

GR-4122
G83-058, G80-194
British Columbia. Government Agent (New Westminster)
Canada. Department of the Interior
New Westminster Land Commissioner record books
1858-1980 153 volumes

Records in the following containers received conservation treatment for mould removal: 002554-0001, 002554-0015, 002554-0016, 002554-0017, 002554-0018, 002554-0029, 002554-0045, 002554-0047 and 002554-0050.

Many volumes include indexes. File numbers listed in these volumes may correspond with records in GR-4121.

The dates for many of these volumes are approximate. Estimated dates are indicated by [square brackets]. In many cases a volume such as a land register may have been created in one year, but copied over information from an earlier volume and then had annotations or notes added to it for decades after its initial creation.

Additional notes or other contextual information not directly transcribed from the cover or title of the volume are written in [square brackets] in the title section of the volume list.

The records are arranged into the following subseries:

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Volumes within each subseries are arranged chronologically, or sequentially by the creator's volume number code when possible.

Item = a volume number assigned by archives staff during accessioning or processing

Code = any identifying numbers written on the volume by the creator

Container	Item	Code	Title	Dates
			<p>1. Indexes and maps</p> <p>The indexes cover part of the paper homestead files in GR-4121, by file number and alphabetically by name of the homesteader or licensee. There are two volumes of reference maps of municipalities, sub-divisions, right-of-ways and township.</p>	
002554-0001		No. 4	Dominion Lands Office fyle index : no. 29179-40037	[19--?]
002554-0001		No.5	Dominion Lands Office fyle index : no. 40038 to 51796	[19--?]
002554-0002	1010	9	Letter [file] register : file nos. 53357-60032 and L1-L1418	1910-1947
002554-0002	1050		File register : nos. L1418-L2161 [plus undated records for timber berths 57, 551, 106a, 569, 566]	1947-1960
002554-0003	1019		General index : department of the Interior Dominion Lands Agency [alphabetical, but includes file numbers from approx. 3000-60000 and L1-L500, with gaps]	[19--?]
002554-0004	1017		Municipal plans and sub-divisions and right-of-ways [maps only with index]	[1914?]-1946
002554-0004			Township plans showing lands applied for by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for right of way through Dominion Lands from Port Moody to Savona	1917
			<p>2. BC government land registers : district lot system</p> <p>Variations of this system of surveying land were used from 1859 onwards. All of these volumes appear to have been created and maintained by the BC government. The registers list the lots in numerical order and record the alienation of land from the Crown by purchase, pre-emption, lease, mineral claims, timber use, etc. Information may include the name of the purchaser, dates and numbers of certificates issued (including Crown Grants), dates and amounts of payments, and reference numbers to correspondence files and field books. There is an alphabetical name index in most volumes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See GR-2614 for superseded editions of NWD Group 1, lots 1-2374 • See GR-2602 for other range 1 coast district lot registers • See GR-2605 for other range 4 coast district lot registers 	

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002554-0005			New Westminster district : blocks, ranges, sections [land from Royal Engineer survey of Richmond, Sea Island and Lulu Island]	1858-[1886]
002554-0006		G1, Vol 1	Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 1-434	[1860-1978]
002554-0007		G1, Vol 2	Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 435-1038	[1884-1948]
002554-0008	1	[G1, Vol3]	Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 1039-1463	[1889-1948]
002554-0008	2	[G1, Vol4]	Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 1464-1880	[1889-1961]
002554-0008	3	G1, Vol 5	Land register : New Westminster district , group 1, lot 1881-2297	[1901-1928]
002554-0008	4		Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 2298-2691	[1908-1970]
002554-0008	5		Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 2692-3085	[1904-1961]
002554-0009	1		Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 4672-5069	[1914-1949]
002554-0009	2		Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 5070-5467	[1921-1970]
002554-0009	3		Land register : New Westminster district, group 1, lot 5468-5789	[1921-1968]
002554-0009	4		Land register : New Westminster District, group 1, lot 5790-6187	1937-1975
002554-0009	5		Land register : New Westminster District, group 1, lot 6188 to 6474	1950-1974
002554-0010	1		Land register : New Westminster District, group 1, lot 6475-6876	1956-1971
002554-0010	2	GP 1 book 1	[Land register] : New Westminster District, group 1 [various lots from 117-6815]	1911-1979
913432-1195	1		[Land] register : New Westminster District, group 1, country lands lot 1036-1538 [G80-194]	1891-1892
002554-0011			[Land register] : New Westminster District group 2, lot 1-256	[1861-1876]
002554-0011		Vol. 2	[Land register] : New Westminster District group 2, lot 257-508	[1869-1923]
002554-0010	3	GP2	[Land register] : New Westminster District, group 2, lot 509-913	[1917-1978]
002554-0010	5	GP2 book 2	[Land register] : New Westminster District, group 2 [various lots]	[19--]
002554-0010	5		New Westminster District group 3, lot 1-197	[1860-1872]
002554-0010	6		Y.D.Y.D. country lands [various lots, Yale Division, Yale District]	1924-1968
002554-0012	1	Vol. 1	Land register : range 1 coast district, lots 1-721; indexed	1882-1976

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002554-0012	2	Vol. 2	Land register : range 1 coast district, lots 722-1500; indexed	1909-1976
002554-0012	3		Land register : range 1 coast district, lots 1501-1981	1915-1948
002554-0012	4		Land register : range 1 coast district, lots 1932-2300 [only up to lot 2003 contains information]	1946-1980
002554-0012	5		Land register : range 4 coast district, lots 1815-2143; 1367-1269; 2483 (date 1916); 412 (date 1906) Lillooet land district, lot 760-761 dated 1960	1911-1923
002554-0012	6		Land register : Texada Island district : sections 1-22 and lots 1-35, excluding Van Anda townsite	1887-1961
002554-0013	1		Land register : Texada Island district lot 36-450	1900-1969
002554-0013	2		Land Register : Texada Island district lot 451-800	1929-1969
002554-0013	3		Land register. Texada Island district Van Anda townsite, district lots 1-36 [block divisions only] [Note inside cover states: "General file 11994 Vananda special survey sale May 19, 1944 plan 6958. Special survey 1, 7, 8 and 14 Texada Isld." Also includes later leases, crown grants and purchases]	1944-1975
002554-0013	4		Land Register : New Westminster District sub-division Point Grey townsite : lots 139, 140, 196, 540	1921-1945
002554-0013	5	No. 2	Land register : New Westminster District, group 1, sub-division Powell River townsite : lots 3125, 5167, 5452, 5542, 5731, 5732	1925-1960
002554-0014	1		Land Register : New Westminster District, group 1, subdivision [Hastings townsite] : lots 540, 538, 176	1913-1947
002554-0014	2		Land register : Hastings townsite [includes map]	1913-1968
			<p style="text-align: center;">3. BC government land registers : township system</p> <p>Variations of this survey system were used from 1873 to approximately 1912. All of these volumes appear to have been created and maintained by the BC government. The land entered in the majority of the volumes was surveyed and made available for settlement in 1873-1874. The registers list land in numerical order by Sections within Townships and record the alienation of land from the Crown by purchase, pre-emption, lease, etc. Information may include the name of the purchaser, dates and numbers of certificates issued (including Crown Grants), dates and amounts of payments, and reference numbers to correspondence files and field books. There is an alphabetical name index in most volumes.</p>	

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002554-0015	1		New Westminster District, township 1 : 701-855	1874 [1861-1877]
002554-0015	2		New Westminster District, township 2 : 853-1003	1874 [1861-1879]
002554-0015	3		New Westminster District, township 3 : 1005-1040	1874 [1874-1885]
002554-0015	4		New Westminster District, township 4 : 1158-1302	1874 [1879-1887]
002554-0015	5		New Westminster District, township 5	1867-1885
002554-0015	6		New Westminster District, township 6 : 1466-1618	1874 [1865-1871]
002554-0015	7		New Westminster District, township 7 : 1619-1764	1874 [1861-1877]
002554-0016	1		New Westminster District, township 8 : 1774-1924	[1868-1888]
002554-0016	2		New Westminster District, township 10 : 2078-2228	1874 [1877]
002554-0016	3		New Westminster District, township 11 : 2229-2381	1874 [1860-1879]
002554-0016	4		New Westminster District, township 12 : 2382-2532	1876-1884
002554-0016	5		New Westminster District, township 13 : 2533-2683	1874 [1870-1888]
002554-0016	6		New Westminster District, township 14 : 2684-2836	1874 [1874-1888]
002554-0016	7		New Westminster District, township 16 : 2980-3130	1875 [1869-1890]
002554-0017	1		New Westminster District, township 17 : 3131-3285	1875 [1876-1888]
002554-0017	2		New Westminster District, township 18 : 3286-3438	1874 [1871-1875]
002554-0017	3		New Westminster district, township 19	1888
002554-0017	4		New Westminster District, township 20 : 3592-3744	1888
002554-0017	5		New Westminster District, township 22 : 3897-4049	1871-1888
002554-0017	6		New Westminster District, township 23 : 4050-4202	1865-1889
002554-0017	7		New Westminster district, township 26	1888
002554-0018	1		New Westminster District, township 27, 29, 30, 40	[1879-1890]
002554-0018	2		New Westminster District : township register 18-19	[1872-1966]
002554-0018	3		New Westminster district, township 39 WCM and township 40-42 ECM	[1877-1942]
002554-0018	4		Land register : New Westminster District, Group 1, Township 50, sections 1 to 34 [Squamish]	1889-1946
002554-0018	5		Ledger [creator unknown. Includes various land in township 1-10 W6M with dominion file numbers. Also includes Government Agent financial records]	1930-1934?

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			<p>4. Dominion government : general land registers</p> <p>These volumes were likely created by the Dominion Land Agent. It appears that at least some records were copied from provincial records to determine what land had been alienated before the transfer of the railway belt and what Crown land still needed to be managed by the dominion government. The registers, arranged by legal description, indicate the nature of the grant, the number, date of entry, file number, patent approval date, and name of grantee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See GR-1719 	
002554-0019	1031	Register no. 5	General register : township 4, range 23-30, west of the 6th meridian	1888-1909
002554-0019	1007	Register no. 7	General register : township 4-5, west of the 7th meridian	1887-1908
002554-0020	1012	[vol. 1]	Unlabelled [New Westminster District : townships 1, 2, 7-14 [Stamped Dept. of the Interior 1894]	1894 [1861-1893]
002554-0021	1051	Vol. 2	Memo : provincial government records vol. 2 : containing Yale-Kamloops-etc. [New Westminster District : townships 15-30, 40, plus various lots in Hope district, Yale district, Kamloops district, town of Hope, Town of Yale and Boston Bar]	[1894]
002554-0022	1022		Township general register : townships 7-12 west of the sixth meridian and townships west of the seventh meridian [Note inside page "from Govt agent new west"] [cover removed and placed in two file folders]	[1894-1955]
			<p>5. Lease registers</p> <p>These volumes were created in the New Westminster government agent's office. They record leases for a variety of purposes including quarry, campsite, booming ground, agriculture, foreshore, forestry and grazing. Many volumes are indexed and may include file numbers linking to GR-4121.</p>	
002554-0023	1035	1	Notices of applications to lease : applications nos. 1-419	1910-[1953?]
002554-0023	1034	2	Notices of applications to lease : applications nos.420-955	1952-[1969?]
002554-0024	1001	3	Lease register : nos. 1-881	1962-1972
002554-0024		4	Lease Register : nos. 1/3428- 520/3885 and 524	1970-[1977]
002554-0024			Land file numerical index [mostly leases]	1960-1979

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002554-0025			New Westminster district : leases unsurveyed land : no. 1-2026	1907-1970
			<p style="text-align: center;">6. Pre-emption records</p> <p>These records were created by the BC government. Pre-emption was a system of obtaining title to land (similar to the Dominion "homesteading" system) which occurred until 1970. Individuals could purchase land which had not been fully surveyed. However, grants to these lands were not issued until the applicant had made specified improvements, passed inspections, satisfied residency requirements, and had the lands fully surveyed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GR-0039 for earlier certificates of pre-emption 	
002554-0026	1044	2	Certificates of improvement : Vancouver division, New Westminster District : no. 1111-1138	1936-1956
002554-0026	1042		Certificates of improvement : Vancouver division, Coast District : no. 171-179	1935-1962
002554-0027	1		Certificates of pre-emption : New Westminster district : no. in district register 2050-2535	1907-1931
002554-0027	2		Certificates of pre-emption : New Westminster district : no. in district register 2737-2836	1934-1936
002554-0027	3		Certificates of pre-emption : New Westminster district : no. in district register 2837-2936	1936-1940
002554-0027	4		Certificates of pre-emption : New Westminster district : no. in district register 2937-3035	1940-1948
002554-0026	1043	9	Certificates of pre-emption : Vancouver division, Coast district : no. in district register 803-838	1932-1945
002554-0026	1048		Certificates of pre-emption : Vancouver division, New Westminster district : no. in district register 1386-1415	1938-1949
002554-0029	1002		Register of pre-emption records : Vancouver Division, New Westminster District	1912-1952
002554-0030	1003	[vol. 1]	Register of pre-emption records : New Westminster land registry division of the New Westminster District	1907-[1948]
002554-0030	1006	[vol. 2]	Register of pre-emption records [New Westminster land registry division of the New Westminster District?]	[1948]-1957

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			<p style="text-align: center;">7. Land purchase records</p> <p>These records were created by the BC government. Once land was surveyed, it could be purchased outright instead of being pre-empted. These records include certificates of purchase for the New Westminster District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See GR-0039 for earlier certificates of purchase 	
002554-0027	5		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 4524-4623	1935-1936
002554-0027	6		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 4624-4723	1936-1937
002554-0027	7		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 4724-4823	1937
002554-0027	8		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 4824-4923	1937-1938
002554-0027	9		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 4924-5023	1938
002554-0027	10		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5024-5123	1938-1939
002554-0027	11		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5124-5223	1939
002554-0027	12		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5224-5323	1939-1940
002554-0028	1		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5324-5423	1940
002554-0028	2		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5424-5523	1940
002554-0028	3		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5524-5623	1940-1941
002554-0028	4		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5624-5723	1941
002554-0028	5		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5724-5823	1941-1942
002554-0028	6		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5824-5923	1942
002554-0028	7		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 5924-6023	1942
002554-0028	8		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 6024-6123	1942-1943
002554-0028	9		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 6124-6223	1943
002554-0028	10		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 6224-6323	1943

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002554-0028	11		Certificates of purchase : New Westminster District : nos. 6324-6405	1943-1944
002554-0031	1033	Vol. 3	Land purchases : no. 785-1155	1942-1946
002554-0031	1038	Vol. 4	Land purchases : no. 1156-1544 [index only]	[1946-1948?]
002554-0031	1032	Vol. 5	Land purchases : no. 1545-1927	1948-1953
002554-0032	1030	Vol. 6	Land purchases : no. 1928-2292	1953-1958
002554-0032	1049	Vol. 7	Land purchases : no. 7-581 [first two pages missing]	1958-1979
002554-0032			New Westminster District : purchase of unsurveyed land	1907-1980
			<p style="text-align: center;">8. Mining records</p> <p>The majority of these records were created by BC Government Agents, Gold Commissioners or Mining Recorders. Records include mineral claim minute books, records of conveyances, bills of sale, applications for mineral lands and petroleum and natural gas leases, and coal applications. Records are from the New Westminster District, Hope and Yale. Most volumes include an alphabetical index and some may have file numbers from GR-4121.</p>	
002554-0033	1029	3	Minute book : mineral claims no. 882-1361 [New Westminster Gold Commissioner]	1895-1896
002554-0034	1024	4	Minute book : mineral claims no. 1362-3000	1896-1897
002554-0035	1009	5	Minute book : mineral claims no. 3001-5015	1897-1903
002554-0036	1025	6	Minute book : mineral claims no. 651-2974 [duplicates; many missing] and 5016-6743	1893-1897; 1903-1911
002554-0037	1008	No. 1	Minute book : Record of conveyances : no. 1 to 327 [includes mineral claim bills of sale, powers of attorney, probates abandonments, etc.] [New Westminster Mining Recorder and Government Agent]	1904-1924
002554-0037	2	Vol. 2	Record of conveyances : no. 328 to 700 [includes mineral claim bills of sale, powers of attorney, probates abandonments, etc.] [New Westminster Government Agent]	1924-1934
002554-0038	1	1	Bills of sale, agreements, powers of attorney, etc. under the Mineral Act : nos. 1 to 198 [Hope Mining Recorder]	Sep 1928- Jan 1929
002554-0038	2	5	[Bills of sale, agreements, powers of attorney, etc. under the Mineral Act] [Mining Recorder, Hope, Yale Mining Division of Yale District]	Dec 1929- Feb 1931
002554-0038	3	6	[Bills of sale, agreements, powers of attorney, etc. under the Mineral Act] [Mining Recorder, Hope, Yale Mining Division of Yale District]	Feb 1931- Sep 1933

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002554-0038	4	7	[Bills of sale, agreements, powers of attorney, etc. under the Mineral Act] [Mining Recorder, Hope, Yale Mining Division of Yale District]	Sep 1933-Mar 1934
002554-0038	5	11	[Bills of sale, agreements, powers of attorney, etc. under the Mineral Act] [Mining Recorder, Hope, Yale Mining Division of Yale District]	May 1937-Jun 1939
002554-0038	6	5	Powers of attorney, bills of sale, leases [under] Placer Act [Mining Recorder, Hope, Yale Mining Division of Yale District]	1915-1937
002554-0038	7	6	Bills of sale and leases [under Placer Act] [Mining Recorder, Hope]	1925-1938
002554-0039	1011		Applications for mineral lands and petroleum and natural gas leases	[?-1931]
002554-0040	1005		Coal register [sale and lease of land]	1906-1924
002554-0040			Coal applications : lot 4593 E.K [various lots in New Westminster district and Vancouver Island]	1916-1934
002554-0041	1046		Coal and petroleum applications : application no. 1-284	1914-1943
			9. Range and timber records	
			These records were created by the dominion and BC governments. Records include range leases, grazing leases and information on timber berths.	
002554-0042			CD range leases : unsurveyed	1912-1980
002554-0042			Gazing lease ledger	1911-[1926]
002554-0042	1016		Dominion Lands Office : Department of the Interior : eliminations from timber berths [maps only with index] [later additions by New Westminster government agent]	1935-1941
			10. Water licence applications	
			These records are water licences applications created by the BC government.	
002554-0043	1053		Register : water licence applications : application nos. 1-678 : file nos. approx. 1496-4675	1900-1938
002554-0043	1028		Register : water licence applications : file nos. 4677-5870 : discontinued 1958	1938-1958
			11. Cancellation records	
			Cancellation registers created by the BC and Dominion governments. Some volumes include alphabetical indexes and have file numbers in GR-4121.	
002554-0044	1023	[vol. 1]	Cancellation register : application no. 1-1777	1889-1940

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002554-0045		[vol. 2]	Cancellation register : application no. 1778-1826 [labelled Mill Return Register but not used for this purpose]	1940-1956
002554-0045	1040		Pre-emption records cancelled, time sales, purchases, homesteads, conditional sales, soldier grants	[1920-1950]
002554-0045			[cancellation register] [inside says Dominion Land Office, list of cases in which cancellation proceedings were initiated]	1911-1930
			12. Financial records	
			Various financial records created by the Dominion government and BC Government Agents.	
002554-0046	1018		[financial] statements of the business transacted at the New Westminster Dominion Lands and Crown Timber Agency Includes data for patent; timber and grazing; forestry; mining lands; school lands branches; and reclamation service [cover removed and placed in two folders]	1909-1930
002554-0047	1036		Form J [government agent cash book for fees such as marriage licence revenue receipts and payments]	1910-1922
002554-0047	1045		Form J [government agent cash book for fees such as marriage licence revenue receipts and payments]	1922-1934
002554-0047			Cash book [government agent cash book for fees such as marriage licence revenue receipts and payments]	Jan 1935-Jul 1944
002554-0047			Cash book [government agent cash book for fees such as marriage licence revenue receipts and payments]	Jul 1944-1949
002554-0048	1020		Record book : return of payments received in Nanaimo, Yale, Lillooet, Cariboo, Kootenay and New Westminster Districts on account of land sales, land revenue and rents, exclusive of land [Victoria Land Office]	1878-1879
002554-0049	1004		List of lands sold for taxes in New Westminster District	1896-1901
002554-0049	1013		Unlabelled [land payment record book?] [Pages titled Mill Return, but this is crossed out and new headings have been added]	1930-1953
			13. Other land administration records	
002554-0046	1021	[Folder 3]	Applications for patents : Dominion lands [Register to record the names of applicants who are recommended for transfer of land to them]	1917-1931
002554-0050	1041		Homestead inspector's instructions [Dominion lands office New Westminster]	1911-1930

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002554-0050	1039		Lands resumed under Soldier's Homestead" Act : Crown granted mineral claims which have reverted to the Crown for non-payment of taxes : surveyed lands open for pre-emption, sale or lease [Government Agent New Westminster]	[1918]
002554-0050			Government of Canada : index 24 [schedule of letters patent and leases, indexed by name]	1928-1931