

Helen Cook fonds

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Fonds Description

Helen Cook fonds. – 1924-1928.

1 volume.

Biographical Sketch

Helen Cook (Law) was born in 1908 in Phoenix, British Columbia, a now-historic gold mining ghost town between Midway and Grand Forks, and later moved to North Vancouver. She worked at St. George's School and North Vancouver High School before attending UBC for one year (1926-27), where she was a member of the women's grass hockey team. She then transferred to the Provincial Normal School in Victoria to earn her teaching certificate. She married James Law and they moved to a farm on Quadra Island, B.C., later moving to Port Alberni. Their son James earned an agricultural science degree from UBC, and eventually became a science teacher. Their daughter Barbara attended Normal School like her mother and became a teacher as well. Helen Law died in Burnaby in 1986.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of a hard-cover autograph book, inscribed on the frontispiece "Helen A. Cook – June, 1924 – Anyox, B.C.". It is filled with inscriptions by Cook's friends from her times at St. George's School (1925), North Vancouver High School (1926), UBC (1927), and the Provincial Normal School or "P.N.S." (1928). In addition to signatures there are poems, literary quotes, small watercolours, and sketches.

Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Donated by Greg Kulla, the grandson of Helen Law (née Cook), in June 2022.

Stored with UBC Archives' Vertical File Collection, VF-122.

Information in the biographical sketch is derived from the contents of the autograph book, correspondence with Greg Kulla, and from the [UBC Annual yearbook](#) and the [Calendar](#).

Further biographical information is available in the accession file – consult University Archives staff for access.