



The TimberWest Kaatza Community Fonds  
The TimberWest Collection

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### **Summary Information:**

General Material Designation: Textual records.

Level of Description: Fonds.

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

Dates: 1949-2012

Physical Description: 1.53m of textual records.

Name of Creator: British Columbia Forest Products, Fletcher Challenge, TimberWest, Kaatza Historical Society.

### **Biographical Information:**

TimberWest Forest Corporation was formed in 1997, after forest industry company Fletcher Challenge Canada separated its logging outfits from its pulp operations. A New Zealand-based multinational, Fletcher Challenge had purchased an extensive portfolio of forest industry operations and cutting licenses from British Columbia Forest Products in 1986.

Founded in 1946 by E.P. Taylor, British Columbia Forest Products acquired an enormous empire of pulp, plywood, logging, and sawmill ventures. Many of its earlier operations were in the Vancouver area; however, over its corporate lifetime the company also obtained or established operations on across Vancouver Island, on Haida Gwaii, and in Northern British Columbia. It was generally considered to be the second largest forest industry company in the province. In the Cowichan region, the company operated logging camps at Caycuse and Nitinat, the lumbermill at Youbou, and a pulp and newsprint mill at Crofton.

Following several decades of economic contraction in the forest industry, in 2001 TimberWest closed the Cowichan Lumbermill at Youbou. Over the precursing decade the company had also merged logging operations in Cowichan and Renfrew to form its Honeymoon Bay Operations. They finally sold their timber rights in Tree Farm License 46 to the Teal-Jones Group in 2003.

### **Custodial History:**

The records in this collection were donated to the Kaatza Museum and Archives by a host of Cowichan community members, starting in the 1980s and continuing to the present day. Initially stored in multiple locations across the museum's diverse archival systems, the records were consolidated by archivist Henry John in 2023, so that all records related to TimberWest or its predecessor companies are now located in the TimberWest room in the Kaatza Museum's Belltower School.

### **Scope and Content:**

The fonds consists of an assortment of archival records related to TimberWest and its predecessor companies Fletcher Challenge Canada and British Columbia Forest Products. Records in this assortment of records include shareholder information and reports, a plethora of newspapers produced by each company and their various divisions, and a broad range of promotional and administrative materials donated to the museum over the years. Also included here are collections of Cowichan and Renfrew forestry records by former B.C.F.P./Fletcher

Challenge/TimberWest foresters Pete Mortensen and Art Walker, as well as a small collection of records donated by Cowichan Lumbermill manager Neil Dirom.

Materials contained in this fonds include maps, planning documents, correspondence, promotional materials, policy documents, meeting minutes, personnel data, award certificates, newspapers, newsletters, bulletins, and shareholder reports.

**Notes:**

Physical Condition: Records are in good condition, with some bending due to improper storage.

Arrangement: When archival donations were made to the museum, Kaatza Museum staff distributed individual documents throughout their filing system, according to the company concerned, the subject matter, and the time period. As such, much of the original order was lost in doing so. In consolidating these records, the current archivist was forced to maintain many of these divisions. Some of the larger donations were salvageable, and hence represented as individual series here. For smaller donations, researchers can trace their provenance by following the accession number provided on each document.

**Series 1: TimberWest Forest Ltd. Records**

**Subseries 1a) TimberWest Forest Ltd. Reports**

Dates: 1994-2008

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
TimberWest 1994 Annual Report	1994	118.04
TimberWest Timber Trust Prospectus	1997	118.05
TimberWest 1997 Statutory and Annual Reports	1997	118.06
TimberWest 1998 Quarterly Reports	1998	118.07
TimberWest 1998 Statutory and Annual Reports	1998	118.08
TimberWest 1999 Quarterly Reports	1999	118.09
TimberWest 1999 Statutory and Annual Reports	1999	118.10
TimberWest 2000 Quarterly Reports	2000	118.11
TimberWest 2000 Statutory and Annual Reports	2000	118.12
TimberWest 2001 Quarterly Reports	2001	118.13
TimberWest 2001 Statutory and Annual Reports	2001	119.01
TimberWest 2002 Quarterly Reports	2002	119.02
TimberWest 2002 Annual Report	2002	119.03
TimberWest 2003 Quarterly Reports	2003	119.04
TimberWest 2003 Annual Report	2003	119.05
TimberWest 2004 Quarterly Reports	2004	119.06
TimberWest 2004 Annual Report	2004	119.07
TimberWest 2005 Quarterly Reports	2005	119.08
TimberWest 2005 Annual Report	2005	119.09
TimberWest 2006 Quarterly Reports	2006	119.10
TimberWest 2007 Quarterly Reports	2007	119.11
TimberWest 2007 Annual Report	2007	119.12
TimberWest 2008-2009 Quarterly Reports	2008-2009	119.13

**Subseries 1b) Cowichan Lumber Line (Youbou Mill Newsletter)**

Dates: 1995-2001.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Cowichan Lumber Line	1995-1997	117.03
Cowichan Lumber Line	1998	117.04
Cowichan Lumber Line	Jan-Jun 1999	117.05
Cowichan Lumber Line	Jul-Dec 1999	117.06
Cowichan Lumber Line	Jan-Jun 2000	118.01
Cowichan Lumber Line	Jul-Dec 2000	118.02

Cowichan Lumber Line	2001	118.03
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**Subseries 1c) H.B.O. News and Views (Honeymoon Bay Operations Newsletter)**

Dates: 1993-2002.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
H.B.O. News and Views	1993	116.02
H.B.O. News and Views	1994	116.03
H.B.O. News and Views	1995	116.04
H.B.O. News and Views	1996	116.05
H.B.O. News and Views	1997	116.06
H.B.O. News and Views	1998	116.07
H.B.O. News and Views	1999	116.08
H.B.O. News and Views	2000	116.09
H.B.O. News and Views	2001	117.01
H.B.O. News and Views	2002	117.02

**Subseries 1d) Other TimberWest News Publications**

Dates: 1994-2005.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
TimberWest Forest Management Bulletin	1994-1996	120.14
Timber News	1994-1997	120.08
TimberWest News	2000-2001	120.09
Neighbours Community Update	2002-2005	120.10

**Subseries 1e) Neil Dirom Youbou Mill Papers**

Dates: 1998-2000.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Cowichan Lumbermill Summary Operating Plan (Binder) - Part 1 of 2	1998	125.18
Cowichan Lumbermill Summary Operating Plan (Binder) - Part 2 of 2	1998	126.01
Cowichan Lumbermill Strategic Direction and Operating Plan (Binder)	1999	126.02
Cowichan Lumbermill Loss Control Policy Manual (Binder)	2000	126.03

**Subseries 1f) Miscellaneous TimberWest**

Dates: 1994-2005.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
T.F.L. 46 Management Plans	1994	121.09
Forestry Code of Conduct	1994	121.10
Environmental Progress Report	1995	121.11
Standard Operating Procedures, Falling and Bucking	1995	121.12
Muir Creek Evidence Package (Binder)	1996-1998	121.13

Labour Management Meetings	1996-1998	121.14
Ministry of Forests, Backgrounder: TAL Acquisition Limited's Proposal for the Acquisition of Timberwest Forest Limited's Coastal Operations	1997	121.15
Day Planners (Booklets)	1997-2000	121.16
Honeymoon Bay Operation Cookbook (Binder)	1998	121.17
Emails r.e. New C.E.O.	2000	121.18
Cowichan Lumbermill Closure: Assorted Documents	2000	121.19
H.B.O., Safe Work Procedure for Dangerous Trees	2000	121.2
H.B.O. Safe Logs Calendar	2004	121.21
Domenico Iannidardo, A Case Study of Martin Mars Water Bomber Delivery for Aerial Fire Line Creation (Binder)	2005	121.22
Miscellaneous Documents	Undated	121.23
Assorted Signage	Undated	121.24

## **Series 2: Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd. Records**

### **Subseries 2a) Fletcher Challenge Reports**

Dates: 1990-1994.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd. Annual Report	1990	120.13
Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd. Annual Environmental Report	1993	121.01
Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd. Annual Report	1994	121.02

### **Subseries 2b) Fletcher Challenge News Publications**

Dates: 1988-1994

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Fletcher Challenge Canada Update (Newsletter)	1988	120.11
Newsline (Newspaper)	1988-1994	120.12

### **Subseries 2c) Fletcher Challenge Miscellaneous**

Dates: 1989-1990.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Fletcher Challenge Company Memos	1989-1990	121.04
Clearcut Logging is Not a Pretty Sight (Flyer)	Undated	121.05
Information Kit for Walbran Tour Facilitators (Binder)	1990	121.06
Day Planner	1990	121.07
Timber Harvesting Approval System	Undated	121.08

### **Series 3: British Columbia Forest Products**

#### **Subseries 3a) British Columbia Forest Products Annual Reports**

Dates: 1943-1987.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1946-1953	119.14
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1954-1963	120.01
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1964-1968	120.02
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1969-1972	120.03
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1973-1976	120.04
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1977-1979	120.05
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1980-1982	120.06
B.C.F.P. Annual Reports	1987	120.07

#### **Subseries 3b) British Columbia Forest Products News Publications**

Dates: 1952-1988.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Safety Banner (Youbou Mill Newsletter)	1952	125.14
BCFP News (Newspaper)	1954-1957	125.15
Special Reports to Employees (Newsletter)	1977-1981	125.16
Timberline (Newspaper)	1973-1988	125.17

#### **Subseries 3c) Art Walker Forestry Papers**

Dates: 1950-1980.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Forester Tours	1961-1965	123.02
Forestry Planning	1967-1980	123.03
Foresters' Administration and Correspondence	1950-1959	123.04
Foresters' Administration and Correspondence	1964-1979	123.05
BCFP Logging Organization Manual (Binder)	1958	123.06
Silviculture Studies	1978-1979	123.07
Web Binion Personnel Records	1954-1966	123.08
Web Binion Salvage Logging	1958-1963	123.09
Web Binion Weekly Reports	1958-1964	124.01
Immature Forest Inventory (Binder)	1970	124.02
Fall Planting Study Report	1984	124.03
Logging Cost Accounting Manual	1968	124.04
Miscellaneous Ephemera	Undated	124.05



**Subseries 3d) Pete Mortensen Forestry Papers**

Dates: 1956-2003.

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
V. Wellburn, Preliminary Report on the Consolidation of the Renfrew Division (Binder)	1958	122.01
Renfrew Division Day Planners	1981-1986	122.02
BCFP Policy Manual (Binder)	1982	122.03
Job Safety Procedures (Binder)	1987	122.04
Renfrew Division Ephemera (Signs, Booklets, Tickets, Newsletter)	1970-1980	122.05
Cowichan and Renfrew Logging Division Documents	1967-1991	122.06
Salvage Pulpwood Specifications	1965	122.07
Fire Protection Documents	1980-2003	122.08
Weather Station Reports	1958-1967	123.01
Ecology Tour	1972	126.04
Tree Monkey	Undated	126.05
Fire Brigade Correspondence	1959-1968	126.06
Prevention Notes	1958-1961	126.07
Safety Meetings; Renfrew Division Personnel Info	1973-1974	126.08
Fisheries Tour	1970-1973	126.09
Fire Protection - General	1956-1969	126.10
Old Regen Maps - Partly Checked	1961	127.01
Old Regen Maps - Not Checked	Undated	127.02
Slashburn - Damaged Plant	1972	127.03
Utilization	Undated	127.04
Year-End Reports - Data	1971-1973	127.05
Regen Studies - Notes + Maps	1965-1971	127.06
Field Trips - Courses	1965-1967	127.07
Logging Program	1965-1967	127.08
Logging Salvage	1964-1966	127.09
Cruising Reports	1956-1965	127.10
Miscellaneous Reports	1967-1972	127.11
TFL General - Part 1 of 2	1956-1965	127.12
TFL General - Part 2 of 2	1956-1965	127.13
Miscellaneous	1974	127.14
Logging Budget	1974	127.15
Maps	Undated	127.16
Regen Surveys - Coloured Field Maps + Extras	Undated	127.17
Fire Protection Budgets	1973	127.18

### **Subseries 3e) British Columbia Forest Products Miscellaneous**

Dates: 1949-2012

File/Item List:

Title	Date	Container
Wage Supplement and Apartment Rules (Mrs. George Blewett Donation)	1962-1968	124.06
Safety Signs and Certificates (Steve Jackson Donation)	1961-1967	124.07
B.C.F.P. Letterheads (Gaylia Nelson Donation)	Undated	124.08
Planing Data Found at B.C.F.P. Guesthouse (Ann Clayton Donation)	1984-1985	124.09
Assorted Signs	Undated	125.01
Assorted Documents and Correspondence	1950-1985	125.02
Ed Muir, The Safety Show for '54	1954	125.03
Renfrew Division Map	Undated	125.04
Cowichan Sawmill Photos and Ephemera	1960-1970	125.05
Retirement and Insurance Booklets	1960-1966	125.06
Cowichan Division Planer Department Student Survey (Binder)	1963	125.07
Nitinat Triangle Wilderness Advisory Submission	1985	125.08
John Whittaker, My Sixty Years in the Forest Industry	1976	125.09
Caycuse Trainwreck and British Columbia Railway History Expedition	1949+1981	125.10
Camp 3 Nitinat Reunion Scrap Book	1982	125.11
Caycuse Bell Background	1982	125.12
Jacqueline Kirkham, "It's Better to Push Safety Than Push Daisies": A Gender Analysis of Safety Policy and Practice in the BCFP Cowichan Division, 1946-1954 (MA Thesis)	2012	125.13