



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

Crosby Girls' Home (Lax Kw'alaams, B.C.)

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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 Crosby Girls' Home in Lax Kw'alaams, B.C. 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 2 – Ahousaht Residential School
- Part 3 – Alberni Indian Residential School
- Part 4 – Coqualeetza Institute (Sardis, 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

[Barnabas C. Freeman fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	Writings, Correspondence and Other Records	569 / 3	1890-1911	
	Writings, Correspondence and Other Records	569 / 5	1895-1980	
	1895 Diary; Accounts of Glad Tidings	569 / 9	1895	

[British Columbia District of the Methodist Church of Canada fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	Methodist Church - BC Conference - Bella Bella and Port Simpson (Indian) District	456	1898-1918	The title contains historical terms that some may consider offensive. Although it does not reflect today's sensibilities, it is being maintained because it contains the official name of the body that created the records at their time of creation and provides evidence of the attitudes and usage of the time period.
	Methodist Church - BC Conference - Bella Bella and Port Simpson (Indian) District	456	1897-1917	The title contains historical terms that some may consider offensive. Although it does not reflect today's sensibilities, it is being maintained because it contains the official name of the body that created the records at their time of creation and provides evidence of the attitudes and usage of the time period.

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	Port Simpson District - Annual District Meeting Minutes	457	1881-1900	
	Port Simpson District - Annual District Meeting Minutes	457	1919-1921	
	Port Simpson District - Financial District Meeting Minutes	457	1882-1899	
	Port Simpson District - Financial District Meeting Minutes	457	1918-1925	

[Division of Mission in Canada \(B.C.\) fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	Native Ministries Council	U-313	1992-1993	

[Grace United Church \(Lax Kw'alaams, B.C.\) fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Register	197 / 1	1874-1897	
Women's Group Records	Woman's Missionary Society. Deacon Mission Circle Minutes.	197 / 11	1935-1937	
Women's Group Records	Woman's Missionary Society Minutes	197 / 12	1954-1960	
Women's Group Records	Woman's Missionary Society Minutes	197 / 13	1961-1962	

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Women's Group Records	Woman's Missionary Society Annual Reports	197 / 14	1928-1933	
Congregational Financial Records	Women's Auxiliary. Port Simpson General Hospital Account Book.	197 / 15	1913-1946	
Congregational Financial Records	Woman's Missionary Society Annual Reports	197 / 16	1890-1923	
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Baptism Register (Port Simpson Mission)	197 / 2	1897-1908	
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Burial Register	197 / 3	1874-1897	
Membership Records	Circuit Register (Port Simpson Methodist Church)	197 / 4	1874-1897	
Membership Records	Historic Roll (Port Simpson Methodist Church)	197 / 5	1903	
Membership Records	Circuit Register (Grace Methodist/United Church)	197 / 6	1920-1960	Membership records contain personal information restricted for 100 years in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act of B.C.
Board and Committee Records	Session Minutes	197 / 7	1955-1964	
Women's Group Records	Woman's Missionary Society	197 / 8	1921-1927	
Women's Group Records	Woman's Missionary Society Minutes	2357 / 3	1928-1934	

[Indian District \(Methodist Church of Canada\) fonds](#)

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Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	BC Methodist Conference - Indian District - Minutes Annual District Meetings	456	1901-1906	The title contains historical terms that some may consider offensive. Although it does not reflect today's sensibilities, it is being maintained because it contains the official name of the body that created the records at their time of creation and provides evidence of the attitudes and usage of the time period.

[Jessie Oliver collection](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	Living by Bells by Isobel McFadden	2228 / 3	1971	

[Methodist Church of Canada, BC Conference fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	Methodist Church - BC Conference - Reports - Clippings and Letters - Indian Affairs	453 / 7	1881-1899	The title contains historical terms that some may consider offensive. Although it does not reflect today's sensibilities, it is being maintained because it contains the official name of the body that created the records at their time of creation and

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[Native Affairs Consultant fonds](#)

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Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	Projects	1355 / 2100	1969	

[Pacific Mountain Regional Council Archives Reference collection](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Biographical Files	Crosby, Thomas	2082 / 55	1909-2003	
BC Conference - UC Institutions	Dr. Thomas Crosby's Resume of BC Indian Work	2122 / 13	1909	The title contains historical terms that some may consider offensive. Although it does not reflect today's sensibilities, it is being maintained because it contains the official name of the document at its time of creation and provides evidence of the attitudes and usage of the time period.
Prince Rupert Presbytery	Prince Rupert Presby.: Port Simpson (1)	2147 / 17	1915-2002	

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Prince Rupert Presbytery	Prince Rupert Presby.: Port Simpson (2)	2147 / 18	1928-1974	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: exterior	BCCA 2-965	[193-?]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: girls and staff, 1943	BCCA 2-966	1943	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: graduates, 1943	BCCA 2-967	1943	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Grace United Church: CGIT group	BCCA 2-971		
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: exterior	BCCA 2-978	[189-?]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: Boys Home exterior	BCCA 2-979	[After 1914]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: staff and children outside Home, 1890?, Miss Sarah Hart at left, Miss Ross at right	BCCA 2-980	[ca. 1890]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: girls	BCCA 2-982	1943	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: children outside home	BCCA 2-983	[194-?]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: girls with teacher	BCCA 2-984	[191-?]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: children outside home	BCCA 2-987	[194-?]	

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: exterior	BCCA 2-992	[1920?]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: girls	BCCA 2-995	[194-?]	
Photographs	Port Simpson, BC: Crosby Girls' Home: children	BCCA 2-996	[1943?]	

[Pacific Mountain Regional Archives Archives Reference Library – Periodicals](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Western Methodist Recorder	Western Methodist Recorder / Western Recorder	2109	1901-1945	Relevant articles available onsite via Western Recorder database

[Pierce Memorial United Church \(Port Essington, B.C.\) fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Baptism Register	196 / 1	1888-1905	
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Register	196 / 2	1907-1942	Records contain personal information and are subject to the following restrictions under the Personal Information Protection Act of B.C.: Baptism records restricted 100 years; marriage records restricted 75 years; burial records restricted 20 years.

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Baptism, Marriage and Burial Records	Register	196 / 2	1938-1939	Records contain personal information and are subject to the following restrictions under the Personal Information Protection Act of B.C.: Baptism records restricted 100 years; marriage records restricted 75 years; burial records restricted 20 years.

[Vi Keenleyside fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
	"Record of Deaths & Baptisms" read by Vi Keenleyside from records books in Port Simpson	241	1874-1897	
	Crosby	2251 / 13	[1970]-1985	
	Crosby, Emma	2251 / 15	1986	
	Diex	2251 / 16	[ca. 1985]	
	Fiddes	2251 / 18	1984-1986	
	Long, Elizabeth	2252 / 9	[ca. 1985]	

[Woman's Missionary Society \(United Church\), BC Conference Branch fonds](#)

Series	File Title	Box/File	Inclusive Dates	Notes
Records of Conference Branch	Scrapbooks	1487	1928-1953	