

# Cornelius Bot fonds

*Fonds No. PF19*

*Physical Description: 2.5 cm of textual records*

*Date Range: [1965-1976]*

## **Administrative History/Biographical Sketch**

Cornelius Bot was born October 29, 1910 in Blokker, Holland. In 1958 he moved with his wife Alida and their eight children (Gerbrandt, Mary, Casey, Nick, Anne, John, Trudy, and Jos) to Smithers, B.C., fulfilling his dream of living out west. After several years of working various jobs, he established a chicken farm in the early 1960s, producing and selling eggs throughout the valley. Bot was also a horse lover and a lifetime member of the Northern Saddle Club. He was known for many years for being one of the only people in Smithers with a horse and buggy; his horse, Hispo, frequently gave winter sleigh rides, delivered presents at Christmas, and pulled Bot's custom-built, hand-painted cart in parades. (*Interior News*, June 11 1986). Bot won many ribbons and trophies for Western riding at the Fall Fair, and helped construct stables, fences, barrels, and various buildings for the Fairgrounds. After his retirement, he dedicated his time to making, collecting, and restoring horse paraphernalia, buggies, and sleighs. His farm was sold in 1994 and the land transformed into the Park Place subdivision.

Bot died on December 2, 1998 at age 88. In 1999 his family erected a cairn in his memory at Park Place.

## **Custodial History**

Records were created and collected by Cornelius Bot during the daily operations of his chicken farm, and donated to the Archives by Bot on May 17, 1994.

## **Scope and Content**

Fonds contains records relating to the operations of Bot's chicken farm. Records include sale receipts, promotional materials, egg inspection reports, licenses and a burning permit.

## **Physical Condition**

Some records are heavily stained and seem to be off-gassing as they have a distinct odor to them. On some of the receipts the ink is beginning to bleed through the paper.

## **Conservation**

Acid-free sheets of paper have been interleaved where appropriate to reduce transfer of stains or ink.