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Summary information

Repository:	Saanich Archives
Title:	Williamson family fonds
ID:	PR-297
Date:	[1910] - 1942 (date of creation)
Physical description:	57 photographs 4 photoreproductions
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	Accession no. 2020-002.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

William J. Williamson and his wife Wilhelmina (nee Clarke) came to Gordon Head in 1897, and built a house on Tyndall Avenue. W.J. Williamson operated Gordon Head's first grocery store from 1909 to 1918. He also contracted the first rural mail route in the neighbourhood which in 1913 was taken over by his eldest son Jack. Jack Williamson served overseas during WW1. When he returned, he took over the Gordon Head bus service in 1921 and ran the business until it was bought by the Matson Coach Lines Company in the late 1920s. In addition to operating Gordon Head's first grocery store and mail route, in 1913 the Williamson home was also the site of Gordon Head's first telephone office, with 1 switchboard and ten lines. In 1924, a new telephone office opened with at the corner of Feltham Road and Tyndall Avenue with 97 telephones. The Williamsons' daughters, Alixena "Bea" and Agnes, were both employed at the new telephone office.

Custodial history

This selection of photographs were collected by George F. Wiliamson (1921-2020), who was the son of John (Jack) and Edith Wiliamson, and the grandson of William J. and Wilhelmina Williamson.

Scope and content

Accession consists of 57 photos (b & w or sepia) of the Williamson family, their home and activities, and the Gordon Head area from about 1910 to 1942. Also includes 4 photoreproductions.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated in 2020 by a family member.

Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Williamson family
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Gordon Head (place)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
PR-297-2020-002-001	Item - Williamson family at their home on Tyndall Avenue	1918	No restrictions on access.	
PR-297-2020-002-002	Item - Williamson family	[1910]	No restrictions on access.	
PR-297-2020-002-003	Item - W.J. and Wilhelmina Williamson family home on Tyndall Avenue	[191-]	No restrictions on access.	
PR-297-2020-002-004	Item - Men and boys along a fence at the back of the Williamson property	[191-]	No restrictions on access.	
PR-297-2020-002-005	Item - Gordon Head School	[192-]	No restrictions on access.	
PR-297-2020-002-006	Item - Inez Mitchell's party	15 July 1914	No restrictions on access.	
PR-297-2020-002-007	Item - Girl Guides [or CGIT] on San Juan Avenue	[1918]	No restrictions on access.	
PR-297-2020-002-008	Item - View from front porch [of Williamson home] with Mount Douglas in background	[191-]	No restrictions on access.	

PR-297-2020-002-010	Item - Two women walking along San Juan Avenue	[192-?]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-011	Item - W.C. Grant and family at beach	[191-?]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-012a	Item - Young women in swimming costumes	[191-?]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-012b	Item - Man, woman and boy with dog on a porch	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-013	Item - Gordon Head lacrosse team	ca. 1916	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-014	Item - Woman sitting on porch	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-015	Item - Women sitting on porch steps	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-016	Item - Young women of the Williamson family	[1920]	
PR-297-2020-002-017	Item - Women on the beach at Margaret Bay	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-018	Item - Williamson family in car	[1917]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-019	Item - Clarke family home on Tyndall Avenue	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-020a	Item - Strawberry fields near old Gordon Head School	[1916]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-020b	Item - Boy and dog on porch	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-021	Item - Bee and Minnie Williamson, ready for hoeing strawberries	[1921]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-022	Item - Strawberry pickers	[1921]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-023	Item - Jim Mowat in his 1926 Chevrolet	[1926]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-024	Item - Pile of firewood outside Gordon Head School	1919	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-025	Item - Children working in Gordon Head School garden	1919	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-026	Item - Gordon Head School	[1928]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-027	Item - Building a bus in Gordon Head	[1923]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-028	Item - Model T truck chassis for Jack Williamson's bus service, Gordon Head	[1923]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-029	Item - Williamson Coach Lines bus	[192-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-030	Item - Williamson Coach Lines bus	1924	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-031	Item - Small child in front of bus built on truck chassis	1923	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-032	Item - Williamson Coach Lines buses built on truck chassis	[1923]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-033	Item - Cordova Bay bus, built on truck chassis	[1925]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-034	Item - Building a bus in Gordon Head	[1923]	No restrictions on access.

PR-297-2020-002-035	Item - Model T truck chassis used with bus body for Williamson Coach Lines buses	[1923]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-036	Item - Gordon Head School class photograph, Division 2, 1928	1928	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-037	Item - Aerial view of intersection of San Juan Avenue and Tyndall Avenue	June 1942	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-038	Item - Aerial view of Williamson house on Tyndall Avenue	June 1942	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-039	Item - Jack Williamson with the 1915 Ford used for mail service in Gordon Head	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-040	Item - Jack Williamson and automobile on bridge	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-041	Item - Farming with Model T and trailer in Gordon Head	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-042	Item - Jim Mowat in his 1926 Chevrolet	[1926]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-043	Item - William J. and Wilhelmina Williamson and family outside their home on Tyndall Avenue	[1918]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-044	Item - Jack Williamson, Ena Clarke and Edith Williamson in front of Clarke home on Tyndall Avenue	June 1921	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-045	Item - Class photograph, Gordon Head School Division 2, 1929, teacher Marjorie Watson	1929	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-047	Item - Ena Clarke and Ruby Williamson	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-048	Item - Ena Clarke in a cemetery	[191-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-049	Item - Bee and Minnie [Williamson] with a dog, swimming at Margaret Bay	[192-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-050	Item - Minnie and Bea Williamson on the beach at Margaret Bay	[192-]	No restrictions on access.
PR-297-2020-002-051	Item - John Clarke and Ruby Williamson	[191-]	No restrictions on access.