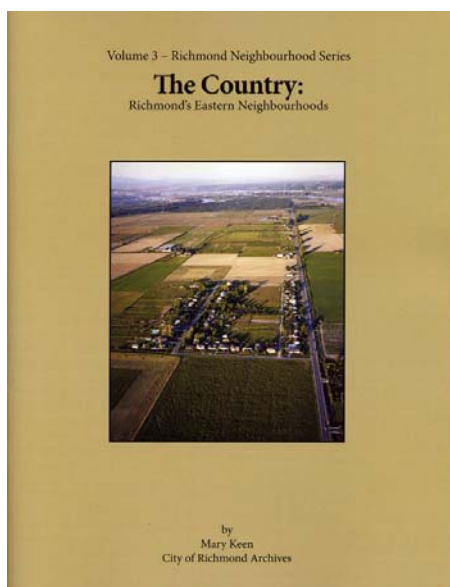


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History of Eastern Richmond Published

The City of Richmond Archives is pleased to announce the publication of the third volume in its Richmond Neighbourhood Series. “The Country: Richmond’s Eastern Neighbourhoods” examines the evolution and development of an area of Richmond often overlooked in more general histories of the municipality. Written by the late Mary Keen, the book details the geological formation of the area, early pioneer settlement, agricultural and industrial development, and social and community life.

“The Country” is illustrated with photographs and maps from the Archives’ holdings, some of which were acquired as the result of Mrs. Keen’s research and contacts with pioneer families. The book was substantially completed at the time of her death. Lynne Waller, retired City Archivist, took on the role of coordinating its completion, editing and proofing, and ensured that the standards of previous volumes in the series were maintained.

All costs for the publication of the book were borne by the Friends of the Richmond Archives. The official launch of the book takes place at the Friends’ annual Archives Tea on Friday, October 15. (For more information on the Tea, see page 4 of this newsletter).

In This Issue

This issue of the Archives News highlights the publication of a new volume in the Archives’ “Richmond Neighbourhood Series” entitled “The Country: Richmond’s Eastern Neighbourhoods”, written by the late Mary Keen.

The newsletter also reports on new online resources added to the Archives’ web site, recent acquisitions at the Archives, summer events, and this year’s Friends of the Richmond Archives’ annual Archives Tea.



A team and wagon underway with the Ewen Barn (also known as Keur Barn) in the background, ca. 1900.

City of Richmond Archives Photograph Number 2009 2 19

BC Aviation Council Records Acquired by the Archives

This summer, the City of Richmond Archives was pleased to acquire the historical records of the British Columbia Aviation Council. The BC Aviation Council was chartered in 1938 and was the first of its kind in Canada. Its mandate has been to promote the safe and orderly development of aviation services in British Columbia.



Donors of Records in 2010

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The Council's membership includes over 60 municipalities in BC, educational institutes, flight training schools, airports from Vancouver International Airport to the smallest local airports in the province, as well as other bodies directly related to the aviation industry. The BC Aviation Council's office is located in Richmond.

The 69 boxes of records include the Council's minutes, administrative and membership records, project records, reports, public relations materials, and photographs documenting the activities of the Council and the growth of the aviation industry. These complement a variety of records at the Archives detailing the role of the City government in promoting the industry in Richmond.

Dan Farrell at the Archives

Many visitors to the Archives over the last year will have met Dan Farrell, a Records Analyst for the City, who divides his time between the Archives and City Hall.

Dan has a Masters degree from the Archival Studies program at UBC and began work for the City of Richmond in 2007. He played a major role in the set up of the History Lounge and Store at the Archives during the O Zone celebrations in Richmond.



Dan has been a great addition to the Archives' staff, and is particularly valuable for his knowledge of archival matters relating to new media and new record keeping technologies.

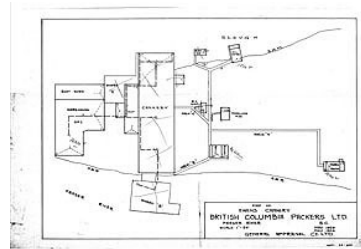
New on the Archives Web Site

The City of Richmond Archives' web site is always the first place to visit to learn of the many archival resources available to researchers here. Our online photograph and map databases provide a good representative sample of historical images and maps and plans in our holdings. A number of virtual exhibits have been mounted on the site based on various historical and archival themes. Our web site is accessible at: www.richmond.ca/archives.

BC Packers Insurance Photographs and Maps Online Database

A new addition to the the City of Richmond Archives' web site this year is an online database of insurance photographs and maps of BC Packers Ltd. properties up and down the west coast. Of particular interest to local residents and city staff are those relating to the many properties the company owned in Richmond.

Maps and photographs dating from the 1930s to the 1990s have been scanned and are available online through an easy-to-use search mechanism. The database is presented on the web as part of a larger exhibit on the BC Packers insurance records at the City of Richmond Archives and is accessible directly at: www.richmond.ca/cityhall/archives/exhibits/bcpackers/Default.aspx.



Map of Ewen's Cannery, 1946
City of Richmond Archives Map #2001 34 3-274



Paramount Plant, 1960s
City of Richmond Archives Photograph #2001 34 3-5

O Zone Photo Documentation Project Web Exhibit

Added to the Exhibits section of our web site this year are samples of the approximately 2,000 photographs taken by volunteers from the Richmond Photo Club of the O Zone celebrations in Richmond during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The images are organized by daily activity or scene and include not only the 17 days of the O Zone but the Torch Relay, the Bike Rally, and the days of O Zone setup prior to the actual event. This new exhibit is accessible directly at: www.richmond.ca/cityhall/archives/exhibits/ozonedocumentation.htm.



Photo by Alice Jensen-Stanley



Join Us for the Annual Tea !!

The Friends of the Richmond Archives will host the annual Archives Tea this year on Friday, October 15 at 2:00 pm at the Richmond Library and Cultural Centre.

The Tea this year will feature the launch of a new book on the history of eastern Richmond, published by the City of Richmond Archives with funding from the Friends of the Richmond Archives.

The Tea is always a great afternoon of companionship, reminiscences and stories, and exploration of the evolution of our community.

Please call the City of Richmond Archives at 604-247-8305 if you would like to attend.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives was established in 1986 to support the work of the City of Richmond Archives and to promote the preservation and understanding of Richmond's history.

In addition to supporting a unique publishing program for local Richmond history, the Friends also contribute funds for specialized archival equipment and projects at the City Archives. The Friends have endowed a UBC award for students in the Masters of Archival Studies Program and have supported a number of programs for local students.

Student Programs at the Archives

The City of Richmond Archives was a venue for young people this spring and summer as part of the Richmond-Delta Heritage Fair in May (organized jointly by the Richmond Museum and the Delta Museum and Archives) and with the Richmond Museum's Time Traveller Day Camp in July and August. Through these programs, 133 young people were introduced to the resources available to them at the Archives.



Richmond-Delta Heritage Fair participants take on the Archives' "Timeline Challenge."



Richmond "Time Travellers" tour the Archives and discover treasures in the vault.

City of Richmond Archives Receives Federal Funding

Once again this year, the City of Richmond Archives has received funding to continue its preservation work with the city's vital records. National Archival Development Program funding from the Government of Canada through Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives was matched with funds from the City of Richmond and the Friends of the Richmond Archives. Phase 2 of the Council Minutes preservation project began in August.

UBC Award Renamed in Honour of Mary Keen

The University of British Columbia award endowed by the Friends of the Richmond Archives for students in the Masters of Archival Studies program has been renamed in honour of the late Mary Keen. Mary played a leading role in developing community support for the Archives, serving as President of the Friends for 12 years and authoring six books on Richmond history published by the City of Richmond Archives. The UBC scholarship, now named the "Friends of the Richmond Archives Mary Keen Memorial Prize in Archival Studies", was awarded this year to a Richmond resident, Ms. Woan-Jen Wang.



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