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**Humphrey Family fonds**

**1996.036**

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**Title:** Humphrey Family fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1878-1962

**Physical Description:** 2 cm of textual records, 4 maps, and 1 technical drawing

### **Biographical Sketch:**

**Thomas Charles Humphrey** was born on August 16, 1869 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, the son of James Humphrey and Matilda Hannah. Humphrey came to British Columbia in 1887 and settled in the Knutsford area to establish a ranch and farm near Edith Lake. In 1894 he married Frances Josephine Horsette, with whom he had three sons (Francis Charles, Howard Phillip, and Stanley James) and five daughters (Helen, Lilian, Dorothy, Violet, and Isabelle Antoinette). Thomas Charles Humphrey died on July 29, 1953 in Kamloops, BC at the age of 83. The wildlife sanctuary on Springhill Drive in Kamloops is named in his honour.

**Frederick Lawford Humphrey** was born on December 7, 1863, the son of James Humphrey and Matilda Hannah. He came to British Columbia in 1887 and settled in the Knutsford area to farm near Edith Lake. Humphrey was married to Elizabeth Jane Nichol, with whom he had 6 daughters (Hildred H., Lillian Hazel, Florence, Linda May, Edith Jennie, and Lena) and four sons (Arthur Harry, Ernest Michael, Charles Ashton, and Jefferson F.). Frederick Lawford Humphrey died on December 29, 1943 at the age of 80.

**Howard Phillip Humphrey** was born on January 26, 1915 in Kamloops, BC, the son of Thomas Charles Humphrey and Frances Josephine Horsette. Humphrey worked on the farm and ranch established by his father in Knutsford. On November 8, 1938 he married Irva Irene Wooters in Burnaby, BC, with whom he had three daughters (Eleanor, Sheila, and Glenda) and one son (Phillip). In 1960 Humphrey and his wife established the Knutsford Tent and Trailer Park, which they ran in 1972. The couple then retired to a cabin they built on Long Lake road, where they resided until they moved into Kamloops in 1991. Howard Phillip Humphrey died on September 26, 1994 in Kamloops, BC.

**Irva Irene Humphrey (nee Wooters)** was born on October 30, 1911 in Reid Hill, Alberta. In 1919 she moved with her family to Burnaby. She enrolled in the Essondale Psychiatric School of Nursing, graduating in 1934. On November 8, 1938 she married Howard Phillip Humphrey, with whom she had three daughters (Eleanor, Sheila, and Glenda) and one son (Phillip). After their marriage she moved to Knutsford, where her husband was engaged in farming and ranching. In 1960 the couple

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Irva Irene Humphrey (nee Wooters) died on September 30, 1999 in Kamloops, BC at the age of 87.

**Stanley James Humphrey** was born on July 3, 1910 in Kamloops, BC, the son of Thomas Charles Humphrey and Frances Josephine Horsette. Humphrey was employed at Giddens in Kamloops, BC where he rose to the rank of Vice-President by his retirement. Humphrey was also active in the local branches of the Knights of Columbus and Elks Club. He was married to Elsie Mary Giddens in May 1935, with whom he had two sons (Larry and Dennis) and one daughter (Odell). Stanley James Humphrey died on July 26, 1979 at the age of 69.

### **Scope and Content:**

Fonds consists of records related to the Humphrey family, who were farmers and ranchers in the Knutsford area. Materials are predominantly records related to water rights for their properties, correspondence, and financial records.

### **Custodial History:**

Accession # 1996.036 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on March 28, 1996 by Irva Irene Humphrey, the wife of Howard Phillip Humphrey.

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**Finding aids:** File list is available for this collection.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1996.036.001	Kamloops Water District – File contains a map of the Kamloops Water District showing the boundaries of a water license. Map notes the locations of Stake Lake, McConnell Lake, Bush Lake, Anderson Creek, Edith Lake, Mallard Lake, and Peterson Creek. – 1 map	[ca. 1916-1919?]	1
1996.036.002	Letter Accompanying Memorandum of Determinations – File contains a letter from J.F. Anderson to Thomas C. Humphrey re: a conditional water license. – 1 textual record	1915	2
1996.036.003-021	Invoices and Receipts – File contains invoices and receipts from BC Live Stock Producers Co-operative Association, Water Rights Branch, Inland Building Supplies Ltd., and Robertson and Hackett Sawmills Limited. – 20 textual records	1922-1954	3
1996.036.022	Memorandum to Holders of Water Records Appurtenant to Lands in the Railway Belt whose priority is later than April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1884 – File contains correspondence to Thomas C. Humphrey from the Water Rights Branch and the Department of the Interior, a water license, a Determination and Order, and a map showing water intakes along Anderson Creek. – 6 textual records and 1 map	1916-1919	4
1996.036.023-029	Invoices and Receipts – File contains invoices and receipts from J.L. Gordon and John Beaton. – 7 textual records	1906-1911	5
1996.036.030	Correspondence – File contains correspondence re: water licenses long attendance. – 1 textual record	1927	6
1996.036.031	1926 Diary – File contains a page from a diary noting legal matters. – 1 textual record	1926	7
1996.036.032-033	Account Book of Howard Humphrey – File contains two pages of an account book with attached paystubs. – 15 textual records	1959	8
1996.036.034-040	Invoices and Receipts – File contains invoices and receipts from John Beaton, Department of Lands,	1907-1956	9

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	Water Rights Branch, and Wilcox-Hall Co. Ltd. – 9 textual records		
1996.036.041-047	Correspondence – File contains correspondence to T.C. and H.P. Humphrey from Fulton, Morley and Clark, Department of the Interior, Deputy Provincial Collector, Department of Public Works, and the District Engineer. – 22 textual records and 1 technical drawing	1884-1953	10
1996.036.048	Account Book of H.P. Humphrey – File contains two pages of an account book with attached paystubs. – 19 textual records	1962	11
1996.036.049-063	Correspondence – File contains correspondence to T.C. and the Humphrey Brothers from G.C. Tunstall Assistant Commissioner of Land and Works, Department of the Interior, Fulton, Morley and Clark, Frederick J. Fulton, and the Water Rights Branch. Also includes two associated invoices. – 23 textual records	1897-1927	12
1996.036.064-068	Invoices and Receipts – File contains invoices and receipts from Kamloops Livestock Co., and BC Livestock Producers Co-operative Association. Also includes paystubs. – 12 textual records	1947-1959	13
1996.036.069-070	Motor Vehicle Licenses – File contains two motor vehicle licenses for Howard Phillip Humphrey. – 2 textual records	1957-1958	14
1996.036.071	Calfhood Vaccination Certificate – File contains a certificate for the Federal-Provincial Brucellosis Control Program. – 1 textual record	1958	15
1996.036.072-073	Adjustment Payment receipts – File contains two receipts for wheat adjustment payments. – 2 textual records	1953	16
1996.036.074-086	Invoices and Receipts – File contains invoices and receipts from United Grain Growers Limited and the Canadian Wheat Board. – 13 textual records	1953	17
1996.036.087	Summary of Proposed Determinations – File contains information re: Anderson Creek. – 5 textual records	1904	18
1996.036.088	Agreement re: Lease – File contains a land lease agreement between Thomas Charles Humphrey	1939	19

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1996.036.089	Proposed Scheme of Determinations on Claims for Water Rights – File contains water rights information for the Humphrey Brothers. – 5 textual records	1914	20
1996.036.090	Correspondence – File contains correspondence from Fulton, Morley and Clark. – 1 textual record	1928	21
1996.036.091	Bank Book – File contains a bank book from the Canadian Bank of Commerce and its envelope, belonging to Eleanor [Humphrey]. – 2 textual records	1926	22
1996.036.092-097	Invoices and Receipts – File contains invoices and receipts from BC Live Stock Producers Co-operative Association and the Water Rights Branch. – 9 textual records	1921-1959	23
1996.036.098	Conditional Water Licence – File contains a conditional water license for irrigation. – 1 textual record	1915	24
1996.036.099	Determination and Order – File contains a Determination and Order for a conditional water license for irrigation. – 2 textual records	1913	25
1996.036.100	Kamloops Water District Exhibit “A” – File contains a map showing water works for the irrigation of Walker Lake and Anderson Creek. – 1 map	[ca. 1916?]	26
1996.036.101	Exhibit “B” – File contains a letter describing proposed water works for irrigation. – 1 textual record	[ca. 1916?]	27
1996.036.102	Massey-Harris No. 26 Combine manual – File contains a manual for combine machinery. – 0.25 cm of textual records	[ca. 1900s]	28
1996.036.103	Owners Product Manual Ford Tractor with Ferguson System – File contains a manual for a Ford tractor. – 0.25 cm of textual records	[1945?]	29
1996.036.104	Tax Sales, Kamloops Assessment District – File contains a listing of property Tax Sales in the	1938	30

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1996.036.105	Sketch Map of Copper Belt near Kamloops – File contains a map showing copper mining claims near Kamloops. – 1 map	1905	31
1996.036.106	Correspondence – File contains correspondence re: water records. – 3 textual records	1878-1892	32