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**Andrew Yarmie Oral Histories collection**

**1986.033, 1991.012, 1993.003**

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Andrew Yarmie Oral Histories collection  
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**Title:** Andrew Yarmie Oral Histories collection

**Dates of Creation:** 1977-2001

**Physical Description:** 76 audio cassette tapes, 5 cm of textual records, 4 audio CDs, and 1 3.5-inch floppy disc

### Biographical Sketch:

**Dr. Andrew Yarmie** is a retired history professor, formerly of Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, B.C. Yarmie's community involvement includes acting as Chair of the City of Kamloops' Heritage Commission from 2011-2019 and as the director of the Kamloops Museum Association. He has worked on many heritage related projects in Kamloops, such as the heritage plaquing project and the development of walking tours, and he has published academically and popularly on the subject of local Kamloops and British Columbia history.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of oral histories and other materials gathered by Andrew Yarmie and associates Maribeth Plommer, Surya Naidu, and Susan Forseille on women's history, local history, and the depression era in Kamloops.

### Custodial History:

Accession 1986.033 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives in April 1986 by Maribeth Plommer and Andrew Yarmie. File 1986.033.001 Sources for Women's History in Kamloops (draft only) was initially placed in the Vertical Files by former Archives Staff. Accession 1991.012 was donated on April 2, 1991 by Andrew Yarmie for Surya Naidu, the creator of the records. Accession 1993.003 was donated on January 26, 1993 by Andrew Yarmie.

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Accessions 1986.033, 1991.012, and 1993.003 were generally grouped together by former Archives staff as part of the Oral Histories, and were formally brought together into this collection by the Archivist during processing in 2019.

### Notes:

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

**Arrangement:** Records have been grouped into three series, based on original accessions: Series 1: Women's History in Kamloops Project; Series 2: Women of Kamloops; and Series 3: Oral History Project by Susan Forseille. Within each series, the order that the records arrived in was maintained by the archivist or maintained in their current state where original order was not noted.

**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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### Series 1: Women's History in Kamloops Project

1977-1985 — 17 audio cassette tapes, 2 cm of textual records, and 2 audio CDs

*Scope and Content:* Series contains records created as part of a study on women's history in Kamloops, conducted by Maribeth Plommer and Andrew Yarmie at the University College of the Cariboo (Thompson Rivers University). Records include a draft sourcebook for women's history and oral interviews with women in Kamloops.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1986.033.001	Sources for Women's History in Kamloops (draft only) – File contains a booklet which lists the scope of the research project, and sources for women's history in Kamloops including organizations, individual women, published materials on women's topics, and summaries of oral interviews. – 1 cm of textual records	[1985]	5
1986.033.002-018	Oral Interviews – File contains 17 cassettes with oral interviews conducted as part of this research project. File also contains index cards summarizing interview contents and two CDs of digitized interviews of Joyce Lidstone. See Appendix 1 for details. – 17 audio cassette tapes, 0.5 cm of textual records, and 2 audio CDs	1977-1985	1, 2, 5

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### Series 2: Women of Kamloops

1990 — 4 audio cassette tapes and 0.25 cm of textual records

*Scope and Content:* Series contains records created as part of a study on women's history in Kamloops, conducted by Surya Naidu and Andrew Yarmie at the University College of the Cariboo (Thompson Rivers University). Records include oral interviews with women in Kamloops.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1991.012.001-004	Oral Interviews – File contains 4 cassettes with oral interviews conducted as part of this research project. File also contains index cards summarizing interview contents. See Appendix 2 for details. – 4 audio cassette tapes and 0.25 cm of textual records	1990	3, 5

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### Series 3: Oral History Project by Susan Forseille

1991-2001 — 55 audio cassette tapes, 4 cm of textual records, 2 audio CDs, and one 3.5-inch floppy disc

*Scope and Content:* Series contains records created as part of a study on the depression era in Kamloops, conducted by Susan Forseille, under the supervision Andrew Yarmie at the Kamloops Museum and Archives. Records include a project manual and oral interviews.

Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1993.003.001	Oral History Project Manual – File includes a project manual outlining the scope of the oral history project, blank copies of a tape release form, transcriptions of the interviews (hard copy and digital), interview questions, a report, photographs used as prompts during the interviews, an index of interviewees, and signed release forms. – 3 cm of textual records and one 3.5-inch floppy disc	1993	5
1993.003.002	Oral Interviews – File contains 55 cassettes with oral interviews conducted as part of this research project. File also contains index cards summarizing some of the interview contents. See Appendix 3 for details. – 55 audio cassette tapes, 1 cm of textual records, and 2 audio CDs	1991-2001	3, 5

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## Appendix 1: Oral Interviews

2. Mary Nina Nurse, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer July 31, 1985.
3. Mary Magdalene Aeichele, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer August 16, 1985.
4. Helen J. Millward, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer July 12, 1985.
5. Elsie Waugh, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer March 22, 1985.
6. Alice Millar, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer July 25, 1985.
7. Jessie Playfair Bickford, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer July 4, 1985.
8. Edith Rochon, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer.
9. Jean Cooney, interviewed by Joanne Drake July 1977.
10. Jean Cooney, interviewed by Joanne Drake July 1977.
11. Betty Stroesser, interviewed by Joanne Drake June 3, 1977.
12. Eva M. Williams, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer July 26, 1985.
13. Cesira Comazzetto, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer December 1985.
14. Meryl Matthews, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer July 27, 1985.
15. Meryl Matthews, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer July 27, 1985.
16. Dora Burton, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer.
17. Dora Burton, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer.
18. Joyce Lidstone, interviewed by Joanne Drake [includes digitized copies of interview on CD].

## Appendix 2: Oral Interviews

1. Jean Drummond, interviewed by Surya Naidu August 28, 1990.
2. Jean Drummond, interviewed by Surya Naidu August 24, 1990.
3. Dora Furiak, interviewed by Surya Naidu July 16, 1990.
4. Connie Vicars, interviewed by Surya Naidu August 27, 1990.

## Appendix 3: Oral Interviews

1. Olive Wain, interviewed by Surya Naidu May 25, 1992.
2. Ellen Wallis, interviewed by Surya Naidu June 15, 1992.
3. Jean Drummond.
4. Kim Wing, interviewed by Surya Naidu June 27, 1992.
5. Kim Wing, interviewed by Surya Naidu June 27, 1992.
6. Gurbachan Kaur Heed, interviewed by Maribeth Plommer.
7. Marina Comazzetto, interviewed by Surya Naidu.
- 7b. Linnea Garrett, interviewed by Surya Naidu.
8. Marina Comazzetto, interviewed by Surya Naidu.
9. Anonymous (Japanese), interviewed by Surya Naidu June 10, 1992.
10. Linnea Garrett, interviewed by Surya Naidu July 13, 1992.
11. Lorraine Hall, interviewed by Surya Naidu July 16, 1992.
12. Elsie Newell, interviewed by Surya Naidu July 10, 1992.
13. Julia Marr, interviewed by Surya Naidu July 14, 1992.
14. Anonymous (Japanese), interviewed by Surya Naidu June 17, 1992.
16. Anonymous (Japanese), interviewed by Surya Naidu June 11, 1992.
17. Eva Terlesky, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
18. Dora Furiak, interviewed by Surya Naidu July 16, 1991.
19. Linda Romanin, interviewed by Surya Naidu July 23, 1992.
20. Ruth Bann, interviewed by Surya Naidu May 28, 1992.

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21. Mary Atamanchuk, interviewed by Surya Naidu June 27, 1992.
22. Connie Vicars, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
23. Ruby Weins, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
24. Peter and Kim Wing, interviewed by Surya Naidu June 27, 1992.
25. Peter and Kim Wing, interviewed by Surya Naidu June 27, 1992.
26. Stewart Burst, interviewed by Sylvia Hanes and Andrea Nikkel August 15, 2001.
27. Patricia and Art Gillmor, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
28. Betty Green and Peal Carlson, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
29. John and Barbara Gregson, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
30. Betty Green and Pearl Carlson, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
31. Loyd Snowden, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
32. Fred Sell, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
33. Patricia and Art Gillmor, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
34. Pat Arduini, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
35. Stewart Burriss, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
36. Comazetto Brothers, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
37. Ellen and John Cordonier, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
38. Hilbert DeLeeuw, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
39. Norman Diablo, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
40. Group interview, July 20, 1993.
41. Ruby Howard, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
42. Norman Kim Lee, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
43. Group interview (Victor Arduini, George Willie, Allan Gilmour, Gordon Drinkwater, Harold Gratien, and Harold Garrish), interviewed by Susan Forseille.
44. Pat Arduini, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
45. Doug and Cora Inskip, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
46. Doug and Cora Inskip, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
47. Henry Neuber, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
48. Daisy Mcarthur, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
49. Joyce Lidstone, interviewed by Susan Percel July 26, 1993 [includes digitized copies of interview on CD].
50. Joyce Lidstone, interviewed by Susan Percel July 26, 1993 [includes digitized copies of interview on CD].
51. Reg Lott, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
52. Donald Marriott, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
53. John Matter and Ted Matter, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
54. Eva Mayrhoher, interviewed by Susan Forseille.
55. Jean Drummond, interviewed by Surya Naidu August 28, 1990.