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Chock On fonds

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Summary information

Repository: University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections

Title: Chock On fonds

ID: RBSC-ARC-1124

Date: 1912-1983 (date of creation)

Physical description: 26 cm of textual records;3 photographs;1 artifact

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Chock On, shortened from Wo Chock On Fong, was the name given to a house located at 359 East Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, after it was bought by the Si Sing Company in the late 1920s. The Si Sing Company was formed by the Wo Surname Association in Vancouver for the purpose of raising funds to buy a house so that the Associations members (mostly single men without a family) in would have a low rent place to stay. In the 1930s, Chock On was also operated as a labour agency, mainly under the supervision of Wo Shou, and contracted Chinese labourers to canneries along the B.C. coast. In 1980, Wo Chock On Fong raised funds among Wo Surname Association members in Vancouver and published a special commemorative book to celebrate a half-a-century history of Chock On.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of the incoming correspondence of Wo Shou, Wo Sai Jik, and other members of the Wo Surname Association, mainly regarding cannery labour-related business and fundraising activities. It also consists of records and printed material relating to native place issues in Canton, China; the Wo Surname Association in Canton and in B.C.; Chock On business and other activities; and the local Chinese community.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Purchased (on trade) from William Hoffer Bookseller, Vancouver, Nov. 27, 1986.

Finding aids

Inventory available.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Wo, Shou (subject)
- Wo, Sai Jik (subject)
- Wo Surname Association (subject)

Series descriptions

Correspondence

Date: 1929-1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of about 50 letters addressed to Chock On, 31 of which (1929-1933) directed to Wo Shou from Chock On's Chinese contractors (mostly members of the Wo Surname Association) at various canneries including Bones Bay Cannery, Pacific Salmon Cannery, and Oceania Cannery, 16 (1939-1946) directed to Wo Sai Jik relating to a fund-raising activity to help a murder investigation concerning a member of the Wo Surname Association, and a couple of letters (1955-1967) directed to other members of the Wo Surname Association.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-6	File - Covers	1929-1964		

RBSC-ARC-1124-1-7	File - To Wo Shou	Sept. 26, 1929- June 30, 1930
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-8	File - To Wo Shou	July 8, 1930- May 16, 1933
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-9	File - To Wo Shou	May 18, 1933- June 19, 1933
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-10	File - To Wo Shou	June 26, 1933
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-11	File - To Wo Shou	June 30, 1933- Sept.18, 1933
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-12	File - To Wo Shou	Aug. 21, 1933- Sept.18, 1933
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-13	File - To Wo Shou	[1929-1933]
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-14	File - To Wo Shou	[1929-1933]
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-15	File - To Wo Fung Tsok	Jan.15, 1930- June 16, 1934
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-16	File - To Wo Sau	July 7, 1930- May 19, 1933
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-17	File - To Wo Sai Jik	Sept.18, 1939- Dec.16, 1939
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-18	File - To Wo Sai Jik	Dec.27, 1939- Jan.17, 1940
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-19	File - To Wo Sai Jik	[Dec.1942]- Mar. 21, 1946
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-20	File - To Wo Sai Jik	Mar.25, 1946- Mar. 26, 1946
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-21	File - To Wo Tsiu Gam	Jan. 21, 1955
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-22	File - To Wo Sai Tsung	Jan. 19, 1967

Records

Date: 1912-1946 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to various issues of the native place of the Wo Surname Association in Canton, China, including landed and public properties, school fund-raising, and conflicts with people from other surname associations; and records relating to the Si Sing Company and Chock On business and other activities, including address books, income and expenses summary lists, fund-raising lists, share-holders' lists, receipts, and other miscellaneous material.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-1	File - Constitution of Nam On Lei Community Committee	February 1927		
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-2	File - Landed property of the Wo Surname Association	1927		
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-3	File - Public properties and taxes of the Wo Surname Association, Nam On Lei	1928		
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-4	File - Donations for Si Sing School	Jan-Mar. 1930		
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-5	File - Wo Surname Association conflicts	1935		
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-6	File - Address books	[ca. 1919]		
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-7	File - Donations for Chock On	Sept. 1912		
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-8	File - Share holder list	[191-?]		

RBSC-ARC-1124-2-9	File - Locks and keys sign-out book	1919
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-10	File - Chock On income and expenses list	[193-?]
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-11	File - Si Sing Company income and expenses list	1935-1936
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-12	File - Unemployment relief vouchers	Mar.23-Aug.17, 1936
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-13	File - Telephone bills	Nov. 1928-April 1936
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-14	File - Invoices	1935-1936
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-15	File - Electronic power and gas bills	Oct. 1928-April 1936
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-16	File - Immigration certificate of Woo Jung Woh	Mar. 6, 1919
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-17	File - Donation list	[191-?]
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-18	File - Donations for investigation of Wo Dak's murder	1939-1946
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-19	File - Student exercise books	[193-?]

Printed material series

Date: 1968-1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of 10 copies of a half-yearly journals published by Gee How Oak Tin Association, Vancouver, from 1973-1983, 1 special commemorative edition by Wo Chock On Fong in 1980, 3 Chinese year books of B.C. Mainland from 1968-1972, and other material relating to the Chinese community in B.C.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-1	File - Wo Chock On Fong special edition	1980		
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-2	File - Gee How Oak Tin Association half-yearly journals	1973-1977		
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-3	File - Gee How Oak Tin Association half-yearly journals	1978-1983		
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-4	File - Chinese Year Book of B.C. Mainland	1968-1972		
RBSC-ARC-1124-1-5	File - Coupons for free X-ray, H.S. Simonson Health Institute	[ca. 1960s]		
	File - 1935 Calendar	1935		Map cabinet 13
	<u>Note</u> : Located in Map Cabinet 13.			
	File - Name list, Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria	June 25, 1961		Map cabinet 13
	<u>Note</u> : Located in Map Cabinet 13.			

Photograph

<u>Date:</u> 1955-1959 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Series consists of 3 photographs, including 2 identical pictures of a Chinese man, dated Aug. 1959, and 1 picture of a three-generation Chinese family taken in Hong Kong, dated July 5, 1955.				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1124-BC-2003/1	Item - Photograph <u>Note:</u> Photograph Identifier BC-2003/1			
RBSC-ARC-1124-BC-2003/2	Item - Photograph <u>Note:</u> Photograph Identifier BC-2003/2			
RBSC-ARC-1124-BC-2003/3	Item - Photograph <u>Note:</u> Photograph Identifier BC-2003/3			
Artifact				
<u>Date:</u> [194-?] (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Series consists of a traditional Chinese bamboo brush pen with a cap, made in Canton, China.				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1124-2-20	File - Traditional Chinese brush pen	[194-?]		