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Finding Aid - Doug and Joyce Cox Research Collection (OSC-ARC-01)

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Summary information

Repository:	University of British Columbia Library Okanagan Special Collections
Title:	Doug and Joyce Cox Research Collection
ID:	OSC-ARC-01
Date:	ca. [1973] - [2009] (date of creation)
Date:	1860-2009 (date of creation)
Physical description:	12.2m of graphic and other materials. Final extent is under review pending photographic separation (2019).
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created 11 June, 2015 by Paige Hohmann. Edited 31 October 2019 by Paige Hohmann.
Note [sourcesDescription]:	Doug Cox, e-mail communication to archivist, May 25, 2015

Custodial history

The primary collector/creator, Doug Cox, acquired custody of collected materials (or copies thereof) beginning in the 1970s while he was living on the road leading to Apex Mountain, near Penticton B.C. After showing an interest in the history, Cox reports that "the locals kept feeding me with photos and information."

Over time, his developing interest in the history of the Okanagan and Similkameen led him to develop a network of contacts that allowed him access to the original owners and custodians of his photograph and manuscript collections. His reputation as an historian attracted unsolicited donations as well. (Source: Cox, May 25 2015).

Many of the collected photos were copied to negative film. The status and location of the originals is largely unknown.

Scope and content

Collection reflects Doug Cox's career as an historian, author, and publisher (Skookum Publications, Penticton, BC). Cox wrote 13 books, largely on Okanagan history, and predominantly dealing with themes of industry. Doug Cox also published four books by other authors.

The collection is comprised predominantly of photographic material. There are approximately 10,000 photographic images: prints in various standard dimensions (8"x10", 5"x7", 4"x6" (predominant), 2"x3") and custom dimensions, predominantly in black and white; slide transparencies in black and white and colour; negatives, predominantly 2"x3" or 4"x5" and in black and white; digital photographs in black and white and colour contained on CDs and one hard drive with Appleworks formatted word processing files containing embedded photos.

Photographic coverage extends from the 1870s to approximately 2008, with the period 1900-1970s predominant. Original photographs by Doug Cox cover the 1970s through approximately 2008.

The collection also features a series of audio cassettes containing sound recordings of interviews recorded in the 1980s and 1990s with associated transcriptions by Joyce Cox. Research files, newspaper clippings and scrapbooks (1980s-1990s), microfilms of Calgary-area newspapers (1870s-1900s) VHS tapes, maps of the Okanagan (dates uncertain, predominantly 1910s-1960s), government publications, postcards, and ephemera. Government documents (primarily Province of British Columbia, c. 1910-1960s) include topographical maps, tree farm license maps, mineral claims maps, taxation records, forestry examination sketches and other records.

Geography covered is predominantly the Shuswap, Okanagan, Similkameen, Boundary, Kootenay, Nicola and Thompson regions of British Columbia, with sparser coverage of outlying areas as well.

Themes treated include mining, ranching, forestry, agriculture and orchard cultivation, industry and infrastructure, landscapes and cityscapes, sports and recreation, community life, and family documentation.

The collection is arranged into three series

- Doug Cox Photography and Videography (Series 1)
- Doug Cox Manuscripts and Publications (Series 2)
- Doug Cox Research Materials (Series 3)

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on content of the collection

Physical condition

Good physical condition with the exception of some maps and photographs. Efforts to conserve and rehouse folded maps and photographs will be ongoing.

Immediate source of acquisition

Collection acquired directly from Doug and Joyce Cox

Arrangement

The collector/creator reports that the materials are in no particular arrangement or order (source: Cox, May 25 2015). Rearrangement, including photographic separation, is underway as of 2019 10 31.

Finding aids

Full finding aid is under re-development and will be available by the end of 2019.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full

- **Status description:** Final
 - **Description identifier:** OSC-ARC-01
 - **Institution identifier:** University of British Columbia
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Access points

- Cox, Doug
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Penticton (B.C.) (place)
- Okanagan (B.C.) (place)