



University of Victoria Archives

AR030

Chinese Consolidated Benefit Association fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association fonds

Dates

1884-1976

Extent

7 m of textual records

Administrative history

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) was established in Victoria in 1884, and served as the main representative body for Chinese in Canada until 1908, when the Chinese Consulate was established in Ottawa. The CCBA's activities have included protesting against racial discrimination, mediating in disputes over business deals and treatment of servants, making contributions to Chinese individuals and families in other parts of Canada, China and Cuba, and monitoring the range of medical care offered by Chinese hospitals in British Columbia. In 1899, the CCBA built the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, which later developed into a boarding house for elderly Chinese men.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of lists of Chinese deceased in Canada, 1937; leave permits issued to the Chinese Hospital in Vancouver, Victoria, and other areas of B.C., 1908-1909; donation and fundraising records, subscription booklets, records of income and expenditures, receipts, Free Miners Certificates, national bonds, 1884-1912; population data; correspondence from the Commander in Shanghai, 1932; minutes of the Chinese Public School; correspondence regarding donations for victims of famines, droughts, and floods in China, and booklets recording donations; records of the Chinese Hospital, including report books on patients, doctor order books and consultation forms, 1956-1976.

Notes

Gift of J. P. Vinai, December 1977; David Lai, June 2009, December 2010.

Lee Hung fonds (AR080) and Chinese Hospital fonds (AR311) acquired as part of this fonds. Both have access restrictions.

The majority of the documents are written in traditional Chinese characters. Selected publicly accessible documents were subject to conservation treatment by Rebecca Pavitt in 2008. Documents were de-acidified, repaired, encapsulated and housed in custom acid-free boxes. Publicly accessible documents scanned and included in UVic digital collections at <http://contentdm.library.uvic.ca/cdm/landingpage/collection/collection2>.

2. Structure

(no series or files)

3. Inventory

Accession 1977-084

Box 1

- 1.1 History of Association, 1984 – 8 items
 - 1.1.01 1884 A draft of a letter addressed to the Chinese Consul-General in San Francisco, requesting assistance in the establishing of the Association
 - 1.1.02 1884 - A letter from Consul-General Huang Gin-Chuen, in reply to the above request, addressed to: Sue-chel, Sel-sed, Chuen-li, and Sum-ming.
 - 1.1.03 1884 – A bulletin for the Chinese in Victoria area inviting Contributions for the establishment of the Association
 - 1.1.04 1884 – A list of the elected officials of the Association
 - 1.1.05 1884 – The constitution of the Association
 - 1.1.06 1884 – A list of signatures of the members of the Association
 - 1.1.07 1884 – A draft of a letter to the Chinese Ambassador to England, which was to be transmitted by the Chinese Consul-General in San Francisco, recommending that the proposal to establish the Association be accepted officially.
 - 1.1.08 1884 – A Xeroxed copy of the official incorporation of the Association.
- 1.2 Record of Protest against Racial Discrimination
 - 1.2.01 Restriction of Admission of Chinese into Canada
 - 1.2.02 1886 – Letter from the Chinese Consul-General in San Francisco concerning diplomatic protest against the restrictiveness of the immigration policy.
 - 1.2.03 1886 – A draft of a letter to the Chinese Ambassador to England concerning the restrictiveness of immigration law applied to the Chinese.
 - 1.2.04 1894 – A request from the Chinese Ambassador to England to the British Foreign Minister that the restrictiveness of the immigration law be lessened.
 - 1.2.05 1894 – Detailed account of diplomatic protests lodged by the Chinese Ambassador to England.
 - 1.2.06 1897-1899 – Letters to the Chinese Ambassador to England repeating requests that the diplomatic protests and negotiations be continued.
 - 1.2.07 1899 – Letter to the Chinese government requesting that diplomatic protest and negotiation be undertaken when the Chinese residents of British Columbia were prohibited by last from working in the coal mines in the province.
 - 1.2.08 1899 – An account of the diplomatic protest made by the Chinese Ambassador to England against the Government of Canada when it imposed a \$50 per head tax on each Chinese immigrant seeking entry into Canada.
 - 1.2.09 1899 – Letter to the Chinese Ambassador to England requesting further diplomatic action
- 1.3 Segregation of Chinese Children in Public Schools in Victoria
 - 1.3.01 1907 – Record of legal action taken by Barristers Peters & Wilson on behalf of the Association in opposing segregation policy.

- 1.3.02 1922 – Letter from the Board of School Trustees, Victoria, B.C.
- 1.3.03 1922 – The policy of segregation adopted by the School Board in Victoria.
- 1.3.04 1922 – Petition to the Board of School Trustees of the City of Victoria, B.C. regarding segregation in the schools.
- 1.3.05 1922 – Financial assistance from the Chinese community in Vancouver of the support of protest against segregation policy in Victoria.
- 1.3.06 1922 – A letter from the Board of School Trustees, Victoria, B.C. in reply to petitions signed by the Chinese Canadian Club, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.
- 1.3.07 1922 – Letter from the Chinese Consul General Ambassador to Canada concerning the issue of segregation.
- 1.4 The Case of Bill 14, “Women and Girls Protection Act”
 - 1.4.01 1923 – Record of legal action taken by Barristers Hall & O’Halloran on behalf of the Association.
 - 1.4.02 1923 – Resolution of the Association.
 - 1.4.03 1923? – Letter from the Consulate of China in Vancouver concerning the contents of Bill 14 that discriminates against the Chinese.
 - 1.4.04 1923 – A personal report from a Chinese outside of Victoria area to the Association concerning that part of Bill 14 that discriminates against the Chinese Canadians.
- 1.5 Record of the Association as a Mediator
 - 1.5.01 1886 – Personal dispute between Yep Chang-lin and Chan Ging.
 - 1.5.02 1886 – The selling of a female servant by Yep Chang-lin to Chan Ging.
 - 1.5.03 1886 – Financial dispute between Chan Ye-hee of Seattle and Chan Tung-yue of Victoria.
 - 1.5.04 1893 – Family quarrel between Lee Hung and Ho Ng.
 - 1.5.05 1893 – Selling of a female servant.
 - 1.5.06 1893 – Financial dispute between Song Hoy and Wong Yep.
 - 1.5.07 1894 – A case of embezzlement.
 - 1.5.08 1895 – A case of dispute in a business deal.
 - 1.5.09 1900 – The Case of Ma Lin who was fatally shot by a Canadian union member.
 - 1.5.10 1900 – Statement of financial award provided by the Association for information that would bring the killer to justice.
 - 1.5.11 1900 – Letter from a group of Chinese to the Association concerning the killing of Ma Lin.
- 1.6 The Economic Aspects
 - 1.6.01 1884 – A list of Chinese businessmen in Victoria.
 - 1.6.02 1884 – Report of Ambassador Huang Tsiu-hsien on the economic aspects of the Chinese residing in Canada.
 - 1.6.03 1884 – A list of numbers and occupations of Chinese in British Columbia.
 - 1.6.04 1900 – The economic conditions of the Chinese in Vancouver, B.C.
 - 1.6.05 1922 – The Chinese population and their occupations in Victoria.
- 1.7 Record of Contributions of the Association

- 1.7.01 1884 – Contribution to the war fund during the Sino-French conflict in China.
- 1.7.02 1884 – A request from I-Yu Tang in Kwangchow for the names of the contributors
- 1.7.03 1885 – Contributions to the project of establishing the Charles Gordon monument in England and a note of thanks from Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate in San Francisco.
- 1.7.04 1895 – Contribution to Tung Wah Hospital in Hong Kong.
- 1.7.05 1895 – Contribution to Ming San Tang in Kwangchow.
- 1.7.06 1895 – Contribution to Tung Wah Hospital in Hong Kong.
- 1.7.07 1895 – Contribution to I-Yu Tang in Kwangchow to alleviate severe famine in many provinces.
- 1.7.08 1895 – Contribution to I-Yu Tank in Kwangchow to alleviate hardship caused by Drought in many provinces.
- 1.7.09 1896 – Contribution to Kwangsi Provinces.
- 1.7.10 1897 – Contribution to Tung Wah Hospital in Hong Kong for the relief of victims of crop failure in Kwangtung.
- 1.7.11 1897 – Condolences to a group of Chinese whose relatives died in a train accident near Quebec (Winnipeg??) City.
- 1.7.12 1897 – Contribution to the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in Cuba.
- 1.8 History of Chinese Hospitals
 - 1.8.01 1888 – Policy statement concerning the range of medical care offered by the Chinese hospitals.
 - 1.8.02 190? – Letter from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in Vancouver requesting financial assistance for hospital fund.
 - 1.8.03 1922 – Letter from a group of Chinese living outside of Victoria area requesting financial assistance from the Association for the building of a Chinese hospital.
- 1.9 List of Chinese Deceased in various Cities, towns and villages in Canada, 1937 – 5 volumes (1)
- 1.10 List of Chinese Deceased in various Cities, towns and villages in Canada, 1937 – 5 volumes (2)
- 1.11 List of Chinese Deceased in various Cities, towns and villages in Canada, 1937 – 5 volumes (3)
- 1.12 Receipts for contributions issued by the Chinese Hospital in Vancouver, 1908-1909 - 2 items
- 1.13 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated - 2 items (1)
- 1.14 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated - 8 items (2)
- 1.15 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated - 8 items (3)
- 1.16 Letters requesting for exemption from paying \$2 to the hospital, undated
- 1.17 Receipts for donation to the Republic of China, 1912 – 5 items (1)
- 1.18 Receipts for donation to the Republic of China, 1912 – 5 items (2)
- 1.19 Receipts for donation to the Republic of China, 1912 – 5 items (3)
- 1.20 Receipts for donation to the Republic of China, 1912 – 5 items (4)

- 1.21 Publication: To Commemorate Victoria's Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, 1884-1959 – Chinese Public School, 1899-1959

Box 2

- 2.1 Receipts for donation to the Republic of China, 1912 – 4 items (5)
- 2.2 Receipts for donation to the Republic of China, 1912 – 4 items (6)
- 2.3 Receipts for donation to the Republic of China, 1912 – 4 items (7)
- 2.4 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 15 items
- 2.5 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 14 items
- 2.6 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 7 items
- 2.7 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 8 items
- 2.8 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 7 items
- 2.9 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 2 items
- 2.10 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 9 items
- 2.11 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 3 items
- 2.12 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 12 items
- 2.13 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 6 items
- 2.14 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 9 items

Box 3

- 3.1 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 10 items
- 3.2 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 9 items
- 3.3 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 5 items
- 3.4 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 2 items
- 3.5 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 4 items

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- 3.14 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 4 items
- 3.15 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 3 items
- 3.16 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 3 items
- 3.17 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 3 items

Box 4

- 4.1 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 2 items – Clinton, BC
- 4.2 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 2 items – Courtenay, BC
- 4.3 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 1 item
- 4.4 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 1 item
- 4.5 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 1 item
- 4.6 Leave permits issued by the Association to Chinese residing in thirty-two cities or towns, in B.C. – 6 items – Horseshoe Bay?? Beechy Bay
- 4.7 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (1)
- 4.8 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (2)
- 4.9 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (3)
- 4.10 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (4)

- 4.11 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (5)
- 4.12 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (6)
- 4.13 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (7)
- 4.14 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 10 items (8)
- 4.15 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 8 items (9)

Box 5

- 5.1 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 8 items (10)
- 5.2 Leave permits issued by the Chinese Hospital in Victoria, undated – 7 items (11)
- 5.3 Donation records to the CCBA, 1884-1885 – 4 items (1)
- 5.4 Donation records to the CCBA, 1884-1885 – 4 items (2)
- 5.5 Donation records to the CCBA, 1884-1885 – 4 items (3)
- 5.6 Donation records to the CCBA, 1884-1885 – 4 items (4)
- 5.7 Donation records to the CCBA, 1884-1885 – 4 items (5)
- 5.8 Donation records to the CCBA, 1884-1885 – 4 items (6)

5.9-6.5

Subscription Booklets, Kuang-hsu 11th year. 28 copies
 Income and expenditure Records, Kuang-hsu 11th year
 Subscription Booklets, Kuang-hsu, 11th Year, 10th month. 2 copies
 Income and Expenditure – Records, K-h 11th Year, 10th month
 Subscription book, Kuang-hsu, 12th year
 Free Miners Certificate Record
 Eight copies of Free Miners Certificates

Box 6

6.6-6.12

Receipts (an unsorted bundle)
 Income and Expenditure reports of National Bonds. 34 copies
 National Bonds (Blank forms)
 National Bonds, authorizing certificate (blank)
 The First National Bond Record
 The Second National Bond Records

Box 7

- 7.1 Population data – 14 sheets
- 7.2 Income and Expenditure reports of National Bonds – 34 copies (1)
- 7.3 Income and Expenditure reports of National Bonds – 34 copies (2)

- 7.4 Chinese Association for Promotion of Aviation – Membership requirements, etc. – 5 copies
- 7.5 Chinese Youth Association Annual, 1939-1940
- 7.6 Unidentified
- 7.7 To Commemorate Victoria's Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association – Chinese Public School, 1884-1959, 1889-1959 (1)
- 7.8 To Commemorate Victoria's Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association – Chinese Public School, 1884-1959, 1889-1959 (2)
- 7.9 An Open Letter from the Commander in Shanghai, 1932 – 134 copies

- 7.10 Fundraising booklets issued by CCBA to specific companies. (Location: 5/F/14)
- 7.11 Needs identification
- 7.13
- 7.14 Correspondence – Donations to famines, draughts, floods etc., undated
No. 9
25 items (correspondence) about donations to famines, droughts, floods etc. to Honan, Jiangsu, Guangdong, Guangxi, Shandong, etc.
- 7.15 Donations to floods, etc. (2 of 5 items) (1)
- 7.16 Donations to floods, etc. (3 of 5 items) (2)
No. 10 5 booklets about donations:
Donations to Henan, Jiangsu and Anhui (from Vancouver's Chinatown)
Donations to Henan, Jiangsu and Anhui (from Westminster's Chinatown)
Donations to Coastal Defense, Guangdong
Donations to Guangdong floods
List of donations (undated)
- 7.17 Needs identification (1 item)
- 7.18 Needs identification (4 items)
- 7.19 Needs identification (1 item)
- 7.20 Needs identification (2 items)
- 7.21 National Subscription booklets (2 of 5 copies) (1)
- 7.22 National Subscription booklets (3 of 5 copies) (2)

Box 8

- 8.1 Seal early 1880s – 2 stamp: CCBA (1 to local store and 1 to CCBA)
- 8.2 Posters: Chinese Heritage in B.C.: a photographic and archival exhibition, October 20-28, 1979 (3 copies) 25 items need identification

Box 9

- 9.1 Income and Expenses of the CCBA, 1885-1904
- 9.2 Income and Expenses of the CCBA, 1885-1904
- 9.3 Income and Expenses of Chinese Public School, 1909-1921

- 9.4 Other mundane expenses statements, receipts
- 9.5 Red paper bearing Chinese characters, e.g. Kwangtung Oi Yuk Tong
- 9.6 Empty envelopes
- 9.7 Other mundane letters, telegrams etc.

Catalogued for Archives

- 9.8 Chinatown Newsletter, April 1993-Dec. 1994
- 9.9 Chinatown Newsletter, February 1995- January 1997
- 9.10 Chinatown Newsletter, February 1997- January 1999
- 9.11 Chinatown Newsletter, Fe/March 1999-January 2001
- 9.12 Chinatown Newsletter, Feb/March 2001-January 2003
- 9.13 Chinatown Newsletter, Feb/March 2003-January 2005
- 9.14 Chinatown Newsletter, Feb/March 2005-January 2007
- 9.15 Chinatown Newsletter, Feb/March 2007-Feb/March 2008

Box 10

- 10.1 Donation records to the CCBA, 1884-1885 – v. 2, v.23
- 10.2 To be identified, originally in box 8 old file list (3 items)
- 10.3 To be identified, originally in box 8 old file list (3 items)
- 10.4 To be identified, originally in box 8 old file list
- 10.5 National Subscription Award Certificate (13 sheets)

Copied from old file list: files now in OS box

National Subscription booklets (3 of 5 copies)

National Subscription booklets (2 of 5 copies)

Accession 2009-021

4 boxes unprocessed

Accession 2011-004

Death and burial documents

Volumes / registers 4

- 1. 1902-1911
- 2. 1904-1923
- 3. 1911-1915
- 4. 1915-1920

Loose folder 5-6

5. File 5 - 1902-1904
6. File 6 - 1904-1906