Wilson Duff
fonds

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Fonds Description

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 planning committee for the Vancouver Museum and a consultant to the study of 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 significant contributions to the study of First Nations cultures and to the development of museums around the province. Duff’s other contributions to the First Nations communities include his membership in the provincial Indian Advisory Committee and he also acted as an unofficial advisor to several of the Indian organizations of the province. In particular, he held a role as the advisor to one band, the Kitwancool and also testified in the White and Bob case in Nanaimo, and the Nishga case related to land claim issues. Duff also conducted a great deal of work on the histories and territories of B.C. tribes and have especially 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 First Nations communities; records related to Indian Councils, associations and committees, including meeting minutes, papers, and educational materials; and media related materials such as bulletins of associations, First Nations newspapers, newsletters, and brochures of organizations.

Notes

File list available.

Title based on the content of the fonds
Series Descriptions

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)

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.

31 cm of textual records.

Series consists of First Nations 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 Indian 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.

**BOX 2**

2-1 Nishga Land Case. 1967. Supreme Court of B.C.
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.
2-7 Regina vs. White and Bob. Appellant’s Factum. 1965.
2-9 Regina vs. White and Bob. Respondent’s Factum. 1965
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 Indian populations. [n.d.]
3-3  Research notes on the B.C. Indian population, 1885-1955.
3-4  Research notes on Hudson's Bay Company censuses. [n.d.]
3-6  Research notes on diseases and epidemics affecting the Indian population. [n.d.]
3-12 Research. Queen Calvin William George, Supreme Court Appeal. [n.d.]
3-13 Research regarding Indian 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

4-3  Report: "Indian Communities and land use planning." The Capitol Planning Board of B.C. 1968.
4-6  Collection of Reports made by Law Students for the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs. Published 1971.

BOX 5

5-4 Research. Copies of the McKenna McBride Agreement. 1912.
5-5 Research. Notes on the "Indian Land Question" by David Bouthwick.[n.d.]
5-7 Research List compiled from a database. [n.d.]
5-8 Research articles. 1965. Articles related to communities and education.

FIRST NATIONS COMMITTEES RECORDS SERIES


BOX 6

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
6-9 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

7-3  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)

BOX 9

9-1  Ha-Shilth-Sa. Vol.1/No.3 (March 11/74), Vol.3/No.5 (May 28/76).