

MG 320 Cottingham family fonds

Scope and Content

Fonds reflects the lives of the extended Cottingham family and William Cottingham's career as a land agent and their travels and connection to Manitoba, Ontario, British Columbia, and the United States of America. The fonds consists of photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence and certificates.

Date of Records

1859-1967

Physical Description

1246 photographs

4.5 cm of textual records

Material Types (GMD)

Graphic material, textual record

Restrictions on Access

There are no restrictions on access.

Creator Information

Authority Name Cottingham family

Authority History William Henry Cottingham (1843-1913) was born at Omemee, Victoria County, Ontario, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel William Ward Cottingham, founder of Omemee and a successful miller and trader. He was educated at Upper Canada College and the Military College in Toronto and organized an independent infantry company. For a number of years he participated in his father's business and was a reeve for Omemee. He married Laura Rosa Jones, 1854-1929, daughter Rev. William Henry Jones and Mary Louisa Jones, in 1874. He then pursued a career in the railway business in Chicago and became an agent with the Dominion Lands Office in Winnipeg. In 1882. He was captain of the Kildonan Company during the North-West Rebellion. He transferred to Minnedosa in 1890, Lethbridge about 1894 and finally to Red Deer about 1900. He was active in local affairs helping to establish the Red Deer Gun Club, Central Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers' Association and the Red Deer Social Club and a member of the Masonic Kenilworth Lodge. He was known for his interest in preserving and enhancing hunting and fishing habitats. William and Laura had three children who survived infancy: Maude Isobel (Forrest), 1875-1939; Florence Mary Beatrice, 1878-1969; and William Henry Percival (Percy), 1886-1911.

Maude Cottingham (1875-1939) married Horatio Frederick Forrest in 1898. They had no children. Maude was a member the amateur fancy skating club in Winnipeg and also assisted in training children. After the death of Horatio, Maude travelled frequently to Victoria, British Columbia and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Florence Cottingham (1878-1969) never married and remained at home to care for her parents. She was an amateur actress and accomplished musician.

She became secretary to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands in Edmonton. After the death of her father she travelled the world and made frequent trips to British Columbia, Manitoba and California. This branch of the family ended with her death in 1969.

Notes

Finding Aids

File list available

Physical Condition

Records are in good physical condition.

Arrangement

Order imposed by Archivist

Original order is unknown

Arrangement artificially imposed by archivist

Language of Material

English

Custodial History

Records were transferred in 2 accessions in 1969 and 1973.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Accession Numbers

1969-024

1973-021

Accession #	Box #	File #	Record Description / File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
1973-021	1	1	Album 2	[ca. 1900 - ca. 1935]	93 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	1	2	Album 2	1934-1935	81 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	1	3	Album 2	[ca. 1910]-1935	60 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	1	4	Album 2	[ca. 1900]-1935	118 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	1	5	Album 2	1914-[ca. 1925]	48 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	1	6	Album 2	[ca. 1870]-1934	348 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	1	7	Album 1	[ca. 1900-ca. 1930]	59 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	2	8	Album 3	[ca. 1860-1940?]	365 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel

Accession #	Box #	File #	Record Description / File Title	Date Range	Extent (cm)	Restrictions	Description
1973-021	2	9	Photographs	[ca. 1860-1934], 1967	10 photographs: b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	2	10	Photographs	[ca. 1885]-1951	46 photographs : b&w		Photographs of the Cottingham family and travel
1973-021	2	11	Scrapbook	1859-1936	2.5 cm of textual records 5 photographs : tin type		Includes newspaper clippings; photographs; Royal Visit identification card; Macdonald Hotel guest pass; autographs; Red Cross Society certificate; William Cottingham confirmation certificate; letter from William Cottingham to his sister [1859]; letter gifting Hedge family silver bowl to Harvard College; letter from Florence to Maude on their mother's failing health; letter to Florence on Maude's health; letter from Horatio Forrest asking permission to marry Maude Cottingham; Aloha Club certificate for Maude; letter announcing wedding of Nellie Hubbard and William Jones; theatre program; letters from Maude to her father
1973-021	2	12	Autograph Book	1888-1903	1.5		Autogrph book of Florence Cottingham. Includes sketches/ drawings.

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1973-021	2	13	Certificates	1900, 1918, 1942-1969	0.5 cm of textual records 2 drawings		City of Red Deer Golden Jubilee; Victory Loan certificate; Neptunus Rex certificate; 2 prints by Hornyansky; Central Alberta Pioneers' & Oldtimers' Association Life Membership; family record; letter of appreciation from Chidrens Guild of Red Deer; letter re: memorial bible for St. Luke's Church; letter from CAPOTA; St. Luke's W.A. service appreciation letter
1973-021	OS 73	14	Certificate	1911	0.1		The American Museum of Natural History presents life membership to Captain W.H. Cottingham
1973-021	OS 74	15	Certificate	1880	0.1		Acknowledgement of service and retirement to Captain Cottingham commanding No 4 Company 45th West Durham Battalion Active Militia of Canada
1973-021	OS 86	16	Photograph	[ca. 18-?]	1 photograph : b&w		Woman in formal dress labeled as Miss Cottingham's mother in presentation gown [Mary Louisa Jones or Laura Rosa Jones]