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**Murrill Arthur Peel fonds**

**1993.007, 1997.011**

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**Murrill Arthur Peel fonds**

Textual, , Graphic, Cartographic

1920s-1959

0.01 meters

**Title:** Murrill Arthur Peel fonds

**Dates of Creation:** 1920s-1959

**Physical Description:** 1 cm of textual records, 8 b&w photographs, and 1 map

### **Biographical Sketch:**

**Murrill Arthur Peel** was born on February 12, 1885 in Springhill, Nova Scotia, the son of Blakney Palisser Peel and Eva Lavenia Nelson. Peel travelled west, settling for a time in Calgary where he met and married Bessie McLeod. The couple had one adopted daughter. By 1908 the Peel family had come to British Columbia, settling in the Pritchard area near Pinantan Lake to establish a homestead. Peel would predominantly raise sheep and lambs, but also had short-lived enterprises attempting to raise mallard ducks and lynxes and a more successful trapline. He was a member of the local Farmers' Institute, the B.C. Livestock Producers Co-operative Association, and the B.C. Wool Growers' Association, and also served with the Strathcona Horse prior to World War I. Murrill Arthur Peel died on November 4, 1964 in Kamloops, B.C. at the age of 79.

### **Scope and Content:**

Fonds consists predominantly of records related to Murrill Arthur Peel's farming, ranching, and trapping enterprises. These records include financial and tax records, permits, correspondence, a fur farm census form, and a map of Peel's trap line. Fonds also includes invoices and records related to Peel's membership in the B.C. Livestock Producers' Co-operative Association and a small amount of family photographs.

### **Custodial History:**

Fonds was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives by Geoff Bodman in two accessions: accession 1993.007 on January 22, 1993 and accession 1997.011 on January 28, 1997. Records were formerly placed in the Vertical Files collection, and were brought together as a distinct fonds during processing in 2020.

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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.

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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
1993.007.001	Correspondence – File contains correspondence and permits relating to M.A. Peel’s farming, ranching, and trapping enterprises, as well as tax records, receipts, a census of fur farms form, and a sketch map of Peel’s trap line near Pritchard. – 1 cm of textual records and 1 map	1927-1934	1
1993.007.002	B.C. Livestock Producers Co-operative Association records – File contains invoices from the B.C. Livestock Producers Co-operative Association, a receiving statement regarding the sale of M.A. Peel’s sheep, and an application for a rockgas container and service. – 5 textual records	1959	2
1997.011	Family Photographs – File contains photographs from the Peel family. See Appendix 1 for details. – 8 b&w photographs	[ca. 1920s-1940s]	Photograph Collection

### Appendix 1: 1997.011: Family Photographs

1. Mrs. Bessie Peel (nee McLeod).
2. Murrill Peel.
3. Mrs. Bessie Peel with unidentified couple, ca. 1940s.
4. Adopted daughter.
5. Murrill Peel’s lynx breeding experiment, ca. 1930s.
6. View of Pinantan, farmer clearing land, ca. 1920s-1930s. McGregor family.
7. Chester McGregor, Everett, and Murrill Peel on horseback at Pinantan. 1930s.
8. Gus, Chester, and Everett on corral, 1930s.