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Beresford Women's Institute fonds

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Textual. Graphic. Object

[186-?], 1923-2003
0.35 metres

Title: Beresford Women's Institute fonds

Dates of creation: [186-?], 1923-2003

Physical description: 35 cm of textual records, ca. 190 b&w and colour photographs, and 1 decorative tile

Administrative history:

Beresford Women's Institute was established in 1930 as a rural women's educational organization representing Beresford, an agricultural region approximately 12 km southeast of Kamloops. The purpose of the group is to improve the conditions of women, provide members with information on local concerns, and to support organizations such as hospitals, libraries, food banks, and arts and heritage groups through fundraising and community service. As of 2001 it was one of eight branches forming the Kamloops District of the British Columbia Women's Institute. The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) governs and coordinates the activities of each of the provincial Women's Institutes, with branches of the organization located throughout Canada. The FWIC is a member of the Associated Country Women of the World, an international organizing body for women's institutes worldwide. The first women's institute in Canada was established by Adelaide Hoodless in 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ontario. The first directors of the Beresford Women's Institute were Sarah Bradley (President), Lilly Hutchinson (Vice-President), Florence Barker (Secretary), Eva Cauers, and Dorthy Haughton. The group celebrated its 70th anniversary in December of 2000 at the North Shore Community Conference Centre in Kamloops.

Custodial history:

The records that comprise accession 2007.002 were maintained by Doreen Haughton, Secretary-Treasurer of the Beresford Women's Institute prior to their transfer to Lynda Desrocher, a past president of the Overlander Women's Institute and director on the board of the Kamloops District Women's Institute. Desrocher donated the records to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on September 13, 2007.

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Accession 2007.003 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on April 4, 2005 by Molly Ellison, on behalf of the Beresford Women's Institute. These materials were accrued to the collection during processing in 2013.

Accession 1983.076 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on December 1, 1983 by Mrs. C. Bryson, on behalf of the Beresford Women's Institute. It was accrued to the collection of the Beresford Women's Institute in 2018.

It is unknown when accession 0.2929 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives. It was accrued to the collection of the Beresford Women's Institute in 2018.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of records that document the Beresford Women's Institute and its activities between 1930 and 2003 as a rural women's educational organization. Records in this fonds include 5 minute books (1964-1979), membership books (1973-2002), annual reports (1978-1983), guest books, 2 scrapbooks, 2 photograph albums, certificates, pamphlets, and a recipe book from approximately the 1860s that likely belonged to Valerie Flin, a member of the Beresford Women's Institute. Also included are copies of minute books, membership lists, and scrapbooks from the Overlander and Vinsulla Women's Institutes. Also included are a handmade Christmas program from 1923 and and history of the Kamloops Exhibition Association Cup, which was awarded to T.J. O'Neil ca. 1938.

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Notes:

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

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist.

Access restrictions: All files are open. 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 fonds.

Associated material: The BC Archives holds an accession of the Beresford Women's Institute fonds (PR-2219/914741), comprised of minute books (1933-1964) and cash books (1930-33, 1943-46).

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Related material: See Artifact Collection for a trophy cup donated with accession 1983.076.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2007.002/001 (01)-(05)	Beresford Women's Institute minute books	1964-1979	1/1-5
2007.002/001 (06)	Beresford Women's Institute membership book	1973-2002	1/6
2007.002/001 (07)	Beresford Women's Institute annual reports	1978-1983	1/7
2007.002/001 (08)	Beresford Women's Institute – incorporation certificate	1931	1/8
2007.002/001 (09)	Beresford Women's Institute. Hints – pamphlet	1940	1/9
2007.002/001 (10)	Beresford Women's Institute – guest books for events	1972-2003	1/10
2007.002/001 (11)	Beresford Women's Institute – BC Archives donation	1996	1/11
2007.002/001 (12)-(13)	Beresford Women's Institute scrapbook	1978-2000	1/12-13
2007.002/001 (14)	Anne Shields Giardini, "Rural women united," <i>This Country Canada</i> 6(Summer 1994), 48-55	1994	1/14
2007.002/001 (15)	Handbook of the BC Women's Institute	1963	1/15
2007.002/001 (16)	Emblem of the BC Women's Institute	[198-?]	1/16
2007.002/001 (17)	Anniversary certificates from the BC Women's Institute	1980-2000	1/17
2007.002/001 (18)	BC Provincial Women's Institute Triennial Convention, UBC, 1987: Program	1987	1/18
2007.002/001 (19)	BC Provincial Women's Institute Triennial Convention, UBC, 1990: Reports 1987-1990	1990	1/19
2007.002/001 (20)	"Recipes copied from my dear mother's book – 1848": Valerie Flin's recipe book	[186-?]	1/20

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2007.002/002 (01)	Overlander Women's Institute minute books. Copies	1969-1971	2/1
2007.002/002 (02)	Overlander Women's Institute scrapbooks. Copies	1970-1979	2/2
2007.002/002 (03)	Vinsulla Women's Institute minute book, cash book, and membership book. Copies	1954-1986	2/3
2007.002/002 (04)	Vinsulla Women's Institute scrapbook. Copies	1954-1973	2/4
2007.002/002 (05)	"Registrations at Kamloops district conference, Sept. 25, 1965." Copies	1965	2/5
2007.002/002 (06)	"The Cairn": Westwold Women's Institute. Copies	1997	2/6
1983.076.002	Kamloops Exhibition Association Cup history; A history of the Kamloops Exhibition Association cup, written by Mrs. A.J. Lindbergh	September 1983	2/7
0.2929	Beresford Christmas Closing program; A hand-made Christmas program by Pauline Farina.	1923	2/8
2007.002/003 (01)	BC Women's Institute honorary life membership certificate – Mrs. M. Robinson	1953	3
2007.002/003 (02)	BC Women's Institute 75 th anniversary tile	1984	3
2007.003/003 (01)	Beresford Women's Institute scrapbook: clippings, pamphlets, ephemera	1957-1994	3
2007.003/003 (02)	Beresford Women's Institute photograph album 1930-1990: housed in handmade lace and cloth binder cover, includes clippings, ephemera, and 20 b&w and 100 col. photographs	1930-1990	3
2007.003/003 (03)	Beresford Women's Institute photograph album 1990-2000: ca. 70 col. photographs	1990-2000	3