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Army and Navy Department Store fonds. – [textual record, graphic material]. – [194-]-2001.
– 8.10 cm of textual records. – 162 photographs: 130 b&w, 32 colour.
Boxes OS-34, OS-39, V-294, V-307

Administrative history

Army and Navy Department Store Ltd. was founded in 1919 by Samuel Cohen in Vancouver, British Columbia. The store sold army surplus goods, however, as the demand for army supplies declined after WWI, Cohen began selling other materials. The organization buys leftover merchandise from wholesalers and retailers in eastern Canada and sells that merchandise in western Canada. Jacqui Cohen, Samuel Cohen's granddaughter, is the owner, president and CEO of the company.

There are 6 locations in Alberta and British Columbia.

The Army and Navy Department Store's Moose Jaw location opened July 31, 1933 at 116 Main St. N. The store moved to 225 Main ST. N in 1945.

The organization announced on January 15, 2000 that they were closing the Moose Jaw location due to poor sales.

Scope and content

This fonds contains material that reflects the activity of the Army and Navy Department Store in Moose Jaw. It contains store flyers, catalogues, and photographs. It also contains the funeral service program for Garth Curtis Kennedy, who was employed by the organization for 52 years. During his career he served as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and refolded in 2013.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

The first accrual was donated to the archive by Ken Bechtold on behalf of the Army and Navy Department Store staff.

Accession 47.2017 was donated to the archive by Linda Johnstone on March 15, 2017.

Associated materials

Photographs 2013-199 - 2013-1386 and 2017-329 to 2017-335 have been removed and added to the main photographic collection.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Finding aids.
See file list.

File List

Box OS-34

001 – Store Flyers. – 1969-1999. – 3.00 cm

Box V-294

002 – Store Catalogues. – 1967-1984. – 5.00 cm

003 – Garth Curtis Kennedy Service Program. – 1998. – 2 p.

Box OS-39

004 – Scrapbook (Part 1). – [194-]-2001. – 10 p. – 162 photographs: 130 b&w, 32 colour.

Box V-307

004 – Scrapbook (Part 2). – [194-]-2001. – 10 p. – 162 photographs: 130 b&w, 32 colour.

004 – Scrapbook (Part 3). – [194-]-2001. – 10 p. – 162 photographs: 130 b&w, 32 colour.

004 – Scrapbook (Part 4). – [194-]-2001. – 10 p. – 162 photographs: 130 b&w, 32 colour.

004 – Scrapbook (Part 5). – [194-]-2001. – 10 p. – 162 photographs: 130 b&w, 32 colour.