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Acadia Hotel fonds

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Access: Open.

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Textual

1958-1963

0.08 meters

Title: Acadia Hotel fonds

Dates of Creation: 1958-1963

Physical Description: 8 cm of textual records

Administrative History:

The Acadia Hotel was a hotel located at 267-4th Avenue in Kamloops, B.C., and was part of the Acadia Block along with a variety of other businesses over the years. Construction of the Acadia Block began in 1912 by the Western Trust Company, guaranteed by trustees Dr. R.W. Irving and A.J. Passage, and was originally referred to as the Kamloops Syndicate Building. It was built by Johnstone and Company after designs by Kaufman and Phillips. After the building was finished the portion built to hotel specifications was purchased by Aubrey Edgar Sjoquist, who ran the hotel as the **Acadia Chambers** until 1953. At this time the hotel was referred to simply as the **Acadia Building**, but rental of rooms continued to occur. In 1952 the Acadia Building was bought by Dr. H. Grafton and Dr. S.A. Wallace. 1956 saw the hotel gain a new proprietor, A.B. Kropinski, who renamed the operation the **Acadia Hotel**. It seems that he also rented out lodging for longer tenancies, referring to these rooms as the **Acadia Lodge** and **Acadia Apartments**. In 1972 Kenneth W. Lepin bought the Acadia Building and continued to rent rooms under the **Acadia Lodge** and **Acadia Apartments** monikers. A year later Lepin would bring in Mrs. Ann La Casse to manage the **Acadia Apartments**. The property later suffered an extensive fire, but the original brick façade of the building remains today, with the interior being comprised of apartments on the upper floors and a variety of businesses at street level.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of hotel registers from the Acadia Hotel from 1958-1963 and a small amount of loose papers related to the operations of the hotel.

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Custodial History:

Accession 1994.047 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on March 6, 1995 by Ken Lepin, the then-owner of the Acadia Block.

Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of fonds.

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist. Loose papers were removed from Hotel Registers; item numbers refer to original ledger locations.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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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 |
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| 1994.047.001 | Hotel Register – File contains a bound Hotel Register for the Acadia Hotel. – 2.5 cm of textual records | 1961-1963 | Ledgers |
| 1994.047.002 | Hotel Register – File contains a bound Hotel Register for the Acadia Hotel. – 1.5 cm of textual records | 1963 | Ledgers |
| 1994.047.003 | Hotel Register – File contains a bound Hotel Register for the Acadia Hotel. – 2.5 cm of textual records | 1959-1961 | Ledgers |
| 1994.047.004 | Hotel Register – File contains a bound Hotel Register for the Acadia Hotel. – 1.5 cm of textual records | 1958-1959 | Ledgers |
| 1994.047.001a- 1994.047.004a | Loose papers – File contains loose papers removed from Hotel Registers. Records include correspondence with the City of Kamloops and the Knights of Pythias Maple Lodge No. 15, B.C. Coach Lines Time Tables No. 1 and No. 32, an information sheet for guests, a blank receipt, an invoice from Whiteway Laundry Limited, letterhead, a list of room prices, and a loose page of the 1959 Hotel Register. – 12 textual records | 1959-1963 | 1 |