

Alfred Parminter fonds

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Fonds Description

Alfred Parminter fonds. – 1817, 1940-[198-], predominant [195-]-[196-]
32 cm of textual records.
32 photographs

Biographical Sketch

Alfred Vye Parminter was a member of UBC's Faculty of Education's teaching staff from 1962 until his retirement in 1982. He received a B.A and M.A. from UBC in 1943 and 1964 and a Ph.D. from Stanford University. Before becoming a faculty member at UBC, Parminter worked for the Department of Indian Affairs as an "Regional Inspector of Indian Schools in British Columbia," writing both his M.A. and Ph.D. theses on the topic of education in indigenous communities. While at UBC, Parminter participated in multiple committees that investigated the challenges indigenous students on campus faced while attaining their degrees. In 1982 Parminter retired from the University - at that time, he was honoured with the title of Assistant Professor Emeritus of Education. Parminter passed away on September 20, 1990.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of papers, reports, printed material, essays and photographs created and acquired by Parminter in the course of his time as a student, professor and regional inspector, as well as some personal items. The fonds is divided into three series: Regional Inspector of Indian Schools, University of British Columbia and Research/Miscellaneous Material. The fonds had no discernable original order associated with them and so the archivist decided to arrange them by series.

Notes

Donated to the University Archives by Alfred Parminter in 1985.

File list available.

The views expressed by many of the records related to indigenous education and residential schools within this fonds reflect the era in which they were created. These views were construed constructed from racist and colonial stereotypes of Indigenous peoples. Demeaning and degrading language appears throughout.

The term "Indian" is now outdated and is considered by many Indigenous Peoples to be offensive. However, it is retained in some places in this inventory as part of a proper organizational/job title or a publication title.

Series Descriptions

Regional Inspector of Indian School in British Columbia Series. – [195-]-[196-].

12 cm of textual records.

Series consists of official federal and provincial reports, directives, guides, bulletins, addresses, residential school statistics and journal articles accumulated by Parminter during his time as the Regional Inspector of Indian Schools in British Columbia. File 1-18 is restricted due to the personal identifiable information contained within. Any request to view this file is subject to review.

Research/Miscellaneous Material Series. – [195-]-[198-].

18 cm of textual records.

Series consists of research papers, local history, journal articles, annotated bibliographies, essays, readings lists and books on research topics written or accumulated by Parimenter. The vast majority of the material is on the topic of residential schools and indigenous education, but there are also two items that document some of Parminter's family history. One is a school exercise book, with exercises completed by hand, entitled "Practical Arithmetick" (1817), written by Samuel Bateson (Parminter's great-grandfather) and the other is "Victorian School, "a history thesis written by Sheila Young at James Graham College, Leeds, England (1966), chronicling the history of Farnley School in Yorkshire, where John Vye Parminter served as headmaster from 1875 to 1909.

UBC Series. – [196-]-1979.

5 cm of textual records.

32 photographs.

Series consists of reports, memorandums, surveys and photographs created or accrued by Parimenter during his time employed as a professor at the University of British Columbia. The vast majority of the material revolves around his role in committees that investigated Indigenous students and their academic performance at the university. 13 of the photographs have a letter written in pencil on the verso that corresponds with the supplied list in the file. The list identifies the individuals in the photo.

File List

REGIONAL INSPECTOR OF INDIAN SCHOOLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA SERIES

BOX 1

- 1-1 Civil Service Commission of Canada Information Circular No. 61-496: Superintendents of Schools – [195-?]
- 1-2 Integration, Records and Planning [Directive] -August 1959
- 1-3 To: District Superintendents of Indian Schools [Notes]- [195-?]
- 1-4 Guide for District School Superintendents- July 1959
- 1-5 British Columbia Region Indian Residential School Principals' Conference- Nov. 23-24, 1955
- 1-6 An Address by the Honourable Ellen Fairclough Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs before the Canadian Association of School Superintendents and Inspectors- Sept. 15,1959.
- 1-7 An Address by the Honourable Arthur Lang Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to the Canadian Association for Indian and Eskimo Education- May 23, 1968
- 1-8 List of Indian Day, Residential, Hospital and Joint Schools in British Columbia and Yukon- [195-?]
- 1-9 Alphabetical List of Schools- Oct. 25, 1956
- 1-10 Alphabetical List of Schools- Feb. 1959
- 1-11 British Columbia Joint Schools [196-?]
- 1-12 Location of Indian Schools in Provincial Districts – May 30, 1968
- 1-13 [British Columbia Residential School Statistics]- 1955-1958
- 1-14 [Indigenous Students not at Residential School Statistics]- 1946-1958
- 1-15 [Indigenous Student Statistics-] 1958-1959
- 1-16 Indian Education: Indian Schools in B.C. Region [Statistics]- [1956?]

- 1-17 Agency Return on Pre-School and School Age Children as of June 30, 1957
[Statistics]
- 1-18 Tuition Grant Students [Statistics] – Oct. 9, 1957 **RESTRICTED ACCESS DUE
TO PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**
- 1-19 Survey of the Educational Facilities and Requirements of the Indians in Canada:
Part 1 General Report – July 1956
- 1-20 Statistical Report on Destinations of Pupils Withdrawing from Indians Schools-
June 1960
- 1-21 Indian School Bulletin Vol 7 No. 1- Sept. 1952
- 1-22 Indian School Bulletin Vol 7 No. 2- Nov. 1952

RESEARCH/ MISCELLANEOUS SERIES

BOX 2

- 2-1 Early Days at Coqualeetza [Scanned Copy] [196-?]
- 2-2 The Coqualeetza Story 1886-1956- 1956
- 2-3 Coqualeetza Indian Hospital Pacific Region Medical Services, D.N.H. & W.
Proposed Closure [Scanned Copy] – May 1968
- 2-4 Expenditures of the Federal Government of Canada at Coqualeetza, 1890-1970
[Scanned Copy]- [1970?]
- 2-5 Anthropology 301: Indians of British Columbia Reading List- 1962
- 2-6 Bibliography North American Indian and Eskimo Education: Anthropological
Emphasis- November 1966
- 2-7 Indian Education Bibliography - [196-?]
- 2-8 Annotated Bibliography on Indian Education- [196-?]
- 2-9 Education of Indians in British Columbia- Sept. 1956
- 2-10 The Education Program for Native Canadian Indians -July 1964
- 2-11 Sister Patricia Maillardville 1913 [Autographical Notes]- [196-?]

- 2-12 [Lejac Residential School Historical Survey and Notes]- [198-?]
- 2-13 [St. Paul's Indian Residential School Historical Notes]- 1986
- 2-14 [Cariboo Residential School [St. Joseph's Indian Residential School] Historical Notes]- [198-?]
- 2-15 The Sisters of St. Ann in British Columbia, Yukon and Alaska 1858 -1958 [Scanned Copy]- 1958
- 2-16 Letter from Wilfred Hunchitt, Alberni Residential School, attending Grade IX Alberni District High School [Scanned Copy]- [195-?]
- 2-17 [Indian Integration Committee Meeting Minutes and Memorandum]- 1961
- 2-18 To a dedicated teacher looking for a challenge... [Indigenous teacher job advertisement]- [197-?]
- 2-19 Tuberculosis and Indians- 1940
- 2-20 Tuberculosis in Indian Children- 1969
- 2-21 J.Douglas Galbraith fights TB among Indians and Inuit-May 15, 1986
- 2-22 Miller Bay Totem Tatler [Issue Number 4]- July, 1952
- 2-23 Indian Residential School Study- January 31,1967
- 2-24 Practical Arithmetick [Samuel Bateson]- 1817

BOX 3

- 3-1 Victorian School [History Thesis]- 1966
- 3-2 Effects of Holistic vs Particularistic Cognitive Curricular Content on the Selection of Instrumental Activities by Members of a Sociocultural Minority [PhD dissertation]- August 1971

UBC SERIES

- 3-3 Brief Submitted by the University of British Columbia to Department of Indian Affairs on a Proposal for the Establishment of a Craft-Training Program to Instruct Young Indians in their Native Arts in British Columbia- [196-?]

- 3-4 Native Indians at U.B.C [Rough Draft and Memorandum]- March 28, 1962
- 3-5 Report of the Native Canadian Indian Committee- May 1, 1962
- 3-6 Report of the Committee on Indian Education Courses- [196-?]
- 3-7 University Native Canadian Fellowship University of British Columbia Interim Report- Feb. 1962
- 3-8 Native Teacher Education: A Survey of Native Teacher Education Projects in Canada- Sept. 1979
- 3-9 [Report and Itinerary for the Schools in the Forest First Interprovincial Conference]- 1963
- 3-10 [Photographs from a Meeting and Dinner with Indigenous Students and UBC Faculty]-1963