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**Beattie Family collection**

**0.1305,**

**0.2727, 1965.147, 1965.148, 1966.028, 1966.232, 1969.074.001, 1969.133,  
1983.050, 1991.005, 2017.035.004**

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[ca. 1887-1966]

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**Title:** Beattie Family collection

**Dates of Creation:** [ca. 1887-1966]

**Physical Description:** 10 cm of textual records, 10 cm of photographic material, and 1 painting

### Biographical Sketch:

**Martin Beattie** was born in County Cavan, Ireland on July 8, 1850, the son of Martin and Elizabeth Beattie. He worked as a land steward from the age of 19, and went on to own his own farm until 1880. In 1872 he would marry Mary Jane, with whom he would have 5 daughters (Elizabeth/Lillian, Florence, Emily, Harriette, and Mabel/Minnie) and one son (John). In 1881 the family moved to Dublin, where Martin worked as the manager for the Defence Association, and moved again in 1886 so that Martin could take up a position with the Cork Defence Union. 1892 would see Martin emigrate to Canada, landing first in Victoria and then to Lytton to work as the Provincial Constable and collector. In 1893 he would be transferred to Kamloops, where he would work as a tax collector, registrar, and mining recorder - his family soon following from Ireland. Martin would be appointed the Clerk of Peace for Yale in 1898, but would move into the insurance business (as well as accounting) in 1900. 1905 saw him appointed the City assessor, and he would soon become involved in the real estate market as well as continuing as an insurance agent in partnership with Gillman. Martin Beattie died on October 11, 1907 at age 57, in Kamloops, B.C.

**Mary Jane Beattie** was born on December 26, 1848 in Cavan, Ireland. She married Martin Beattie in 1872, with whom she would have 5 daughters (Elizabeth/Lillian, Florence, Emily, Harriette, and Mabel/Minnie) and one son (John). In 1893 she would move with her children to join Martin in Kamloops, B.C. She died on April 12, 1914 at age 65, in Kamloops, B.C.

**Lillian Beattie (Elizabeth Charlotte Victoria)** was born on September 4, 1873 in County Cavan, Ireland, the eldest daughter of Martin and Mary Jane Beattie. While in Ireland she studied teaching at the Royal University of Ireland, but did not gain a degree before the family emigrated to Canada. In 1873 the family arrived in Kamloops, B.C., and Lillian announced her intentions to open the Kamloops Select School in their family home at 100 Lansdowne Street. The school saw quick success and expanded in 1896 to taking boarding students, changing names to become the Kamloops Day and Boarding School. In 1906 the school had become so large that they moved out of the Beattie's home to 250 St. Paul Street, known as the Zetland House, and expanded to all new facilities in 1912 at 354 Columbia Street. In 1933 Lillian would retire, and her school would close,

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but she remained active in the Kamloops community, especially in the Methodist Church. Lillian Beattie died on May 11, 1966 at age 92, in Kamloops, B.C.

**Emily Beattie** was born on January 27, 1877 in Ireland, the daughter of Martin and Mary Jane Beattie. The family arrived in Kamloops in 1893, where Emily would begin teaching alongside her sister Lillian at the Kamloops Select School. She would take (and pass) the Provincial Teacher's Examination in 1894 and began teaching at the school in Campbell Creek and then Kamloops, but she took the test twice more before gaining the top grade and gaining full certification. In 1897 she was made First Assistant at the Kamloops Public School under E. Stuart Wood, but in 1901 she moved on to teach at the North Thompson School (present day Rayleigh) and then Vancouver in 1904. By 1906 she had returned to Kamloops to teach at the newly opened Kamloops High School, where she saw so much success that she was appointed interim principal while R. Wheadon fought in World War I, making her the first female principal in Kamloops. After Wheadon returned from the war the school saw a drop in grades, and Emily Beattie was quickly hired as his replacement. Unfortunately, this was not to last, as feuds with uncooperative janitorial staff forced Beattie to resign. She then moved to Victoria to continue her teaching career, and wrote many poems that were published in the Sentinal newspaper. Emily Beattie died on September 24, 1966 at age 89, in Victoria, B.C.

**Harriette Beattie** was born on January 28, 1877 in County Caven, Ireland, the daughter of Martin and Mary Jane Beattie. In 1893 the family would arrive in Kamloops, B.C., where Harriette would begin teaching at the school established by her sister Lillian. Harriette Beattie died on January 17, 1949 at at 71, in Kamloops, B.C.

**Florence Shaw (nee Beattie)** was born on March 25, 1878 in Ireland, the daughter of Martin and Mary Jane Beattie. In 1893 the family moved to Kamloops, B.C. Florence would pass her teacher's examination in 1895 and begin teaching at the Kamloops Select School alongside her sister Lillian before moving to teach at the Shuswap School in 1897. There, she would meet and marry fellow teacher James Pearson Shaw in 1909. Florence Shaw died on March 2, 1946 at age 67.

**Mabel V. Beattie** was born on December 6, 1882 in Ireland, the youngest daughter of Martin and Mary Jane Beattie. In 1893 the family would move to Kamloops, B.C. Mabel would begin studying at the Normal School in Victoria, B.C. in 1900 to gain her teacher's certification. After a short period teaching at her sister's school in Kamloops she was hired in 1907 at the A.L. Fortune School in Enderby, B.C. to be a member of the school's first staff. She was promoted to principal of the school in 1913, a position which she would retain until her retirement in 1945. In 1954 the new school opened in Enderby was named in her honour. Mabel V. Beattie died on September 13, 1971 at age 88.

**John Beattie** was born in Ireland, the son of Martin and Mary Jane Beattie. Martin Beattie would emigrate to Canada in 1891, with the family eventually settling in Kamloops in 1893. John took up finance, being first appointed the manager of the Greenwood branch of the Bank of Commerce, later an accountant for the Kamloops branch, and in 1914 the manager of the Fort Francis branch. He retired to Victoria, B.C.

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### **Scope and Content:**

Collection consists of various materials related to the Beattie family of Kamloops, B.C., including school materials, artwork, postcards, photograph albums, photographs, an autograph book, clippings, materials from the Methodist Church, and cookbooks.

### **Custodial History:**

Collection was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by various individuals over time. See individual items and accession records for more information. Records had originally been placed in the Vertical Files and Individual Items collection and Photograph collection upon donation, and were brought together by the archivist during processing in 2018. Additional materials from accessions 1983.050 and 1991.005 were accrued to this collection in November 2019, and from accession 1969.074 and 1969.133 in August 2020.

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### Notes:

**Source of supplied title:** Title based on contents of collection.

**Arrangement:** Collection has been arranged chronologically by accession date by archivist during processing. Items had originally been placed in the Vertical Files and Individual Items collection and Photograph collection upon donation, and had no original order.

**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:** Further accruals are possible.

**Related materials:** See Photograph collection for additional materials donated with accessions 1965.147 and 1991.005. See Artifact collection for additional materials donated with accessions 1966.232 and 1969.133.

**Treatment note:** Nitrate negatives filed in 1991.005.005 (File 3) were removed from the collection and stored with other nitrate negatives from the KMA collection.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Location
0.1305	Minnie Beattie's Exercise Book – Item is a school exercise book used by Mabel Beattie while in attendance at the Summerhill School. Shows grammar, arithmetic, maps, and essays. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1891	1/1
0.2727	Some Government Officials clipping – Item is a newspaper clipping showing a portrait of A.P. Morris, A.G. Pemberton, G.C. Tunstall, and M. Beattie. – 1 textual record – Donated in 1962 by Mabel Beattie (per Kay Dunsmore).	December 27, 1899	1/2
1965.147	Miscellaneous Subjects – File contains 2 photograph postcards (Kamloops, B.C. After the Shower July 21, 1912 and Tranquille Tuberculosis Society float in parade July 1, 1937) and one newspaper clipping obituary of Lieut. Col. J.F.R. Akehurst. – 2 b&w photographs and 1 textual record – Donated on October 13, 1965 by Lillian Beattie.	1912-1937	1/3
1965.148	Kamloops Select School Entertainment program, December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 1896 – Item is a program for an entertainment performance hosted by the Kamloops Select School at Raven's Hall. – 1 textual record – Donated on October 13, 1965 by Lillian Beattie.	December 18, 1896	1/4
1966.028.001	Letters of Reference for Emily Beattie – File contains three letters of reference for Emily Beattie written by J.R. Michell, E. Stuart Wood, J.S. Gordon. – 3 textual records – Donated on February 21, 1966 by J.J. Morse.	1901-1904	1/5
1966.232.001	Minnie Beattie's Exercise Book – Item is an exercise book used by Mabel Beattie while in attendance at the Summerhill School. Shows grammar, arithmetic, maps, and essays. – 1 cm of textual records – Donated on December 13, 1966 by Mabel Beattie.	1891	1/6
1969.074.001	Harriette Beattie's Exercise Book Class VI – File contains a school exercise book used by Harriette Beattie during her studies at Summerhill School in Cork, Ireland. – 0.5 cm of textual records –	1891	1/7

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	Donated on July 10, 1969 by Harold Gallagher after being found in an old bureau.		
1969.133.001	First Red Bridge by Lily Beattie – File contains a framed watercolour painting by Lillian Beattie of the first Red Bridge in Kamloops across the Thompson River. – 1 watercolour painting [framed and matted] – Donated on December 6, 1969 by Mabel Beattie. – Formerly identified as photograph KMA 5833.	[ca. 1887-1966]	Oversize
1983.050	Cookbooks – File contains two cookbooks: <i>The Home Cook Book</i> (formerly belonging to Minnie Beattie) and <i>The Modern Priscilla Standard Cook Book</i> (formerly belonging to Mrs. Thomas Kearney). – 5 cm of textual records – Donated on September 2, 1983 by Mrs. Margaret Lidstone, per Kay Dunsmore.	1900-1929	1
1991.005.001	Minnie Beattie's Autograph Book – Item is an autograph book given to Mabel Beattie by her father Martin Beattie. – 1.5 cm of textual records – Donated on February 7, 1991 by Glenn Gallagher, after demolition of the Beattie home on Columbia Street by donor's father in 1964.	1904-1905	1/8
1991.005.002-004	Methodist Church Materials – File contains a dedicatory hymn composed by Emily Beattie, a program from the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in British Columbia, and a program from the Banquet and Celebration in honor of Rev. Charles and Mrs. Ladner. – 3 textual records – Donated on February 7, 1991 by Glenn Gallagher, after demolition of the Beattie home on Columbia Street by donor's father in 1964.	1912-1914	1/9
1991.005.005	Family Photographs – Files contain photographs from the Beattie Family. Subjects are largely unidentified and include the Beattie family, class portraits, portraits of students, Ny Wing Him, Katie Newland, wedding photographs, the Methodist Chinese Mission School, Kamloops Public School, Margaret Aileu Mabel Shaw, and St. Andrew's Church. Photographs were taken by Mary Spencer, John Scales, and Wadds Bros, and some may have been printed by A.C. Taylor. – 55 b&w photographs and 21 b&w nitrate negatives –	[ca. 1890s-1910]	2/1-5, Nitrate Negatives

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	Donated on February 7, 1991 by Glenn Gallagher, after demolition of the Beattie home on Columbia Street by donor's father in 1964.		
2017.035.004	Painting of Flowers by Lillian Beattie – Item is a watercolour painting of flowers. – 1 watercolour painting – Donated on July 23, 2014 by Cody Kennedy (per Gee Taillefer).	[1903?]	1/10