

Kamloops Museum and Archives



## **Tranquille Sanatorium collection**

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1988.023, 2013.001, 2018.009

Textual

1907-1984  
0.12 metres

**Title:** Tranquille Sanatorium collection

**Dates of creation:** 1907-1984

**Physical description:** 12 cm of textual records

### **Administrative history:**

**Tranquille Sanatorium** opened in 1907 at the Fortune Ranch northwest of Kamloops as a sanatorium for people suffering from tuberculosis. It was originally named the King Edward Memorial Sanatorium and was operated by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of British Columbia until 1921. At that time the province formally took over its management to resolve mounting financial difficulties and it was renamed Tranquille Sanatorium. Dr. J.C. Fagan, the province's medical health officer, served as the sanatorium's first director and Dr R.M. Irving was appointed the first medical superintendent (1907-1909). Following the First World War additional buildings were erected by the federal government to help accommodate soldiers who had contracted tuberculosis during the war. In 1922 the sanatorium underwent an expansion on the adjoining Cooney Ranch property. During the following decade a number of new buildings were opened to help meet the growing demands for accommodation and medical services. By 1932 the sanatorium was able to accommodate up to 360 patients. The sanatorium continued to exist until 1958 by which time advances in the treatment of tuberculosis had helped control the disease. After closing, the sanatorium facilities were transferred to the Mental Health Services Branch of the B.C. provincial government and the site was used as an institution for the mentally disabled.

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### **Custodial history:**

Accession 1988.023 was acquired by the Kamloops Museum and Archives (KMA) from Dr. Gordon F. Kincade (d. 1989), of Vancouver, BC, on May 26, 1988. He worked briefly at the Tranquille Sanatorium during the 1930s and later became the Director of the Division of TB Control for the provincial government of British Columbia. Many of the records were likely collected by him through his research on the history of tuberculosis in BC.

Accession 2013.001 consists of records which were acquired by the KMA and previously accessioned separately as 66.90, 70.53, 74.17, 75.60, 77.82, and 79.54. The records in these accessions were later brought together as a collection by a staff member of the KMA likely in the early 1980s. Most of the records in this collection were acquired from a former teacher at the Tranquille School on behalf of Dr. Wilson E. Knowlton on June 9, 1970. They had previously been salvaged from a bonfire that took place at Tranquille in May 1958 after the sanatorium closed.

Accession 2018.009 was acquired from a donor whose father worked at the Tranquille Sanatorium. It is unknown when this donation was brought into the KMA, and was accessioned during processing in 2018.

### **Scope and content:**

Collection consists of annual reports, correspondence, clippings, pamphlets, lists, historical articles, patient records, construction and design certificates, and inspection reports and certificates related to the Tranquille Sanatorium and Tranquille Mental Hospital. Annual reports span 1907 to 1932 and contain information on the sanatorium's finances, its patient population, staff, medical facilities, and supplies. There is a small amount of correspondence, mainly consisting of letters received by the first director of the sanatorium, Dr. J.C. Fagan, in 1907. Also included is the first issue of the sanatorium's newspaper, *The Tranquillian*, from 1919. The collection has been divided into two series: annual reports and other textual records.

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### Notes:

**Source of supplied title:** Title based on contents of collection.

**Access restrictions:** Patient admittance form and related correspondence in the patient file is restricted until 2026. All other files are open. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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**Finding aids:** File list is available for this collection.

**Accruals:** Further accruals are possible

**Treatment Note:** Items from 2018.009 were removed from frames during processing in 2018.

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### Series 1: Annual reports

1907-1932 – 7 cm of textual records

*Scope and Content:* This series consists of annual reports of the directors of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of the Province of British Columbia (1907-1909, 1911, 1913-1919) and annual reports of the Tranquille Sanatorium (1922-1929, 1931-1932).

Accession	Description	Dates	Location
1988.023/001(01)-(07)	Annual Reports	1907-1909, 1911, 1913- 1919, 1928, 1931-1932	1/1-7
2013.001/001(01)-(04)	Annual Reports	1922-1927, 1929	2/1-4

### Series 2: Other textual records

1907-1971 – 5 cm of textual records

*Scope and Content:* This series consists of correspondence, a copy of *The Tranquillian*, a pamphlet for the King Edward Sanatorium, newspaper clippings, a Tranquille polling division voters list, a patient's admittance form, and inspection certificates. The correspondence mainly consists of letters received by the sanatorium's first director, Dr. J.C. Fagan, in 1907; other correspondence relates to the admittance of a single tuberculosis patient between 1925 and 1926.

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1988.023/001(08)	By-laws, rules and regulations of BC Anti-Tuberculosis Society	1918	1/8
1988.023/001(09)	<i>The Tranquillian</i> vol. 1 no. 1 (Aug. 1, 1919) : also includes typescripts of articles from other editions of <i>The Tranquillian</i>	1919-1923	1/9
1988.023/001(10)	Historical articles about the Tranquille Sanatorium	1938-1971	1/10
2013.001/001(05)	J.C. Fagan correspondence	1907	2/5

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2013.001/001(06)	Patient file – admittance form and correspondence ( <i>file is restricted until 2026</i> )	1925-1926	2/6
2013.001/001(07)	King Edward Memorial Sanatorium pamphlet	[ca. 1915]	2/7
2013.001/001(08)	Tranquille polling division – voters list	[ca. 1923]	2/8
2013.001/001(09)	Tranquille Sanatorium list of personnel	1946- [ca.1958]	2/9
2013.001/001(10)	Anti-Tuberculosis Auxiliary Society dance	1910	2/10
2013.001/001(11)	Tranquille School booklet	1965	2/11
2018.009	Inspection Certificates [includes inspection certificates for the Tranquille Mental Hospital building and boiler, certificate of construction and design for boiler, and Connelly Water Tube Boiler diagram]	1964-1984	2/12