



POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

FONDS DESCRIPTION

FONDS NUMBER	97
ACCESSION NUMBER	1993.03
TITLE	Holy Cross Cemetery Society fonds
DATE(S)	1927-1988
EXTENT	7cm of textual records (photocopied) – 2 photographs
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH	<p>In 1924 a group of settlers from Romania, having come to Canada via Saskatchewan, settled in the Kelly Creek area. When death occurred it was vital that a cemetery be made and in 1927 Marco Zilinsky, John Nassichuk (also seen as Nasychuk) and John Barchuk purchased 2.5 acres of Block A District Lot 5244 from the provincial government for use as a cemetery. They formed the Holy Cross Cemetery Association in 1928 and were registered as tenants in common. There was no charge for the plots and the work was all done by volunteer labour. Burials continued until approximately 1954, and then continued in the 1970s. The cemetery fell into a state of disrepair until the early 1970s when family members of those buried there became concerned about its state. Because the original tenants in common were dead, the untangling of legal affairs took some time. The Powell River Regional District did not want to take over this cemetery, and so in 1974 a new Holy Cross Cemetery Society was formed.</p>
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	Not known
FONDS DESCRIPTION	<p>The fonds consists of records of the Holy Cross Cemetery Society and includes textual records, blueprints of plot plans and two photographs.</p> <p>Title based on contents of fonds.</p> <p>Series 1: Legal Documents Date(s): 1927-1928, 1974-1975 Extent: 1cm of textual records</p> <p>The series consists of a Certificate of Indefeasible Title in the names of Marco Zilinsky, John Nasychuk [Nassichuk] and John Barchuk of Block A District Lot 5244, a notice from the Executive Council Chamber, Victoria, that the cemetery was approved, Certificate of Incorporation for the 1974 Holy Cross Cemetery Society, and its Constitution and By-Laws.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p> <p>Series 2: Correspondence Date(s): 1973-1988 Extent: 2cm of textual records</p>

The series consists of correspondence between the Land Registry Office, Elaine Steiger, Charles and Alexandra Crow, lawyers, cemetery division of the BC Provincial office and family members of the deceased within the cemetery.

Title based on contents of series.

Series 3: District Lot 5244
Date(s): 1920, 1939, 1951
Extent: 2cm of textual records

The series consists of plot plans for District Lot 5244 and surrounding areas. Includes Kelly Creek and Brew Bay area.

Title based on contents of series.

Series 4: Lists
Date(s): [ca. 1930-1974]
Extent: .5cm of textual records

The series consists of lists of burials in the cemetery including:

Susie Zilnic
Jacob Andony
Sandy Nasychuk
Marco Zilinsky
Leon Zilinsky
Karolina Rosenau
Marie Andony
John Barchuk
Agnes Girling
Varvara Zilinsky
Sophia Barchuk
and in 1974 son of the Steiger family

Title based on contents of series.

Series 4: History
Date(s): 1970-1987
Extent: 1cm of textual records

The series consists of the history of the cemetery.

Title based on contents of series.

Series 5: Clippings
Date(s): 1984
Extent: .5cm of textual records

The series consists of clippings about the cemetery.

	<p>Title based on contents of series.</p> <p>Series 6: Photographs Date(s): [1975?] Extent: 2 photographs</p> <p>The series consists of two black and white photographs of the cemetery.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p>
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