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Dagleish Family fonds

**1968.044, 1968.057, 1970.006, 1970.034, 1972.045, 1973.075,
1980.019, 2019.039, 0.2961**

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Dates of Creation: 1906-1970

Physical Description: 2 cm of textual records, 2 architectural drawings, 1 map, and 1 b&w photograph

Biographical Sketch:

N.S. Dagleish and Sons (later N.S. Dagleish Ltd.) was a hardware store which was opened by Neil Sinclair Dagleish in 1906 in Kamloops, B.C., being formerly owned by Leemings Hardware. In April 1912 the company constructed and opened a new warehouse at Victoria Street and Second Avenue. In January 1913 Andrew Dagleish (the brother of Neil Sinclair Dagleish) opened a Kelowna branch of the operation in partnership with Percy Harding, calling the expansion branch Dagleish and Harding Hardware. 1926 saw the company expand to start the first radio station in Kamloops in partnership with Weller and Weller, broadcasting a concert for the first time on October 16, 1926. In March 1931 the store added a self service grocery, and continued to expand their sales offerings to become a true department store by the time of their golden anniversary in June 1956. After Neil Sinclair Dagleish's death in 1934 his sons Ross and Clair (Donald Sinclair) took over the business, and many members of the family worked in various capacities of the business. The store closed in 1970, with the property being sold to the Royal Bank for development into a highrise bank building on February 5, 1970.

Neil Sinclair Dagleish was born on July 8, 1860 in Michigan, USA, the son of Andrew Dagleish (sr). When he was young the family moved to Bruce County, Ontario, but he would move again with his father and brother Andrew (jr) to Moosomin, Saskatchewan, following the expansion of the railroad, and would spend a brief period in Lebanon, Oregon. In 1894 he married Sarah Annie Agnes Ross, with whom he would have two sons (Ross Ian and Donald Sinclair [Clair]) and one daughter (Jean). 1906 saw the family move to Kamloops where Dagleish would buy out Leemings Hardware to start his own hardware business: N.S. Dagleish and Sons. In 1917 Dagleish was elected president of the "old" Liberals, and in 1921 as the president of Kamloops Canneries. Dagleish would also be active in the Royal Inland Hospital (acting as its director for a number of years), the Oddfellows, and in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Neil Sinclair Dagleish died on September 2, 1924 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 64.

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Ross Ian Dalgleish was born on March 11, 1896 in Lebanon, Oregon, the son of Neil Sinclair Dalgleish and Sarah Annie Agnes Ross. Dalgleish was educated in Kamloops, and went on to study at the University of British Columbia and Stanford University before joining his father in business at N.S. Dalgleish and Sons in 1919. In 1934 he became the head of the company in partnership with his brother Donald Sinclair after the death of their father. Under their care, the company would expand to become a full department store, and Dalgleish would remain active there until the store and property was sold in 1970. Dalgleish was active in a variety of community and business organizations such as the Rotary Club (acting as president in 1936), the Board of Trade (acting as president in 1939), the Town Planning Commission (acting as head in 1946), the Credit Granter's Association (acting as head in 1953), the local advisory board of the Canada Permanent Trust Company, and the Historical Committee of the Kamloops Museum Association. In 1957 he received a lifetime membership in the Retail Merchant's Association for his business activities in Kamloops and the region. Dalgleish was married to Grace Lydia Robertson, with whom he had one daughter (Virginia), and two sons (Ian R. and Neil). Ross Ian Dalgleish died on May 5, 1989 in Vancouver, B.C. at the age of 93.

Donald Sinclair Dalgleish was born in 1898, the son of Neil Sinclair Dalgleish and Sarah Annie Agnes Ross. He came to Kamloops with the family in 1906, where he gained his early education before enrolling in the University of Oregon. Dalgleish served during World War I, and would go on to direct the Rocky Mountain Rangers during World War II. After the First World War, Dalgleish would return to Kamloops and work in his father's business, N.S. Dalgleish and Sons, which he would take over as co-owner (with his brother Ross Ian Dalgleish) in 1934 after his father's death. Dalgleish would be instrumental in expanding the company to include the operation of Kamloops' first radio station, CFJC, which first aired on October 16, 1926. He would act as Kamloops' first radio announcer. Dalgleish was also active in various sports in Kamloops including golf, baseball, curling, fishing, hunting, hockey, and tennis, as well as local social and cultural clubs such as the Masons, the Kamloops Shriner Club, Elks Club (acting as president in 1930 and 1941), and the Kamloops Legion Symphony Orchestra (where he would become the organization's first president). In January 1946 Dalgleish married Helen Emily Milton, with whom he had two daughters (Dorothy and Louise). After the success of the N.S. Dalgleish and Sons, he would also act as director for Garrish Furniture Ltd. and Gordon's Furniture Ltd. in Kamloops. Donald Sinclair Dalgleish died in 1958 in Victoria, B.C. at the age of 61.

Helen Emily Dalgleish (nee Milton) was born in Kamloops, B.C. She was married to Donald Sinclair Dalgleish, with whom she had two daughters (Dorothy and Louise). During World War II she served as a nursing sister with the RCAMC in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Europe, and she was a member of the Miriam Temple No. 2 in Victoria, B.C. Helen Emily Dalgleish died on July 24, 1984 in Vancouver, B.C.

Jean Collings (nee Dalgleish) was born on February 14, 1912 in Kamloops, B.C., the daughter of Neil Sinclair Dalgleish and Sarah Annie Agnes Ross. In 1938 she married Robert C. Collings, with whom he had one son (Neil), and moved to Vancouver, B.C. Jean Collings died on October 3, 1998 at Burnaby, B.C.

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Ian Robertson Dalgleish was born on June 5, 1929 in Kamloops, B.C., the son of Ross Ian Dalgleish and Grace Lydia Robertson. Dalgleish studied agriculture at the University of British Columbia, before returning to Kamloops in 1950 and working for the family company, N.S. Dalgleish and Sons. After the store closed in 1970 Dalgleish took up his dream of ranching and bought property at Pinantan Lake. He was married to Audrey Dalgleish, with whom he had one son (Ken), and four daughters (Pamela, Vicki, Kathy, and Heather). Dalgleish was active in local livestock associations, St. Andrew's Caledonian Society, and the Golden Serenaders Band, and he enjoyed fishing and curling as pastimes. Ian Robertson Dalgleish died on May 28, 2011 in Kamloops, B.C.

Andrew Dalgleish (jr) was born on July 12, 1864 in Burgoyne, Ontario, the son of Andrew Dalgleish (sr) and Ann Sinclair. On January 27, 1891 he married Rachel Ann Dick in Burgoyne, Ontario, with whom he would have four sons (A. Sinclair, Harry R., David George, and Ian Bruce). He moved to Moosomin, Saskatchewan with his father and brother, following the developing railway, and pre-empted land there, before moving to Kamloops around 1912. Once in Kamloops he worked for the Provincial Public Works developing roads, rising to the position of Road Superintendent in 1918. In 1930 he joined his brother's company, N.S. Dalgleish and Sons, to act as the manager of the company's real estate department. Andrew Dalgleish died on November 4, 1930 in Kamloops, B.C., at the age of 66.

Rachel Ann Dalgleish (nee Dick) was born on February 7, 1866 in Port Elgin, Ontario. On January 27, 1891 she married Andrew Dalgleish in Burgoyne, Ontario, with whom she would have four sons (A. Sinclair, Harry R., David George, and Ian Bruce) and two daughters (Blanche and Clara). The family would move to Moosomin, Saskatchewan following the railway, and settle there for a time to pre-empt land before moving to Kamloops, B.C. Dalgleish was active in the Presbyterian Church (and later United Church) in Kamloops, and was made an honorary president of the Women's Missionary Society. Rachel Ann Dalgleish died on August 29, 1961 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 95.

Clara A. Dalgleish was born on November 25, 1896 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, the daughter of Andrew Dalgleish (jr) and Rachel Ann Dick. She came with her family to Kamloops in 1912, and gained employment at City Hall. She retired in 1956 after 37 years of service in City administration. Clara A. Dalgleish died on June 26, 1981 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 84.

Henry Russell (Harry) Dalgleish was born on December 27, 1893 at Moosomin, Saskatchewan, the son of Andrew Dalgleish (jr) and Rachel Ann Dick. He came with his family to Kamloops in 1912, and began working for his uncle's store, N.S. Dalgleish and Sons, the following year. In July 1927 he married Mary Isabella Grindrod, with whom he had two sons (Robert H. and Andrew E.). Dalgleish was also active in the sporting community in Kamloops, particularly hockey, curling, and tennis. Henry Russell Dalgleish died on September 13, 1958 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 64.

Ian Bruce Dalgleish was born on June 8, 1906 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, the son of Andrew Dalgleish (jr) and Rachel Ann Dick. In 1912 he came to Kamloops, B.C. with his family. Dalgleish married Bertha Jane Jones in June 1938, with whom he would have two sons (Sinclair and W.A/Sandy). Dalgleish was trained as a carpenter and went into business in 1952 with Wilson as

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Wilson and Dalgleish Contractors. He acted as the company's proprietor until his retirement in 1970, and was a charter member of the Carpenter's Union. Ian Bruce Dalgleish died on July 23, 1975 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 69.

Andrew Sinclair Dalgleish was born on June 18, 1898 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, the son of Andrew Dalgleish (jr) and Rachel Ann Dick. In 1912 the family moved to Kamloops, B.C., where Dalgleish would gain employment with the Kamloops Tire Hospital. In June 1935 he married Ruth Elizabeth Patterson. Andrew Sinclair Dalgleish died on July 30, 1952 in Sorrento, B.C., at the age of 54.

David George Dalgleish was born on June 22, 1903 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, the son of Andrew Dalgleish (jr) and Rachel Ann Dick. He came with the family to Kamloops, B.C. in 1912. In April 1939 he married Norma Elizabeth Thomas, with whom he would have two daughters (Jean and Rae). Dalgleish would be appointed a Provincial Government Agent in 1944, a position he would retain until his retirement in 1963. He was also active with the Royal Inland Hospital, acting as its director for 20 years, and was a member of the Rocky Mountain Rangers Band. David George Dalgleish died on July 8, 1975 at Kamloops, B.C., at the age of 72.

Norma Elizabeth Dalgleish (nee Thomas) was born on February 9, 1914, the daughter of Gomer and Elizabeth Thomas. She moved with her family to Kamloops in 1931, where she met David George Dalgleish. She married David George Dalgleish in 1939, and the couple had two daughters (Elizabeth Ann and Rose). Dalgleish was a member of the Royal Inland Hospital Auxiliary (acting as president and as treasurer), as well as being involved in hospital auxiliaries at the regional, provincial, and national levels. She was also a member of the Kamloops United Church, and helped organize the Yale-Cariboo Music Festival. After her husband's death in 1975 she moved to Richmond, B.C., where she would die on March 9, 1991 at the age of 77.

Andrew Dalgleish (sr) was born in 1831 in Scotland. He was married to Ann Sinclair, with whom he had six sons (Neil Sinclair, Andrew, Daniel, Alex, and James) and two daughters (Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Mclean). The family resided in Michigan and Ontario before coming to Moosomin, Saskatchewan in 1912 after the expansion of the railways. Andrew Dalgleish (sr) died on September 6, 1928 in Langley, B.C., at the age of 96 or 97.

Alex M. Dalgleish was the son of Andrew Dalgleish (sr) and Ann Sinclair. In 1913 he married Jean McLean and moved to Kelowna to open a branch of the family's hardware store, naming the new store Dalgleish and Harding Hardware after his partnership with Percy Harding.

Neil Dalgleish was the son of Ross Ian Dalgleish and Grace Lydia Robertson. He worked at the family business, N.S. Dalgleish and Sons, from 1955 to the store's closure and sale in 1970.

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Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records collected and accumulated by the Dalgleish Family (primarily Ross Ian Dalgleish), of Kamloops, B.C. Records include radio pamphlets, records of J.A. Mara's home, land conveyances, a speech, social event pamphlets, a biography of Reverend Charles A. Ladner, a photograph of Rachel Ann Dalgleish, and publications and ephemera related to wares sold by the family's business: N.S. Dalgleish and Sons.

Custodial History:

Prior to the reprocessing of this collection in 2019, all records herein were formerly placed in the Vertical Files Collection. The following accessions were donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Ross Ian Dalgleish: 1968.044 (April 27, 1968), 1968.057 (June 4, 1968), 1970.006 (January 26, 1970), 1970.034 (April 13, 1970), 1972.045 (June 22, 1972), 1973.075 (August 17, 1975), and 0.2961 (May 1975). Accession 1980.091 was donated on March 22, 1980 by Clara Dalgleish. Accession 2019.039 was accessioned in 2019 after being found in the collection with no donor information.

Materials from the following accessions were removed and placed in the Kamloops Directories collection: 1968.044.001 and 1970.034.003.

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Notes:

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

Arrangement: Fonds has been arranged into three series, based on original donor or relating generally to the N.S. Dagleish and Sons store, as appropriate: Series 1: Ross Ian Dagleish collection, Series 2: Clara A. Dagleish collection, and Series 3: N.S. Dagleish and Sons. Within each series records have been arranged based on chronological accession date, and maintain their original order within accessions.

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Finding aids: File list is available for this collection, and item descriptions are available for photographs.

Accruals: Further accruals are possible.

Related materials: See Artifact Collection for additional materials donated with accessions 1970.034 and 1980.091, and Photograph Collection for photographs donated with accession 1968.057.

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Series 1: Ross Ian Dagleish collection

1906-1970 — 1 cm of textual records, 2 architectural drawings, and 1 map

Scope and Content: Series contains materials collected and donated by Ross Ian Dagleish. Records include radio pamphlets, information on the J.A. Mara home, land conveyances, a speech, programs for social events, a biography of Reverend Charles Ladner, and materials related to goods sold at the N.S. Dagleish and Sons store.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1968.044.002-003	Radio Pamphlets – File contains two instructional manual issued by the Radio Branch or Department, Ottawa, regarding the issuance of private radio licenses. One pamphlet is in French and English. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1934-1945	1
1968.057.001	J.A. Mara home – File contains a description of the [J.A.] Mara Mansion written by Ross I. Dagleish, and two drawings of the house depicting the ground floor, and the 2 nd and 3 rd floors. – 1 textual record and 2 architectural drawings	[ca. 1968]	2
1970.006.001	Cartridge Loader – File contains a tag describing a cartridge loader sold by N.S. Dagleish Limited. – 1 textual record	[ca. 1950s]	3
1970.006.002	Land Conveyances – File contains three land conveyances for property in Kamloops sold by C.H. Ward to N.S. Dagleish (1906), M.H. Strutt to A. Dagleish (1909), and J.J. Carment to N.S. Dagleish (1911). Also includes a map by R.H. Lee showing Part of Lot 8, Block 4, located on Main Street. – 0.25 cm of textual records and 1 map	1906-1911	4
1970.006.003	The Sunset, December 1923 – File contains a copy of the hardware magazine <i>The Sunset</i> , which describes the early history of hardware stores in British Columbia, including N.S. Dagleish and Sons. – 0.25 cm of textual records	December 1923	5

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1970.034.002	Ron White's Speech to Chamber of Commerce – File contains the text of a speech given by Ron White to the Chamber of Commerce in honour of N.S. Dalglish Ltd. and its longtime employees. – 2 textual records	1970	6
1970.034.006	List of Users of McClary Stoves and Ranges – File contains a list of owners in Kamloops and types of stove or range from McClary Stoves and Ranges. – 3 textual records	[ca. 1919]	7
1972.045	Burns Concert program – File contains a program for a Burns Concert mounted on cardboard, held at the Opera House on January 30, 1911 by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. – 1 textual record	1911	8
1973.075	Programmes – File contains 10 programs for social events including a Victory Loan Campaign Patriotic Parade and Rally, Scottish Games, Burns Nights, Scottish Concerts, and celebrations of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. – 10 textual records	1910-1941	9
0.2961	Rev. Charles Ladner – File contains a typescript and photocopy of handwritten biography of Reverend Charles Ladner, written by his granddaughter Julie C. Crawford, at the request of Ross I. Dalglish for the anniversary of the United Church. – 0.25 cm of textual records	[ca. 1952]	10

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Series 2: Clara A. Dalglish collection

[ca. 1900s] — 1 b&w photograph

Scope and Content: Series contains materials collected and donated by Clara A. Dalglish. Records include a photograph of a woman, believed to be Rachel Ann Dalglish.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1980.019.002	Rachel Ann Dalglish [?] – Item is a b&w photograph showing a woman in formal dress, believed to be Rachel Ann Dalglish. Photograph is mounted and framed in fabric and Battenbury lace. – 19.7 x 23 cm – Title based on contents.	[ca. 1900s]	Photo Collection

Series 3: N.S. Dalglish and Sons

1946-1947 — 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content: Series contains records generally relating to N.S. Dalglish and Sons store in Kamloops, B.C. Records include catalogues mailed to customers of N.S. Dalglish and Sons.

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2019.039	Dalglish Catalogues – File contains three catalogues related to hardware goods sold by N.S. Dalglish. – 1 cm of textual records	1946-1947	11