

RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH: PHOTOS and OTHER AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES (in alphabetical order of provenance)

On the website, we aim to provide a caption that will help you “read” a photo or map, to credit the photographer if one is mentioned in the record in the Archives or other source, and to indicate the place from which it was acquired (ie. the provenance) in case anyone wants to acquire it themselves.

Here are some of the sources we’ve used to license or acquire photos or to access other audiovisual resources for the Jasper Place Community History Project.

CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVES

Aerial Photos

Aerial photos can be viewed both online and in the reference room at the City of Edmonton Archives. The Jasper Place Community History Project has licensed aerial maps of the area from 1924, 1930, 1943, 1948, 1952 and three different aerial views of Jasper Place in 1957, and we’ve used some in full or in detail in a few of our posts: [Chrystia Chomiak](#), [Barrie Touchings](#), [Ken \(Bud\) Newman](#), and [Memories of Jasper Place: Community Members Reminisce](#).

- RG-200 Series 4, [Aerial Photographs](#), City of Edmonton Archives
 - Only the years in the list with a small symbol (+) in the first column on the left will have digital copies of the maps online (eg. 1924 and 1948 do, but 1949 and 1950 do not).
 - You’ll need to find the specific number of the area of you want to view. To do that, click on the line that describes the Subseries (eg. [Subseries 5 – 1948 Aerial Photographs]).
 - The index map is in the archival record for that Subseries. If you want an aerial photo of Jasper Place in 1948, look for the row number on that index map. A clue is to pinpoint MacKinnon Ravine and 149th Street. In 1948, row number 4 will show you that area, so you go to map number 4 in the list under Subseries 5.

Maps

- RG-200 Series 8, [Map Collection](#), City of Edmonton Archives

218 maps have been digitized and are viewable online.

Oral Histories

- RG-200, Series 7 – Oral History Archives, City of Edmonton Archives, available via [From the Vaults: Audio from Edmonton's Past](#)
 - Explore the early history of Edmonton through digitized audio recordings preserved in the City of Edmonton Archives, many of which are now available online.
 - Audio recordings of people associated with Jasper Place include: Dr. Peter Frank Bargaen (Superintendent of Schools, West Jasper Place); Kenneth Gordon Newman (Mayor of the Town of Jasper Place and City of Edmonton Alderman); Stan Williams (Jasper Place School Board and journalist).

Photos in the online catalogue at the City of Edmonton Archives (CEA)

The CEA holds many photos that highlight the history of Jasper Place. To get a general idea of the photos that are **viewable online**, start by typing a general term such as “Jasper Place” in the Search box at the top on their [home page](#), and then choose “Image” in the drop-down box labelled Media Type on the left of the page. If you want to search for photos of specific subjects such as Elmwood, type that term instead in the search window.

If you come across anything you’d like a copy of, go to the [Sales and Services page](#) or, from the record of the photo, you can download a low resolution version which includes the watermark.

These specific fonds and series have been useful for the Jasper Place Community History Project:

- The [Northern Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers' Association \(NAPOTA\) fonds](#) (often prefix EA-10 for our use). Almost 3,500 photos have been digitized and are viewable online.
- [Hook Signs series of photos](#) (prefix EA-275) has provided a number of photos of the period of the Town of Jasper Place between the late 1940s to the 1960s.
- [John M. Wetherill fonds](#) (prefix EA-596); he photographed many businesses and sites in Jasper Place in 2006, especially along Stony Plain Road.
- [The Edmonton Bulletin fonds](#) has provided a few photos taken by photographer **Eric Bland** between April 1947 and January 1951 (prefix EA-600) when there were stories that were covered in Jasper Place in that period.

Photos accessible using the Index Card Catalogue

During a tour of the City of Edmonton Archives for the 27th Annual Historic Festival, one of the archivists stated that **not all the photos held by the CEA have been digitized** and accessible to view or order through the online catalogue.

Therefore, many photos can only be found by using the **index card catalogue for photos** onsite at the CEA. To use the card catalogue, you would begin with the **subject catalogue**, searching using terms and sub-terms (eg. Jasper Place – Recreation). Each card in this catalogue will give you a number to lead you to the actual photo in the photos card index (eg. EA-75-425). Ask an archivist to show you how this system works.

One series of photos that hasn’t been digitized, numbered EA-75-390 to EA-75-765, was acquired from one of the departments in the Town of Jasper Place. The photos seem to document road and other construction in the Jasper Place subdivisions in the early 1960s – all seem to be between 1961 and 1963. All photos in this series are in B&W and, in addition to showing the state of the roads in the Town in that period, they also show the development of the subdivisions and of the schools and community leagues, residences and other buildings.

It was also mentioned during the above-mentioned tour, that the photos that have been digitized do not necessarily appear in the photo card catalogue. Therefore, it is necessary to search using both access points – the online database AND the photo index card catalogue.

FLICKR.COM

Although Flickr.com is not an “official” Archives, we consider it important because of the lack of photos of the Jasper Place area in the 2000s. If you’re doing research in Flickr and come across interesting photos, please read

the photographer's licensing parameters if you want to reproduce it. Here are some of the accounts we've come across:

- Alex Abboud, [Stony Plain Road, A walk down Stony Plain Road from 149th-160th St, on September 29, 2009](#)
The photographer has granted non-commercial rights of reproduction under Creative Commons licensing; therefore, the photo must be credited to Alex Abboud.
- Paula Kirman, [Jasper Place](#)
In addition to writing posts and SPANN articles for the Jasper Place Community History Project, Paula is a professional photographer, and has been editor of two of the community newsletters published in Jasper Place, *SPURR* and *SPANN*. Her *Jasper Place* album on Flickr.com includes photos from various events in the community between 2009 and 2014 when she was in those roles. Contact her via Flickr for rights to reproduce her photos.
- [West Edmonton Local](#)
This account offers over 3,000 photos of West Edmonton, many of which showcase the residents and events in Jasper Place in the early 2010s. The photographers were students in the Grant McEwan Journalism program within the school's Centre for the Arts and Communications. Note that the copyright is "All rights reserved" and so permission must be obtained to reproduce the photos.

PEEL'S PRAIRIE PROVINCES, now on ARCHIVE.ORG

- [Maps Collection](#) – downloadable high-resolution versions of the maps that were formerly on Peel's Prairie Provinces website. Not every map will show the area of Jasper Place, but this is a very interesting and browsable collection.
- [Prairie Postcard Collection](#) – downloadable high-resolution versions of postcards "depicting various aspects of life on the Canadian Prairies from the late 19th through the mid 20th centuries." Again, probably not many showcasing Jasper Place, but interesting.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA

Maps

- To be added...

Photos

- The Provincial Archives has changed its catalogue from Hermis to [AtoM](#), and so online access is slightly different. To look for online photos that show Jasper Place, you could begin by using "Jasper Place" in the search box and clicking on "Show results with digital objects".
- The Richard G. Proctor Photography fonds (prefix RP--) has been useful. Richard G. Proctor was an "independent commercial photographer" in Edmonton in the 1950s and '60s. Most of the photos from this fonds that we've licensed were taken along Stony Plain Road in April 1956.

- Many of the search results from searching in the online catalogue using the term “Jasper Place” will indicate that the object or objects are photos, but there won’t be a digital object attached to it. As with the City of Edmonton Archives, not all photographs held by the Provincial Archives have been digitized for the online database, and so an **onsite** search using the subject-indexed card catalogue and the results list from your online search is necessary to view relevant photos.
- Forms for ordering reproductions of photos for your own use are here:
<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/shop>.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY / GLENBOW ARCHIVES

- To date, we have licensed only a few photos from this source, at least two of them from the Byron-May Collection there.