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Inouye Family fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
Title:	Inouye Family fonds
ID:	RBSC-ARC-1716
Date:	[191-?]-1968 (date of creation)
Physical description:	29 cm of textual records and 381 photographs : b&w and col. ; 13 x 17 on 16 x 23 cm paper and smaller
Language:	English
Language:	Japanese
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

For details on Inouye Family, see authority records of the following Inouye family members:

Morikawa, Jitsuo
Inouye, Hatsuno
Inouye, Beverly
Inouye, Zennosuke

Custodial history

The fonds and its contents were recovered from a dumpster during a home renovation and were kept in storage for several years before being bought by a private bookseller. The bookseller reorganized the fonds before selling them to the UBC Rare Books and Special Collections. The fonds was acquired on February 25, 2012.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of photographs and textual records which belonged to the Inouye family. The records are related mostly to the father, Zennosuke Inouye and his involvement with the Surrey Berry Farmers Cooperative and his youngest daughter, Kiyooki (Beverly) Inouye. The fonds has been arranged into the

following series: Surrey Berry Farmers Cooperative records, correspondence, ephemera, land records, photographs, military records, financial records, and voting records.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Based on contents of fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was acquired from a local bookseller, Don Stewart of MacLeod's Books in Vancouver, BC.

Arrangement

The fonds did not have any evidence of original order. The prior custodian of the fonds rearranged the contents and the extent of this rearrangement is unknown. In addition, some of the materials were not placed in folders and had no apparent order. Arrangement was provided by the archivist.

Related material

Nikkei Museum in Burnaby, BC has 80 letters by Zennosuke from his campaign to regain his veteran settlement land after the Interment of Japanese-Canadians during WWII and sale of his property and goods to the Custodian. In addition to this, it also has Hatsuno's pattern scrapbook, tracing paper, a quilt, and five duffel bags used to move the family to Kaslo.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- Morikawa, Jitsuo (subject)
- Inouye, Hatsuno (subject)
- Inouye, Beverly (subject)
- Inouye, Zennosuke (subject)
- Surrey Berry Growers' Cooperative Association

Series descriptions

Surrey Berry Growers' Cooperative

Date: 1931 - 1952 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to the Surrey Berry Farmers' Cooperative. The Surrey Berry Farmers' Cooperative is believed to have been Surrey's first berry cooperative and was created sometime in the 1920s. While many of the farmers were Japanese, membership was not restricted by ethnicity. It is unknown when the Surrey Berry Farmers' Cooperative dissolved, but presumably sometime after 1952.

Records in this series include correspondence related to land and property owned by the Cooperative that was confiscated after many of the farmers were interned and their land and property confiscated. Correspondence consists of between Zennosuke Inouye and other members of the Cooperative, between Zennosuke and banks and businesses regarding the Cooperative, and correspondence with a family who helped hide some of the Cooperative's property from the Office of the Custodian.

Other records include alist farmers in the Cooperative that purchased Victory Bonds in 1942, a hand-drawn map and list of all the farmers in the Surrey Berry Growers Cooperative in 1941, and accounts and receipts belonging to the Cooperative.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-01	File - Correspondence	[1942-1951]		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-02	File - Victory Loans	1942		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-03	File - Surrey Berry Farmers' Cooperative members and farm map	1941		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-04	File - Accounts and receipts	[1942-1952]		

Photographs

Date: [191-?]-1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of photographs that feature images of the Inouye's friends and family. Most of the photographs appear to have belonged to Beverly Inouye and picture friends and photos of class photos.

Most of the photographs were loose, but there are 3 albums that have photos. All of the photo albums belonged to Beverly Inouye.

Physical description: 381 photographs : b&w and col. ; 13 x 17 on 16 x 23 cm paper and smaller

Arrangement:

The majority of the photographs were not contained in an album and were loose. The archivist arranged loose photographs by date if known. If the date was unknown, they were arranged in an undated photographs file. However most of the photographs appear to be from the early-to-mid-twentieth century. If photographs were located in albums, they were kept in the albums.

Publication status:

published

Conservation:

Some of the albums had instances where loose photographs were inserted inside of albums or photographs were coming unglued from their holders. In these cases, the photographs were removed and stored individually in envelopes. They were kept in order and together as they appeared in the album.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-14	File - Snapshots photo album	1947		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-15	File - Black photo album	[191-?]-1968		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-01	File - 1939 and before	1910-1939		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-02	File - 1940-1945	1940-1945		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-03	File - 1946-1950	1946-1950		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-04	File - 1951-1955	1951-1955		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-05	File - 1956-1960	1956-1960		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-06	File - 1961-1965	1961-1965		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-07	File - 1966 and after	[1966]-		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-08	File - Undated photographs	[191-?]-1968		
RBSC-ARC-1716-03-09	File - Leather snapshots photo album	[191-?]-1968		

Military records

Date: 1916 - ? (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to Zennosuke Inouye's military service in World War I. Records include Canadian Legion membership cards, correspondence from when Zennosuke was stationed in Europe, Zennosuke's Active Service Paybook, and photographs of Zennosuke dressed in his military uniform.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records and 2 photographs ; b&w : 14 x 8 cm and 7 x 6 cm

Physical condition:

The physical condition of the photograph labeled BC-2172-01 has some damage which consists of ink stains and paper glued on the front of the photograph.

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-01	File - Canadian Legion membership cards	1939-1941		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-02	File - Correspondence	[1918]		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-03	File - Active service paybook	1919		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-04	File - Photographs	[1918-1919?]		

Correspondence

Date: 1914-1955; predominate 1930-1955 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of personal correspondence from Hatsuno Inouye's brother Jitsuno Morikawa, correspondence sent to Arthur Inouye, correspondence sent to Beverly Inouye, and correspondence sent to Zennosuke Inouye. The majority of the correspondence consists of correspondence from Jitsuno Morikawa which was sent before, during, and after his internment experience in the United States.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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RBSC-ARC-1716-01-05	File - Correspondence to Arthur Inouye	1920
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-06	File - Correspondence to Beverly Inouye	[1946-1955]
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-07	File - Correspondence from Jitsuno Morikawa	[1933-1944]
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-10	File - Correspondence to Zennosuke Inouye	[1914, 1949-1952]

Ephemera

Date: [193-]-1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of ephemera material that belonged to Beverly Inouye which includes newspaper clippings, a program from Beverly's graduation from UBC, promotional materials from Tom Inouye's insurance business, and autograph books that belonged to Beverly Inouye. The autograph books date from 1942-1949 and include signatures and inscriptions from friends and people Beverly met during internment in Kaslo, BC.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-13	File - Autograph books	[1942-1945]		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-14	File - Newspaper clippings	[193-]-1953		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-15	File - 1953 UBC Commencement program	1953		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-12	File - Tom Inouye Insurance promotional material	[1955]		

Land records

Date: 1942 - 1956 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to the land Zennosuke Inouye owned which includes property tax assessments, property value assessments related to the time of Zennosuke's internment, correspondence related to Zennosuke's Solider Settlement claims, and information regarding the general restitution efforts by various Japanese Canadian associations.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-05	File - Restitution efforts	[1947, 1950]		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-06	File - Financial release for log clearing	1956		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-07	File - Property value assessment	[1942-1946?]		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-08	File - Property tax assessment	1952		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-09	File - Solider Settlement Claims correspondence	[1942-1951]		
Financial records				
<u>Date:</u> 1941 - 1956 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Series consists of textual records related to the family's finances. Records include accounting and ledger books that have financial information related to the personal and farm expenses, time cards from Zennosuke Inouye's job during internment, tax records belonging to Beverly Inouye, and records relating to Zennosuke's Old Age Pension claims.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 7 cm of textual records				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-08	File - Accounting books	1950-1953		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-09	File - Ledger	1950-1956		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-10	File - Tax records for Beverly Inouye	1954-1956		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-11	File - Time books	1940-1944		
RBSC-ARC-1716-01-12	File - Old Age Pension records	[1953]		
RBSC-ARC-1716-02-11	File - Inouye farm accounts and receipts	1941, 1957		
Voting records				
<u>Date:</u> 1957 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				

Series consists of an electors list for the Electoral District of New Westminster, Municipality of Surrey, Urban Polling Division No.99, which included Zennosuke and Hatsuno Inouye and their son Arthur, which have signed enumerators notices.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC- ARC-1716-02-13	File - List of electors	1957		