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Textual. Graphic

1899-1963  
0.80 metres

**Title:** Robert Henry Carson fonds

**Dates of creation:** 1899 – 1963

**Physical description:** 0.80 m of textual records and graphic material

#### **Biographical sketch:**

**Robert Henry Carson** was born on 7 November 1885 at Pavilion, B.C., the son of rancher Robert Carson and Eliza Jane Magee. He was educated in New Westminster and by 1910 had started his professional life in Vancouver working in real estate. He married Constance Mildred Robson, daughter of F.H. Robson, in 1912, and the couple settled in Kamloops. In the 1928 Carson unsuccessfully ran as the Kamloops Liberal party candidate for the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. He ran a second time as the Kamloops representative in the November 1933 election and won a seat. His political career as MLA for Kamloops spanned the following 16 years and saw Carson appointed Deputy Speaker of the House in 1937 and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in 1948. Carson was instrumental in founding the Kamloops Real Estate Board and served as the president of the Richmond Point Grey Board of Trade. He died in Kamloops on 8 March 1971.

#### **Scope and content:**

This fonds consists of 15 scrapbooks created by Robert Henry Carson, MLA for Kamloops from 1933 to 1949. The scrapbooks begin in 1935 and document each session of the provincial assembly until he left office in 1949. The scrapbooks are largely comprised of newspaper clippings relating to political topics, though there are also invitations, a small number of government publications and documents, and a single photograph. Many of the scrapbooks include an alphabetical index written by Carson on the first few pages. The fonds also includes Carson's school diplomas and Masonic Order certificate; 4 group photographs of the B.C. Legislative Assembly; and, 1 scrapbook that likely belonged to his wife, Constance Carson, which contains clippings from 1947 to 1963.

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### Notes:

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

**Physical description:** Graphic material includes 5 b&w photographs (1 in scrapbook 1948).

**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 fonds. See appendix.

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

### Access points:

British Columbia, Legislative Assembly

Carson, Constance Mildred (née Robson)

Carson, R. H., 1885-1971

Kamloops, British Columbia

Liberal Party of British Columbia

Politics and government – provincial

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### Appendix Robert Henry Carson fonds file list

#### Box 1

File 1 Scrapbook 1935-1936

File 2 Scrapbook 1936

File 3 Scrapbook 1937

#### Box 2

File 1 Scrapbook 1937-1938

File 2 Scrapbook 1938

File 3 Publications and documents 1930-1938 (*Standing orders of the legislative assembly, 1930*)

#### Box 3

File 1 Scrapbook 1939

File 2 Scrapbook 1940 v.1

#### Box 4

File 1 Scrapbook 1910 v.2

File 2 Scrapbook 1941-1942

File 3 Scrapbook 1943

File 4 Scrapbook 1943 (loose clippings)

#### Box 5

File 1 Scrapbook 1944

File 2 Scrapbook 1945

File 3 Scrapbook 1946

#### Box 6

File 1 Scrapbook 1948 (includes 1 b&w photograph)

File 2 Scrapbook 1948 (loose clippings)

File 3 Scrapbook 1949

File 4 Constance Carson's scrapbook 1947-1963

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**Oversize material**

File 1 School diplomas, Masonic Order certificate, Group photographs of B.C. Legislative Assembly. File housed in map cabinet drawer 1.