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Summary information

Repository:	Northern BC Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Willard Freer Diary Digital Collection
Reference code:	2023.8
Date:	1942-1972 (creation)
Physical description:	* 17 diaries (.PDF)
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	2024 July: Created (KS).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Excerpts from "Kechika Chronicler: Willard Freer's Northern BC & Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975" by Jay Sherwood (2023), pages 12-16:

Willard was born in Kamloops, British Columbia, on April 19, 1910, a few months after his parents had emigrated from the United States. Freer's ancestors had been farmers for many generations. The earliest documentation of the Freer family in North America is a ship record of Hugo Freer arriving in the city of New York in July 1675. The Freers were farmers in New York state for several generations. In the early 1830s, Jonas Elisha Freer moved to Michigan, which was still a territory, to farm. His grandson, Jonas Melville Freer, born in Michigan in 1855, continued westward to Dakota Territory in the early 1880s where his son, George Elisha Freer, was born in 1885. In early 1910, George and Edith Key left North Dakota to search for agricultural land in Canada, abetted by the fact that Edith was pregnant. On February 11, George and Edith were married in Miles City, Montana. Three days later, they entered Canada at the Coutts/Sweetgrass border crossing. They journeyed north to the Canadian Pacific Railway line and travelled by train to Kamloops where their first child, Willard Melvin, was born on April 19.

When Willard was three weeks old, his parents drove by wagon to Fort George (present day Prince George). In the 1911 census, George Freer was recorded as a rancher living on rented land near Cluculz Lake. This lake in the Central Interior region of British Columbia was near the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which was being constructed across Northern BC at that time. By fall of that year, Freer had filed for a pre-emption along the Chilako River southwest of Fort George, and a second son, Merle, was born there in October. In addition to the farm, George probably worked on construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A daughter, Ella, was born a year later, and in the fall of 1913, Freer received a Crown grant to the land along the Chilako River.

However, George and Edith believed that the land was "not open enough and the soil burned out," and they decided to go north to the Peace River district. Edith was pregnant again, so the family temporarily split. Edith took the three children and went back to her parents' home in Missouri where the fourth child, Harold, was born on June 19, 1914. Meanwhile, George and a companion spent the late fall and winter of 1913 and 1914 trapping in the Crooked River area north of Prince George. In early spring, the two men travelled down

the Crooked and Parsnip Rivers to the Peace, then proceeded down this river valley to Hudson's Hope, where they sold their furs.

George continued down the Peace River valley toward the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) post at Fort St. John. Along the way he found land that he thought would be productive at a place called Bear Flat, which was located on the north side of the Peace River adjacent to Cache Creek. During the summer of 1914, he earned money cutting wood for the D.A. Thomas, a steamboat that plied the Peace River.

In the fall, George was reunited with his family. They spent the winter in northern Alberta, and George filed for his pre-emption at the land office in Grouard. At that time, governments did not consult with Indigenous peoples regarding their connection to their traditional territories. The Freers purchased supplies and livestock and, in late winter and early spring 1915, travelled to their homestead along the Peace. Willard wrote about the last section of the trip, from Fort St. John. "My next brother and I were put on a pack horse in two boxes and rode that way for 22 miles [35 kilometres] where the parents settled down."

Willard grew up at Bear Flat. Of the seven Freer children, he was the one most influenced by the remote wilderness to the north and west. When he was about twenty, he moved to Hudson's Hope, a small community farther upstream on the Peace River that was closer to the Rocky Mountain wilderness. Around 1936, Willard moved northwest, taking up a trapline in the Ingenika River valley. (The Ingenika flows into the Finlay River, one of the headwater rivers of the Peace.) In 1942, Willard ventured north into the remote Kechika River valley, which is less than a hundred kilometres from the Yukon boundary. He worked and lived at the ranch of the famous packer Skook Davidson for several years before building his own cabin farther north along the Kechika. There Willard lived for the rest of his life, with some intervals spent working at the Fireside Inn on the Alaska Highway (near the junction of the Kechika and Liard Rivers).

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Freer was involved in many important projects in northern BC and Yukon. He was a member of the famous 1934 Bedaux Expedition. Freer was a packer for BC and federal government survey crews for several summers; worked on the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey for four years; was employed on Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) crews for several years; and spent three field seasons on the BC government's Forest Inventory program. Willard also packed for a couple of large mining exploration companies and was a hunting guide for Robin Dalziel and other guide outfitters.

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Willard Freer died in 1981.

Scope and content

Willard Freer, a packer and guide in remote northern BC, kept a daily diary from 1942 to 1975 that provides a detailed record of life in northern BC and southern Yukon Territory. This collection consists of digital replicas of Willard Freer's diaries from 1942 to 1975, along with accompanying transcripts created by Jay Sherwood, who authored a book about Freer's life.

Excerpts describing the Freer Diaries from "Kechika Chronicler: Willard Freer's Northern BC & Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975" by Jay Sherwood (2023), pages 14-17:

In a letter that [Willard Freer] wrote in 1935, he stated that he had started keeping a diary when he left home. Unfortunately, his early diaries have been lost. In the summer of 1939, while Freer was away working, the BC Provincial Police investigated his neighbour Frank "Shorty" Weber as a suspect in a local murder. The police seized Freer's diaries from his trapping cabin as potential evidence. Freer wrote to the police requesting the return of his diaries, but he never received them. Fortunately, Freer had made copies of his diaries for the summers of 1932 and 1934. His diary for 1934 is particularly important because he was a member of the Bedaux Expedition.

Freer's existing diaries begin in the spring of 1942, when he was still living in the Ingenika River valley, and continue until 1975. The notebook for 1950 and 1951 is missing, and the January to September 1961 section has been removed. ...

Throughout his adult life, Freer wrote a daily journal. The entries are usually brief and direct, with minimal philosophizing. They are often repetitive, describing daily routines. However, the cumulative narrative of Freer's diaries provides a rare look into the history of one of British Columbia's most remote areas.

The pantheon of people recorded in Freer's diaries include many notable individuals who lived and worked in the Kechika River valley and along the Alaska Highway. Willard's journals provide details about specific events in the lives of these people. There are many references to the famous bush pilots Stan Bridcut and George Dalziel. He notes several prospectors who are well-known in northern BC and Yukon.

Willard's work involved extensive travel through northern BC and Yukon. His diaries provide details about the locations he visited. In particular, Freer kept an important record of travel on the Davie Trail between Fort Ware and Lower Post. For every overnight trip he made, Freer recorded the campsite he used, and the amount of time he spent travelling each day.

During the 1940s and 1950s, the Kaska and Kwadacha Tsek'ene still followed their traditional yearly rounds in the Kechika drainage. Freer's diaries detail the lives and routines of numerous Indigenous people over many years. Some of them are mentioned over a hundred times in Freer's diaries. By all accounts, Willard had good relationships with the Indigenous people. In the remote northern BC and Yukon region, where there were few people, working co-operatively was important.

Willard lived and worked at Skook Davidson's Diamond J Ranch during most of the 1940s and at intervals in the 1950s, so his journals provide considerable information about Skook and life at the ranch.

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Freer's diaries contain considerable information about daily life in the lodges along the Alaska Highway.

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Freer was involved in many important projects in northern BC and Yukon. He was a member of the famous 1934 Bedaux Expedition. Freer was a packer for BC and federal government survey crews for several summers; worked on the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey for four years; was employed on Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) crews for several years; and spent three field seasons on the BC government's Forest Inventory program. Willard also packed for a couple of large mining exploration companies and was a hunting guide for Robin Dalziel and other guide outfitters.

Freer's diaries can also be used to monitor events like the weather and snowfall. In the winter, when he lived at Skook's ranch or at his cabin, he recorded the temperature in the morning, at midday, and in the evening. He also noted snowfalls. Willard recorded the date that the Kechika froze over in the fall, and when the ice melted off the river in the spring. He also noted his first observations of birds in the spring.

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The diaries of Willard Freer, which chronicle over thirty years of life in northern BC, are a unique account, providing a gateway to many of the people who lived there and some of the important events that occurred.

Notes

Arrangement

Diaries are arranged in chronological order.

Location of originals

The original Willard Freer diaries from 1942 to 1972 are held at Hudson's Hope Museum, while the 1973 to 1975 notebook is housed at the Alaska Highway Museum in Fort Nelson.

Restrictions on access

No restrictions.

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Note [Sources]

Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Electronic record (documentary form)
- Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
- Fireside, BC (place)
- Lower Post, BC (place)

Collection holdings

Item: 2023.8.01 - Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1942 to October 20, 1942

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1942 to October 20, 1942

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.01

Hudson's Hope Museum Accession Number [alternative]: HHM2023.052.011

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, April 1, 1942 to October 20, 1942:

- * April 1-May 30, 1942: Trapping cabin along the Ingenika River
- * May 30-June 16, 1942: In the Finlay River area, Freer sold furs to the HBC at Fort Grahame and helped portage supplied through Deserters Canyon for Del Miller and priest
- * June 17-October 13, 1942: Employed with the United States Army in Northern BC, packing and outfitting for the survey crews of the Alaska Highway in the areas of Deserters Canyon, Fort Ware, Sifton Pass, and Fox Pass
- * October 13-20, 1942: Journey to Skook Davidson's Diamond J Ranch

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
- Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)

Part: 2023.8.01.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1942 to October 20, 1942 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1942 to October 20, 1942 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.01.1

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
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Item: 2023.8.02 - Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1942 to December 31, 1943

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1942 to December 31, 1943

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.02

Date: 1942-1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, October 1, 1942 to December 31, 1943:

- * October 1-13, 1942: Employed with the United States Army in Northern BC, packing and outfitting for the survey crews of the Alaska Highway in the areas of Deserter's Canyon, Fort Ware, Sifton Pass, and Fox Pass
- * October 16-29, 1942: Journey to Kechika River and Skook Davidson's Diamond J Ranch
- * October 30-December 31, 1942: Working and establishing residence at Skook Davidson's Diamond J Ranch
- * January 1-May 19, 1943: Working at Diamond J Ranch with Craig Forfar
- * May 19-30, 1943: Trip to Fort Ware
- * May 30-June 30, 1943: At Fort Ware, preparing for packing BC Government triangulation survey trip to surveying location and waiting for Skook Davidson to arrive with horses purchased from Jim Beattie
- * June 18-July 13, 1943: Travel to surveying location
- * July 15-August 17, 1943: Taking care of case camp while survey crews in field
- * August 17-26, 1943: All crews working together
- * August 27-October 23, 1943: Return trips between Fort Ware and Diamond J Ranch
- * October 23-December 31, 1943: Diamond J Ranch

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.02.1

Date: 1942-1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, October 1, 1942 to December 31, 1943:

* October 1-13, 1942: Employed with the United States Army in Northern BC, packing and outfitting for the survey crews of the Alaska Highway in the areas of Deserters Canyon, Fort Ware, Sifton Pass, and Fox Pass

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Language of the material:

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Item: 2023.8.03 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.03

Date: 1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943:

- * January 1-May 19, 1943: Working at Diamond J Ranch with Craig Forfar
- * May 19-30, 1943: Trip to Fort Ware
- * May 30-June 30, 1943: At Fort Ware, preparing for packing BC Government triangulation survey trip to surveying location and waiting for Skook Davidson to arrive with horses purchased from Jim Beattie
- * June 18-July 13, 1943: Travel to surveying location
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- * August 27-October 23, 1943: Return trips between Fort Ware and Diamond J Ranch
- * October 23-December 31, 1943: Diamond J Ranch

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

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Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Access points:

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Item: 2023.8.03.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.03.1

Date: 1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943:

- * January 1-May 19, 1943: Working at Diamond J Ranch with Craig Forfar
- * May 19-30, 1943: Trip to Fort Ware
- * May 30-June 30, 1943: At Fort Ware, preparing for packing BC Government triangulation survey trip to surveying location and waiting for Skook Davidson to arrive with horses purchased from Jim Beattie
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Access points:

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- Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)

Item: 2023.8.04 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.04

Date: 1944 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944:

- * January 1-May 27, 1944: Diamond J Ranch
- * May 27-June 6, 1944: Travel to Lower Post
- * June 6-18, 1944: Waiting for C.H. Ney, land surveyor for the Dominion Geodetic Survey
- * June 19-August 28, 1944: Packing for the Dominion astrofix survey
- * August 28-September 7, 1944: Lower Post
- * September 7-24: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * September 28-[October 21], 1944: Fort Ware trip to pick up food and machinery left after the Bedaux expedition

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Access points:

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 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
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Item: 2023.8.04.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.04.1

Date: 1944 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1944 to September 30, 1944:

- * January 1-May 27, 1944: Diamond J Ranch
- * May 27-June 6, 1944: Travel to Lower Post
- * June 6-18, 1944: Waiting for C.H. Ney, land surveyor for the Dominion Geodetic Survey
- * June 19-August 28, 1944: Packing for the Dominion astrofix survey
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Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

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Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
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Item: 2023.8.05 - Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.05

Date: 1944-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, October 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945:

- * September 28-October 21, 1944: Fort Ware trip to pick up food and machinery left after the Bedaux expedition
- * October 22-December 31, 1944: Diamond J Ranch
- * January 1-May 26, 1945: Diamond J Ranch
- * May 26-June 1, 1945: Trip to Fort Ware
- * June 3-7, 1945: Trip to Thutade Lake as a packer for Emil Bronlund, mining engineer for Consolidated Mining and Smelting
- * June 7-October 5, 1945: Thutade Lake

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Fort Ware, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.05.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.05.1

Date: 1944-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, October 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945:

* September 28-October 21, 1944: Fort Ware trip to pick up food and machinery left after the Bedaux expedition

* October 22-December 31, 1944: Diamond J Ranch

* January 1-May 26, 1945: Diamond J Ranch

* May 26-June 1, 1945: Trip to Fort Ware

* June 3-7, 1945: Trip to Thutade Lake as a packer for Emil Bronlund, mining engineer for Consolidated Mining and Smelting

* June 7-October 5, 1945: Thutade Lake

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Fort Ware, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.06 - Diary of Willard Freer - July 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - July 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.06

Date: 1945-1946 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, July 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946:

- * June 3-7, 1945: Trip to Thutade Lake as a packer for Emil Bronlund, mining engineer for Consolidated Mining and Smelting
- * June 7-October 5, 1945: Thutade Lake
- * October 5-12, 1945: Trip to Fort Ware
- * October 14-26, 1945: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 27-December 31, 1945: Diamond J Ranch
- * January 1-February 25, 1946: Diamond J Ranch
- * February 25-March 3, 1946: Trip to Fort Ware
- * March 3-13, 1946: Fort Ware
- * March 13-26, 1946: Fort Ware to Fort St. James
- * March 27-April 15, 1946: Fort St. James, working with Hendry Kinniburgh

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
- Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
- Fort Ware, BC (place)
- Fort St. James, BC (place)

Item: 2023.8.06.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - July 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - July 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.06.1

Date: 1945-1946 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, July 1, 1945 to March 31, 1946:

- * June 3-7, 1945: Trip to Thutade Lake as a packer for Emil Bronlund, mining engineer for Consolidated Mining and Smelting
- * June 7-October 5, 1945: Thutade Lake
- * October 5-12, 1945: Trip to Fort Ware
- * October 14-26, 1945: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 27-December 31, 1945: Diamond J Ranch
- * January 1-February 25, 1946: Diamond J Ranch
- * February 25-March 3, 1946: Trip to Fort Ware
- * March 3-13, 1946: Fort Ware
- * March 13-26, 1946: Fort Ware to Fort St. James
- * March 27-April 15, 1946: Fort St. James, working with Hendry Kinniburgh

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Access points:

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- Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)

Item: 2023.8.07 - Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.07

Date: 1946-1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, April 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947:

- * March 27-April 15, 1946: Fort St. James, working with Hendry Kinniburgh
- * April 15-May 3, 1946: Took the Greyhound bus from Prince George to southern BC to visit family (Keremeos, Penticton, Cawston)
- * May 3-5, 1946: Travelled with family to Wenatchee, Washington to see a flower show
- * May 6-11, 1946: Returned with family to Cawston, BC
- * May 12-14, 1946: Return trip north to Fort St. James on the Greyhound bus via Keremeos, Ashcroft, Quesnel, and Prince George
- * May 15-28, 1946: Preparing for summer work in Fort St. James
- * May 28-September 4, 1946: Departed from Fort St. James for employment with Emil Bronlund and the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., packing through the Omineca District up to Thutade Lake
- * September 9-October 25, 1946: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 26, 1946-May 27, 1947: Diamond J Ranch
- * May 27-June 17, 1947: Travel to the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey and preparations for work
- * June 18-October 11, 1947: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Access points:

Item: 2023.8.07.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - April 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.07.1

Date: 1946-1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, April 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947:

- * March 27-April 15, 1946: Fort St. James, working with Hendry Kinniburgh
- * April 15-May 3, 1946: Took the Greyhound bus from Prince George to southern BC to visit family (Keremeos, Penticton, Cawston)
- * May 3-5, 1946: Travelled with family to Wenatchee, Washington to see a flower show
- * May 6-11, 1946: Returned with family to Cawston, BC
- * May 12-14, 1946: Return trip north to Fort St. James on the Greyhound bus via Keremeos, Ashcroft, Quesnel, and Prince George
- * May 15-28, 1946: Preparing for summer work in Fort St. James
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- * September 9-October 25, 1946: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 26, 1946-May 27, 1947: Diamond J Ranch
- * May 27-June 17, 1947: Travel to the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey and preparations for work
- * June 18-October 11, 1947: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)

Item: 2023.8.08 - Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.08

Date: 1947-1948 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, October 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948:

* October 1-11, 1947: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey, travel to Lower Post

* October 11-21, 1947: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch

* October 21, 1947-May 27, 1948: Off season at Diamond J Ranch, with supply visits from bush planes

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Lower Post, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.08.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - October 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.08.1

Date: 1947-1948 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, October 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948:

* October 1-11, 1947: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey, travel to Lower Post

* October 11-21, 1947: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch

* October 21, 1947-May 27, 1948: Off season at Diamond J Ranch, with supply visits from bush planes

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Access points:

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 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Lower Post, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.09 - Diary of Willard Freer - May 1, 1948 to October 29, 1948

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - May 1, 1948 to October 29, 1948

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.09

Date: 1948 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, May 1, 1948 to October 29, 1948:

- * May 1-27, 1948: Spring at Diamond J Ranch, with supply visits from bush planes
- * May 27-June 6, 1948: Trip to Lower Post and preparation for work
- * June 7-October 1, 1948: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey
- * September 26-October 18, 1948: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 18-29, 1948: Diamond J Ranch

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Lower Post, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.09.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - May 1, 1948 to October 29, 1948 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - May 1, 1948 to October 29, 1948 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.09.1

Date: 1948 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, May 1, 1948 to October 29, 1948:

- * May 1-27, 1948: Spring at Diamond J Ranch, with supply visits from bush planes
- * May 27-June 6, 1948: Trip to Lower Post and preparation for work
- * June 7-October 1, 1948: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey
- * September 26-October 18, 1948: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 18-29, 1948: Diamond J Ranch

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Lower Post, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.10 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.10

Date: 1948-1949 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949:

- * May 1-27, 1948: Spring at Diamond J Ranch, with supply visits from bush planes
- * May 27-June 6, 1948: Trip to Lower Post and preparation for work
- * June 7-October 1, 1948: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey
- * September 26-October 18, 1948: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 18, 1948-April 21, 1949: Diamond J Ranch
- * April 23-May 19, 1949: Freer spent time working around his cabin site
- * May 19-September 26, 1949: Prepared for surveying as head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey
- * September 26-October 15, 1949: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 15-25, 1949: Return trip to Freer's cabin
- * October 25-December 31, 1949: Freer at his cabin

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Publication status:

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Access points:

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 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
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Item: 2023.8.10.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.10.1

Date: 1948-1949 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949:

- * May 1-27, 1948: Spring at Diamond J Ranch, with supply visits from bush planes
- * May 27-June 6, 1948: Trip to Lower Post and preparation for work
- * June 7-October 1, 1948: Head packer for the British Columbia-Yukon Boundary Survey
- * September 26-October 18, 1948: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 18, 1948-April 21, 1949: Diamond J Ranch
- * April 23-May 19, 1949: Freer spent time working around his cabin site
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- * September 26-October 15, 1949: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 15-25, 1949: Return trip to Freer's cabin
- * October 25-December 31, 1949: Freer at his cabin

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)

Item: 2023.8.11 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1952 to February 17, 1954

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1952 to February 17, 1954

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.11

Date: 1952-1954 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1952 to February 17, 1954:

- * January 1-March 18, 1952: Visiting family in Penticton and Washington state
- * March 18-April 3, 1952: Working at Christy's Lodge at Lower Post
- * April 4-May 20, 1952: Kechika River valley
- * May 20-June 18, 1952: Travel to Omineca District
- * June 19-August 22, 1952: Packer for Northwestern Explorations in Omineca District
- * August 22-29, 1952: Travel to Mooseskin Johnny Lake via Telkwa
- * August 29-September 22, 1952: Packer for Northwestern Explorations at Mooseskin Johnny Lake
- * September 22-October 27, 1952: End of summer activities and travel to Christy's Lodge
- * October 27, 1952-February 28, 1953: Working at Christy's Lodge at Lower Post
- * February 28-April 8, 1953: Diamond J Ranch and Kechika River valley
- * April 8-29, 1953: Working at Christy's Lodge
- * April 29-May 13, 1953: Travel to Fort St. James and visit with friends in Fort St. John
- * May 14-September 29, 1953: Packer for Northwestern Explorations
- * September 29-October 28, 1953: Work at Kennco's warehouse in Fort St. James
- * October 29-November 13, 1953: Travel to Lower Post via Prince George and Dawson Creek
- * November 14-December 22, 1953: Working at Christy's Lodge
- * December 23, 1953-March 31, 1954: Kechika River valley

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Note [General]: Freer's notebook with his 1950 and 1951 diaries is the only one that is missing between 1942 and 1975. Some of Skook Davidson's diary fragments cover parts of 1950 and 1951, and they indicate that Freer packed for a major mining exploration company in the summer of both years.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Item: 2023.8.11.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1952 to February 17, 1954 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1952 to February 17, 1954 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.11.1

Date: 1952-1954 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1952 to February 17, 1954:

- * January 1-March 18, 1952: Visiting family in Penticton and Washington state
- * March 18-April 3, 1952: Working at Christy's Lodge at Lower Post
- * April 4-May 20, 1952: Kechika River valley
- * May 20-June 18, 1952: Travel to Omineca District
- * June 19-August 22, 1952: Packer for Northwestern Explorations in Omineca District
- * August 22-29, 1952: Travel to Mooseskin Johnny Lake via Telkwa
- * August 29-September 22, 1952: Packer for Northwestern Explorations at Mooseskin Johnny Lake
- * September 22-October 27, 1952: End of summer activities and travel to Christy's Lodge
- * October 27, 1952-February 28, 1953: Working at Christy's Lodge at Lower Post
- * February 28-April 8, 1953: Diamond J Ranch and Kechika River valley
- * April 8-29, 1953: Working at Christy's Lodge
- * April 29-May 13, 1953: Travel to Fort St. James and visit with friends in Fort St. John
- * May 14-September 29, 1953: Packer for Northwestern Explorations
- * September 29-October 28, 1953: Work at Kennco's warehouse in Fort St. James
- * October 29-November 13, 1953: Travel to Lower Post via Prince George and Dawson Creek
- * November 14-December 22, 1953: Working at Christy's Lodge
- * December 23, 1953-March 31, 1954: Kechika River valley

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Note [General]: Freer's notebook with his 1950 and 1951 diaries is the only one that is missing between 1942 and 1975. Some of Skook Davidson's diary fragments cover parts of 1950 and 1951, and they indicate that Freer packed for a major mining exploration company in the summer of both years.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

Restrictions on access: No restrictions.

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Item: 2023.8.12 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1957

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1957

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.12

Date: 1954-1957 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1957:

- * January 1-March 31, 1954: Kechika River valley
- * April 1-June 3, 1954: Working at Christy's Lodge in Lower Post
- * June 3-September 14, 1954: Working for Northwestern Explorations around Mile 1117 on the Alaska Highway
- * September 15-30, 1954: Travel to Fort St. James and preparations for trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * September 30-November 15, 1954: Trip to Diamond J Ranch with Clem Reiersen
- * November 16-December 31, 1954: Kechika River valley with Clem Reiersen
- * January 1-February 12, 1955: Kechika River valley and trip to Lower Post with Clem Reiersen
- * February 12-March 12, 1955: Alaska Highway
- * March 12-May 25, 1955: Kechika River valley
- * May 25-June 1, 1955: Trip to Lower Post
- * June 1-July 11, 1955: Lower Post waiting for Emil Bronlund and his Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Ltd. (CMS) crew
- * July 11-August 16, 1955: Packing for Emil Bronlund
- * August 17-September 11, 1955: Lower Post and trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * September 11-23, 1955: Trip to Lower Post
- * September 24-October 1, 1955: Lower Post
- * October 2-15, 1955: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 16, 1955-May 17, 1956: Kechika River valley
- * May 17-26, 1956: Trip to Lower Post and preparation for packing
- * June 5-September 21, 1956: Packing for Northwestern Explorations' Flat Lake mineral claims
- * September 21, 1956-February 18, 1957: Lower Post
- * February 18-May 27, 1957: Kechika River valley
- * May 27-July 3, 1957: Alaska Highway
- * July 3-September 4, 1957: Packing for Continental Mining in Yukon
- * September 4-October 13, 1957: Alaska Highway
- * October 13-26, 1957: Travel to Freer's cabin at Horneline Creek
- * October 26-December 9, 1957: Kechika River valley
- * December 10-18, 1957: Trip from cabin to Lower Post
- * December 18-31, 1957: Lower Post

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

Item: 2023.8.12.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1957 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1957 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.12.1

Date: 1954-1957 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1957:

- * January 1-March 31, 1954: Kechika River valley
- * April 1-June 3, 1954: Working at Christy's Lodge in Lower Post
- * June 3-September 14, 1954: Working for Northwestern Explorations around Mile 1117 on the Alaska Highway
- * September 15-30, 1954: Travel to Fort St. James and preparations for trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * September 30-November 15, 1954: Trip to Diamond J Ranch with Clem Reiersen
- * November 16-December 31, 1954: Kechika River valley with Clem Reiersen
- * January 1-February 12, 1955: Kechika River valley and trip to Lower Post with Clem Reiersen
- * February 12-March 12, 1955: Alaska Highway
- * March 12-May 25, 1955: Kechika River valley
- * May 25-June 1, 1955: Trip to Lower Post
- * June 1-July 11, 1955: Lower Post waiting for Emil Bronlund and his Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Ltd. (CMS) crew
- * July 11-August 16, 1955: Packing for Emil Bronlund
- * August 17-September 11, 1955: Lower Post and trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * September 11-23, 1955: Trip to Lower Post
- * September 24-October 1, 1955: Lower Post
- * October 2-15, 1955: Return trip to Diamond J Ranch
- * October 16, 1955-May 17, 1956: Kechika River valley
- * May 17-26, 1956: Trip to Lower Post and preparation for packing
- * June 5-September 21, 1956: Packing for Northwestern Explorations' Flat Lake mineral claims
- * September 21, 1956-February 18, 1957: Lower Post
- * February 18-May 27, 1957: Kechika River valley
- * May 27-July 3, 1957: Alaska Highway
- * July 3-September 4, 1957: Packing for Continental Mining in Yukon
- * September 4-October 13, 1957: Alaska Highway
- * October 13-26, 1957: Travel to Freer's cabin at Horneline Creek
- * October 26-December 9, 1957: Kechika River valley
- * December 10-18, 1957: Trip from cabin to Lower Post
- * December 18-31, 1957: Lower Post

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's

Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

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Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary

Item: 2023.8.13 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1961

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1961

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.13

Date: 1958-1961 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1961:

- * January 1-March 11, 1958: Lower Post
- * March 11-May 26, 1958: Kechika River valley
- * May 26-June 3, 1958: Trip to Lower Post
- * June 4-July 15, 1958: Lower Post
- * July 15-July 27, 1958: Work for George Midgley in the Dease Lake area
- * July 28-August 5, 1958: Travel to Denetiah Lake
- * August 5-September 6, 1958: Packer for Geological Survey of Canada
- * September 6-14, 1958: Travel in Kechika River valley
- * September 14-October 8, 1958: Hunting guide for Amos Alec
- * October 8-15, 1958: Watson Lake
- * October 15-26, 1958: Travel to Freer's cabin on Horneline Creek
- * October 26-December 31, 1958: Freer's cabin
- * January 1-March 4, 1959: Kechika and trips to Lower Post
- * March 4-June 5, 1959: Freer's cabin
- * June 6-September 3, 1959: Packer for Geological Survey of Canada
- * September 6-16, 1959: Travel and return to Freer's cabin
- * September 17-October 3, 1959: Hunting guide for Robin Dalziel and return to Freer's cabin
- * October 3-December 31, 1959: Freer's cabin
- * January 1-May 27, 1960: Kechika River valley
- * May 27-September 11, 1960: Work for Geological Survey of Canada as packer and boatman
- * September 11-December 31, 1960: Alaska Highway and Fireside, BC
- * October 1-December 31, 1961: Alaska Highway and Fireside, BC

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Note [General]: Freer's diary in three-ring binder format covers the years from 1958 to 1961. The last week of 1960 and the first nine months of 1961 are missing.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

Restrictions on access: No restrictions.

Item: 2023.8.13.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1961 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1961 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.13.1

Date: 1958-1961 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1961:

- * January 1-March 11, 1958: Lower Post
- * March 11-May 26, 1958: Kechika River valley
- * May 26-June 3, 1958: Trip to Lower Post
- * June 4-July 15, 1958: Lower Post
- * July 15-July 27, 1958: Work for George Midgley in the Dease Lake area
- * July 28-August 5, 1958: Travel to Denetiah Lake
- * August 5-September 6, 1958: Packer for Geological Survey of Canada
- * September 6-14, 1958: Travel in Kechika River valley
- * September 14-October 8, 1958: Hunting guide for Amos Alec
- * October 8-15, 1958: Watson Lake
- * October 15-26, 1958: Travel to Freer's cabin on Horneline Creek
- * October 26-December 31, 1958: Freer's cabin
- * January 1-March 4, 1959: Kechika and trips to Lower Post
- * March 4-June 5, 1959: Freer's cabin
- * June 6-September 3, 1959: Packer for Geological Survey of Canada
- * September 6-16, 1959: Travel and return to Freer's cabin
- * September 17-October 3, 1959: Hunting guide for Robin Dalziel and return to Freer's cabin
- * October 3-December 31, 1959: Freer's cabin
- * January 1-May 27, 1960: Kechika River valley
- * May 27-September 11, 1960: Work for Geological Survey of Canada as packer and boatman
- * September 11-December 31, 1960: Alaska Highway and Fireside, BC
- * October 1-December 31, 1961: Alaska Highway and Fireside, BC

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Note [General]: Freer's diary in three-ring binder format covers the years from 1958 to 1961. The last week of 1960 and the first nine months of 1961 are missing.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Item: 2023.8.14 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1963

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1963

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.14

Date: 1962-1963 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1963:

- * January 1-March 8, 1962: Alaska Highway and working at Fireside, BC
- * March 8-May 3, 1962: Kechika River valley
- * May 3, 1962-March 7, 1963: Alaska Highway and working at Fireside, BC
- * March 7-June 2, 1963: Kechika River valley
- * June 2-December 31, 1963: Alaska Highway, working at Fireside, and boat trips up Kechika River

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Fireside, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.14.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1963 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1963 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.14.1

Date: 1962-1963 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1963:

- * January 1-March 8, 1962: Alaska Highway and working at Fireside, BC
- * March 8-May 3, 1962: Kechika River valley
- * May 3, 1962-March 7, 1963: Alaska Highway and working at Fireside, BC
- * March 7-June 2, 1963: Kechika River valley
- * June 2-December 31, 1963: Alaska Highway, working at Fireside, and boat trips up Kechika River

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

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Publication status:

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)
 - Exploration, Discovery and Travel (subject)
 - Fireside, BC (place)
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Item: 2023.8.15 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1966

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1966

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.15

Date: 1964-1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1966:

- * January 1-March 28, 1964: Working at Fireside
- * March 28-June 8, 1964: Living at his cabin in Kechika Valley and engaging in fur trading
- * June 8-July 3, 1964: Working at Fireside and Alaska Highway
- * July 3-27, 1964: Preparing for hunting trips, working for Robin Dalziel
- * July 27-September 6, 1964: Packer and hunting guide for Robin Dalziel
- * September 6-14, 1964: Travel back to Freer's cabin in Kechika Valley
- * September 14-27, 1964: Worked on fencing and clearing trails
- * September 28-October 5, 1964: Raft trip to Fireside down the Kechika River
- * October 5-17, 1964: Work at Fireside and trip back to Kechika
- * October 18, 1964-June 18, 1965: Kechika River Valley
- * June 18-July 24, 1965: Watson Lake and Canadian Geological Survey watchman, Mile 130, Cantung
- * July 25-August 4, 1965: Preparing for work, Fireside and Kechika Valley
- * August 4-September 14, 1965: Packer and hunting guide for Robin Dalziel
- * September 15-30, 1965: Return to Kechika Valley cabin and errands
- * September 30-October 29, 1965: Bringing Gordon Toole's horses to Kechika River valley to winter
- * October 30, 1965-July 2, 1966: Kechika River Valley
- * July 2-15, 1966: Watson Lake and Fireside
- * July 15-August 11, 1966: Preparation for hunting trips
- * August 11-October 2, 1966: Hunting guide and packer for Skook Davidson
- * October 2-12, 1966: Freer's cabin in Kechika River valley
- * October 12-December 31, 1966: Working at Fireside, BC

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

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Item: 2023.8.15.1 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1966 - Transcript

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1966 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.15.1

Date: 1964-1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1966:

- * January 1-March 28, 1964: Working at Fireside
- * March 28-June 8, 1964: Living at his cabin in Kechika Valley and engaging in fur trading
- * June 8-July 3, 1964: Working at Fireside and Alaska Highway
- * July 3-27, 1964: Preparing for hunting trips, working for Robin Dalziel
- * July 27-September 6, 1964: Packer and hunting guide for Robin Dalziel
- * September 6-14, 1964: Travel back to Freer's cabin in Kechika Valley
- * September 14-27, 1964: Worked on fencing and clearing trails
- * September 28-October 5, 1964: Raft trip to Fireside down the Kechika River
- * October 5-17, 1964: Work at Fireside and trip back to Kechika
- * October 18, 1964-June 18, 1965: Kechika River Valley
- * June 18-July 24, 1965: Watson Lake and Canadian Geological Survey watchman, Mile 130, Cantung
- * July 25-August 4, 1965: Preparing for work, Fireside and Kechika Valley
- * August 4-September 14, 1965: Packer and hunting guide for Robin Dalziel
- * September 15-30, 1965: Return to Kechika Valley cabin and errands
- * September 30-October 29, 1965: Bringing Gordon Toole's horses to Kechika River valley to winter
- * October 30, 1965-July 2, 1966: Kechika River Valley
- * July 2-15, 1966: Watson Lake and Fireside
- * July 15-August 11, 1966: Preparation for hunting trips
- * August 11-October 2, 1966: Hunting guide and packer for Skook Davidson
- * October 2-12, 1966: Freer's cabin in Kechika River valley
- * October 12-December 31, 1966: Working at Fireside, BC

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

Restrictions on access: No restrictions.

Item: 2023.8.16 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1969

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1969

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.16

Date: 1967-1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1969:

- * January 1-5, 1967: Working at Fireside, BC
- * January 6-May 25, 1967: Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * May 25-June 1, 1967: Fireside, BC
- * June 1-17, 1967: Working for a government water resources project
- * June 17-July 23, 1967: Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * July 24-31, 1967: Preparing for hunting trips
- * August 1-September 26, 1967: Hunting guide and packer for Skook Davidson
- * September 26-November 15, 1967: Diamond J Ranch and Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * November 15, 1967-August 18, 1968: Working at Fireside along the Alaska Highway
- * August 18-September 26, 1968: Packer and hunting guide for Earl Boose
- * September 26-November 30, 1968: Kechika River valley and Alaska Highway
- * December 1, 1968-January 11, 1969: Trip to Dawson Creek and Peace River District
- * January 12-February 1, 1969: Watson Lake
- * February 1-June 6, 1969: Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * June 6-December 31, 1969: Alaska Highway and trips on the Kechika River

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Physical condition: Some pages of the diary were water damaged, resulting in bleeding ink that is difficult to read.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

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Access points:

- Electronic record (documentary form)

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Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1969 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.16.1

Date: 1967-1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1969:

- * January 1-5, 1967: Working at Fireside, BC
- * January 6-May 25, 1967: Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * May 25-June 1, 1967: Fireside, BC
- * June 1-17, 1967: Working for a government water resources project
- * June 17-July 23, 1967: Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * July 24-31, 1967: Preparing for hunting trips
- * August 1-September 26, 1967: Hunting guide and packer for Skook Davidson
- * September 26-November 15, 1967: Diamond J Ranch and Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * November 15, 1967-August 18, 1968: Working at Fireside along the Alaska Highway
- * August 18-September 26, 1968: Packer and hunting guide for Earl Boose
- * September 26-November 30, 1968: Kechika River valley and Alaska Highway
- * December 1, 1968-January 11, 1969: Trip to Dawson Creek and Peace River District
- * January 12-February 1, 1969: Watson Lake
- * February 1-June 6, 1969: Freer's cabin in the Kechika River valley
- * June 6-December 31, 1969: Alaska Highway and trips on the Kechika River

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Physical condition: Some pages of the diary were water damaged, resulting in bleeding ink that is difficult to read.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

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Item: 2023.8.17 - Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1972

Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1972

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.17

Date: 1970-1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary of Willard Freer, January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1972:

- * January 1-March 25, 1970: Working at Fireside, BC
- * March 25-September 5, 1970: Kechika River Valley
- * September 5-12, 1970: Fireside, BC
- * September 12-29, 1970: Medical trip to Fort Nelson
- * September 29-October 13, 1970: Preparations and trip to Kechika River Valley
- * October 14-31, 1970: Fireside, BC
- * November 1-13, 1970: Medical trip to Edmonton
- * November 14, 1970-February 19, 1971: Working at Fireside, BC
- * February 19-June 22, 1971: Kechika River Valley
- * June 22-July 25, 1971: Working at Fireside, BC and trip to Fort Nelson
- * July 25-August 4, 1971: Medical trip to Edmonton
- * August 4-October 24, 1971: Working at Fireside, BC
- * October 24-November 4, 1971: Medical trip to Edmonton
- * November 4, 1971-April 22, 1972: Working at Fireside
- * April 22-August 17, 1972: Kechika River valley
- * August 17-September 12, 1972: Medical trip to Edmonton, visit to Fort Nelson, and return by bus to Fireside
- * September 12-25, 1972: Preparations and travel up the Kechika River to Freer's cabin
- * September 25-December 31, 1972: Kechika River Valley

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

Alternative form available: Northern BC Archives holds only a digital replica of the original diary (in TIFF, JPEG, and PDF formats) and its accompanying transcript created by Jay Sherwood (.DOCX, .PDF).

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Publication status:

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Title: Diary of Willard Freer - January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1972 - Transcript

Title [statRep]: Willard Freer

Reference code: 2023.8.17.1

Date: 1970-1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary of the diary transcript of Willard Freer, January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1972:

- * January 1-March 25, 1970: Working at Fireside, BC
- * March 25-September 5, 1970: Kechika River Valley
- * September 5-12, 1970: Fireside, BC
- * September 12-29, 1970: Medical trip to Fort Nelson
- * September 29-October 13, 1970: Preparations and trip to Kechika River Valley
- * October 14-31, 1970: Fireside, BC
- * November 1-13, 1970: Medical trip to Edmonton
- * November 14, 1970-February 19, 1971: Working at Fireside, BC
- * February 19-June 22, 1971: Kechika River Valley
- * June 22-July 25, 1971: Working at Fireside, BC and trip to Fort Nelson
- * July 25-August 4, 1971: Medical trip to Edmonton
- * August 4-October 24, 1971: Working at Fireside, BC
- * October 24-November 4, 1971: Medical trip to Edmonton
- * November 4, 1971-April 22, 1972: Working at Fireside
- * April 22-August 17, 1972: Kechika River valley
- * August 17-September 12, 1972: Medical trip to Edmonton, visit to Fort Nelson, and return by bus to Fireside
- * September 12-25, 1972: Preparations and travel up the Kechika River to Freer's cabin
- * September 25-December 31, 1972: Kechika River Valley

Physical description: * 1 diary (.PDF)

Language of the material:

English

Note [Sources]: Sherwood, Jay, and Willard Freer. 2023. Kechika Chronicler : Willard Freer's Northern BC and Yukon Diaries, 1942-1975. Qualicum Beach, BC: Caitlin Press Inc.

Location of originals: Original Willard Freer diary is held at Hudson's Hope Museum.

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