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**Roland Arthur Chute fonds**

**2018.090, 2018.091**

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**Title:** Roland Arthur Chute fonds

**Dates of Creation:** [ca. 1906-2011]

**Physical Description:** 70 photographs, 17 b&w glass plate negatives, and 0.25 cm of textual records

### Biographical Sketch:

**Roland Arthur Chute** was born on September 5, 1877 in Kentville, Nova Scotia, the son of Zenas Eliakim Chute and Ella Sarah Potter. Chute worked with the Dominion Atlantic Railroad and the Canadian Pacific Railroad as a young man, working the harvesting route towards western Canada. In 1905 Chute arrived in Kamloops, and began working odd jobs including running a trap line and as a hand logger. Chute was hired by Mary Spencer in June 1906 to work as her photographic assistant after her success in chronicling the trial of Bill Miner for the Vancouver Daily Province newspaper. When Spencer closed her successful studio in 1909 to move to Summerland with her sister, Chute would purchase the remainder of her photographic equipment that did not get sold (along with the studio) to Lena Walker of Walker Studio. It is unclear what Chute was employed with for the following two years, but he began working for the B.C. Telephone Company in 1911 as an assistant in the Kamloops office. Chute was promoted to manager of the branch in 1915 after manager H. Rolston enlisted to serve during World War I. In 1924 Chute was offered a position in the Vancouver office of the company, and his family would move there for the remainder of his life. Chute was married to Jemima (Mina) Clarke in Kamloops, B.C. on September 23, 1913, and the couple would have two sons (Joseph [Joe] Arthur and Raymond Clarke) and one daughter (Ella Grace). Roland Arthur Chute died on January 12, 1959 in Vancouver, B.C.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of photographic material (glass plate negatives and prints) predominantly created by the photography studio of Mary Spencer during Roland Chute's employment (1906-1909). A small amount of contemporary photographs from other local photography studios (Walker Studio, Scales Studio, and unknown) are also contained in the fonds, as well as digitally reproduced copies of many of the Mary Spencer Studio photographs created by donor Joe Chute. Fonds also contains a yearbook from Kamloops High School from 1926.

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### Custodial History:

Fonds was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives in two batches by the son of Roland Arthur Chute: Joseph (Joe) Arthur Chute. Accession 2018.090 was donated on January 16, 2015 and accession 2018.091 was donated on March 20, 2011.

### Notes:

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

**Arrangement:** Records have been separated into series based on format to facilitate access: Series 1: Mary Spencer Studio glass plate negatives; Series 2: Mary Spencer Studio prints and postcards; Series 3: Other Photographers prints and postcards; Series 4: Other Records; Series 5: Copy Photos collected by Joe Chute. Order within these series was maintained by the archivist.

**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:** Series, file, and item lists are available for this fonds.

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

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### Series 1: Mary Spencer Studio glass plate negatives

[ca. 1906-1909]. — 17 b&w glass plate negatives

*Scope and Content:* Series contains glass plate negatives from the photography studio of Mary Spencer, produced during the employment of Roland Chute.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.090.001.001	Kamloops – Item is a glass plate negative showing houses in the downtown area of Kamloops, looking towards the confluence of the Thompson River. – 17.6 x 12.6 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.002	Automobile Rally – Item is a glass plate negative showing three groups of people in cars in front of what appears to be a sawmill. – 17.7 x 12.7 cm – Title based on contents. – See item 2018.090.002.027 for print.	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.003	Group of Men – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified group of men in front of a house (“376”). – 17.6 x 12.7 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.004	Group Boating – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified group on a boating excursion. – 17.5 x 12.6 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.005	Damaged Building on Main Street – Item is a glass plate negative showing Victoria Street West (Main Street). Harmon Bros. Carriage Works is shown to the right of the damaged store. – 17.7 x 12.6 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.006	Picnic – Item is a glass plate negative showing a large group of people picnicking. – 17.7 x 12.6 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1

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2018.090.001.007	View of North Kamloops – Item is a glass plate negative showing the view towards North Kamloops from the West End, showing the white bridge. – 17.6 x 12.6 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.008	View of Downtown – Item is a glass plate negative showing downtown from the West End. – 17.6 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.009	Horse and Buggy Coral – Item is a glass plate negative showing a horse and buggy coral, with the Rex and New York Rooms in the background. – 17.5 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.010	Horse and Buggy Coral – Item is a glass plate negative showing a horse and buggy coral. – 17.5 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.011	Group Portrait – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified group portrait, possibly at a Bachelor’s Club event. – 17.6 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.012	Group Portrait – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified group portrait, possibly at a Bachelor’s Club event. – 17.7 x 12.7 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.013	House – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified house with a man, woman, and child alongside with a garden in the foreground. – 17.6 x 12.6 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.014	Picnic Group – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified group of picnickers. – 17.6 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.015	Picnic Group – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified group of picnickers. – 17.7 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
2018.090.001.016	Picnic Group – Item is a glass plate negative showing an unidentified group of picnickers. – 17.7 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1

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2018.090.001.017	Residential Street – Item is a glass plate negative of an unidentified street with houses. – 17.6 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	1
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### Series 2: Mary Spencer Studio prints and postcards

[ca. 1906-1909]. — 33 b&w photographs

*Scope and Content:* Series contains photographs and postcards from the Mary Spencer Studio, produced during the employment of Roland Chute.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.090.002.001	S. Thompson Bridge, Kamloops – Item is a photograph showing the bridge across the South Thompson River. – 12.6 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1
2018.090.002.002	Thompson River Bridge – Item is a photograph showing the bridge across the Thompson River. – 12.6 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1
2018.090.002.003	Boat on River – Item is a photograph (tinted mauve) of a steamship on a river. – 13 x 9.8 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1
2018.090.002.004	C.B. Cameron Shop – Item is a photograph (tinted blue) of an unidentified man in a horse and buggy in front of the C.B. Cameron Harness Maker shop. – 12.6 x 10.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1
2018.090.002.005	Along the Thompson River at Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph of the Thompson River showing a bridge. – 12.7 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1
2018.090.002.006	Kamloops – Item is a photograph of Kamloops showing the downtown area. – 12.7 x 10.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1
2018.090.002.007	Along the Thompson River at Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph of the Thompson River at Kamloops showing log buildings along the river. – 12.7 x 10.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1

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2018.090.002.008	Valley – Item is a photograph showing a scenic view of an unidentified valley and river. – 12.7 x 10.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/1
2018.090.002.009	Kamloops, B.C. – Item is a photograph showing the West End and downtown of Kamloops from above the West End. – 11.8 x 9.4 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.010	View from Peterson Creek – Item is a photograph showing a view across the Thompson River from Peterson Creek, showing a bridge and the Kamloops Indian Reserve No. 1. – 12.5 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.011	Junction N and S Thompson at Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph showing the junction of the Thompson Rivers, Main Street, and Kamloops Indian Reserve No. 1 from above the West End. – 12.6 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.012	Thompson Bridge at Kamloops – Item is a photograph of the Thompson Bridge at Kamloops. – 12.7 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.013	Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph of the downtown area of Kamloops. – 12.6 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.014	Herding Cattle – Item is a photograph of a group of cowboys herding cattle. – 12.6 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.015	Valley – Item is a photograph of an unidentified valley. – 12.5 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.016	Herding Cattle – Item is a photograph of a cowboy herding cattle out of a gully. – 12.5 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.017	Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph of Kamloops showing the West End and downtown from above the West End. – 12.5 x 10 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2



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2018.090.002.018	West End – Item is a photograph from above the West End, showing the West End and the junction of the Thompson Rivers. – 12.7 x 10.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/2
2018.090.002.019	Sawmill – Item is a postcard photograph showing a sawmill. – 13.7 x 8.4 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3
2018.090.002.020	Horse and Buggy passing buildings – Item is a postcard photograph showing a horse and buggy driving along Victoria Street. Mary Spencer’s photography studio can be seen in the background. – 13.6 x 8.7 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3
2018.090.002.021	Chinese children – Item is a postcard photograph showing a pair of unidentified Chinese children in North Kamloops. – 8.5 x 13.8 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3
2018.090.002.022	Chinese people in orchard – Item is a photograph postcard showing two Chinese men and a young Chinese girl in an orchard alongside boxes of packed apples. – 13.8 x 8.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3
2018.090.002.023	Harvesting at Dayton Bros Ranch Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph postcard showing a team of horses with harvesting equipment at the Dayton Brothers’ ranch in Kamloops. – 13.8 x 8.4 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3
2018.090.002.024	Giants baseball team – Item is a photograph postcard showing the Giants baseball team. – 13.8 x 8.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3
2018.090.002.025	Hauling logs on C.P.R. – Item is a photograph postcard showing a Canadian Pacific Railway car loaded with logs, with an unidentified man standing on the car. – 13.8 x 8.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3
2018.090.002.026	Horse Racing – Item is a photograph postcard showing a horse race as the horses reach a steeple. – 14 x 8.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/3

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2018.090.002.027	Automobile Rally – Item is a photograph showing three groups of people in cars in front of what appears to be a sawmill. – 17.7 x 12.7 cm – Title based on contents. – See item 2018.090.001.002 for glass plate negative.	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/4
2018.090.002.028	Group of men in car – Item is a photograph showing a group of unidentified men in a car. – 16.7 x 11.9 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/4
2018.090.002.029	Near Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph showing the bridge to North Kamloops from the West end, taken from above the West End. – 17.6 x 12.6 cm – Title based on inscription	[ca. 1908-1909]	2/4
2018.090.002.030	Group of men – Item is a photograph showing a group of unidentified men. – 17.6 x 12.5 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/4
2018.090.002.031	Kamloops B.C. – Item is a photograph showing the West End and downtown from above the West End. – 25 x 20.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/5
2018.090.002.032	Steamship – Item is a photograph showing a steamship with passengers on the Thompson River. – 25.2 x 20.3 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/5
2018.090.002.033	Men camping – Item is a matted photograph showing a group of unidentified men camping. – 21.5 x 16.3 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/6

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### Series 3: Other Photographers prints and postcards

[ca. 1909-1920s] — 10 b&w photographs

*Scope and Content:* Series contains photographs and postcards from other photographers, contemporary with Roland Chute's time in Kamloops, B.C., including Walker Studio and John Scales.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.090.003.001	B.C. Telephone Facilities / Walker Studio – Item is a matted photograph showing telephone equipment at the B.C. Telephone facilities. – 24.4 x 19 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1909-1911]	Photograph Collection, Oversize Box 12
2018.090.003.002	B.C. Telephone Facilities / Walker Studio – Item is a matted photograph showing telephone equipment at the B.C. Telephone facilities, with an unidentified woman operating the switchboard equipment. – 24.4 x 19.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1909-1911]	Photograph Collection, Oversize Box 12
2018.090.003.003	B.C. Telephone Facilities / Walker Studio – Item is a matted photograph showing a telephone switchboard at the B.C. Telephone facilities. – 24.4 x 19 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1909-1911]	Photograph Collection, Oversize Box 12
2018.090.003.004	B.C. Telephone Staff – Item is a matted photograph show a group of unidentified men, presumed to be staff at the B.C. Telephone Company. – 16.7 x 12 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1910s?]	2/7
2018.090.003.005	B.C. Telephone Facilities – Item is a matted photograph showing telephone equipment at the B.C. Telephone facilities. – 12.2 x 17 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1910s?]	2/7
2018.090.003.006	Family on C.P.R. Train – Item is a postcard photograph showing an unidentified family on	August 13, 1915	2/8

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	the caboose of a Canadian Pacific Railway train. – 8.3 x 13.7 cm – Title based on contents		
2018.090.003.007	Kamloops 1913 – Item is a photograph postcard showing an unidentified group of people sitting in front of a brick building. – 8.7 x 11.2 cm – Title based on inscription	1913	2/9
2018.090.003.008	Fred Melodie’s gang, Kamloops 1912 – Item is a photograph showing Fred Melodie’s team of horses and wagon transporting a reel of cable or hose. – 15.1 x 9.2 cm – Title based on inscription	1912	2/9
2018.090.003.009	Group of men – Item is a photograph showing an unidentified group of men, possibly B.C. Telephone employees. – 17.6 x 12.6 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1910s?]	2/9
2018.090.003.010	Roland Chute / John Scales – Item is a matted photograph portrait of Roland Chute. – 9.7 x 13.9 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1920s?]	2/10

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### Series 4: Other Records

1926 — 0.25 cm of textual records

*Scope and Content:* Series contains a yearbook from Kamloops High School for 1926.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.090.004.001	The Kayaitchess KHS 1926 – File contains a yearbook from Kamloops High School from 1926. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1926	2/11

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### Series 5: Copy Photos collected by Joe Chute

[ca. 2011?] — 27 photographs

*Scope and Content:* Series contains digitally reproduced photographs by Joseph Chute of Mary Spencer studio images, of which most of the originals were later donated to the Kamloops Museum and archives by Joseph Chute (see accession 2018.090). Series also contains a small amount of original contemporary photographs related to Mary Spencer.

*Note:* Reproductions of which we have the original have not been individually catalogued (see Series 2 in this fonds). Only unique items have been catalogued in this series.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2018.091.025	Miss M. Spencer Kamloops, B.C. logo – Item is a photograph showing the logo for Miss M. Spencer’s photographic studio. Logo has black lettering on a white background. – 15.1 x 10.2 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/11
2018.091.026	Miss M. Spencer Kamloops, B.C. logo – Item is a photograph showing the logo for Miss M. Spencer’s photographic studio. Logo has white lettering on a black background. – 15.1 x 10.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/11
2018.091.027	Miss M. Spencer Kamloops, B.C. logo – Item is a photograph showing the logo for Miss M. Spencer’s photographic studio. Logo has black lettering on a white background. – 15.1 x 10.1 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/11
2018.091.028	Spencer family gravestone – Item is a photograph showing a grave marker for Isobel and Mary Spencer and Elizabeth Nicholson in Summerland, B.C. – 15.5 x 10.6 cm – Title based on contents	[2011?]	2/11
2018.091.029	St. Catherine’s College Institute Midsummer Examination Special Prize for Progress – Item is a photograph showing an award issued to Mary Spencer from St. Catherine’s College Institute for	[2011? Original 1875]	2/11

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	a Special Prize in Progress. – 10 x 15 cm – Title based on contents		
2018.091.030	Couple / Mary Spencer – Item is a photograph of an unidentified couple. – 6 x 8.7 cm – Title based on contents	[ca. 1906-1909]	2/11