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RYDER LAKE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

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Ryder Lake Farmers' Institute
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History Note

The Ryder Lake Farmers' Institute was chartered in 1941. It has always been closely associated with the Ryder Lake Women's Institute formed in 1935. The organizations are affiliated with the provincial Farmers' Institute and Women's Institute fostered by the BC Ministry responsible for agriculture to encourage good farming practices and to promote the quality of rural life.

The Ryder Lake Farmers' and Women's Institutes jointly operate the Ryder Lake Community Hall. They organize social events in the community and act as its collective voice in relation to the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Custodial History

These records were donated to the Chilliwack Archives in 1992 by Gloria Beshara, former Secretary of the Institute.

Scope and Content

This accession contains the 1975-1981 Minute Book of the Institute, correspondence dating from 1951 to 1984, newsletters, and other materials reflecting community life in Ryder Lake.

Some of the Institute's earlier records are held by BC Archives and Records Service, filed as Add.MSS.760 and Add.MSS.990.

Data Storage

Word Perfect 5.1 for Windows, filed as D:\archives\inventory\ryder.doc, and on backup disks at the Chilliwack Archives and the Chilliwack Museum.

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<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	Meetings and Minutes Book	January 1975 - November 1981
2	Ryder Lake Community Hall and Playground - lease for land and correspondence concerning purchase of property	July 1951 - December 1959
3	General coorespondence, annual report, membership list	January 1960 - November 1968
4	Correspondence, annual reports, newsletters, "History of the Ryder Lake District"	1972 - 1984
5	Institute Constitution and Bylaws, provincial legislation governing Farmers' Institutes	
6	Chilliwack Exhibition - group exhibit evaluation sheets	
7	Ryder Lake Gazette (scattered issues)	