

# MG 180 Nigel Lawrence fonds

## Scope and Content

Fonds reflects the artwork and creative writing of Nigel Lawrence and his father Henry Frank Lawrence and their homestead experience in the Pine Lake area of Alberta. The fonds consists of photographs, poems and short stories, correspondence and a short home movie.

## Date of Records

1923-[1988?]

## Physical Description

90 photographs

0.3 cm of textual records

1 film

## Material Types (GMD)

Textual record, graphic image, moving image

## Terms Governing Use, Reproduction, and Publication

Copyright for images of original artwork are restricted for publication

## Creator Information

**Authority Name** Nigel Lawrence

**Authority History** Robert Nigel Lawrence (1901-1990) was born at Pine Lake, Alberta to Henry Frank Lawrence (1859-1941) and Ellen Isabella (Chapman) (?-1947). Frank Lawrence wrote about his early homestead experiences, having them published in 1924 in the Saturday Night magazine.

Nigel Lawrence began his career as a banker, eventually establishing a farm implement dealership in Red Deer, Alberta. He also wrote poetry and short stories about his experiences in rural Alberta. After the death of his wife Gwen in 1976, Nigel began to sketch prairie landscapes, often including an anecdote based on the drawing. He acquired national fame for his amateur artwork and his works were exhibit across Canada and can be found in private and corporate collections.

## Notes

### Finding Aids

File list available

### Related Materials

RG 20 Red Deer and District Archives unit fonds

### Physical Condition

Records are in good physical condition.

### Arrangement

Original order is maintained.

### Language of Material

English

### Custodial History

Records were transferred in 4 accessions between 1978 and 1999.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Accession Numbers**

1978-053

1999-172

2015-312

2016-120

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1978-053	1	1	The Blizzard	[between 1968 and 1979?]	0.1	Copyright	Short story by Nigel Lawrence

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1999-172	1	1	Chapman Gallery	[between 1978 and 1988?]	65 photographs : col., slide, negative	Copyright	Images of Nigel Lawrence artwork on display at Chapman Gallery
1999-172	1	2	Photographs	1969, [between 1978 and 1988?]	25 photographs : col.; 1 film : 8 mm	Copyright	Photographs of Nigel Lawrence artwork on display at Chapman Gallery; photographs of Nigel Lawrence; film of a soap box derby

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2015-312	1	1	Stories	1923, 1947	0.1	Copyright	Short stories by H. Frank Lawrence; biography of Ellen Lawrence by Nigel Lawrence

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2016-120	1	1	Noel	1969	0.1	Copyright	Short story by Nigel Lawrence