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**Dorothy Williams collection**

**1974.010**

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Access: Open.

Dorothy Williams collection

Textual

1939-1972

0.50 meters

**Title:** Dorothy Williams collection

**Dates of Creation:** 1939-1972

**Physical Description:** 0.5 cm of textual records

### Biographical Sketch:

**Dorothy Williams** (nee Bentley) was born during August 1907, the daughter of Andrew R. and Lilly Bentley. She was raised in Kamloops, and became very active in developing the artistic community of the city. She taught art classes, was elected president of the Kamloops Sketch Club in 1932, and held regular exhibitions of her work as part of the Kamloops Art Club and the Kamloops Fall Fair during the 1930s. In 1934 she married George Richmond Williams. Dorothy also worked as an insurance agent in Kamloops during the 1940s, and was involved in the Rebekah Lodge. She continued to be involved in the arts community during this time, writing a column for the newspaper and becoming President of the Arts Club after its reformation in 1945. After her husband's retirement in the late 1940s the couple moved to Victoria, where Dorothy would remain until her husband's death in 1962. She then spent some time travelling and continued her artistic practises. Dorothy Williams (nee Bentley) died in January 1972 in Victoria, B.C.

### Scope and Content:

Collection consists predominantly of correspondence received by Bert and Anna Turner, from Dorothy Williams and her family and friends. Collection also contains a newspaper clipping and records related to Williams's husband's activities as Alderman and Mayor of Kamloops.

### Custodial History:

Accession 1974.010 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on February 18, 1974 by H.S. (Bert) Turner. Records were formerly placed in the Vertical Files collection before being brought together as a distinct collection during reprocessing in 2020.

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### Notes:

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

**Arrangement:** Order that fonds arrived in 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:** File list is available for this collection.

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

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1974.010.001	Correspondence from Dorothy Williams to Anna and Bert Turner – File contains correspondence from Dorothy Williams to Anna and Bert Turner. – 2 textual records	1971	1
1974.010.002	Correspondence about Dorothy Williams – File contains correspondence to Anna and Bert Turner from Sjaan van Oostern (friend of Dorothy Williams) and May Williams (daughter-in-law to G.R. Williams). – 6 textual records	1971-1972	2
1974.010.003	Clipping – File contains a newspaper clipping about G.R. Williams running for Mayor of Kamloops. – 1 textual record	1971	3
1974.010.004	Royal Visit – File contains materials relating to the 1945 Royal Visit to Kamloops including correspondence, procedures, and an invitation addressed to Alderman G.R. Williams and Mrs. – 8 textual records	1939-1945	4