	File - Forest Constituency Meeting Report	October 4, 1983
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-27	File - Report [C.I.F./I.F.C.]	1981
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-28	File - "A Penny for the Old Guy" Meeting [Presentation]	1983
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-30	File - Future Role of Forest Land Use Liason Committee of BC [Report]	1984
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-31	File - Industrial Forest Management - Opportunities and Constraints [Presentation]	May 22, 1985
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-33	File - Canadian Forest Management—Are We Doing Enough? [Presentation]	October 16, 1985
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-34	File - Growing Trees—Our Best Environmental and Economic Opportunity [Presentation]	February 10, 1986
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-35	File - Getting Our Act Together: Land, Man, and Laws [Presentation]	1986
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-02	File - "Getting Down to Fast Tracks"—A Forester's Perspective of Forest Management Research	December 3, 1986

RBSC-ARC-1762-02-03	File - Allowable Annual Cut—To Be Or Not To Be [Presentation]	March 1986
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-05	File - Political Necessity for Better (Silviculture) Prescriptions [Presentation]	December 1987
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-06	File - Practicing Forestry in Exciting Times [Talk]	March 1988
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-07	File - Creating Your Future [Talk]	March 1988
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-08	File - Policy, Bureaucracy, and Forest Management	1985
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-15	File - Forest Management Talk	[198-]
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-16	File - Intensive Forest Management—Who Needs It [Presentation]	[after 29 July 1986]
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-17	File - Looking to the Future—Planning to Stay [Presentation]	[after January 20, 1989]
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-21	File - Forest Talk Interview	1981
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-31	File - Pacific Logging Company Limited Report	1975 - 1977
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-03	File - Forest History and the New Graduate	1992
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-04	File - FRC Workshop	October 27, 1990
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-06	File - Forests in Our Future	February 28, 1991
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-09	File - Association of B.C. Professional Foresters' Response to the Ministry of Forest Professional Credentials Task Force Committee Report	October 4, 1994

## Research Notes

Date: 1947 - 2009 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The Research Notes series includes material compiled by Devitt for presentations and reports delivered at meetings such as the Public Policy National Resources Conferences in 1981 and on a more regular basis at the annual meetings of the Association of BC Professional Foresters. News clipping citing Devitt and/or offering a general overview of work he has conducted also figure in this series.

Physical description: 0.32 m of textual records and other material

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Series contains 0.32 m of textual records				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-14	File - Intensive Forestry on the West Coast, Dr J Harry G Smith [Paper]	September 1977		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-16	File - Foresters, Meet the Press [Report]	December 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-17	File - How should Canada's Forests be managed? [Brochure]	September 18, 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-22	File - Homilies and Grits [Notes]	1981		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-25	File - Pacific Forest Products Growth / Yield	April 26, 1983		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-29	File - Forestry Potential Canada/BC [Notes]	1981-1984		
RBSC-ARC-1762-01-32	File - CIF Working Group Meeting	September 13, 1985		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-01	File - Good News or Bad—BC's Reforestation Problems and Federal Provincial Agreement	1985		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-04	File - A Primer on Crown Land Stand Tending—G.F. Weetman UBC	1987		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-09	File - Baskerville	1988 - 1990		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-10	File - Budget and Research Notes	1970 - 1988		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-11	File - Forest Service Newsletter	1949 - 1978		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-12	File - Timber Holdings [Reports]	1947		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-13	File - Cowichan Lake History	1967		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-14	File - Reforestation History	1969 - 1976		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-18	File - B.C.'s Forest Industry—The Next 20 Years	[197-?]		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-19	File - Forest Policy: Three Different Perspectives	[after 1981]		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-20	File - The Irate Logger [Panel Talk]	[after 1981]		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-22	File - Go Forestry, Young Man!	[195-]		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-23	File - Realizing the Economic Potential of Canada's Forest Resource	October 2, 1979		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-24	File - Benefits and Costs of Forestry Investments in B.C.	[after 1983]		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-28	File - National Geographic	April 1974		
RBSC-ARC-1762-02-29	File - Tree Farm #7	[before 1990]		



RBSC-ARC-1762-02-30	File - Pacific Logging Company Limited —Tree Improvement Program	1965-
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-01	File - Pacific Logging Company Limited	1965 - 1980
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-05	File - Working Notes BCFRC	1990
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-07	File - Provincial Economic and Social Forest Sector Strategy	September 2, 1992
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-08	File - Provincial Strategies Forest Sector	September 2, 1992
RBSC-ARC-1762-03-11	File - Coastal Silvicultural Committee Summer Workshop	2005
RBSC-ARC-1762-05-19	File - Forestry Newspaper Clippings	? - 1990
RBSC-ARC-1762-05-20	File - History of the Provincial Forest Inventory Program	1995
RBSC-ARC-1762-05-21	File - Working Notes for Forest Practice, Policy, and the Profession	1997 - 1998

## Survey Photography

Date: 1951 - 2009 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The survey photography series consists of photographic material compiled by Devitt over decades of field work in British Columbia. The albums include black and white photos as well as multiple sets of 35mm. slides. These color slides cover the evolution from natural regeneration, bare root nurseries to tree planting. Also featured are processes for tree seed registration, tree selection and grafting into seed orchards for seed extraction and storage. The series also includes photograph prints of people and events related to the forestry industry in British Columbia.

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Series contains 0.32 m of textual records

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1762-05-14	File - Tree Seed Collection, Extraction, Storage, and Testing	1956 - 1973		
RBSC-ARC-1762-05-15	File - Seed Production Areas	1956 - 1973		
RBSC-ARC-1762-05-16	File - Plus Trees, Scion Collection and Grafting	1956 - 1973		

RBSC-ARC-1762-05-17	File - Seed Orchards	1956 - 1973
RBSC-ARC-1762-05-18	File - Guyla Kiss	1956 - 1973
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-01	File - Reforestation Board Field Trip	1973-07-11 - 1973-07-13
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-02	File - BCFP Inventory Cruise: Seymour and Belize Inlet	1956
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-03	File - Silviculture History in the Cowichan Valley	? - 2009
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-04	File - UBC 1956 Summer Camp for BSF Class of 1957	1956
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-05	File - Dr. Haddock's Silviculture Field Trip to Vancouver Island	1956
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-06	File - Reforestation Division Headquarters Field Trip	1982
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-07	File - Site Preparation for Planting and Tree Seed Registration	1953
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-08	File - Nurseries, Equipment and Seedling Types	1962 - 1976
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-09	File - Forest Inventory and Timber Cruising Summer Work	1951 - 1956
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-10	File - [Lorne Swannell -- photographs and tribute]	1972-2011
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-11	File - Cowichan lake experiment station 50th anniversary-- time capsule and cairn	August 1979
RBSC-ARC-1762-06-12	File - [Photograph of staff at Pacific Forest Products Forestry Centre]	1989

## Bill Young

Date: 1956 - 2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The Bill Young series include a compilation of speeches by Bill Young, B.C.'s chief forester from 1978 – 1984 in addition to research files from Ralph Schmidt.

Physical description: 0.32 m of textual material and one photograph.

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Series contains 0.32 m of textual records

### File / item list

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RBSC- ARC-1762-02-25	File - A Land Use for British Columbia —The Missing Link	February 12, 1986
RBSC- ARC-1762-02-26	File - Timber Supply Management in British Columbia [Lecture]	October 29, 1981
RBSC- ARC-1762-02-27	File - A Perspective on Forest Renewal in British Columbia	November 17, 1986
RBSC- ARC-1762-03-10	File - Ralph Schmidt	1992 - 1993
RBSC- ARC-1762-03-12	File - Green Timbers Heritage	1988 - 2008
RBSC- ARC-1762-04-01	File - British Columbia's Forestry History	1989 - 1990
RBSC- ARC-1762-04-02	File - Forest History Association of British Columbia	1977 - 1988
RBSC- ARC-1762-04-03	File - W. Young Speeches	1984-11-06 - 1985-10-19
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-01	File - C.P.R. Forestry	1991
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-02	File - G. Andrews Christmas Cards	1991
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-03	File - Hand Logging Thurston Bay	1991
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-04	File - Stig R. Schenström	1992 - 1993
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-05	File - L.S. Hope and C.D. Howe	December 1991
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-06	File - Roland D. Craig	1991
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-07	File - J.M. Gibson	1991
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-08	File - Charlie S. Cowan	1991
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-09	File - Ernest C. Manning	1992
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-10	File - Caverhill	1992
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-11	File - P.S. Bonney and William R. Ross	1992
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-12	File - Howe MacMillan and George Melrose	1957 - 1994
RBSC- ARC-1762-05-13	File - Martin Allerdale Grainger	1994