

# Wilson Duff fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Wilson Duff fonds.** – ca. 1850-1880, 1960-1976.

1.35 m of textual records.

## Biographical Sketch

Wilson Duff (1925-1976) attended the University of British Columbia and graduated with a B.A. in 1949 and later received an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Washington in 1951. Duff was the curator of Anthropology at the B.C. Provincial Museum (1950-1965), and later an associate professor/professor of anthropology at UBC. He was also on the Vancouver Museum planning committee and a consultant to study the National Museum of Man in Ottawa. He served as the Vice President of the B.C. Museums Association from 1962-1963, and was later the President of the association from 1963-1965. Duff's publications made important contributions to the study of Indigenous cultures and museum development around the province. Duff's other contributions to Indigenous communities include his membership in the provincial Indian Advisory Committee. He also acted as an unofficial advisor to several of the First Nations organizations of the province. In particular, he held a role as the advisor to the Kitwancool and testified in the White and Bob case in Nanaimo and the Nisga'a case related to land claim disputes. Duff also conducted a great deal of work on the histories and territories of B.C. tribes and has exceptionally detailed materials in the Tsimshian, Haida, Kwakiutl and Athapasha groups.

## Scope and Content

The fonds consists of articles, reports and government publications that were amassed by Duff and are related to land claims, government papers, treaties and matters related to Indigenous communities. Included are records on councils, associations and committees, including meeting minutes, documents, educational materials, and media associated materials such as bulletins, Indigenous newspapers, newsletters, and brochures of organizations.

## Notes

File list available.

Title based on the content of the fonds.

The term "Indian" is now outdated and is considered by many Indigenous Peoples to be offensive. However, it is retained in some places in this inventory to reflect historical naming conventions.

## Series Descriptions

**Research series.** - ca. 1850-1975, 1960-1975.

74 cm of textual records.

Series consists of reports, studies and papers by Duff and others, as well as government publications and policies related to First Nations land claims, treaties and other matters.

Boxes: 1-4, 5 (1-8)

**First Nations Committees records series.** - 1961-1976.

30 cm of textual records.

Series consists of papers, meeting minutes, recommendations, memos and agendas of First Nations councils, associations and committees.

Boxes: 5 (9-10), 6.

**Public Media Series.** - 1969-1976.

31 cm of textual records.

Series consists of Indigenous newspapers, newsletter, bulletins and pamphlets.

Boxes: 7-9.

# File List

## BOX 1

### RESEARCH SERIES

- 1-1 Papers by others. 1961-1965
- 1-2 Papers by others. 1967-1968
- 1-3 Papers by others. 1969-1975
- 1-4 Papers by others. [n.d.]
- 1-5 Papers by others. [n.d.]
- 1-6 Research notes by Duff. [n.d.] Related to First Nations history and his knowledge, list of ancient tribal territories, bands with treaties, maps of provincial bands.
- 1-7 Department of Indian Affairs papers, some clippings, and selections from speeches by ministers of the department.
- 1-8 Papers by W.T. Stanbury. ca. 1970s.
- 1-9 Research Studies by Duff. 1971. "West Coast National Park and Indian Land Rights", and "Perspectives on the B.C. Indian Land Question."

## BOX 2

- 2-1 Nishga Land Case. 1967. Supreme Court of B.C.
- 2-2 Nishga Land Case. ca. 1970-1973. Brief summary of the judgment, notes by Duff, and an article written by K. Lysyk.
- 2-3 Nishga Land Case. 1969-1970. Respondent's Factum, Appellant's Factum, reasons for judgment by Maclean and Tysoe.
- 2-4 Nishga Land Case. ca. 1969-1973. Appellant's Factum and proceedings of the Trial, including decisions reached by Mr. Justice Hall, Mr. Justice Spence and Mr. Justice Laskin.
- 2-5 Indian Claims Act. 1963-1965. Bill C-130, Bill C-123, comments by Duff on the Bills and a press release.
- 2-6 Regina vs. Discon and Baker. Court of Appeal Judgement. 1968.
- 2-7 Regina vs. White and Bob. Appellant's Factum. 1965.
- 2-8 Regina vs. White and Bob. Respondent's Factum. 1965.
- 2-9 Regina vs. White and Bob. Respondent's Factum. 1965
- 2-10 Regina vs. White and Bob. Court of Appeal Judgement. 1967.
- 2-11 Regina vs. White and Bob. Judgment by Justice Swencisky, Nanaimo County Court. [n.d.]
- 2-12 Tlingit and Haida vs. the United States. 1966. Report and Notes.

### BOX 3

- 3-1 Copies of James Douglas' Treaties from the Provincial Archives of B.C., treaties date from the 1850s.
- 3-2 Research notes on the Hudson's Bay records, regarding First Nations populations. [n.d.]
- 3-3 Research notes on the B.C. First Nations population, 1885-1955.
- 3-4 Research notes on Hudson's Bay Company censuses. [n.d.]
- 3-5 Research notes. Worksheet Censuses. 1882-1954.
- 3-6 Research notes on diseases and epidemics affecting the First Nations population. [n.d.]
- 3-7 Nishga Claim. Notes, correspondence, memos. ca. 1967-1969.
- 3-8 Research notes on the Nisga'a land claims by Tom Berger, M.L.A. ca. 1966-1968.
- 3-9 Research notes. ca. 1952. 1965-1975. By Duff: reserves, population estimates, course notes, papers related to the land question. File also contains supreme court memos and judgments, and abstract of a paper given at an anthropological conference.
- 3-10 Indian Claims commissioner, Lloyd Barber, correspondence. January-March 1970.
- 3-11 Research related to the Indian Land Claims Commission. ca. 1961-1964.
- 3-12 Research. Queen Calvin William George, Supreme Court Appeal. [n.d.]
- 3-13 Research regarding First Nations reserves and municipal incorporation. ca. 1966-1967.
- 3-14 Research articles and papers. Education and culture. ca. 1965-1971.
- 3-15 Research on Indian Health: papers and articles. ca. 1965-1970.

### BOX 4

- 4-1 Report: "The Canadian Indian in an Urban Community (Vancouver)." May 1961.
- 4-2 Report: "Education for the Adult Community." By Robert A. Roessel, Jr. 1964.
- 4-3 Report: "Indian Communities and land use planning." The Capitol Planning Board of B.C. 1968.
- 4-4 Planning Study: "Beecher Bay, Indian Community." 1969.
- 4-5 Report: "Linguistic and Cultural Affiliations of Canadian Indian Bands." Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Indian Affairs Branch. 1970.

- 4-6 Collection of Reports made by Law Students for the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs. Published 1971.
- 4-7 Report: "The Forgotten People." Native Council of Canada. 1972.
- 4-8 Paper: "The Struggle Continues: Land Claims in B.C." [n.d.]
- 4-9 Report: "Nutritional Status of B.C. Indian Populations. Ahousat and Anaham Reserves." Melvin Less, Braxton M. Alfred et al. [n.d.]

#### BOX 5

- 5-1 Various research articles and booklets. 1955. 1966-1973.
- 5-2 Research. 1970-1972. Various, related to the International Conference on Salish languages, and Archaeological Sites Review Board research.
- 5-3 Research related to Band lists, population, and reserves. 1938, 1956. 1967-1973.
- 5-4 Research. Copies of the McKenna McBride Agreement. 1912.
- 5-5 Research. Notes on the "Indian Land Question" by David Bouthwick.[n.d.]
- 5-6 Research. Education, School District #50, Queen Charlotte. 1973-1974.
- 5-7 Research List compiled from a database. [n.d.]
- 5-8 Research articles. 1965. Articles related to communities and education.

#### FIRST NATIONS COMMITTEES RECORDS SERIES

- 5-9 First Nations Committees. 1972-1973. National Indian Brotherhood. First Nations Committees. 1973-1974. National Indian Brotherhood. Accession Lists, Ottawa.
- 5-10 First Nations Committees. 1973. National Indian Brotherhood.

#### BOX 6

- 6-1 Reference Aids. 1973-1974. National Indian Brotherhood.
- 6-2 Meeting Minutes, recommendations, correspondences. 1968-1972. Indian Advisory Committee
- 6-3 List for tapes. 1972. Indian Advisory Committee.
- 6-4 Minutes, agendas, submissions. 1964-1966. Indian Advisory Committee
- 6-5 Minutes, correspondence, briefs. 1967. Indian Advisory Committee
- 6-6 Miscellaneous notes and briefs. [n.d.] Indian Advisory Committee
- 6-7 Briefs, papers and declarations. 1961-1972. Union of B.C. Chiefs.
- 6-8 Miscellaneous notes and correspondence. ca. 1971-1976. Union of B.C. Chiefs.

- 6-9 Agendas, briefs and meeting minutes. 1966, 1970. B.C. Indian Advisory Committee and the Confederation of Native Indians of B.C.
- 6-10 Course outlines, readings and reports. 1966-1967. The Canadian Indian Youth Council. Canadian Indian workshop.

#### BOX 7

#### PUBLIC MEDIA SERIES

- 7-1 Public Media. Bulletins and newsletters. 1971, 1975.
- 7-2 Public Media. Bulletins and newsletters. 1951, ca.1961-1970.
- 7-3 Newsletters. 1968-1971. NARP, Indian and Metis Education Club, Indian Echo.
- 7-5 Newsletters. October 1970-June 1972. Indian Education Resources Center, UBC.
- 7-6 Newsletters. September 1972-February 1975. Indian Education Resources Center, UBC.
- 7-7 Various newsletters and bulletins. ca. 1960-1976.

#### BOX 8

- 8-1 Indian News (1965-1975)
- 8-2 British Columbia and Yukon Newsletter. (Oct 1967-Spring 1970).
- 8-3 Miscellaneous Newspapers. (1946, 1965, 1975-1976).

#### BOX 9

- 9-1 Nesika (Sept 1972-June/July 1976).
- 9-1 Ha-Shilth-Sa. Vol.1/No.3 (March 11/74), Vol.3/No.5 (May 28/76).
- 9-3 "The First Citizen" Edition 1 (1969)-Edition 19 (1972?). Editions 6-8 are missing.