

Robert G. Halford Fonds

Dates of Creation: 1941-2000 [predominantly 1991-1994]

Physical Extent: 0.52 meters of textual records

Biographical History:

Robert G. Halford was born in Winnipeg in 1923. At the age of 20 he joined the Canadian Merchant Navy. After training at St. Margaret's Sea Training School at Hubbards, Nova Scotia, he was assigned to the *SS Green Hill Park* in 1944. He completed two voyages serving as Ordinary Seaman (OS) and Able Seaman (AB). From 1945-1946 he served on *SS Nemiskam Park* as an AB and on the *SS Kootenay Park* as AM and Bosun, in the Pacific, Indian and South Atlantic Oceans. From 1947 he followed a career as a newspaper and trade magazine writer, editor, and publisher until his retirement in 1988. After six years of research, Halford published "The Unknown Navy: Canada's World War Two Merchant Navy" in 1995.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of records related to Robert G. Halford's research for his publication "The Unknown Navy: Canada's World War Two Merchant Navy". Records include correspondence and interview excerpts with crew members of merchant marine vessels, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, and research notes.

The fonds has been divided into two series:

Series 1 - Crew Correspondence

Series 2 - Merchant Marine research

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 library at unknown date (no donor file under "Halford").

Arrangement: Records arranged by Archivist. Original file titles maintained.

Related Records: See publication "The Unknown Navy: Canada's World War Two Merchant Navy" (1995), ISBN 1-55125-016-0.

Language: English.

Restrictions on access and terms governing publication: None.

Finding aids: A box-file list has been created for the records.

Accruals: No future accruals are expected for the fonds.

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Box / File List

PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds Series No: 1 File No: 1 Title: Correspondence - Crew A	Location: Box 1 Date: 1990-1995
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds Series No: 1 File No: 2 Title: Correspondence - Crew B	Location: Box 1 Date: 1990-1995
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds Series No: 1 File No: 3 Title: Correspondence - Crew C	Location: Box 1 Date: 1991-1992
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds Series No: 1 File No: 4 Title: Correspondence - Crew D	Location: Box 1 Date: 1991-1995
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds Series No: 1 File No: 5 Title: Correspondence - Crew E, F, G	Location: Box 1 Date: 1990-1998
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds Series No: 1 File No: 6 Title: Correspondence - Crew H	Location: Box 1 Date: 1991-1995
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds Series No: 1 File No: 7 Title: Correspondence - Crew I, J, K	Location: Box 1 Date: 1991-1992
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PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 2
Series No: 1 File No: 9	Date: 1990-1992
Title: Correspondence - Crew M	
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 2
Series No: 1 File No: 10	Date: 1990-1991
Title: Correspondence - Crew N, O	
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 2
Series No: 1 File No: 11	Date: 1990-1991
Title: Correspondence - Crew P, Q, R	
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Series No: 1 File No: 12	Date: 1990-1996
Title: Correspondence - Crew S	
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 2
Series No: 1 File No: 13	Date: 1990-1994
Title: Correspondence - Crew T, U, V	
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 2
Series No: 1 File No: 14	Date: 1990-1996
Title: Correspondence - Crew W	
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 File No: 1	Date: 1991
Title: Park/Fort descriptions/characteristics	
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 File No: 2	Date: 1993
Title: Park/Fort numbers	
PartOf Robert G. Halford Fonds	Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 File No: 3	Date: [19--]
Title: First impressions	

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Series No: 2 **File No:** 4 **Date:** 1943-1994
Title: Pay rates

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 5 **Date:** 1943-1947
Title: Park ships - official historical summary

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 6 **Date:** 1946-1947
Title: Park/Fort sales

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 7 **Date:** 1943-1981
Title: Training and manning

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 8 **Date:** 1946-1974
Title: Storms at sea

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 9 **Date:** [19--]
Title: Shore experiences

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 10 **Date:** 1943-1992
Title: Shipboard conditions

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 11 **Date:** 1990-1993
Title: St. Margaret's Sea Training School

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds** Location: Box 3
Series No: 2 **File No:** 12 **Date:** 1990-1993
Title: Randles, Brand, Wilson backgrounders

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Series No: 2 **File No:** 13
Title: Lady Boats

Location: Box 3
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Series No: 2 **File No:** 14
Title: Manning pools

Location: Box 3
Date: 1941-1945

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 15
Title: Canadian Shipping Board

Location: Box 3
Date: 1943-1999

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 16
Title: Canadian Seaman's Union

Location: Box 3
Date: 1942-1994

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 17
Title: Backgrounder: Canada's WWII Mn [Merchant Navy] origins

Location: Box 3
Date: 1979-1989

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 18
Title: Canadian Maritime Commission

Location: Box 3
Date: 1949-1985

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 19
Title: Imperial Oil Ltd. (via Gordon Robertson)

Location: Box 3
Date: 1944

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 20
Title: Entertainment and support onshore

Location: Box 3
Date: 1946

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Series No: 2 **File No:** 21
Title: Canadian Merchant Ship losses

Location: Box 4
Date: 1993

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 22
Title: DEMS

Location: Box 4
Date: 1992-1993

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 23
Title: Paterson fleet

Location: Box 4
Date: 1992-1993

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 24
Title: Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd.

Location: Box 4
Date: 1994

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Series No: 2 **File No:** 25
Title: Vetran benefits for Merchant Seamen, vol. 1

Location: Box 4
Date: 1991-2000

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 26
Title: Vetran benefits for Merchant Seamen, vol. 2

Location: Box 4
Date: 1991-2000

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 27
Title: Casualties and P.O.W.'s

Location: Box 4
Date: [19--]

PartOf **Robert G. Halford Fonds**
Series No: 2 **File No:** 28
Title: Torpedos, mines and other hazards of war

Location: Box 4
Date: 1992