



Emma Houlder

(1872-1962)

“A strong, determined, hard-working individual”

Emma Houlder came to Mission in 1913 from London, England, and soon became an active member of the community.

She is acknowledged as Mission's first librarian, beginning during World War I when books were lent for 10 cents each and the proceeds going to prisoners of war.

Emma continued as librarian as the facility grew from a small room to the present-day Fraser Valley Regional Library, and retired in 1959.

As the first president of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, Emma was part of the energetic and successful funding drive by the organization, which led to the construction of the first permanent hospital and its subsequent financial support.

She was also active in the Women's Institute and at one time the Honorary Vice-president of the Agricultural Association.

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