

Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association fonds

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COLLECTION	Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association fonds
DESCRIPTION LEVEL	Fonds
GMD	textual record graphic material
OTHER TITLE INFO	Title based on contents of fonds.
CREATOR	Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association
FONDS NO.	AF1
ACCESSION NO.	1971.17 1978.5 1983.9 1983.65 1988.1 2007.3 1994.7 1994.13 2020.6 2020.12 2020.34 2022.1
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	18 cm of textual record, 39 photographs
DATE RANGE	[1919-2021]
HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHICAL	Talk of forming a Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association to oversee the planning of an exhibition began in 1910 (Interior News, May 1910). Various names were used before incorporation, such as: Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association (Interior News, July 27, 1912), Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association and Farmer's Institute (Omineca Herald, June 7, 1913) and Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Association (Interior News, June 21, 1919). On July 14, 1919, the Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association was incorporated under the Agricultural Act. The mandate of the Association was to "advance the interests of agriculture and to hold an annual exhibition of agricultural products at Smithers, and to do all such other things the directors may decide for the advancement of the association, the farmers and farming." The first directors of the Association included A. Kilpatrick (President, Smithers), J. G. Wood (Vice-President, Telkwa), and L.B. Warner (Secretary Treasurer, Smithers), George Oulton (Smithers), A. J. Prudhomme (Telkwa), E. C. Barger (Telkwa) and William S. Henry (Smithers) (Interior News, June 21, 1919). Smithers held its first Fall Fair in Albert Park, September 30th, 1919. After several years the Fair became a three-day event, presenting a wide variety of exhibits including agricultural displays, livestock and logging shows, handicraft and homemaking exhibits, stage shows, and a midway. The Fair continues to this day, having been held every year since 1919, except for 1932-1933, 1938-1945, 1950-1952. A virtual fair was held in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic.
SCOPE AND CONTENT	The fonds is arranged into two series, Administrative and Fall Fair, and contains newspaper programs, prize lists, prize tickets, meeting minutes, correspondence, financial statements, newspaper supplements, entry forms, certificate of incorporation and a brief history on the founding of the fair.
ARRANGEMENT	Records were rearranged in September 2016 by Manda Haligowski to better reflect archival standards and to improve accessibility.
SUBJECT ACCESS	Bulkley Valley Fall Fair Bulkley Valley Exhibition

Documents

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Fonds No. 402
Physical Description: 28 cm of textual records, 80 photographs
Date Range: 1839-2011

Administrative History/Geographical Sketch

Talk of forming a Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association to oversee the planning of an exhibition began in 1839 (Senior News, May 1812). Various names were used before incorporating, such as Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association (Senior News, July 27, 1812), Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association and Farmer's Institute (Dawson Herald, June 7, 1814) and Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Association (Senior News, June 21, 1815). On July 14, 1816, the Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association was incorporated under the Agricultural Act. The mandate of the Association was to "advance the interests of agriculture and to hold an annual exhibition of agricultural products at Smithers, and to do all such other things the directors may decide for the advancement of the association, the farmers and farmers." The first directors of the Association included A. Kilpatrick (President, Smithers), J. G. Wood (Vice-President, Telkwa), and L. Blaine (Secretary, Telkwa). Smithers, George Dallas (Smithers), A. J. Phallosome (Telkwa), F. C. Kager (Telkwa) and William S. Henry (Smithers) (Senior News, June 21, 1816). Smithers held its first fair on a ribbon Fair, September 30th, 1818. After several years the fair became a three-day event, presenting a wide variety of exhibits including agricultural displays, livestock and logging shows, handicraft and home-making exhibits, stage shows, and a midway. The fair continues to this day, having been held every year since 1929 except for 1942-1943, 1918-1945, 1950-1952, and 2020.

Scope and Content

The fonds is arranged into two series, Administrative and Fair Fair and contains price lists, price tickets, meeting minutes, correspondence, financial statements, newspaper supplements, entry forms, and forms of application and a brief history on the founding of the fair.

Arrangement

Records were rearranged in September 2008 by Monica Halpin to better reflect archival standards and to improve accessibility.

Administrative

Series no.: 02
Part of: Bulkley Valley Agricultural and Industrial Association Fonds
Related accession: 1074.17, 2086.1, 1868.05

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