



The Gerry Burch Fonds
The TimberWest Collection

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Summary Information:

General Material Designation: Textual records and maps.

Level of Description: Fonds.

Repository: The TimberWest Collection, Kaatza Station Museum and Archives.

Dates: 1938-1999.

Physical Description: 1.49m of textual records; 70 maps.

Name of Creator: W. G. Burch.

Biographical Information

Born in 1923, William Gerald Burch was trained as a forester at the University of British Columbia. Following mobilization in the navy, he was hired as a timber cruiser by British Columbia Forest Products in 1947. Largely based in the Cowichan region, Burch had a 40-year career with BCFP. He was appointed Chief Forester by the organization in 1968 and VP of Timberlands and Forestry in 1977. He retired from the company in 1988, after which he worked in consultancy. He is the author of two books: *The Working Forest* (1995) and his autobiography *Still Counting the Rings* (2006).

Custodial History

Burch amassed the records throughout the course of his career with British Columbia Forest Products. He donated the files and maps to the Kaatza Station Museum and Archives in 2004.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of records of local logging and forestry operations as produced and collected by Gerry Burch over his career with British Columbia Forest Products. This includes reports and plans from logging operators in the Cowichan/Renfrew regions, and Burch's forestry files, which relate to cruising, reforestation initiatives, and interactions with forestry groups such as the Canadian Institute of Forestry. The fonds also contains a collection of maps which accompany the records and detail logging operations and planning in the Cowichan/Renfrew regions between the 1930s and 1990s.

Notes:

Physical Condition: Both files and maps are mainly in good condition. Some files are bent due to incorrect storage, and some maps are exhibiting water damage. The maps were rolled up upon arrival and remain rolled, meaning they will be bent until remediation can occur.

Arrangement: Records remain in their original order and file folder titles have been maintained.

Series 1: Logging Reports and Planning

Date: 1958-1988.

Physical Description: 94.5cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: Contained in this series are reports and planning documents from logging operations in the Cowichan/Renfrew region produced by BCFP and other logging operators between the 1950s and the 1980s. These include plans and reports for logging conducted across entire divisions of BCFP, as well as more focussed data on individual blocks and Tree Farm Licenses.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Timber and Logging Report, S.W. Portion of Compartment "D", Nitinat Lake Division, Moore-Whittingham Lumber Co. Ltd.	1958	51.01
Working Plan, Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Folio No. 1	Undated	51.02
Working Plan No. 2, Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Folio No. 1	1961-1970	51.03
Working Plan, Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Folio No. 1	1977-1981	51.03
BCFP Tree Farm No. 68, Working Plan, Folio No. 1	1981-1986	51.04
Crofton Logging Group, Annual Forestry Report	1981	52.01
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1978	52.01
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1977	52.01
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1976	52.01
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1975	52.02
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1974	52.02
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1973	52.02
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1972	52.02
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1971	52.03
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1970	52.03
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1969	52.03
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1968	52.03
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1967	52.03
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1966	53.01
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1965	53.01
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1964	53.01
Renfrew Logging Division, Annual Report	1961	53.01
Nitinat Tree Farm Licence 27, Annual Report	1976	53.01
Nitinat Tree Farm Licence 27, Annual Report	1977	53.01
Nitinat Tree Farm Licence 27, Annual Report	1978	53.02
Nitinat Tree Farm Licence 27, Annual Report	1979	53.02
Nitinat Tree Farm Licence 27, Annual Report	1980	53.02
Working Plan No. 1, Parksville Tree Farm No. 17	1965	53.02
Working Plan No. 2, Parksville Tree Farm No. 11	1971-1976	53.03
Crown Zellerbach, Tree Farm Licence No. 2, Annual Report	1975	53.03

Crown Zellerbach, Tree Farm Licence No. 2, Annual Report	1977	53.03
Crown Zellerbach, Tree Farm Licence No. 2, Annual Report	1978	53.03
TFL 22 Annual Report Excerpts	1956	53.03
Crofton Logging, 5 Year Plan	1980-1984	54.01
Crown Zellerbach, Crown Granted Lands, Annual Report	1978	54.01
Crown Zellerbach, Crown Granted Lands, Annual Report	1979	54.01
Fire Season 1977, Fire Procedures	1977	54.01
BCFP Annual Report for T.S.H.L. A02810, Nootka P.S.Y.U.	1977	54.01
BCFP Annual Report for T.S.H.L. A02810, Nootka P.S.Y.U.	1979	54.01
BCFP Annual Report for F.L. A19235, Nootka T.S.A.	1981	54.02
BCFP Annual Report for T.S.H.L. A02810, Nootka P.S.Y.U.	1981	54.02
BCFP Annual Report for F.L. A19235, Nootka T.S.A.	1982	54.02
BCFP Forest Licence No. 19235, Nootka T.S.A., Management and Working Plan No. 1	1983	54.02
BCFP Annual Report for F.L. A19235, Nootka T.S.A.	1983	54.03
BCFP Nootka T.S.A./F.L. A19235, Forest Management and Working Plan No. 1, Chart Volume Compilation	1983	54.03
BCFP Annual Report for F.L. A19235, Nootka T.S.A.	1984	54.03
Annual Report, Arrowsmith T.S.A. F.L. A19235	1987	54.03
Fletcher Challenge Annual Report, Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 46	1988	55.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 46, Annual Report	1983	55.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 46, Annual Report	1984	55.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 46, Annual Report	1985	55.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 46, Annual Report	1986	55.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 46, Annual Report	1987	55.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1959	55.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1960	55.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1961	55.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1962	55.03
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1963	55.03
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1964	55.03
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1965	56.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1966	56.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1967	56.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1968	56.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1969	56.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1970	56.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1971	56.03
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1972	56.03
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1973	56.03
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1974	57.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1975	57.01
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1976	57.01

BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1977	57.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1978	57.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1979	57.02
BCFP Maquinna Tree Farm Licence No. 22, Annual Report	1981	57.02

Series 2: Forestry Files

Date: 1949-1965.

Physical Description: 54cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: Series contains files produced by Gerry Burch in his work as a forester with BCFP. Files vary in their subject, but mainly relate to reforestation issues, timber cruising, and meetings and conferences attended by Burch in his capacity as BCFP forester.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
G. Burch Cruising	1955-1959	58.01
Reforestation Planting & Seeding	1959-1964	58.02
Reforestation	1957-1959	58.03
Reforestation	1949-1956	58.04
Reforestation, General	1958-1965	58.05
Genetics Gene Bank	1962-1964	58.06
Genetics (T.I.B.) Tree Improvement Board	1960s	58.07
Genetics, General	1959-1964	58.08
Genetics, Plus Tree Cruise	1959-1964	58.09
Forestry, General	1960s	59.01
Reforestation Regeneration Cruising	1958-1963	59.02
Reforestation Survival Examinations	1958-1964	59.03
Reforestation Cone & Seed Production	1958-1964	59.04
Maps	1954-1961	59.05
Timber Volumes Statistics & Inventories	1956-1963	59.06
T.F.L. Inventory Cruises	1961-1962	59.07
T.F.L. Contractors	1959	59.08
T.F.L. Fire Protection	1960s	59.09
T.F.L. Cutting Permits	1959-1964	59.10
T.F.L., General	1958-1964	59.11
Forest Service	1961-1964	59.12
Entomology, General	1956-1964	59.13
Entomology, Ambrosia	1957-1964	59.14
Forest Protection	1959-1964	60.01
Conferences & Courses	1959-1963	60.02

Cruising Reports	1955-1964	60.03
Caycuse, Second Growth	1963	60.04
Circulars	1952-1961	60.05
Canadian Institute Forestry	1958-1963	60.06
Royal Commission, Report on the Forests of BC Summary	1957	60.07
Budgets	1959-1964	60.08
Forestry Research	1959-1964	60.09
Reforestation, Brush Spraying	1959-1964	60.10
Reforestation	1955-1958	60.11
Forester's Meeting, Annual	1956-1965	60.12
Reforestation Scarification	1960-1964	61.01
Cruiser's Meetings	1953-1958	61.02
Cruiser's, General	1958-1964	61.03
Logging, Production Meetings	1961-1964	61.04

Series 3: Logging Maps

Date: 1938-1999.

Physical Description: 70 maps, rolled up.

Scope and Content: Series contains both large and small maps detailing forestry and logging operations in the Cowichan/Renfrew regions, from the 1930s through to the 1990s. Maps such as these were actively used in the field by foresters planning and monitoring timber exploitation in the area.

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Title	Date	Location	Accession #
Renfrew Block 910, Harris Creek	1953	BSGB-A1	2004.27.1
Renfrew, Cole Timber, Mosquite Creek	1958	BSGB-A2	2004.27.2
Renfrew, Spur 12	ca. 1960	BSGB-A3	2004.27.3
BCFP Renfrew – Lot 329	Undated	BSGB-A4	2004.27.4
Renfrew	Undated	BSGB-A5	2004.27.5
North Fork, Lens Creek, Block 849	Undated	BSGB-A6	2004.27.6
Cove Bridge, Renfrew BCFP	Undated	BSGB-A7	2004.27.7
Harris Creek Block 910	Undated	BSGB-A8	2004.27.8
Blocks 869, 892, 191	Undated	BSGB-A9	2004.27.9
Lower Granite & Harris Creeks, Renfrew	Undated	BSGB-A10	2004.27.10
Project 3, Lot 314 & 315	Undated	BSGB-A11	2004.27.11
East Fork of Panther Creek & West Fork of Red Creek	1951	BSGB-A12	2004.27.12
Panther Creek	Undated	BSGB-B1	2004.27.13
Renfrew, Near Camp Creek	ca. 1956	BSGB-B2	2004.27.14
Block 191	Undated	BSGB-B3	2004.27.15

Dent Creek # 3, Cedar Creek	Undated	BSGB-B4	2004.27.16
Shaw Creek, Upper West	Undated	BSGB-B5	2004.27.17
Shaw Creek, Between East & West Shaw	Undated	BSGB-B6	2004.27.18
Shaw Creek Back End West Shaw	Undated	BSGB-B7	2004.27.19
Shaw Creek, Above & Between East Shaw	Undated	BSGB-B8	2004.27.20
Dixie Lake, Shaw Creek	Undated	BSGB-B9	2004.27.21
Shaw Creek, Back End	Undated	BSGB-B10	2004.27.22
Block 109, Nixon Creek, Above Vernon Creek	Undated	BSGB-B11	2004.27.23
Block 109, East Section, Nixon Creek	Undated	BSGB-B12	2004.27.24
Nixon Creek Ridge	1960-61	BSGB-C13	2004.27.25
Block 109, Nixon Creek	Undated	BSGB-C14	2004.27.26
Lens Creek, North Fork, Frost Lake	Undated	BSGB-C15	2004.27.27
Lens Creek – Block A	Undated	BSGB-C16	2004.27.28
Fairy Lake, Renfrew	Undated	BSGB-D13	2004.27.29
Brown Creek, Renfrew	Undated	BSGB-D14	2004.27.30
Northern Portion of McKay Creek, Block 111	1944	BSGB-D15	2004.27.31
Coon Creek	1953	BSGB-D16	2004.27.32
Proposed Mainline Truck Road, Caycuse Camp	ca. 1950	BSGB-E13	2004.27.33
Wardroper Creek	1938	BSGB-E14	2004.27.34
Nixon Creek, South & West Fork	ca. 1940	BSGB-E15	2004.27.35
HBO Private Lands, San Juan Area	1998	BSGB-E16	2004.27.36a
HBO Private Lands, San Juan Area	1998	BSGB-E16	2004.27.36b
HBO Private Lands, San Juan Area	1998	BSGB-E16	2004.27.36c
TimberWest 5 Year Plan, Walbran Creek Area	1996	BSGB-F13	2004.27.37
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, Harris	Undated	BSGB-F14	2004.27.38
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, Koksilah	Undated	BSGB-F15	2004.27.39
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, Skutz	Undated	BSGB-F16	2004.27.40
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map Muir (Sooke)	Undated	BSGB-G17	2004.27.41
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, San Juan (Bear Creek)	Undated	BSGB-G18	2004.27.42
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, Lake 2	Undated	BSGB-G19	2004.27.43
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, Lake 1	Undated	BSGB-G20	2004.27.44
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, Lake 3	Undated	BSGB-G21	2004.27.45
TimberWest Section 9 Base Map, Lake 4	Undated	BSGB-G22	2004.27.46
Marie Canyon, Skutz Falls	1987	BSGB-H17	2004.27.47
Honeymoon Bay Operation TFL 46, Resource Management Plan, East San Juan	1988	BSGB-H18	2004.27.48
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 51	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49a
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 58	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49b
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 59	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49c
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 60	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49d
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 61	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49e
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 69	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49f
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 70	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49g

San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 71	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49h
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 79	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49i
San Juan Watershed Restoration Project, Map 80	1995	BSGB-H19	2004.27.49j
Hancock Timber Resource Group, Age Class Map	1998	BSGB-H20	2004.27.50
Hancock Timber Resource Group – Development Plan, Gordon River	1999	BSGB-H21	2004.27.51
Heather Lake 18 Month Plan	1996	BSGB-H22	2004.27.52
TFL46 & TO910 Resource Management Plan, Walbran Area	Undated	BSGB-I17	2004.27.53
Bolduc Community Forest	1996	BSGB-I18	2004.27.54
Section 9 Base Map, San Juan, Bear Creek & Renfrew	Undated	BSGB-I19	2004.27.55
Walbran/Rosander/Bolduc	ca. 1995	BSGB-I20	2004.27.56
Honeymoon Bay Private Land – Upper End of Lake	1997	BSGB-I21	2004.27.57
Honeymoon Bay Private Land – Lower End of Lake	Undated	BSGB-I22	2004.27.58
McKay & Wardroper Creek	Undated	BSGB-J17	2004.27.59