



POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

FONDS DESCRIPTION

FONDS NUMBER	246
ACCESSION NUMBER	2017.38
TITLE	Dice Family
DATE(S)	1944-1960
EXTENT	2 photographs
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH	<p>Jack (1923-2019) and Alice (née Johnson) Dice were residents of Powell River. Jack was born in Powell River in 1923 and Alice arrived in Powell River in 1937. Alice worked in the payroll department of the Mill.</p> <p>The son of Powell River pioneers, Sam and Eva Dice, Jack was born in the Townsite in 1923 as the second of four siblings, Mildred, Jack, Sam, and Bill.</p> <p>Jack grew up during the Powell River Company's 1930s blacklisting period and thereafter was quick to take a stand against moral injustice. In the early 1940s, he began millwork as an apprentice, retiring in the 1980s as an electrical superintendent.</p> <p>In 1949 he married Alice Johnson, the youngest of the building construction family (Burg & Johnson). Her siblings were Harold, Henry, Heimer, and Olga. In the early 1950s Jack and Alice had two sons, Brian and Bob.</p> <p>Jack's lifelong passion was Powell Lake, and in the 1950s with Henry Johnson, they built their cabins on Cassiar Island, where Dices and Johnsons - uncles, aunts, dozens of cousins, and friends would gather for fun.</p> <p>A lifelong volunteer, Jack spent countless hours fixing friends' electrical and mechanical problems. As a community volunteer, he was a driving force in the wiring of the old Willingdon Beach Arena, the construction of the Shingle Mill and Mowat Bay boat ramps, and the Cranberry Senior Centre.</p> <p>Jack was an activist and avid letter-to-the-editor writer. He was a key member of the Herring 88 advocacy group and the Concerned Citizens Coalition that prevented proposed landfills in our local watersheds and, with Herb Gawley, pressed for the protection and cleanup of Myrtle Creek. Politicians of all levels and all political parties were Jack's targets as he advocated for environmental, social, and tax reforms.</p>
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	Donated to the museum by the creators' son, Bob Dice.
FONDS DESCRIPTION	The fonds consists of 2 black and white photographs of the donor's parents Jack and Alice (née Johnson) Dice.
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