

University Research Forests fonds

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Fonds Description

University Research Forests fonds. – 1925-1986.

1.29 m of textual records and other material.

Administrative History

Since the inception of the University of British Columbia's Dept. of Forestry in 1921, the forest surrounding the campus at Point Grey has provided a valuable outdoor laboratory. By the late 1930s, however, the inadequacy of the campus forest to serve as an experimental or research forest was recognised. Malcolm Knapp began to investigate new sites for suitably forested areas within a reasonable distance from the campus. A site near Haney was selected and in 1943 the area was removed from Garibaldi Park and leased to the University for a period of twenty-one years. The Provincial Government deeded the University Research Forest outright to UBC in 1947. An appeal to the forest industry in 1947 resulted in the provision of funding to construct living and working accommodations for forestry students, instructors and research workers in the Research Forest at Loon Lake. The first summer camp for forestry students was held in 1948. Students were required to complete four weeks of practical work at the Research Forest between their third and fourth year. In 1985 and 1986 the UBC/Alex Fraser Research Forest was established in the Cariboo region of British Columbia near Williams Lake. The establishment of this research forest served to address the need for research that was specific to the interior forests of BC, and also establishes another forestry camp.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of records chronicling the history and development of UBC's Research Forests at Point Grey, and Haney, and B.C.'s interior (Cariboo) region. The fonds includes correspondence, reports, proposals, financial records, maps, surveys, blueprints, photographs, and meteorological data. The records also contain information about the operation of the Summer Camp for forestry students (1948-1986).

Notes

Fonds consists of institutional records – access requests must be reviewed by the University's FOIPOP Coordinator.

Includes: 4 maps, 2 architectural drawings and 14 photographs.

File List available.

Photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database](#) (UBC 16.1).

Other records relating to the University Research Forests are included in the [Faculty of Forestry fonds](#).

Series Descriptions

Campus Forest series. – 1925-1954.

19 cm of textual records.

Series consists of reports, correspondence, exhibition logs, and contracts, covering aspects of the administration and supervision of the Campus Forest. Arranged in the following sub-series: Supervision, Nursery Records, Surveys, and Timber Sales.

Forest Accounts series. – 1933-1947.

6 cm of textual records.

Series consists of receipts and other financial material related to the operation of the University's research forests.

University Research Forest (Haney) series. – 1943-1960.

18 cm of textual records.

2 architectural drawings.

Series consists of correspondence, reports, plans, and contracts regarding the administration of the Loon Lake forestry camp.

University Research Forests - General series. – 1940-1960.

12 cm of textual records.

14 b&w photographs.

4 maps.

Series consists of notebooks, diaries, statistical tables, maps, and published materials.

Photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' Historical Photograph Database ([UBC 16.1](#)).

Forestry Camp series. – 1948-1960.

20 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records of the summer forestry camp, providing comprehensive information for both the administration of the camp (e.g. purchase of supplies) and its educational aspects (e.g. outlines of programs, student grades).

Materials containing personal information about students restricted.

UBC/Alex Fraser Research Forest series. – 1985-1986.

2 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records, including correspondence, proposals, copies of maps, memoranda, press clippings and administrative materials pertaining to the establishment of the UBC/Alex Fraser Research Forest in the Cariboo region of B.C. near Williams Lake.

University Research Forests – Meteorological Data series. – 1990-1957

51.7cm of textual records

Series consists of meteorological data, reports, and correspondence pertaining to UBC's Research Forests and the meteorological equipment installed therein and the surrounding area. The original order is unknown, therefore, this series has been arranged alphabetically by subject.

File List

BOX 1

CAMPUS FOREST SERIES

Supervision

These files (1925-1954) cover various aspects of the administration of the Campus Forest

- 1-1 Supervision (1925-1933)
- 1-2 Supervision (1933-1940)
- 1-3 Supervision (1941-1954)

Nursery Records

- 1-5 Supervision (1927-1933)
- 1-6 Reports, Correspondence (1929-1933)
- 1-7 Exhibition Logs (1924-1930)

Surveys

- 1-8 E.C.W. Lamarque - Surveys (1926, 1939) - Correspondence, notes, statistics
- 1-9 G. Allen - Surveys (1934/35) - Statistics
- 1-10 Farm Woodlot - Survey (1936)

Timber Sales

- 1-11 Contract #1 [Point & Peters] (1926/27)
- 1-12 Contract #2 [Harriman & George] (1930/31)
- 1-13 Improvement Cutting [W.J. Allen] (1925)
- 1-14 Notes [G.S. Allen] (n.d.)
- 1-15 Cruise Records (1938-1940)

BOX 2

FOREST ACCOUNTS SERIES

These records consist of receipts and other financial material related to the operation of the University's forests.

2-1	1933-1935
2-2	1936/37
2-3	1937/38
2-4	1938/39
2-5	1939/40
2-6	1940/41
2-7	1941/42
2-8	1942/43
2-9	1943/44
2-10	1944/45
2-11	1945/46
2-12	1946/47

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FOREST [HANEY] SERIES

Loon Lake Camp

2-13	Buildings and Construction - Plans, Correspondence, Reports (1946-1950)
2-13a	Buildings and Construction - Plans, Correspondence, Reports (1946-1950)
2-14	Construction (1951/52) - Correspondence, Reports
2-15	Nels Peterson [Caretaker] (1953-1955)

BOX 3

3-1	E.A. Marc [Gatekeeper] (1943-1954)
3-2	E.A. Marc [Gatekeeper] (1955-1959)
3-3	Resident Forester [Ian Schiedel] (1949-1956) - Correspondence, Reports
3-4	Resident Forester [R.S. Wood] - Correspondence, Reports (1956-1958)
3-5	Transit - Loon Lake Traverse (1950)
3-6	Boundary Survey - Research Forest (1946-1948)
3-7	Supervision - William Shull (1951-1953)

- 3-8 Supervision - General (1956-1960)
- 3-9 Contract - R.A. Knowles (1946/47)

BOX 4

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FORESTS - GENERAL SERIES

- 4-1 Diaries/Notebooks - F.M. Knapp (1948, 1949, 1950)
- 4-2 Budget Estimates (1949/50) - Forestry Dept. & University Forest
- 4-3 Research - Stand and Yield Tables for Alder (1940)
- 4-4 Research - Mensuration -- Volume Tables (1940)
- 4-5 Research - General Data
- 4-6 "The University Research Forest" [Brochure] - Correspondence, Manuscript, Photographs and Graphics
- 4-7 UBC Forest [Bulletin] (1968) - Illustrations
- 4-8 Maps and Statistics - Misc.
- 4-9 Maps

BOX 5

FORESTRY CAMP SERIES

Between 3rd and 4th years forestry students were required to complete four weeks of practical work at the University Research Forest near Haney. The records of the summer forestry camp provide comprehensive information for both the administration of the camp (e.g. purchase of supplies) and the educational aspects (e.g. outline of programs, student grades, etc.).

- 5-1 1948
- 5-2 1949
- 5-3 1949
- 5-4 1949
- 5-5 1950
- 5-6 1950
- 5-7 1950
- 5-8 1952
- 5-9 1953

BOX 6

- 6-1 1954
- 6-2 1955
- 6-3 1956
- 6-4 1957
- 6-5 1958
- 6-6 1960

BOX 7

UBC/ALEX FRASER RESEARCH FOREST SERIES

- 7-1/2 Land application and research forest establishment materials (1985-1986) - Correspondence, proposals, meeting agendas, memoranda, and press clippings

BOX 8

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FORESTS – METEOROLOGICAL DATA SERIES

- 8-1 Agrometeorological stations - Supplementary Data 1972 -1965
- 8-2 Agrometeorological Stations - Supplementary data 1981 - 1973
- 8-3 Climatological Station Report 1972 - 1957
- 8-4 UBC Climatological Station, Annual Summary, 1966-1961
- 8-5 V/F Climatological station report Haney, UBC Research Forest 1985-1983
- 8-6 VF Climatological Station Record 1993-1973
- 8-7 Evaporation - Class 'A' Pan Evaporation - Dec. 1972 - Mar. 1960
- 8-8 Evaporation - Evaluation - Class 'A' - pans evaporation 1990-1973
- 8-9 Evaporation - Monthly Report - June 1982 - May 1968
- 8-10 Humidity - Dry Bulb, Wet Bulb, Dew Point 1968-60
- 8-11 Humidity - Dry bulb, wet bulb, dew point, relative humidity, wind direction & MPH velocity 1986-1969
- 8-12 Precipitation - Recording Precipitation Gauge - monthly report 1975-1969
- 8-13 Precipitation - Recording Precipitation Gauge - Monthly 1968-1957
- 8-14 Soil Temperature - Earth Thermometer 1968-1957
- 8-15 Soil Temperature - Soil Temperature 1971 - 1960
- 8-16 Soil Temperature - Soil Temperature- Monthly Record - June 1980 - Jan 1972

- 8-17 Sunshine - Sunshine Record - 1981, 1972-1957
- 8-18 Sunshine - Sunshine Record 1986-1973
- 8-19 Sunshine - V/F Sunshine Record. Haney, UBC Research Forest - 1985-83

BOX 9

- 9-1 Wind - Earth thermometer, thermograph, hydrograph, and barograph record. 1986-1969
- 9-2 Wind - Wind Summaries - monthly report 1975-1973
- 9-3 Wind - Wind Summaries - Corres. 1974-1967
- 9-4 Wind - Wind Summaries - monthly reports pt 1 Sept 1972-1968
- 9-5 Wind - Wind Summaries - monthly reports pt 2 Jan 1967 - Apr 1965
- 9-6 Wind - Wind Thermograph, Hygrograph, and Barograph Record, UBC
- 9-7 Miscellaneous Correspondence and data 1969-1967