

Hugh D. Halkett Fonds

Dates of Creation: 1920-2001

Physical Extent: 13 cm. of textual records
482 photographs; b&w/colour; 1.5x2" – 8x10"
8 books (processed into VMM Library collection)

Biographical History:

Hugh D. Halkett was born in Victoria, British Columbia in 1920 and he spent his childhood fascinated by marine vessels and the ocean. In 1934 his family moved to Vancouver where he spent his weekends exploring the Vancouver waterfront and ships in port. As a teenage he secured a position as Deck boy in the Canadian Pacific BC Coast Service Fleet where he served on the *Princess Mary* as Quartermaster. In 1941 he took a leave from the Canadian Pacific when he was offered a seaman's berth on the *City of Alberni* that was sailing to Australia and Samoa.

In 1941 Hugh returned to Canadian Pacific and attended navigation school and acquired his Mate's certificate. In April 1944 he was transferred to the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service, serving as Third, and later Second Officer, aboard S.S. *Crystal Park*, one of the new 10,000-ton replacement cargo ships built in North Vancouver that sailed the North Atlantic in convoys to Britain and to the Mediterranean.

In 1947 Hugh received his Master's papers and - at the age of 26, was thought to be the youngest Captain on the B.C. coast. After the CPR, Hugh worked for the Canadian Hydrographic Service for five years aboard the C.G.S. *Parry*. He returned to B.C. and took a position as Master with the B.C. Forest Service and later the Columbia Coast Mission aboard the mission ship *Columbia*. Hugh then worked for the Canadian Coast Guard, studying aboard the C.G.S. *Labrador* before sailing as Chief Officer on the C.G.S. *Camsell* on her annual ice breaking and supply voyage to the western Arctic. In 1969 Hugh joined B.C. Ferries where he served as a Master of the *Queen of Prince Rupert* for 18 years.

Upon his retirement in 1985, Captain Hugh Halkett married, and he and his wife, Alice, made their home in St. Albert, Alberta where Hugh became a Marriage Commissioner. Hugh was a member of both the Company of Master Mariners of Canada and the "Cape Horners". He was very involved with the Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association (CMNVA) and worked on behalf of Merchant Navy veterans. Hugh wrote for a variety of publications and he was one of the contributors to Robert G. Halford's book, "The Unknown Navy: Canada's WWII Merchant Navy".

In November 2000 Hugh was diagnosed with bone cancer and he passed away on December 6th, 2000.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records relating to maritime career of Captain Hugh D. Halkett. Records include personal papers, birth certificate and membership cards for various associations; maritime certificates; testimonials and references for Halkett's shipboard character; logbooks and journals from voyages; newspaper and journal articles written by Halkett; and photographs of various vessels that Halkett sailed on.

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Notes:

Source of Title: Title based on the name of the creator of the records.

Immediate source of acquisition: Records donated to the Vancouver Maritime Museum in 2007 by Alice Halkett, widow of Hugh Halkett. Accession no. LM2007.027.

Arrangement: Records arranged by Archivist. Photographs were previously arranged into envelopes (by vessel) by donor and this arrangement has been kept.

Language: English

Restrictions on access: None, consult Archivist for access to records.

Finding aids: A Box/File list has been created for these records.

Accruals: No future accruals are expected.

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Box / File List

PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 1 Title: Birth certificate and biography	Location: Box 1 Date: 1920-1996
PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 2 Title: Certificates and associations	Location: Box 1 Date: 1937-2001
PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 3 Title: Testimonials and references - maritime career	Location: Box 1 Date: 1937-2001
PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 4 Title: Journal - Eastern Canada icebreaker	Location: Box 1 Date: 1968
PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 5 Title: Logbook - schooner Vigilant (Bellingham to Honolulu)	Location: Box 1 Date: 1928-1929
PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 6 Title: Maritime articles written by H. Halkett, vol. 1	Location: Box 1 Date: 1987-1998
PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 7 Title: Maritime articles written by H. Halkett, vol. 2	Location: Box 1 Date: 1978-1980
PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds File No: 8 Title: Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association	Location: Box 1 Date: 1991-2000

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File No: 9
Title: Royal visit armband, issued to crew | Location: Box 1
Date: 1939 |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 10
Title: Photographs - Hugh Halkett | Location: Box 2
Date: [1938-200-] |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 11
Title: Photographs - Coastguard vessel Camsel, trip to Arctic | Location: Box 2
Date: 1968 |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 12
Title: Photographs - City of Alberni, vol. 1 | Location: Box 2
Date: 1940-1941 |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 13
Title: Photographs - City of Alberni, vol. 2 | Location: Box 2
Date: 1940-1941 |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 14
Title: Photographs - S.S. Princess Nora | Location: Box 2
Date: 1942 |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 15
Title: Photographs - Crystal Park | Location: Box 2
Date: 1942-1945 |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 16
Title: Photographs - Canadian Hydrographic Survey ship Parry | Location: Box 2
Date: [19--] |
| PartOf Hugh D. Halkett Fonds
File No: 17
Title: Photographs - Princess Marguerite (vessel) & Royal visit | Location: Box 2
Date: 1939 |

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File No: 18 **Date:** [200-]
Title: Photographs - Queen of Saanich
- PartOf **Hugh D. Halkett Fonds** Location: Box 2
File No: 19 **Date:** [200-]
Title: Photographs - Princess Mary
- PartOf **Hugh D. Halkett Fonds** Location: Box 2
File No: 20 **Date:** 1967
Title: Photographs - C.C.G. Alexander Mackenzie
- PartOf **Hugh D. Halkett Fonds** Location: Box 2
File No: 21 **Date:** 1939-1940
Title: Photographs - Nootka
- PartOf **Hugh D. Halkett Fonds** Location: Box 2
File No: 22 **Date:** [19--]
Title: Photographs - C.P. ships (various)
- PartOf **Hugh D. Halkett Fonds** Location: Box 2
File No: 23 **Date:** [19--]
Title: Photographs - Motor Princess (B.C. Ferries)
- PartOf **Hugh D. Halkett Fonds** Location: Box 2
File No: 24 **Date:** [19--]
Title: Photographs - Halkett photo album