

William Sutton Fonds, PR-0202, Royal British Columbia Museum Archive, Victoria, B.C.

The photograph album is held at the Royal British Columbia Museum, Victoria. It was donated by Will's sister-in-law, Miss Fox, in 1933 after her sister, Helen Annie Sutton, Will's wife, had died in 1932. It seems originally there were 58 photographs but four are missing. The collection is contained in a bound photograph album. Each photograph, 5" x 7", is set into recessed pockets on each page and on both sides of the page. Therefore there is no access to the reverse side of the photographs.

In 2015 volunteer Leona Taylor very kindly took photographs of most of the collection and made a list of the contents. The photographs are numbered 15276-15317. But with some anomalies: for example, there are two 15317s (different views); 15306 is a bridge but is not labelled; similarly, 15314 has no description and there are three blank spaces where there may have been photographs.

Each photograph is numbered, probably by the archivist at the time. It looks like someone made an attempt at grouping the photographs when they were put into the album – perhaps Annie or one of her sisters? However, the groups are not consistent. Having examined the photographs I suggest they fall into several categories, according to the area they were taken, as follows.

COWICHAN (1889?)

- 15276 Cowichan River
- 15277 Skutz Falls, Cowichan River
- 15278 Cowichan Lake
- 45279 Cowichan River
- 15317 Lower Canyon, Cowichan River
- ? no number Lower Canyon (slates) Cowichan River

It seems likely the Cowichan photographs are from the period when Will's father had a lumber business in that area (see chapter six); they may have been taken about the time Will was selling the mill and leases (1889).

SKEENA RIVER AREA (c.1889-1890)

- 15291 Hartley Bay Indian Village, northern coast of B.C. (south of Skeena)
- 15292 Hazelton on Skeena River
- 15293 Indian Graveyard, Hazelton, B.C.
- 15294 Rocher Debouler Mountain, back of Hazelton, B.C.
- 15295 Ahwilgate Village near Hazelton, B.C.
- 15296 Mauricetown, Bulkley River, Cassiar District (south of Skeena)
- 15297 Ready for a journey on horseback, Hazelton, B.C.

- 15299 Skeena River at Kwatsalis [view of mountain below Lorne Creek]
- 15300 Bornite Mountain from upper end of Kitsilas Canyon, Skeena River, B.C.
- 15301 Just above tidal water on the Skeena River, B.C.
- 15317 Kitwanga Indian Village, Skeena River, BC
- 15322 Skeena River
- 15324 Bare granite hills, Lower Skeena River BC
- 15307 Lower Skeena River

MINES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA (1899?)

- 15302 Camp McKinney
- 15303 Noble Five Mine, Cody, B.C.
- 15304 Noble Five Concentrator & Aerial Tramway
- 15319 Cody BC Looking up Carpenter Creek Noble Five Concentrator on left
- 15330 Fontenoy Mine
- 15290 Ferry at Bossburg, Washington, US, Columbia River (south east of Penticton)
- 15282 Kaslo, Kootenay Lake Mainland – (east of Penticton)
- 15329 Stage at Vasseraux Lake, Okanagan (Vaseux Lake, mainland BC north of Penticton)

Will was examining Noble Five for James Dunsmuir in 1899.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS (1901?)

- 15308 Queen Charlotte Cumshewa
- 15309 Rennell Sound
- 15310 Island off Frederick Island showing melabasalt resting on limestone
- 15311 North shore of Q.C.I. [Queen Charlotte Islands]
- 15313 Cumshewa - Point Granite
- 15315 Langara [North Island] Naden x Queen Charlotte Islands
- 15316 Dike cutting argillites Skedans, Q.C.Island
- 15320 Pillar Rock, north shore of Graham Island
- 15321 as above but nearer
- 15323 Agglomerate Masset Inlet (on Graham Island)
- 15327 Basaltic Columns Tiahin (?) Point West Coast Graham Island
- 15328 Head of Rennel Sound, West Coast of Graham Island

Again, these were likely taken when Will was working for James Dunsmuir; we know he visited Charlotte Islands in 1901.

GEOLOGICAL SCENES ON VANCOUVER ISLAND (1909?)

- 15282b White Stone Point, Saanich Inlet (same number used for other photograph) South of Cowichan Bay.

- 15286 Granite Porphyry dikes cutting slates, Schooner Cove above Nanoose Harbour (not far from Mt. Washington) north of Nanaimo.
- 15326 Cape Madge (Valdes Island) Quadie Island from Vancouver Island Shore (opposite Ladysmith)
- 15288 Coal seam, Dove Creek, Comox
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- 15318 Comox Valley, Glacier in distance is Albert Edward (burning stumps?)
- 15298 Yellow Rock, south end of Denman Island (Near Comox)

Perhaps from c. 1909 when Will surveyed the central part of the eastern coast of Vancouver Island as part of the Geological Survey.

MOUNT WASHINGTON (1910?)

- 15280 Looking West from Mt. Washington, VI
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- 15284 Southern Summit of Mt. Washington
- 15285 Summit, Mt. Washington, VI
- 15287 Looking East from Mt. Washington

It is possible these could relate to the period when Will was involved in campaigning for Strathcona Park (see chapter fourteen) in about 1910.

VICTORIA – OUTER WHARF

- 15305 Outer Wharf – Victoria
- 15325 Outer Wharf Victoria BC (diabase dike cutting granite in foreground)

UNKNOWN

- 15312 Taken in Aug, 1900 - W. J. Sutton
- 15314 No description
- 15306? No name, bridge

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N.B. Each photograph cost \$20 plus \$25 for the licence fee (not for profit website). I managed to raise just over £300 to pay for the ones included in the book. I would have liked to have included many more but could not afford to do this.