

Archaeological Society of British Columbia fonds

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Fonds Description

Archaeological Society of British Columbia fonds.

1966 - 1985.

93 cm of textual material.

ca. 150 photographs.

Administrative history: The Archaeological Society of British Columbia (ASBC) was established in 1966 when it developed out of an archaeology course taught by Dr. Roy Carlson, offered by the Extension Department at the University of British Columbia. ASBC was established to preserve the archeological and historical heritage of British Columbia, to assist the government of the province in implementing the Archeological and Historic Sites Protection Act of 1960 (revised in 1972) and to further promote understanding of a scientific approach to archaeology. ASBC has been an affiliated member of the Canadian Archaeological Association since 1972.

ASBC is composed of both archaeology professionals and enthusiasts. It encourages the identification and protection of archaeological sites and materials, and provides lectures and publications, including its quarterly newsletter, "The Midden," for the dissemination of knowledge about archaeology. Its primary activities involve regular lectures on subjects in archaeology, field trips to places of historic or archaeological interest, and coordinating "digs" for members. ASBC also undertakes surveys and records sites, and draws the attention of the proper authorities to cases where sites have been, or are about to be, destroyed through road construction, damming, subdivision development or vandalism.

ASBC is based in Vancouver where its operations are chiefly carried out. Decisions are made by the Executive Committee, consisting of the president, vice-president, secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and the immediate past president. Past presidents include: Alec Ennenberg (1966 - 1968), Ron Sutherland (1968-1970), W.T. Lane (1971-1972), Shelia W. Neville (1972 to 1974), N. Russell (1974-1976, 1978-1980), Marie E. Duncan (1976-1978), Shirley Vale (1981-1982), Helmi Branches (1982-1984), and Don Bunyan (1984-1985). ASBC also oversees the affairs of chapters throughout the province.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of minutes of meetings, membership lists, financial records, correspondence and printed materials generated by the Archaeological Society of British Columbia. The fonds includes a run of ASBC's newsletter "The Midden." The fonds also includes one scrapbook containing about 150 photographs and clippings illustrating ASBC's activities from 1966 to 1972.

Source of title proper: Title based on provenance of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition: The fonds was donated in a number of accessions between 1978 and the 1980's by ASBC presidents.

Language: All materials in the fonds are in English.

Physical condition: Many photographs and clippings in scrapbook have become detached.

Arrangement: Fonds was re-described in December 2009 to comply with RAD standards. Arrangement of the fonds remained unchanged.

Series descriptions

Minutes of meetings.

1966 – 1985.

16 cm of textual records.

Scope and content: Series consists of minutes taken at executive meetings and annual general meetings held in Vancouver. Minutes contain date and location of the meeting, persons present, and a brief descriptions of issues addressed or affairs carried out. Minutes from 1983 to 1985 are part of bound volumes, which also include financial reports, memos, and membership lists.

Source of title proper: Title based on contents of the series.

Correspondence.

1968–1978

14.8 cm of textual records.

Scope and content: Series consists of correspondence received and created by the Archaeological Society of British Columbia on various topics. The majority of the correspondence revolves around *The Midden* newsletter (called the ASBC Newsletter prior to 1970). The files contain correspondence concerning proposed or requested articles, subscriptions, and general inquiries. Additional correspondence relates to site visits, memos to members, site protection, lecture and event planning, requests for artifact materials and other general information about ASBC.

Source of title proper: Title based on contents of the series.

Financial records.

1972– 1976.

7 cm of textual records.

Scope and content: Series consists of financial reports, Bank of Montreal monthly statements, receipt books for membership payments, receipts and invoices from facility rentals, affiliation fees, and purchases, as well as telephone bills.

Source of title proper: Title based on contents of the series.

Administrative records.

1966 – 1979.

3 cm of textual records.

Scope and content: Series consists of membership lists and forms, records generated by the Victoria and Fraser Valley chapters sent to ASBC for reference, notes and preliminary reports about programs and projects, and constitutions.

Source of title proper: Title based on contents of the series.

Publications.

1969 – 1983.

20 cm of textual records.

Scope and content: Series consists of records generated in pursuit of the mandate to provide lectures and publications for the spread of knowledge about archaeology. This includes: the quarterly publication, "The Midden," meeting notices, "The Future of The Past," a brief presented by the ASBC; various papers written by members for presentation; and a bibliography compiled by ASBC to aid its members in research.

Source of title proper: Title based on contents of the series.

File list

Series: Minutes of meetings

Location (Box-file)	File title	Date
1-1	Minutes of meetings	1966 – 1969
1-2	Minutes of meetings	1969 – 1970
1-3	Minutes of meetings	1970 – 1971
1-4	Minutes of meetings	1971 – 1972
1-5	Minutes of meetings	1972 – 1973
1-6	Minutes of meetings	1973 – 1974
1-7	Minutes of meetings	1971 – 1977
1-8	Minutes of meetings	1971 – 1977
1-22	Minutes of meetings, membership lists, and project notes	1972 – 1979
3-1	Minutes and financial reports	1977 – 1981
3-2	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1982 – 1983
3-3	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1983 – 1984
3-4	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1984 – 1985

Series: Correspondence

Location (Box-file)	File title	Date
1-9	General Correspondence	1970 – 1978
1-10	General Correspondence	1968 – 1976
1-20	General Correspondence	29 Sept. 1972 – 31 Aug. 1973
2-1	Correspondence re: The A.S.B.C. Newsletter	21 May 1968 – 17 Nov. 1970
2-2	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	4 Jan. 1971 – 2, Sept. 1971
2-3	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	17 Sept. 1971 – 26 May 1972
2-4	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	26 May 1972 – 1 Feb. 1973
2-5	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	18 Apr. 1973 – 6 Feb. 1974
2-6	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	29 Jan. 1974 – 15 Apr. 1975
2-7	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	13 Mar. 1975 – 9 Feb. 1976
2-8	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	5 Feb. 1976 – 30 Dec. 1976
2-9	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	21 Dec. 1976 – 14 Sept. 1977
2-10	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	22 Sept. 1977 – 6 June 1978
2-11	Correspondence re: "The Midden"	12 June 1978 – 13 Dec. 1978

Series: Financial records

Location (Box-file)	File title	Date
1-11	Financial records	1972 – 1976
1-12	Financial records	1972 – 1976
1-13	Financial records	1972 – 1975
1-14	Receipt book	1974 – 1975
3-1	Minutes and financial reports	1977 – 1981
3-2	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1982 – 1983
3-3	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1983 – 1984
3-4	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1984 – 1985

Series: Administrative records

Location (Box-file)	File title	Date
1-16	Membership lists	1971 – 1977
1-17	Chapters' records	1973 – 1979
1-21	Membership lists	1967 – 1978
1-22	Minutes of meetings, membership lists, and project notes	1972 – 1979
2-12	Membership form, aims, and ethics	1973
2-13	Preliminary report and membership list	1966 – 1967
3-1	Minutes and financial reports	1977 – 1981
3-2	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1982 – 1983
3-3	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1983 – 1984
3-4	Minutes, membership lists, and financial reports	1984 – 1985

Series: Publications

Location (Box-file)	File title	Date
1-15	Meeting Notices	11 Oct. 1972 – 10 May 1978
1-18	1969 Year end report of investigative digs, Bibliography published for use by members	1969 – 1970
1-19	"The Future of The Past" and published notes for presentations throughout British Columbia	1973 – 1976
1-23	Illustrated report of an Excavation at DgRs 9 and 11	1969 – 1970
3-5	"The Future of The Past" and published notes for presentations throughout British Columbia	1973 – 1976
3-6	The Midden Vol. 1 #1-6, Vol. 2 #1-5	Nov. 1968 – Dec. 1970

3-7	The Midden Vol. 3 #1-5, Vol. 4 #1-5	Feb. 1971 – Dec. 1972
3-8	The Midden Vol. 5 #1-5, Vol. 6 #1-5	Feb. 1973 – Dec. 1974
3-9	The Midden Vol. 7 #1-5, Vol. 8 #1-5	Feb. 1975 – Dec. 1976
3-10	The Midden Vol. 9 #1-5, Vol. 10 #1-5	Feb. 1977 – Dec. 1978
3-11	The Midden Vol. 11 #1-4	Feb. 1979 – Nov. 1979
3-12	The Midden Vol. 12 # 1-5	Feb. 1980 – Dec. 1980
3-13	The Datum Vol. 6 #2, The Midden Vol. 13 #2-4	Apr. 1981 – Oct. 1981
3-14	The Midden Vol. 14 #1-6	Feb. 1982 – Feb. 1983
3-15	The Midden Vol. 15 #2-5	Apr. 1983 – Dec. 1983
3-16	Scientific American Article, "A Pre Columbian Urban Center on the Mississippi," written by Melvin L. Fowler.	Aug. 1975

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Location (Box-file)	File title	Date
Box 3	Scrapbook illustrating ASBC's activities	1966 – 1972