

J. Haydn Young fonds
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J. Haydn Young fonds. – 1952 – 1961. – 6 cm of textual records. – 8 photographs.

Biographical sketch:

J. Haydn Young, of Wales, purchased several mineral claims in British Columbia in the 1950's, and had a stay in Vancouver during that time. His cousin, chemist and Vancouver resident Gilbert Spears, aided him in making these acquisitions.

Scope and content:

Records pertain largely to Young's acquisition and use of his British Columbia mineral claims during the early 1950's through to the early 1960's. Claims that Young acquired located near Lillooet, and were called the "Anita," "Sunrise" and "Margaret" mineral claims. Claims acquired near Kamloops, and were called the "Speed," "Puzzle," and "Last Chance" mineral claims, and consisted of sodium carbonate and magnesium sulphate lakes. The records consist largely of correspondence, particularly between Young and Gilbert Spears and Young and those who sold him the mineral claims, but also with lawyers and potential clients such as pharmaceutical companies, timber plants, salt plants, and rubber plants. Records also include contracts and other legal documents. Eight photographs are contained in the file regarding the acquisition of the Basque salt lakes.

A small amount of records pertain to the production of a Christmas film in 1952 called "Bethlehem," "designed" by an "associate" of Young's. Young and his associate hoped to sell the filmstrip to the National Film Board with the potential for creating future films for them, and the images to a card company with the aim of making Christmas cards from them. Records consist of correspondence and a script.

The fonds is arranged into two series: Mineral Claims series, and Filmstrip series. The Mineral Claims series contains 6 files: Basque lakes, 1951-1952; Business correspondence, 1951-1953; Reports and contracts, 1952-1956; Spears Correspondence, 1958-1959; Business and Spears Correspondence, 1958-1959; Business and Spears Correspondence, 1958-1961. The Filmstrip series contains one file.

Notes:

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