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Eng Wing Him fonds

1987.001, 1967.117

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Eng Wing Him fonds

Access: Open.

Textual, Graphic, Technical Drawings

1924-1952
0.25 meters

Title: Eng Wing Him fonds

Dates of Creation: 1924-1952

Physical Description: 25 cm of textual records, ca. 0.5 cm of photographs, and 2 technical drawings

Administrative History:

Eng Wing Him was born in the Canton Province of China in 1885 and came to Kamloops in 1901. He worked as a houseboy with the Beattie family and J.T. Robinson and dishwasher at the Leland Hotel before beginning to run his own businesses. These businesses include the American Café (1906-1926), Good Eats Café (1911-1926), Cut Rate Grocery (1930-1948), and the Kamloops Laundrette (1949-1952), as well as acting as a landlord for various properties in downtown Kamloops and owning an investment company (Wing Investments Limited). Wing married Leung Lin in 19141, with whom he had four sons (Peter, John, James, and David) and three daughters (May, Lily, and Jean). Eng Wing Him died in 1971 at age 86.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of financial and tax records, blueprints, correspondence, an accounts ledger, receipts, and banking records relating to Eng Wing Him's businesses. Fonds also includes an autobiographical essay of J.W. Hall and a souvenir album of the 1939 Royal Visit to Canada.

Custodial History:

Accession 1987.001 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on January 2, 1987 by Howard Walker, after being found behind the Wing Building in downtown Kamloops. Additional material (accession 1967.117) was accrued to this fonds during reprocessing in 2019 after being removed from the Vertical Files collection. This additional material was donated on September 1, 1967 by Eng Wing Him.

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Notes:

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

Arrangement: Order of fonds has been imposed 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 expected.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1987.001.001	Ledger Book for Wing Investments Limited – File contains 1 ledger book of accounts for Wing Investments Limited. – 1.5 cm of textual records	1947-1950	1
1987.001.002	Cheques and chequebooks – File contains cheques, chequebooks, cancelled cheques, and deposit slips. – 18 cm of textual records	[ca. 1948-1952]	1
1987.001.003	Kamloops Laundrette businesscards – File contains business cards for the Kamloops Laundrette. – 4 cm of textual records	[ca. 1949-1952]	1
1987.001.004	Conveyance of Land – File contains a conveyance of land between William H. Stevens and Eng Wing Him for Lot 10, Block 20 in Kamloops. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1924	1/1
1987.001.005	Rent Lists – File contains a rent list for resident businesses renting property from Eng Wing Him in the Wing Building, Fremont Block, and Smith Block. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1950-1951	1/2
1987.001.006	Blueprints of Third Avenue – File contains two technical drawings showing the sidewalk and lane elevations of Lot 9, Block 21 in Kamloops. – 2 technical drawings	1947	1/3
1987.001.007	Charity – File contains receipts and correspondence regarding Eng Wing Him’s charitable donations. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1946-1952	1/4
1987.001.008	Correspondence – File contains correspondence in Chinese received by Eng Wing Him. – 0.25 cm of textual records.	[ca. 1950s]	1/5
1987.001.009	Cut-rate Self Serve Grocery waybills – File contains blank waybills for the Cut-rate Self Serve Grocery. – 0.5 cm of textual records	[ca. 1940s]	1/6
1987.001.010	Correspondence with City of Kamloops – File contains tax records, receipts, and correspondence between Eng Wing Him and the City of Kamloops. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1949-1952	1/7
1987.001.011	Correspondence with G.C. Kipp – File contains a pharmacy bag from Kipp’s and correspondence	1948	1/8

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	between G.C. Kipp and Eng Wing Him regarding property rental. – 2 textual records		
1987.001.012	Correspondence with R.M. Herod – File contains an envelope, receipts, and correspondence between R.M. Herod and Eng Wing Him regarding a property purchase and insurance. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1949	1/9
1987.001.013	Business Licenses – File contains business licenses made out to James Wing for the Kamloops Laundrette. – 2 textual records	1949-1950	1/10
1987.001.014	Income Tax Documents – File contains tax records. – 1.5 cm of textual records	1942-1953	1/11
1987.001.015	Cheque Books – File contains 4 chequebooks for Wing Investments and the Kamloops Laundrette. – 4 cm of textual records	1948-1950	1/12
1987.001.016	Misc. – File contains correspondence, bills, advertisements, etc. – 5 cm of textual records	[ca. 1940s-1950s]	1/13
1967.117.001	Biography of J.W. Hall – File contains an autobiographical essay written by J.W. Hall. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1955	1/14
1967.117.002	Souvenir Album of the Royal Visit to Canada – File contains a photograph album commemorating the 1939 Royal Visit to Canada. – 0.5 cm of textual records with photographs	[ca. 1939]	1/15