

Burnett Collection / Frank Burnett (collector)

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Collection Description

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6.5 cm of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

After earning his fortune in grain on the Prairies and real estate in Vancouver at the turn of the century, Frank Burnett retired to South Seas where he wrote travel books and collected ethnological specimens. In 1927, Burnett presented his 1,200 item collection to UBC where it was housed in the Library. The collection formed the core around which the Museum of Anthropology was established twenty years later. UBC's first anthropologist, Harry Hawthorn, and his wife, Audrey, the first curator of the Museum, were given responsibility for the care, use and expansion of Burnett's assemblage.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of two catalogues (1927, 1935) of ethnological specimens presented by Frank Burnett to UBC and minutes of the University of British Columbia's President's Committee on the Museum (1941-1944).

Notes

Title based on subject of the collection.