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Chinese Nationalist League fonds. - [textual record]. - [192-? to 1955?]. - 11.5 cm of textual records.

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Variations in title

Chinese National League

Chinese Nationalist League

Chinese Nationalists League

Chinese Nationalist Party

Anti-Communism and Saving the Nation Organization

Custodial history

These records were found at Ferguson Printing, in 1981 during demolition of the building.

Administrative history

In 1913, Moose Jaw is reported as having the largest Chinese population in Saskatchewan, primarily concentrated in the River Street area.

The Chinese Nationalist League was formed in support of the movement to replace the monarchical government of Qing or Manchu dynasty in China with a republic. The leading figure in this movement was Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who is seen as the founder of modern China. There were branches in most of the larger Chinese populations in Canada and the United States.

A number of unsuccessful uprisings occurred during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Following the successful Wuchang uprising in 1911 and the abdication of Emperor PuYi in 1912, there continued to be internal power struggles up to the victory of the communist elements over nationalist factions.

Branches of the Chinese Nationalist League are known to have been in Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and North Battleford.

The Moose Jaw branch operated from 37 or 39 River St. West [there are conflicting references] and 330 River St. West [this may just be the same location following changes to Moose Jaw's building numbering system].

The League disappears from the Henderson Directories at the outset of World War II and reappears afterwards as the Chinese Nationalist Party. The Chinese National Party is listed in Henderson's City Directory as being located at 112 River St. West from 1950 until 1963. The League was briefly outlawed in 1918 under the War Measures Act as China was an ally of Britain and Canada and the Canadian government could not be seen as allowing a group to work against the government of China.

The numerous variations in name reflect changes within the group, changes to political factions in China and in many cases, just variation in translation to English.

Scope and content

The records are primarily Chinese language consisting of membership cards and lists, correspondence and some financial records. Also included are membership pins in sealed and numbered envelopes.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession number 30.BA found at the time of demolition of 37/39 River Street West, Ferguson Printing, in 1981. The direct donor is unknown.

Language

Chinese

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

Box V-22

001 - Charter - Nationalist Party - Moose Jaw Branch [19--]

002 - Address Book [Primarily Chinese owned businesses in Saskatchewan] [19--]

003 - Membership Cards and Books [19-, some 1927]

004 - Accountants book [empty] for Chinese Revolutionary Alliance fundraising [19--]

005 - Financial - Misc. [19--]

006 - Newspaper Subscriptions [19--]

007 - Correspondence [19--]

008 - Award Certificate for fund-raising for disaster relief in China given to the Anti-Communism and Saving the Nation Organization - Moose Jaw Branch 1955

009 - Photocopies of some items with translations and/or descriptions provided

010 - photocopies of items moved to artifact box (A-1)

011 - Photographs - passport style photos of Chinese men - likely for membership cards/booklets [19--]

Box V-191

012 - Identification cards. - n.d.