

Other Services

The Archives hosts or participates in various special events throughout the year, curates photo exhibits in Grande Prairie Museum's community room and on our website, and publishes a quarterly newsletter and books on the history of the area.

Call on us if you need a Guest Speaker. SPRA Staff will speak on various aspects of Archives to groups within the South Peace including community and service organizations, clubs, and school classes.

Call the Archives for advice on records-related topics, including preserving your family records.

Archives are a public resource and we welcome visitors as well as phone or e-mail inquiries.

**Visit
South Peace Regional Archives
located in the
Grande Prairie Museum
in Muskoseepi Park
(102 Street & 102 Avenue)**



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Hours of Operation:

Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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www.southpeacearchives.org

Guide for Researchers



*Two Sexsmith High School girls in the classroom, ca. 1952.
2009.31.09, Art Menzies family fonds*

South Peace Regional Archives

Introduction to South Peace Regional Archives

Mandate:

To acquire, preserve and make accessible to the public records of on-going value from individuals, families, businesses and organizations, which reflect the political, social and economic life of the south Peace River Country of Alberta (including the City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie, Municipal District of Greenview, Municipal District of Spirit River, Saddle Hills County, and Birch Hills County). Our primary goal is to preserve the original source material so it can be used now and in the future.

Holdings:

110 meters of textual records, 25 000 photographs, 350 maps and blueprints, 300 sound recordings, 125 film and video recordings, and 450 local newspapers, and a 1200 volume research library. The records date from 1834 to 2009.

Records creators include local municipalities, churches, schools, sports teams, businesses, families, individuals, and community societies, organizations, and groups.

Archival Research Basics

- There is no fee for using the Archives.
- Archives are organized by creator rather than topic. Think about who might have created the records you are looking for.
- Archival resources are usually rare or unique and material can often only be consulted in the reading room. Come prepared to spend time.
- You can purchase photocopies of material and reproductions of photographs, maps, digitized audio and video recordings, etc. Check our website under "Ordering Reproductions" or call for a current listing of fees.
- If what you are looking for doesn't relate to the south Peace River Country, chances are we don't have it.
- Be prepared for some disappointments. There is always the possibility that records were never created, were destroyed at some point in the past, or were never donated to the archives. Some records are also closed due to conservation concerns, donor-imposed restrictions, or privacy legislation.

How will I know if you have what I want?

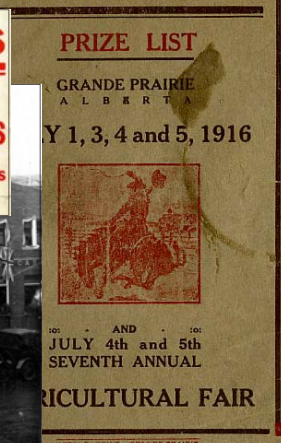
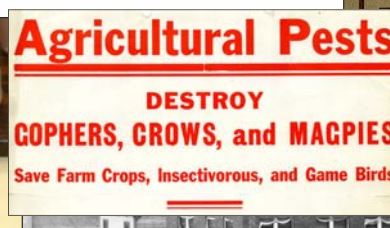
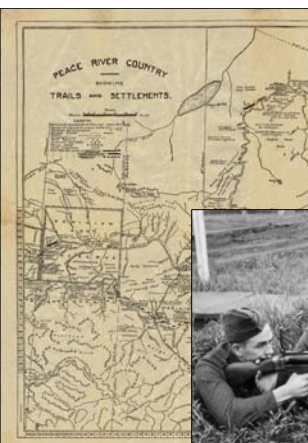
Make an inquiry:

You can contact us by mail, email, phone, or in person. Please ask specific questions. Give as much information as possible to help us find the information you need.

Check our website:

Descriptions of records can be found under the "ANA database" or the "Holdings/Finding Aids" links. These will tell you what kinds of records you can find from a particular person or group or on a particular subject and will give you a brief history of the collection they are from.

Digitized photographs can be viewed through the "Alberta InSight" link. Digitized documents can be found through the "Alberta In-Word" link. You can also try searching the entire South Peace Regional Archives site using the Google search box at the very top of the page.



Supplies for Picnic 1937

Cakes	-	300	-	\$1.50
Sugar	-	20 lbs	-	1.55
Coffee	-	2 lbs	-	.70
Soybeans	-	2 doz	-	1.20
Prizes	-		-	2.05

