

**Statement of responsibility:**

Alec Purdy fonds

**Dates of creation:**

1995

**Physical extent:**

1 cm of textual records

**Biographical sketch:**

Alec Raymond Purdy was born on 19 October 1945 in New Westminster, British Columbia. He was the second son of Dwight and Harriet (Coon) Purdy. He was a great, great grandson of Henry Boultenhouse Purdy (1814-1888), a shipbuilder from Westcoast, New Brunswick who constructed nineteen vessels between 1852 and 1878. He was also descended through Master Mariner Reuben Boultenhouse who moved out to Vancouver in the 1890s. He attended public schools in Vancouver, British Columbia; Lethbridge, Alberta and the Dominican Republic. He entered the University of British Columbia where he received a degree in mechanical engineering in 1967. He began working for Westinghouse on gas turbines but left that position and moved to Toronto in 1970 where he purchased a Lotus 61 Formula Ford race car. This began a 42 year involvement in motor sports and more specifically race car design, fabrication and testing. After a couple of years in Toronto he moved to Hanover to work at Ferret Industries with Fred Wilken designing and building winning Formula Ford race cars. He lived in Hanover from 1973 to 1983. He spent the next 30 years as a sought after engineer in the auto racing world working predominantly in the United States. He was also interested in family history which brought him to Sackville on a number of occasions. He died on 4 July 2015 in Indio, California. He was buried in the River View Cemetery in New Westminster, British Columbia.

Sources: Information found in the accession file and details retrieved on 12 August 2020 from the following URLs:  
<https://ahnb-apnb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Spring-2016-EN.pdf>  
<http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oId=895746#:~:text=PURDY%2C%20Alec%20Raymond%20-%20Passed%20away%20July%204%2C,second%20son%20of%20Dwight%20and%20Harriet%20%28Coon%29%20Purdy.>

**Scope and content:**

Fonds consists of genealogical notes documenting the Boultenhouse, Purdy, and Barnes families of Sackville, New Brunswick. The contents include the following: a letter of introduction to the material; Boultenhouse family notes; an abbreviated version of the Purdy Family genealogy compiled by Clayton C. Purdy, assembled into a family tree, with a related expansion of the descendants of Henry Purdy of Fort Lawrence, Nova Scotia; and Barnes family genealogical notes.

**Immediate source of acquisition:**

Donated to the archives by Alec Purdy in 1995.

**Custodial history;**

The contents were created or compiled Alec Purdy circa 1995 and were donated to the archives that same year.

**Arrangement:**

Arrangement follows the order in which the contents were received from the donor.

**Notes:**

Alec Purdy cites a genealogy by Clayton C. Purdy, a copy of which is located in the Mount Allison University Library Bell Collection. He also cites a genealogy of the Barnes family by Robert Nagel, a copy of which is located in Accession 8826. Boultenhouse, Barnes, and Purdy families also appear in several indexes in the Archives.

**Provenance:**

Purdy, Alec Raymond, 1945-2015

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**File / item list:**

1. Boultenhouse family genealogy / Alec Purdy. – June 1995. – 2 leaves of textual records
2. Boultenhouse (Boeltenhuis / haus) master list / compiled by Alec Purdy. – [1995?]. – 18 leaves of textual records
3. Abbreviated version of the Purdy family genealogy compiled by Clayton C. Purdy / revised by Alec Purdy. – [1995?]. – 42 leaves of textual records
4. Expansion [of information relating to] James Purdy, son of Col. Henry Purdy of Fort Lawrence / compiled by Alec Purdy with data from Robert J. Purdy. – [1995?]. – 4 leaves of textual records
5. Barnes family history / Alec Purdy. – [1995?]. – 14 leaves of textual records
6. Addendum note. – 23 May 1995. – 1 leaf of textual records

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