



# POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

## FONDS DESCRIPTION

<b>FONDS NUMBER</b>	137
<b>ACCESSION NUMBER</b>	2011.44
<b>TITLE</b>	Reuben Fidler
<b>DATE(S)</b>	1900-1901
<b>EXTENT</b>	1cm of textual records
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH</b>	<p>Reuben Daniel Fidler (1878-1929) was born in Eastney, Portsmouth, England. Fidler served in the 1st Volunteer Service Company, 1st West Regiment, Regimental number 6107. He signed up on January 15, 1900 and sailed from England via Halifax to South Africa, where he served for one year and 88 days in the Second Boer War. Upon his honourable discharge on May 24, 1901, and return to England, Reuben was credited with one year, 130 days of service. On July 22, 1910, Reuben departed from Liverpool, England en route to Canada, arriving in Quebec City on July 29 aboard the Allan Steamship Line's RMS Virginian. From there he made his way to Powell River, later in 1910. On April 26, 1912, Reuben's wife, Barbara, (died 1960) accompanied by their two children, Barbara and Frances Blanch, set sail from Liverpool to join Reuben in Powell River. They arrived, also via the RMS Virginian, in Quebec City on May 6, 1912. Fidler worked as a cobbler and later on in the Powell River Company pulp and paper mill. He was deeded Crown land in 1914 in Westview.</p>
<b>CUSTODIAL HISTORY</b>	
<b>FONDS DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The fonds consists of a handwritten diary and the diary that has been typewritten.</p> <p>Title based on creator of fonds.</p> <p>Series: Diary Date(s): 1900-1901 . - - 1cm of textual records.[ photocopied ]</p> <p>The series consists of a diary written by Fidler when he was serving in the British military in South Africa during the Second Boer War.</p>
<b>NOTES</b>	<p>The diary of Reuben Daniel Fidler was transcribed on February 13, 2011. It was copied from another copy that was transcribed from the original in 1964, approximately (i.e. the typewritten copy).</p>