



POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

FONDS DESCRIPTION

FONDS NUMBER	212
ACCESSION NUMBER	1971.19
TITLE	Roy Chapman fonds
DATE(S)	[1950?]
EXTENT	3cm of textual records
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH	Reginald Chapman (1892-1982) was born in England, emigrating to Canada at the age of 15 in 1908. In Vancouver he was a salesman and married Dorris Rose Dingle (1898-1965) in 1918. They located and pre-empted property on the north end of Stuart Island along the shoreline of the Arran Rapids in the mouth of Bute Inlet. They had four children. Their son Stuart lost his life in the Yuculta Rapids. People would come and tie up to his dock on Stuart Island, and after he started his sand collection from local areas, he asked the boaters to send sand from their homelands. He met notable travellers and was given the name of Armchair Sand Collector by the actor Bob Hope. After the death of his wife and son, and with the rest of the children grown up, Chapman travelled extensively, always adding to his collection. He died in Campbell River.
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	Not available
FONDS DESCRIPTION	<p>The fonds consists of lists of where the sand came from and the donor, also includes newspaper clippings.</p> <p>Title based on contents of fonds.</p> <p>Series: Notes Date(s): [195?] Extent: 3cm of textual records</p> <p>The series consists of lists of people who donated the samples of sand and where they came from. Includes some newspaper articles and letters written by Chapman.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p>
NOTES	The Museum is displaying the sand collection