

WELCOME TO SAANICH ARCHIVES



Located in the Saanich Centennial Library since 2007, Saanich Archives collects and preserves photos, maps, art, newspaper clippings, and documents related to the history of the Municipality of Saanich.

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One way that Saanich Archives shares our history is through interpretive panels such as this one about the history of local First Nations.

We acknowledge with respect the WSÁNEĆ and Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the Archives stands and whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

The reference room houses our collections of published material and reference files. When Archives staff receive a research inquiry, this is where we look first.



The vertical files are a great place to start your research. They include news clippings, oral histories, research notes, letters, photos, brochures, and more. These files provide background information and can also lead to additional records in the collection.

Our reference room also houses our collection of BC Directories dating from 1924 to 1999. Directories can be used like phone books to find businesses or people by name and by street address. They are a great resource if you are doing research on your family or on your house and neighbourhood.



Our reference book collection contains books on local, BC, and Canadian history. We have over 1500 titles about fascinating people, places, and events. While these books do not circulate, many of them are also available through the public library.

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Before contacting us with your research question, we suggest checking the finding aids on our website. A finding aid is a type of guide or catalogue that tells you what records we have in our vault.

Saanich Archives Plan Collection, 1867-1986

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Year	Title/Description	Owner	Location	Plan No.
1867	[Plan] No. 17 Subdivision of part of Section 44 Property of J. W. McKay. [&] Map of Cadboro Bay Estate belonging to Mr. J. W. McKay. Section XLIV	J. W. McKay	Cadboro Bay	C-13
1892	1892 Lake District Subdivision of West Fractional Portion of Section 89	Estate of Frank Campbell	Pt Sec. 89 Lake Dist W side Prospect Lake	C-28
1893	Plan of part of the Mount Tolmie Park Estate being a subdivision of portions of Sections 39 & 40		Mount Tolmie Park Estate, Sec. 39 & 40 [Shelbourne Local Area]	2011-003-001
1908	Saanich Municipality. Plan of Proposed Alterations and Additions to Ditch from a Point at the V. & S. Railway to 18" Pipe within the City Boundary.		Tolmie Lane (at City Boundary) to Oak Street	B-2
1908	Plan of Subdivision of Part of Section 134. Lake District, V. I. (with property of W. J. Ledingham coloured yellow)		Prospect Lake Rd	B-4
1909	Plan [of] Dean Heights Subdivision being part of Sections 26 & 27 Victoria Dist., B. C.		Richmond Ave	B-401
1911	Lake Hill Park Plan of subdivision of Lots 28-30, 37-42, 51-58 & 71-73 incl Section 49 (Reg Plan No. 1890) Lake Hill Victoria District [with blue lines added to portions of Canterbury, Ralph & Nelthorpe	Arthur E. Haynes	Lots 28-30, 37-42, 51-58 & 71-73 incl Sec. 49 Map 1890 Victoria Dist McKenzie Ave	B-212
1911	[Plan 1270] Plan of Elliston Orchard Sub-Division Part of Secs 9, 62 & 63 Victoria Dist.	Blanche Edith Head	Cloverdale & Savannah Aves & Quadra St	B-79
1912	Plan [No. 1714] of subdivision of part of Lots 3 & 4 Sec. 44 Victoria Dist L.R.O. Map 68A.	Lt. Col. Laurence St. John Brodrick	Between Arbutus and Cadboro Bay Rds	B-121
1912	Plan [No. 1595] of subdivision of Lot 41 Sec. 32 L.O.R. Map No. 721 Victoria District B. C.	William Campbell & James Pettigrew, Charles Lewis & Margaret Grant	Within Cedar Hill X Rd, Borden and Willow Sts	B-122
1912	Plan [No. 1413] of subdivision of Lots 90 and 103 Lake Hill Estate Sec. 82 L. R. O. Map 180 Victoria Dist	Francis William & Kathleen Gregory-Allen	Glanford Ave	B-124

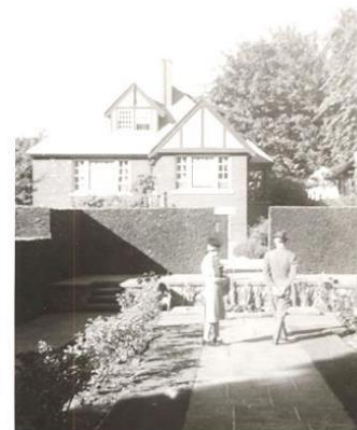
In addition to the finding aids, we have lots of resources available on our website to help you get started on your research.

Whether you are researching the history of your house, your neighbourhood, or your ancestors, saanich.ca/archives has resources that can help.

Researching the history of your house

Saanich Archives

Explore Saanich Archives Resources for Researching Your House



LastName	FirstName	ParishTown	Municipality	RelHead	Sex	MaritalSta	Age
3	3	4	5	11	12	13	14
WARREN	EDWARD HARRY	2431 RICHMOND ROAD	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	57
WARREN	MARTHA	2431 RICHMOND ROAD	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	57
WARREN	HERBERT EDWARD	2431 RICHMOND ROAD	WARD 1	SON	M	S	31
WARREN	PERCY FREDERICK	2431 RICHMOND ROAD	WARD 1	SON	M	S	30
WARREN	WINNIFRED HEATH	2431 RICHMOND ROAD	WARD 1	DAUGHTER	F	S	28
WARREN	DOROTHY EVE	2431 RICHMOND ROAD	WARD 1	DAUGHTER	F	S	20
DE SAUSMAREZ	CYRIL WENTWORTH	2431 RICHMOND ROAD	WARD 1	LODGER	M	S	49
GILBERT	GEORGE	SECOND STREET	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	34
GILBERT	DAISY ETHEL	SECOND STREET	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	23
GILBERT	GEORGE KITCHENER	SECOND STREET	WARD 1	SON	M	S	4
GILBERT	BEVERLY JAMES	SECOND STREET	WARD 1	SON	M	S	2
GATES	FREDERICK CHARLES	1821 FIRST STREET	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	39
GATES	ETHEL	1821 FIRST STREET	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	34
GATES	JAMES	1821 FIRST STREET	WARD 1	SON	M	S	10
GATES	WILLIAM	1821 FIRST STREET	WARD 1	SON	M	S	8
DAWSON	ERNEST FRANK	1821 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	44
DAWSON	ADA MARGARET	1821 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	46
DAWSON	IDA	1821 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	DAUGHTER	F	S	13
DAWSON	RITA	1821 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	DAUGHTER	F	S	10
DAWSON	KENNETH	1821 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	SON	M	S	7
HOLMES	ALICE HARVEY	1821 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	ADOPTED DAUGHTER	F	S	2
GARDEN	THOMAS	1817 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	56
GARDEN	ELLEN	1817 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	45
WEST	JAMES	1890 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	44
WEST	SARAH	1890 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	44
WEST	MARIE EVELYN	1890 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	DAUGHTER	F	S	17
WEST	GRACE ELIZABETH	1890 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	DAUGHTER	F	S	7
WEST	LLEWELLYN	1890 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	SON	M	S	6
BRADLEY	HAROLD ROBERT	1990 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	35
BRADLEY	ROSE ELLEN	1990 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	37
MORTON	HENRIETTA	1990 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	STEP-DAUGHTER	F	S	13
MORTON	GEORGE MADDISON	1990 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	STEP-SON	M	S	11
STANDERWICK	ROBERT S	1930 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	HEAD	M	M	45
STANDERWICK	MARY	1930 HAULTAIN STREET	WARD 1	WIFE	F	M	40

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Since 2007, we have digitized over 9000 photographs in our collection. These digitized images are searchable through our photo search site.

Our photo search site also includes descriptions of our collection.

You can use the photos from our website for research purposes or private study but other uses, such as electronic or printed publication, will need written permission.

For information on our terms of use and fees, please refer to our **Photographic Reproduction and Use Policy** at saanich.ca/archives.

The screenshot displays the Saanich Archives website interface. At the top, the header includes the Saanich logo, the text 'District of Saanich', and navigation options like 'Browse' and 'Search'. The main content area shows search results for 'Irvine family fonds' with 390 results. A sidebar on the left allows filtering by 'PART OF', 'NAME', 'PLACE', 'SUBJECT', and 'GENRE'. The main area features a grid of photo thumbnails, each with a caption and a download icon. The photos include: a woman on Mother's Day (1932), a house named 'Rosebank' (1933), snow at 3920 Cedar Hill Road (1916), a classroom for returned soldiers, a couple (Alice and Charles King), children on front steps (Alice King), a woman and a dog (Annie Ashbridge, July 1932), a woman and a dog (Alice and Elizabeth King), a young girl (Annie Hendry), and a woman (Barbara Dawson (Brown)).

Saanich District of Saanich

Showing 390 results

Narrow your results by:

- PART OF
 - All
 - Irvine family fonds 393
- NAME
 - All
 - Invalid Soldiers Commission 16
 - Deans Family 4
 - Ash, Arthur J. 1
 - Deans, James 1
- PLACE
 - All
 - Quadra 161
 - Undetermined 74
 - Gordon Head 32
 - Victoria 21
 - Shelbourne 19
 - Other 7
 - BC 7
 - Victoria (B.C.) 5
 - Cordova Bay 4
 - Saanich Core 4
- SUBJECT
- GENRE

Showing 390 results

Irvine family fonds With digital objects

Advanced search options

Print preview View: Sort by: Alphabetic

"Mother on Mother's Day 1932"

"Rosebank", 1933

1916 snow at 3920 Cedar Hill Road

A classroom for returned soldiers, part of retraining program

Alice and Charles King

Alice King [and unidentified children on front steps]

Alice and Elizabeth King

Annie Hendry

Annie Ashbridge [with dogs], July 1932

Barbara Dawson (Brown)

Behind the scenes, our holdings are stored inside our climate-controlled vault.

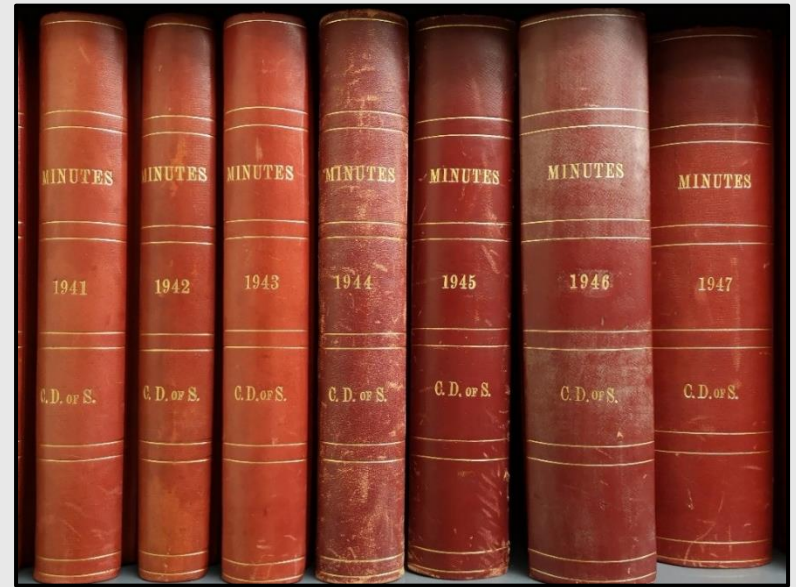
Our collection consists of approximately 60 percent municipal records and 40 percent community records. These include paper documents such as letters and maps, and photos in the form of prints, slides, and even glass plate negatives.

The Archives acquires records for its collection in several ways. Municipal records are transferred from other departments, and community records are received by donation.





The municipal records in our collection date back to 1904, two years before Saanich was officially incorporated as a municipality. The collections include administrative files, correspondence, legal documents, voter's lists, minutes, maps and plans. We also have reports relating to all aspects of the municipality such as Council business, the Clerk's and Mayor's offices, the Police and Fire Departments, and Planning and Public Works projects.



The private records in our collection date back to the 1870s and include photographs, correspondence, financial and legal documents, scrapbooks, diaries, pamphlets, books, and other material collected by individual citizens, families, or organizations.



All material donated to the Archives is stored in our climate-controlled vault. We monitor the temperature and relative humidity every day to ensure that the vault conditions are stable.

Instead of overhead water sprinklers, the fire suppression system in the vault uses compressed gas to remove the oxygen from the room. This smothers the fire without the risk of water damage to the collection.





Saanich Archives is located inside the
Saanich Centennial Library next to
Pearkes Rec Centre at 3100 Tillicum Road.

Our hours are:
Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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