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## Finding Aid - Halpern family fonds (F-58)

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# Halpern family fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Date:</b>	1865 - 1990 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	3.07 m of textual records ca. 700 photographs 193 transparencies 40 artifacts 9 contact sheets 7 sound recordings
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Halpern Family fonds consists of the personal archives of five members of the Halpern family: Simon (1865-1939) and Rosalie (1875-1951) Halpern; their daughter Fanny Halpern (1899-1952), a psychiatrist; their son George Halpern (1902-1989), a businessman and philanthropist; and his wife Ida Halpern (1910-1987), a noted ethnomusicologist.

Simon Halpern was born on June 6, 1865. He was a Surgeon-General in the Austrian Army. He died in 1939. Simon's wife Rosalie Halpern (nee Salkind) was born on November 19, 1875, in Kremenczuk, Russia. She died in Shanghai, China, on June 26, 1951.

Fanny Gisela Halpern was born August 1, 1899 in Krakow, Poland. After graduating in medicine from the University of Vienna in 1924, she worked in various clinics in that city. Her interest in neurology and psychiatry led her to study with Professor Wagner-Jauregg, who had received the Nobel Prize for developing the malarial treatment of syphilis.

Fanny was invited to China in November 1933 to teach at the Medical College of China in Shanghai. She later taught at Shanghai's St. John's University and Women's Christian Medical College. In 1935 she organized China's first modern psychiatric hospital, Shanghai Mercy Hospital for Nervous Diseases. She became the hospital's medical director, while at the same time serving as a consultant to several other medical institutions.

Fanny founded the first Committee on Psychiatry in China. She also established a Committee on Mental Hygiene in Shanghai, which became the Mental Hygiene Association of that city. The group consisted mainly of volunteers who worked in mental hygiene and child guidance clinics. She wrote many articles on psychiatry and neurology and presented papers at scientific meetings in Europe and China.

For much of her time in Shanghai, Fanny shared her life and home with her mother, Rosalie, who joined her there after Simon's death in 1939. Shortly after her mother passed away in 1951, Fanny moved to Vancouver to be near her brother, George, and his wife, Ida. Fanny Halpern died on June 26, 1952.

George Robert Halpern was born in Krakow, Poland on May 11, 1902. In 1936 he married Ida (nee Ruhdörfer), who was born on July 17, 1910, in Vienna, Austria, to Heinrich and Sabine Ruhdörfer.

George Halpern had a Ph.D. in chemistry, and as a research chemist, developed a number of pharmaceutical and cosmetic preparations that were manufactured in Vienna and later in Italy (1936-1937) after he established a factory there. Halpern's medicines, with such names as "gelamon" and "jonojod," were advertised for the treatment of various illnesses including asthma, rheumatism, atherosclerosis, and syphilis. Halpern's cosmetic products included skin creams and hair tonics.

Once Ida received her doctorate in music in July 1938, she and George decided to leave Vienna. That October they moved to Shanghai to be with George's sister Fanny. While there, Ida taught music history at the University of Shanghai. George considered opening a pharmaceutical factory in Shanghai as well, but instead in 1939 he and Ida left for Canada.

Arriving in Vancouver in August, the Halperns were initially placed under a deportation order. They succeeded in gaining landed immigrant status through the intervention of R.D. Murray, manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China located in Shanghai. Murray offered financial guarantees regarding Halpern's proposed business enterprises.

George hoped to manufacture cosmetics in Vancouver, but was discouraged by George Cunningham, the owner of the city's largest drugstore chain, who told George that his stores only dealt with nationally advertised products. Instead, after inventing chocolate-covered cod-liver oil pills for children, George established his own company, Dr. G. Halpern (Vienna) Laboratories, which manufactured the product for a short time (ca. 1939-1941).

In May 1941 George joined the Canadian Fishing Company as a research chemist. His role was to develop products, such as vitamin oils and poultry feed, that could be manufactured from fish. Halpern also joined a professional association, the Chemical Institute of Canada, and became chairman of its Vancouver section. In 1953, the Canadian Fishing Company's management curtailed its research activities, and Halpern had to seek other employment. In 1954, he opened his own business, G.R. Chemicals, Ltd., which manufactured "Ply-O-Seal" plastic patching compounds for the plywood industry.

In 1969, George sold the assets of G.R. Chemicals to the H.B. Fuller Company (Canada) Ltd. He then formed a new company, G.R. Chemicals (1969), Ltd., an investment business which owned some property and whose principal income came from interest and rent. This business existed until 1986.

Ida taught music lessons in the Halperns' home and also lectured in music appreciation and later in ethnomusicology at UBC. In 1947 she began recording the music of First Nations peoples of the Pacific Northwest, being one of the first to study the subject. In 1948 she helped found, and was first president of, the Friends of Chamber Music in Vancouver. Ida wrote numerous articles and a few books on First Nations music, and also published some sound recordings.

Both George and Ida Halpern were noted benefactors to two of British Columbia's universities, the University of Victoria, and Simon Fraser University (SFU). They were convocation founders of SFU in 1965, and their financial support enabled the construction of the George and Ida Halpern Centre at that institution. George was present at the Halpern Centre's official opening on May 24, 1989. As well, the Halperns donated several important paintings to SFU.

Ida was awarded an honorary doctorate from SFU in 1978, and was made a Member of the Order of Canada in the same year. She continued to lecture, and to consult on First Nations music for films and other productions. In 1986, the University of Victoria also awarded her an honorary doctorate. Ida died in Vancouver on February 7, 1987.

During his later years, George played a broad role in community activities. He served as President of Brock House, a community centre for senior citizens, which he helped to establish, in 1974, in a local heritage building. He and Ida both served on its board of directors for a number of years. He was also elected a member of the Dunbar-West Point Grey-Southlands Community Resources Board in 1973. The Board promoted the general well being of seniors in the area through such projects as the seniors' housing complex at Fourth Avenue and Wallace Street. George Halpern died in Vancouver on November 28, 1989.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of materials documenting mainly the personal life of the Halpern family but also includes some records relating to George's and Fanny's scientific and professional interests. Activities and topics documented include the Halperns' emigration to Canada, George's scientific research and business enterprises, his work with Brock House (a senior citizen's centre), Ida's community interests, and Fanny's medical career in China.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title of the fonds is based on provenance.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by the Estate of George Halpern.

## Arrangement

The materials were arranged by the Archivist.

## Restrictions on access

Some files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked 'pending review' must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release, and as a result of the review access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the archivist for more details.

## Finding aids

File and item lists are available.

## Related material

See the Douglas Cole Fonds (F-35) for biographical material on Ida Halpern.

## Accruals

Two additional files were created from Halpern material found in the Art Gallery in 2006. No further accruals are expected.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Revised

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## Access points

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- Photographic materials (documentary form)
- Sound recordings (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Women (subject)
- Arts and culture (subject)
- Science and technology (subject)

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## Series descriptions

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<b>Series F-58-1: George Halpern records</b>
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<u>Date:</u> 1900 - 1989 (date of creation)
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Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to George Halpern's emigration to Canada, and his scientific, business and community activities.

Physical description: 1.27 m of textual records

48 photographs

13 transparencies

Publication status:

published

**Subseries F-58-1-1: Personal papers**

Date: 1900 - 1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists primarily of incoming letters from family and friends. Topics covered include, correspondence from the 1930s relating to the Halperns' efforts to emigrate to Canada and also George's early attempts to start a business in Canada. There are many letters from George's sister. In later decades, there are letters from Ida describing her travels and other letters from friends and associates regarding George's philanthropic activities

Subseries also includes personal papers such as birth certificate, immigration papers, passport, school certificates, and legal documents including wills, power of attorney and tax returns.

Physical description: 26 cm of textual records

48 photographs

Note [generalNote]:

Language: Some of the letters are in German; a few letters are in Polish.

General note: photographs are located in the following files: F-58-1-1-0-3 (1 photo), F-58-1-1-0-4 (2 photos), F-58-1-1-0-11 (3 photos), F-58-1-1-0-4 (2 photos), and F-58-1-1-0-15 (10 photos).

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-1-1-0-1	File - Biographical Information (1/2)	1939 - 1953	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-2	File - Biographical Information (1/2)	1939 - 1953	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-3	File - Personal Papers (1/2)	1902 - 1983	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-4	File - Personal Papers (2/2)	1902 - 1983	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-5	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1934 - 1939	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-6	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1934 - 1939	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-7	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1940 - 1949	Open	58-1

F-58-1-1-0-8	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1940 - 1949	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-9	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1950 - 1959	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-10	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1950 - 1959	Open	58-1
F-58-1-1-0-11	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1960 - 1969	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-12	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1960 - 1969	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-13	File - Correspondence	1970 - 1979	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-14	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1980 - 1989	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-15	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1980 - 1989	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-16	File - Incoming Letters (re Ida's death) (1/2)	1987	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-17	File - Incoming Letters (re Ida's death) (2/2)	1987	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-18	File - Correspondence	[19--]	Open	58-2
F-58-1-1-0-19	File - Legal Documents	1977 - 1986	Open	58-2

### Subseries F-58-1-2: Scientific and business activities records

Date: 1926 - 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries includes research notes and diary, correspondence, reports, reprints, financial records, annual reports and other documents.

Physical description: 76 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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### Sub-sub-series F-58-1-2-1: Pharmaceutical research

Date: 1929 - 1938 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-subseries consists of records relating to George Halpern's early pharmaceutical research. Includes notebooks, correspondence, reports, reprints and other documents.

Physical description: 10 cm of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

Language: Some of the material is in German.

Publication status:

published



File / item list				
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-1-2-1-1	File - Chemistry Laboratory Notebooks	1931	Open	58-3
F-58-1-2-1-2	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1936 - 1938	Open	58-3
F-58-1-2-1-3	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1936 - 1938	Open	58-3
F-58-1-2-1-4	File - Miscellaneous Notes ("RezepteWinke und Bermerkungen")	1937	Open	58-3
F-58-1-2-1-5	File - Reports, Ads	1935 - 1938	Open	58-3
F-58-1-2-1-6	File - Reprints	1929 - 1936	Open	58-3

### Sub-sub-series F-58-1-2-2: Dr. G. Halpern Laboratories

Date: 1939 - 1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-subseries consists of correspondence relating to George Halpern's pharmaceutical business in Canada.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-1-2-2-1	File - Correspondence	1939 - 1941	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-2-2	File - Correspondence	1939 - 1941	Open	58-6

### Sub-sub-series F-58-1-2-3: Fish products research

Date: 1926 - 1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-subseries consists of records relating to George Halpern's research for the Canadian Fishing Company. Includes correspondence, research diaries, lab reports, publications, and other documents.

Physical description: 38 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-1-2-3-1	File - Correspondence	1946 - 1953	Open	58-3
F-58-1-2-3-2	File - Diary of Research Activities	1943 - 1947	Open	58-3
F-58-1-2-3-3	File - Diary of Research Activities	1947 - 1951	Open	58-4
F-58-1-2-3-4	File - Laboratory Papers--Miscellaneous (1/2)	1941 - 1953	Open	58-4

F-58-1-2-3-5	File - Laboratory Papers--Miscellaneous (2/2)	1941 - 1953	Open	58-4
F-58-1-2-3-6	File - Laboratory Reports and Memos (1/5)	1941 - 1953	Open	58-4
F-58-1-2-3-7	File - Laboratory Reports and Memos (2/5)	1941 - 1953	Open	58-5
F-58-1-2-3-8	File - Laboratory Reports and Memos (3/5)	1941 - 1953	Open	58-5
F-58-1-2-3-9	File - Laboratory Reports and Memos (4/5)	1941 - 1953	Open	58-5
F-58-1-2-3-10	File - Laboratory Reports and Memos (5/5)	1941 - 1953	Open	58-5
F-58-1-2-3-11	File - Reprints	1929 - 1936	Open	58-5
F-58-1-2-3-12	File - Addresses	1946 - 1947	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-13	File - Biely-Halpern Manuscripts of Publications	1947	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-14	File - Fatty Acids Information	1943	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-15	File - History of Vitamin A	1947	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-16	File - Methionine	1952 - 1953	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-17	File - Old Papers and Publications	1926 - 1953	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-18	File - Pilot Plant Cost Calculations	1945	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-19	File - Price Calculation for Dry Vitamin A	1944	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-20	File - Vitamin A Analytical Papers	1945	Open	58-6
F-58-1-2-3-21	File - Work Connected with Nets	1947 - 1952	Open	58-6

### Sub-sub-series F-58-1-2-4: Chemical Institute of Canada

Date: 1947 - 1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-subseries consists of one file relating to George Halpern's membership in the Chemical Institute of Canada.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-1-2-4-1	File - Chemical Institute of Canada	1947 - 1953	Open	58-6

### Sub-sub-series F-58-1-2-5: G. R. Chemicals, Ltd.

Date: 1954 - 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-subseries consists of records relating to George Halpern's later business ventures in the plywood industry. Includes correspondence, formula book, financial papers, and other documents.

Physical description: 26 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-1-2-5-1	File - Correspondence (1/4)	1954 - 1969	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-2	File - Correspondence (2/4)	1954 - 1969	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-3	File - Correspondence (3/4)	1954 - 1969	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-4	File - Correspondence (4/4)	1954 - 1969	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-5	File - Formula Book	1957	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-6	File - Tax Ledger	1954 - 1969	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-7	File - Annual Reports	1969 - 1981	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-8	File - Correspondence	1969 - 1986	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-9	File - Financial Statements	1977 - 1985	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-10	File - Tax Returns, Corporate	1972 - 1985	Open	58-7
F-58-1-2-5-11	File - Sixteen individual sales ledgers	1954 - 1970	Open	58-8

#### Subseries F-58-1-3: Community activities records

Date: 1973 - 1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries relates to George Halpern's community activities. Records include correspondence, minutes, newsletters, financial statements, clippings, scrapbook, guest book, and audio-cassettes relating to Brock House. Also includes correspondence, reports, minutes and other documents relating to the Dunbar West Point Grey Southlands Community Resources Board and the Dunbar West Point Grey Southlands Task Force, which was set up to run the election for the Community Resources Board.

Physical description: 25 cm of textual records

13 transparencies

1 sound recording

Note [generalNote]:

Physical description: sound recording consists of 2 audio cassettes (file F-58-1-3-0-3).

General note: photographs are located in file F-58-1-3-0-4.

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-1-3-0-1	File - Brock House Society - Constitution, Agenda, Minutes	1974 - 1980	Open	58-9
F-58-1-3-0-2	File - Construction	1974 - 1977	Open	58-9

F-58-1-3-0-3	File - Finance	1976 - 1985	Open	58-9
F-58-1-3-0-4	File - Founder's Dinner Guest Book	1989	Open	58-9
F-58-1-3-0-5	File - General Correspondence (1/2)	1974 - 1978	Open	58-9
F-58-1-3-0-6	File - General Correspondence (2/2)	1974 - 1978	Open	58-9
F-58-1-3-0-7	File - Newsletter, Clippings	1974 - 1989	Open	58-9
F-58-1-3-0-8	File - Restaurant	1976 - 1986	Open	58-10
F-58-1-3-0-9	File - Scrapbook	1974 - 1979	Open	58-10
F-58-1-3-0-10	File - Audio tapes	1976	Open	
F-58-1-3-0-10-1	Item - Dr Halpern	February 1976	Open	OBJ-3120 OBJ-3121
F-58-1-3-0-11	File - Community Resources Board	1974	Open	58-10
F-58-1-3-0-12	File - Senior Citizens' Committee	1973 - 1975	Open	58-10

### Series F-58-2: Ida Halpern records

Date: 1900 - 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The bulk of Ida Halpern's professional papers are in the Provincial Archives of British Columbia. This series includes inventories of her papers at that repository as well as records relating to a few professional and community activities.

The correspondence is mainly personal, from friends or relatives, or related to Ida Halpern's volunteer efforts to promote music appreciation in Vancouver through various community groups. These groups included the Vancouver Women's Musical Club, Friends of Chamber Music, Festival Concert Society, and the Metropolitan Opera National Council (for regional auditions). Some related material, such as programs and brochures, is also included. There is some correspondence regarding her work for UBC Extension, The Province newspaper, CBC Radio, and Folkways records. One file, entitled by Ida Halpern, "Fan Mail," contains letters received about her articles, courses, or broadcasts.

Series contains birth certificate, school certificates, deed, copyrights, will, income tax returns, university records, diploma, curriculum vita, chapter of biography, film proposal, death certificate, obituaries and other news clippings. Also includes brochures, course outlines, notes, and exams relating to some of Ida Halpern's courses for U.B.C. Extension, notes for reviews, speeches, classes and articles as well as reprints of What is Modern Music, and Indian Music of the Pacific Northwest Coast.

Physical description: 63 cm of textual records

88 photographs

14 transparencies

Note [generalNote]:

General note: photographs are located in the following files: F-58-2-0-0-6 (2 photos), F-58-2-0-0-7 (3 photos), F-58-2-0-0-10 (4 photos), F-58-2-0-0-15 (1 photo), F-58-2-0-0-16 (1 photo), and F-58-2-0-0-17 (10 photos).

Access points:

- Halpern, Ida (subject)

Publication status:

published				
File / item list				
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-2-0-0-1.1	File - Finding Aid to the Dr. Ida Halpern Collection in the Provincial Archives of British Columbia	1990	Open	58-11
F-58-2-0-0-1.2	File - Preliminary Inventory (apparently an early draft with some annotations by Ida Halpern)	1985	Open	58-11
F-58-2-0-0-1.3	File - Preliminary Inventory (incorporates some of the changes proposed by Ida Halpern in early draft)	1985	Open	58-11
F-58-2-0-0-1.4	File - Two volumes of appendices. (These appendices contain biographical information about Ida Halpern, a selection of articles about her work, and her "Agreement of Deposit/Donation" with the Provincial Archives for her recordings of native music.)	1985	Open	58-11
F-58-2-0-0-2	File - Personal Papers	1916 - 1987	Open	58-12
F-58-2-0-0-3	File - Biographical Information	1986 - 1989	Open	58-12
F-58-2-0-0-4	File - Correspondence	1930 - 1939	Open	58-12
F-58-2-0-0-5	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1940 - 1949	Open	58-12
F-58-2-0-0-6	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1940 - 1949	Open	58-12
F-58-2-0-0-7	File - Correspondence (1/4)	1950 - 1959	Open	58-12
F-58-2-0-0-8	File - Correspondence (2/4)	1950 - 1959	Open	58-12
F-58-2-0-0-9	File - Correspondence (3/4)	1950 - 1959	Open	58-13
F-58-2-0-0-10	File - Correspondence (4/4)	1950 - 1959	Open	58-13
F-58-2-0-0-11	File - Fan Mail	1949 - 1953	Open	58-13
F-58-2-0-0-12	File - Correspondence (1/3)	1960 - 1969	Open	58-13
F-58-2-0-0-13	File - Correspondence (2/3)	1960 - 1969	Open	58-13
F-58-2-0-0-14	File - Correspondence (3/3)	1960 - 1969	Open	58-13
F-58-2-0-0-15	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1970 - 1979	Open	58-14
F-58-2-0-0-16	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1970 - 1979	Open	58-14
F-58-2-0-0-17	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1980 - 1987	Open	58-14
F-58-2-0-0-18	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1980 - 1987	Open	58-14
F-58-2-0-0-19	File - Correspondence	[19--]	Open	58-14
F-58-2-0-0-20	File - Legal Documents	1958 - 1979	Open	58-14
F-58-2-0-0-21	File - Miscellaneous Notes (1/2)	[ca 1950] - [ca 1959]	Open	58-15
F-58-2-0-0-22	File - Miscellaneous Notes (2/2)	[ca 1950] - [ca 1959]	Open	58-15
F-58-2-0-0-23	File - Reprints	1947 - 1967	Open	58-15
F-58-2-0-0-24	File - Tax Returns	1961 - 1986	Open	58-15
F-58-2-0-0-25	File - U.B.C. Extension Courses	1951 - 1956	Open	58-15
<b>Series F-58-3: George and Ida Halpern records</b>				
Date: 1900 - 1989 (date of creation)				
Scope and content:				

Series consists of incoming correspondence, and legal documents containing mortgage and purchase agreement regarding piece of property in Vancouver. Also includes philanthropic letters consisting of correspondence, drafts and copies of legal documents and other records pertaining to the Halperns' donations to the British Columbia Archives and Records Service, the University of Victoria, and SFU.

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records

88 photographs

68 transparencies

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-3-0-0-1	File - Incoming Letters	1938 - 1949	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-2	File - Incoming Letters	1960 - 1969	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-3	File - Incoming Letters	1970 - 1979	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-4	File - Incoming Letters	1980 - 1987	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-5	File - Incoming Letters	[19--]	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-6	File - Legal Documents	1955	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-7	File - Philanthropic activities - Halpern Centre, SFU	1984 - 1989	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-8	File - Philanthropic activities - miscellaneous donations	1985 - 1989	Open	58-16
F-58-3-0-0-9	File - Philanthropic activities - Works of Art, SFU	1983 - 1984	Open	58-16

#### Series F-58-4: Fanny Halpern records

Date: 1908 - 1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series includes records relating to and created by Fanny Gisela Halpern.

Physical description: 50 cm of textual records

52 photographs

Note [generalNote]:

Language: some of the material is in German.

Publication status:

published

#### Subseries F-58-4-1: Personal papers

Date: 1908 - 1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of biographical information, personal papers, legal documents, autograph books and notebooks. Also includes letters written to Fanny by her parents, and letters written by Fanny to secure repayment of her loan of \$19,000 to the Augustinian Fathers of Shanghai.

Physical description: 16 cm of textual records

31 photographs

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-4-1-0-1	File - Biographical Information	1940 - 1952	Open	58-17 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-1-0-2	File - Personal Papers (1/2)	1925 - 1951	Open	58-17 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-1-0-3	File - Personal Papers (2/2)	1925 - 1951	Open	58-17 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-1-0-4	File - Autograph books and notebook	1908 - 1922	Open	
F-58-4-1-0-4-1	Item - Notebook	[19--]	Open	OBJ-3114
F-58-4-1-0-4-2	Item - Autograph book	1908 - 1911	Open	OBJ-3115
F-58-4-1-0-4-3	Item - Autograph book	1915 - 1922	Open	OBJ-3116
F-58-4-1-0-5	File - Incoming Letters From Her Parents	1933 - 1939	Open	58-17 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-1-0-6	File - Correspondence Re Loan Repayment	1949 - 1950	Open	58-17
F-58-4-1-0-7	File - Legal Documents	1952 - 1953	Open	58-18
F-58-4-1-0-8	File - Miscellaneous Papers	1940 - 1951	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277

**Subseries F-58-4-2: Medical activities records**

Date: 1920 - 1952 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of personal and professional correspondence, patient notes, notebook of clinical data, scrapbook of newspaper clippings about Fanny's career, reprints of published articles, speeches on medical topics given by Fanny at various conferences and meetings, and lecture notes for some of her courses in neurology and psychiatry.

Physical description: 22 cm of textual records

21 photographs

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-4-2-0-1	File - Correspondence - Incoming Letters	1920 - 1929	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-2	File - Correspondence - Incoming Letters (1/2)	1930 - 1939	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-3	File - Correspondence - Incoming Letters (2/2)	1930 - 1939	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-4	File - Correspondence (1/2)	1940 - 1949	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-5	File - Correspondence (2/2)	1940 - 1949	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-6	File - Correspondence	1950 - 1952	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-7	File - Miscellaneous Medical Papers	1925 - 1951	Open	58-18 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-8	File - Newspaper Clippings	1932 - 1938	Open	58-19 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-8-1	Item - Newspaper clippings scrap book	1932 - 1936	Open	OBJ-3117
F-58-4-2-0-9	File - Reprints	1922 - 1938	Open	58-19 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-10	File - Speeches	1935 - 1949	Open	58-19 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-2-0-11	File - Teaching Notes	1934	Open	58-19 OBJ-3277

### Subseries F-58-4-3: Reference files

Date: 1935 - 1952 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of various files relating to organizations, such as the Chinese Medical Association; subjects of interest, such as aphasia; or publications, such as the Shanghai Medical Journal.

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-4-3-0-1	File - Aphasia Among the Chinese	1948	Open	58-20 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-3-0-2	File - Chinese Medical Association	1935 - 1938	Open	58-20
F-58-4-3-0-3	File - Mental Hygiene in China	1950 - 1952	Open	58-20 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-3-0-4	File - Psychiatry in China	1936 - 1950	Open	58-20 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-3-0-5	File - Shanghai Medical News	1935 - 1948	Open	58-20 OBJ-3277
F-58-4-3-0-6	File - St. John's University Catalogues	1936 - 1938	Open	58-20



**Series F-58-5: Simon and Rosalie Halpern records**

Date: 1865 - 1951 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of the personal papers of Simon and Rosalie Halpern including birth certificate, identity card, professional certification, passport, immigration papers, and other material. Also includes personal letters from Fanny, George and Ida, and friends.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

40 photographs

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-5-0-0-1	File - Rosalie Halpern--Personal Papers	1918 - 1951	Open	58-21
F-58-5-0-0-2	File - Rosalie Halpern--Incoming Letters	1915 - 1948	Open	58-21
F-58-5-0-0-3	File - Simon Halpern--Personal Papers	1865 - 1939	Open	58-21

**Series F-58-6: Memorabilia and audio-visual material**

Date: 1871 - 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of memorabilia (artifacts), photographic prints, transparencies and contact sheets relating to George, Ida, Fanny, Simon and Rosalie Halpern. Also includes four phonograph recordings primarily related to Ida Halpern's research into Pacific Northwest Indian music.

Physical description: 42 cm of textual records and other material

Note [generalNote]:

Physical description: series includes ca. 375 photographs, 98 colour transparencies, 9 contact sheets, 40 artifacts, 4 audio discs, and 4 audio cassettes.

Publication status:

published

**Subseries F-58-6-1: Memorabilia and artifacts**

Date: 1871 - 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries contains memorabilia such as Chinese money, coin collection, and George Halpern's advertising materials. Includes artifacts, certificates, and display materials.

Physical description: 8 cm of textual records  
40 artifacts

Publication status:  
published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-6-1-0-0-1	Item - Masonic ceremony book (cover inscribed)	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-2	Item - Masonic ceremony book	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-3	Item - Yom Kipper program book	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-4	Item - The Book of Constitutions	1968	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-5	Item - Free Masonry and the Bible	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-6	Item - Jewish prayer book (in Hebrew)	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-7	Item - Medical equipment in metal case (6 pieces)	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-8	Item - Medical equipment - stethoscope	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-9	Item - Medical equipment - knee hammer	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-10	Item - Dr. Halpern's Vitamin Pills - box with two samples	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-11	Item - Dr. Halpern's Vitamin Pills - glass jar	[19--?]	Open	58-25
F-58-6-1-0-0-12	Item - Dr. F. G. Halpern nameplate (with Chinese writing)	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-13	Item - Dr. George Halpern nameplate, President Brock House Society	1978	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-14	Item - Dr. S. Halpern nameplate	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-15	Item - Eyeglasses in metal case	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-16	Item - Eyeglasses in oval case	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-17	Item - Chinese box with 3 metal bowls inside	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-18	Item - Stamp - "Dr. Halpern's Vitamin Chocolates"	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-19	Item - Stamp - "Children Chew Them Like Candy"	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-20	Item - Stamp - "Dr. Fanny Halpern"	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-21	Item - Leaf-shaped hairclip (black)	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-22	Item - Dr. Halpern's Vitamin Chocolate Tablets container (labels inside)	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-23	Item - Silver square metal vitamin container	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-24	Item - Krupp-Stahl V2A metal vitamin container	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-25	Item - "Stamin" cardboard medicine box (empty)	[19--?]	Open	58-26

F-58-6-1-0-0-26	Item - "Dr. Halpern's Vitamin Chocolate Tablets" labels (bound)	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-27	Item - Fanny Halpern nameplate	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-28	Item - Shanghai General Hospital nameplate in Chinese [Fanny]	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-29	Item - Universitas Viennae bronze medal in blue felt case	1965	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-30	Item - Red Cross medal 1864-1914 (large)	1914	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-31	Item - Red Cross medal 1864-1914 (small)	1914	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-32	Item - Handkerchief and lace	[19--?]	Open	58-26
F-58-6-1-0-0-33	Item - Etched glass picture frame with faded print	[19--?]	Open	58-27
F-58-6-1-0-0-34	Item - George Halpern's masonic apron	[19--?]	Open	58-27
F-58-6-1-0-0-35	Item - Jewish prayer shawl	[19--?]	Open	58-27
F-58-6-1-0-0-36	Item - Black yarmulke	[19--?]	Open	58-27
F-58-6-1-0-0-37	Item - Turquoise yarmulke	[19--?]	Open	58-27
F-58-6-1-0-0-38	Item - Torah scrolls	[19--?]	Open	58-27
F-58-6-1-0-1	File - Memorabilia such as Chinese money, coin collection, advertising materials	[19--]	Open	58-21
F-58-6-1-0-2	File - Display materials: (copies of articles and photographs, etc.) 1/3	[19--]	Open	58-21
F-58-6-1-0-3	File - Display materials: (copies of articles and photographs, etc.) 2/3	[19--]	Open	58-21
F-58-6-1-0-4	File - Display materials: (copies of articles and photographs, etc.) 3/3	[19--]	Open	58-21
F-58-6-1-0-5	File - Certificates	[18--] - 1973	Open	
F-58-6-1-0-6	File - Music Books	[19--]	Open	
F-58-6-1-0-7	File - Composers' autographs (G. Mahler, R. Strauss, G. Puccini, C. Schumann)	1871 - 1907	Restricted in whole	58-21

### Subseries F-58-6-2: Photographic material

Date: 1900 - 1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of approximately 375 black and white or colour prints, 98 colour transparencies, and 9 contact sheets. The prints appear to be mainly silver gelatin prints, although some of the older portraits are probably albumin prints. The photographs and transparencies date from ca. 1900 to 1989.

Physical description: 25 cm of textual records

ca. 375 photographs

98 colour transparencies

9 contact sheets

Access points:

- Photographic materials (documentary form)
- Graphic materials (documentary form)

Arrangement:

The archivist found the material scattered throughout several boxes. She grouped the prints according to the Halpern family member who was the principal subject, and she numbered the prints consecutively with an "H" designation before each number. Within the broad groupings by person, there is some further subdivision by type of photograph (i.e., portrait), or by activity (e.g., scientific activities, leisure activities).

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-6-2-0-1	File - George Halpern--Portraits, H1-H29	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-2	File - George Halpern--Community Activities, H30-H38	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-3	File - George Halpern--Leisure Activities, H39-H48	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-4	File - George Halpern--Scientific Activities, H49-H56	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-5	File - Ida Halpern--Portraits, H57-H67	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-6	File - Ida Halpern--Leisure and Community Activities, Travel, H68-H144	[19--]	Open	58-30
F-58-6-2-0-7	File - George and Ida Halpern--Leisure Activities (1/2), H145-H172	[19--]	Open	58-30
F-58-6-2-0-8	File - George and Ida Halpern--Leisure Activities (2/2), H173-H204	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-9	File - George and Ida Halpern--Community Activities, H205-H214	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-10	File - Fanny Halpern--Portraits, Leisure Activities (1/2), H215-H232	[19--]	Open	58-29
F-58-6-2-0-11	File - Fanny Halpern--Portraits, Leisure Activities (2/2), H233-H262	[19--]	Open	58-30
F-58-6-2-0-12	File - Fanny Halpern--Medical Activities, H263-H281	[19--]	Open	58-30
F-58-6-2-0-13	File - Shanghai Mercy Hospital, H281a-H281x	[19--]	Open	58-30
F-58-6-2-0-14	File - Rosalie Halpern--Portraits, H282-H296	[19--]	Open	58-31
F-58-6-2-0-15	File - Simon Halpern--Portraits, H297-H315	[19--]	Open	58-31
F-58-6-2-0-16	File - Simon and Rosalie Halpern--Portraits, H316-H321	[19--]	Open	58-31
F-58-6-2-0-17	File - Halpern Family--unknown photographs, H322-H335	[19--]	Open	58-31
F-58-6-2-0-18	File - Halpern Centre--SFU, H336-346	[19--]	Open	58-32
F-58-6-2-0-19	File - Transparencies--98:	[19--]	Open	58-32
F-58-6-2-0-20	File - Contact Sheets (9 sheets from undeveloped film found in various boxes). Possibly some photos of the Halperns' original trip to Canada; also, vacation scenes, etc.	[19--]	Open	58-32

F-58-6-2-0-21	File - Contact Sheet Negatives	[19--]	Open	58-32
F-58-6-2-0-22	File - Photographs of Ida and George Halpern from Doug Cole	[19--]	Open	58-32
F-58-6-2-0-23	File - Photographs of Ida Halpern from Janet Menzies, Art Gallery	[19--]	Open	58-32
F-58-6-2-0-24	File - Framed Photograph - Fanny Halpern	[19--]	Open	
F-58-6-2-0-25	File - George Halpern with Chemical Institute of Canada (O/S photo)	[19--]	Open	
F-58-6-2-0-26	File - Ida Halpern at piano (O/S photo)	[19--]	Open	
F-58-6-2-0-27	File - Mass at a church in Shanghai? (O/S photo)	[19--]	Open	
F-58-6-2-0-28	File - Fanny Halpern and Doctors/staff at the Shanghai Mercy Hospital (O/S photo)	1947	Open	
F-58-6-2-0-29	File - Ida Halpern photographs	[ca 1942] - [ca 1985]	Open	58-32

### Subseries F-58-6-3: Sound recordings

Date: 1949 - 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of three commercial phonograph recordings (Folkways Records) relating to Ida Halpern's research into the music of the Pacific Northwest Indians. Also includes one phonograph recording, "Music I Like," by Ida Halpern, made from a CBC broadcast, October 16, 1949, and an interview with Ida Halpern (undated).

Physical description: 7 sound recordings

Note [generalNote]:

Physical description: series comprises 7 sound recordings on 4 phonograph records and 2 audio cassettes.

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-58-6-3-0-0-5	Item - West Coast Indian Music	8 August 1967	Open	OBJ-3118
F-58-6-3-0-0-2	Item - SFU Ida Halpern interview	[196-?]	Open	OBJ-3119
F-58-6-3-0-0-1	Item - "Music I Like": CBC broadcast by Ida Halpern	October 16, 1949	Open	OBJ-1074 OBJ-1078 OBJ-1079
F-58-6-3-0-0-3	Item - Indian Music of the Pacific Northwest Coast	1967	Open	OBJ-1075
F-58-6-3-0-0-6	Item - Nootka: Indian Music of the Pacific Northwest Coast	1974	Open	OBJ-1076
F-58-6-3-0-0-7	Item - Haida: Indian Music of the Pacific Northwest Coast	1986	Open	OBJ-1077

F-58-6-3-0-0-4	Item - Excerpt: Between Ourselves	15 February 1967	Open	OBJ-3118
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