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Milnor Roberts fonds

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Summary information

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

Title: Milnor Roberts fonds

ID: RBSC-ARC-1468

Date: 1905 - 1915 (date of creation)

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records. – 147 photographs. – 13 maps.

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

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

A professor of mining and metallurgy, Milnor Roberts served a Dean of the College of Mining at the University of Washington, 1901-1947. During the first few decades of the twentieth century, he was engaged in several reconnaissance trips to the coal fields on Graham Island, British Columbia, the largest of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Custodial history

The records were held in the Timberlands and Properties Division of MacMillan and Blodel, consulted by H.R. MacMillan in 1964 and subsequently returned to the Division. They were transferred to U.B.C. Special Collections on April 19, 2000 by the Assistant Secretary of Weyhaueser Co. Ltd.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of materials related to Roberts' research work in the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia. In the first decades of the twentieth century there were several reconnaissance trips to the coal fields on Graham Island, British Columbia, the largest of the Queen Charlotte group. Dr. C.H. Clapp from the Geological Survey of Canada made a seventeen-day tour of the island in 1912. The following year John D. MacKenzie, also from the Geological Survey, conducted a geological examination of the island from June 22nd to September 20th "to determine the extent, structure and value of the coal deposits."¹ He continued his examination in 1914 from June 15th to August 18th, studying in detail portions of townships 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 14. Among the many companies prospecting on the island at the time were Graham Island Collieries Co., Graham Island Coal and Timber Syndicate, B.C. Oilfields Ltd. and Western Coal and Iron Corp. Ltd. Milnor Roberts was in charge of development work for Western Coal and Iron, James M. McDonald serving as his assistant. Much of their work was carried out near Camp Robertson

and Camp Wilson. Roberts' reports to Herbert Parsons at Metropolitan Trust Co., New York concerning lands acquired by the company from Western Steel Corporation in the spring of 1913 are contained in the fonds. The focus of the fonds is on the years 1913 and 1914.

Materials include letters, reports, notes, accounts, drawings and maps, photographs and printed materials. The fonds is arranged in the following series: correspondence, notes, reports, financial records, printed material, maps and photographs.

No further accruals expected.

Notes

Title notes

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

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Series descriptions

Correspondence

Date: 1913 - 1915 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists chiefly of letters between Milnor Roberts and interested parties concerning the development of Graham Island coal fields.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records. – 4 photographs.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-01	File - Correspondence between Milnor Roberts and Robert C. Goodale	1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-02	File - Instructions for staking claim for coal and petroleum on Graham Island	June 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-03	File - Correspondence, aerial photos, and legislation	1913 - 1915		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-04	File - Correspondence between James M. McDonald, John D. MacKenzie and Milnor Roberts	1913 - 1915		

Reports

Date: [191-] - [1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of reports on washing tests, land transfer and the geology of Graham Island.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-10	Item - Report (tables) on washing tests on Graham Island	1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-11	Item - Report by Milnor Roberts on Camps Wilson and Robertson for Herbert Parsons at Metropolitan Trust Co., New York	1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-12	Item - Report on history of transfers of properties and stock options	[191-]		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-13	Item - Geology of Graham Island, British Columbia	1916		

Financial Records

Date: 1913 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of a bank statement, invoices and a receipt book for supplies and expenses.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-14	File - Financial records, September - October 1913	September - October 1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-15	File - Protest of a cheque for the Bank of Montreal, October 1913	October 1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-16	File - Invoices/receipt book for supplies purchased, September- November, 1913	September - November 1913		

Printed materials

Date: 1914 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of three issues of the Queen Charlotte Islander.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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RBSC-ARC-1468-2-01	File - Queen Charlotte Islander	July - August 1914		
Maps				
<u>Date:</u> 1905 - 1914 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Series consists of blue prints, drawings and maps of Graham Island indicating property ownership, location of coal openings, drill hole sites and geological structure.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 13 maps.				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1468-2-02	Item - Graham Island coal field: Southern end of tract showing Camp Robertson, "Milnor Roberts, Aug. 17, 1913"	August 17, 1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 01	Item - Camp Wilson, Graham Island, B.C. "Milton Roberts' examination 1913"	1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 02	Item - Camp Wilson opening No. 3. Graham Island, B.C. "Milton Roberts' examination 1913"	1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 03	Item - Sketch plan of township 7, Queen Charlotte Islands, 1912	1912		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 04	Item - Map showing property ownership, camps and boreholes	ca. 1905 - 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 05	Item - Map showing company ownership of land on Graham Island Washington Map & Blue Print Co. Seattle, WA	ca. 1905 - 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 06	Item - Map showing property divisions from Skidegate Inlet to North Shore of Graham Island Washington Map & Blue Print Co. Seattle, WA	ca. 1905 - 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 07	Item - Geological Map of Graham Island Coal Field, BC.	1905		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 08	Item - Plan of Yakoun Coal Lands - Graham Island. H.E. Parrish, "ownership map", n.d.	ca. 1905 - 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 09	Item - Geological map of Graham Island Coal Fields prepared by Geological Survey of Canada, 1906	1906		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 10	Item - Map: section "A-A" looking N. 35° W. Wilson Mine and drill holes. "C" and "C-EX" projected	September 20, 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-Map 11	Item - Sketch map showing locations of coal openings along Wilson Creek, Graham Island. "Milnor Roberts' examination, 1913"	1913		
Photographs				
<u>Date:</u> 1913 - 1914 (date of creation)				

Scope and content:

Series consists of photographs of Graham Island including Camp Robertson and Camp Wilson made by Milnor Roberts while engaged in field work.

Physical description: 142 photographs.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1468-2-03	File - Camp Wilson (5), 1913	1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-2-04	File - Yakoun River (4), 1914	1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-2-05	File - Camp Wilson/Yakoun River (3), 1914	1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-2-06	File - Graham Island (33)	[1913 - 1914]		
RBSC-ARC-1468-2-07	File - Graham Island [several around Camp Wilson] (31)	1917		
RBSC-ARC-1468-2-08	File - Graham Island	1913		

Notes

Date: [191-] - 1914 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of notes made by Milnor Roberts on timber, tracts, survey calculations, equipment and drills in 1913.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records. –1 photograph.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-05	File - Engineers' Field Book	[191-] - 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-06	File - Notes and information about timber and wood	[191-] - 1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-07	File - Notes and report on drill hole of the Graham Island Coal and Timber Co., 1914	1914		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-08	File - Notes made by Milnor Roberts [and J. M. McDonald?] at Camp Robertson, August 19, 1913	1913		
RBSC-ARC-1468-1-09	File - Notes on Graham Island and on Barton's diamond drill	1913 - 1914		