



POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

FONDS DESCRIPTION

FONDS NUMBER	221
ACCESSION NUMBER	1991.71, 1991.72
TITLE	I.N. and Emma Allen Family collection
DATE(S)	1930-1934, 1975
EXTENT	7cm of textual records
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH	<p>I.N. and Emma Allen, having lived in Nova Scotia during the depression years, moved with their children, Herman, Louis, Isadore and Dorothy, to British Columbia in 1929. A shopkeeper in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, the family lived in Vancouver for a year with not much success in obtaining work. It was determined that opening a butcher shop in Westview, BC. would give them a new start. The children were an integral part of the shop, learning to serve customers, cut meat and help their father with his door-to-door meat delivery service. The children attended Henderson School in the Townsite. The family moved to Cranberry across from Lindsay Park, where Mr. Allen started selling dresses door-to-door and the children attended Malaspina School (colloquially known as Cranberry School). The children were involved in the Boy Scout movement and participated in playing games at Cranberry Lake, visiting the pulp and paper mill when their school went, and were active within the community. The family moved to the United States in 1934.</p> <p>Title based on content of collection.</p>
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	Not known
FONDS DESCRIPTION	<p>The fonds consists of a transcription of an oral history and a book written by Louis Allen.</p> <p>Series: Manuscript Date(s): unknown Extent: 2cm of textual records</p> <p>The series consists of 8 typewritten pages transcribed from an oral history project narrated by Dorothy Barash (née Alln). It describes the journey west from Nova Scotia to Vancouver, the early years of the butcher shop in Westview, the move to Cranberry Lake and the door-to-door dress selling enterprise. It also includes games that the children played at Lindsay Park on the huge sawdust pile that was left over from the Marlatt sawmill, attending Malaspina School, Boy Scouts, William Brown (the life guard at Willingdon Beach), Dr. Lyons, Dr. Marlatt, and others.</p> <p>Title based on physical form of series.</p>



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	<p>Series: Book Date(s): 1975 Extent: 5cm of published textual records</p> <p>The series consists of a book, "Time Before Morning: The Art and Myth of the Australian Aborigines." written by Louis Allen. The copy was inscribed:</p> <p><i>'To commemorate a writing career begun in my Powell River childhood.'</i></p> <p>Title based on physical form of series.</p>
NOTES	<p>In 1991 Herman, Louis and Dorothy returned to Powell River on a trip through memory lane with the resulting manuscript and book being donated to the Museum.</p>