



Guide to Residential Schools Records at the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Archives

Ahousaht Residential School Records

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Introduction

This guide is offered in the spirit of being transparent and in keeping with two of the Archives' goals:

- Becoming more accessible to all – in particular, Indigenous peoples and ethno-cultural groups represented in the Archives
- Decolonizing the Archives

We acknowledge that further work needs to be done to make the guide more user-friendly and descriptions more meaningful. The information is drawn from data supplied to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for its database. But the guide is a good starting point for residential school research at this Archives.

Scope

The guide encompasses archival and library materials held at the United Church Archives in B.C. It includes material identified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) as relevant to Residential Schools and therefore copied for inclusion in the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in Winnipeg.

This particular section of the guide (Part 4) relates to the Ahousaht Residential School. Further sections are available, listing materials relating to Residential Schools in general, as well as the other four schools that the United Church ran in B.C.:

- Part 1 – Records Relating Generally to Residential Schools
- Part 3 – Alberni Indian Residential School
- Part 4 – Coqualeetza Insituted (Sardis, B.C.)
- Part 5 – Crosby Girls' Home (Lax Kw'alaams, B.C.)
- Part 6 – Elizabeth Long Memorial Home (Kitamaat, B.C.)

Arrangement of this Guide

The guide is arranged alphabetically by name of collection or fonds. Most collection and fonds titles are linked to the corresponding description on MemoryBC, to provide more context. A file list for each fonds follows.

The term "series" (first column in the file list) is a grouping of files within a collection or fonds. Where available, the series title has been included because it provides a little more context and description to orient the researcher.

Access to the Records

The documents can be accessed in person at the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Archives in Vancouver. They will also eventually be available online via the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website.

Specific documents have not been listed in the interest of keep the lists from being overwhelming. However, the document titles and authors can be accessed at the Archives. The Archives does not at present hold digital copies of relevant documents.

Exceptions to access (i.e. restrictions) have been listed in the Notes column of the file lists, along with rationale.

File Lists by Collection / Fonds Name

[Ahousaht United Church fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Register	15 / 1	1919-1922, 1924-1931, 1933-1937	File restricted as follows: Baptisms restricted for 100 years; marriages restricted for 75 years; burial records restricted for 20 years, in accordance with provincial requirements under the Personal Information Protection Act.
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Baptismal Certificate Stubs. Birth Record (Ahousaht Presby./UC)	15 / 2	1935-1937, 1904-1928, 1930-1933	File restricted as follows: Baptisms restricted for 100 years; marriages restricted for 75 years; burial records restricted for 20 years, in accordance with provincial requirements under the Personal Information Protection Act.
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Register	15 / 3	1919-1932	File restricted as follows: Baptisms restricted for 100 years; marriages restricted for 75 years; burial records restricted for 20 years, in accordance with provincial requirements under the Personal Information Protection Act.
Indigenous Court Records	[Indigenous Court Proceedings]. Original title: Indian Court Proceedings	15 / 1	1914	

[Executive Secretary BC Conference fonds](#)

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	Lot 363	U-424	1995-1996	Partial file restricted due to solicitor-client privilege. Access subject to review by PMRC Indigenous Ministry Council.

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	Lot 363 Historical Report	U-424	1995-1996	Partial file restricted due to solicitor-client privilege. File also contains banking records to be restricted for 100 years per United Church policy. Access subject to review by PMRC Indigenous Ministry Council.
	Ahousaht and Lot 363	U-886	1994-2001	Access subject to review by PMRC Indigenous Ministry Council.

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Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: Ahousaht Residential School: children	BCCA 2-63	[193-?]	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: Ahousaht Residential School: CGIT	BCCA 2-64	[193-?]	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: Ahousat Residential School: Christmas concert, King Hilary and the Beggerman	BCCA 2-67	1934	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: Ahousaht Residential School: students and Mr. Bailey, bring coal from the beach	BCCA 2-68	[193-?]	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: Ahousaht Residential School: staff, 1935; Mrs. McQuarrie, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Clee, Mr. Joseph Jones	BCCA 2-69	1935	

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C. Ahousat Residential School: Students	BCCA 2-70	[193-?]	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C. Ahousat Residential School: Students	BCCA 2-71	[193-?]	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: Ahousat Residential School: Sunday School class; Miss K. Hockin	BCCA 2-72	[193-?]	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: Ahousat Residential School: knitting class, 1939	BCCA 2-73	1939	
Photographs	Ahousaht, B.C.: students, senior classes, Grades V to VIII, 1935-36	BCCA 2-74	1936	