

W.S. Brown Research fonds

1930-1976

25 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

Wilbert Stewart Brown, collector, was a former Fort William Police Chief. He was born in 1893 in Valcartier, Quebec, and came to Fort William in 1911. He began his career in law enforcement in 1912 in Fort William, one of a 14 man force and served overseas in World War I. He became a patrol sergeant with the Fort William police force in 1932, a staff sergeant a decade later, and Chief Constable in 1950. He was presented to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip in 1951 and was involved in the Boy Scout Movement locally. Brown retired in 1958 and died in 1986.

Scope and Content

Series A 44/1/1-8 - Scrapbooks

Scrapbooks filled with clippings mostly from local papers relating to police matters, military, political and social issues, obituaries, and local individuals. Also includes some information on royalty and local economic issues. Arranged chronologically into eight books; all except the last are indexed:

- 1) 1930-35
- 2) 1934-41
- 3) 1941-50
- 4) 1938-55
- 5) 1955-58
- 6) 1959-64
- 7) 1964-72
- 8) 1971-76

Additional Information

Custodial History - Formerly catalogued into museum collection: 977.123.1-9

Related Material - See W.S. Brown biographical file and 1977 interview.