



MG 153 - David R. and Robert A. Murray fonds

accessions 995-39 (cassettes), 997-63, 997-117 (account book and plaque)

Dates: [1883?]-1992.

Extent: 76 cm of textual records and 23 audio cassettes.

Biography: David Murray graduated from Bishop's University, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Cambridge. He has served as Dean of Arts and Professor of History at the University of Guelph. In addition to serving as Resident Historian in the Department of External Affairs in the early 1970s, he has lectured on Canadian-Latin American relations at the Canadian National Defence College. David Murray is the author of several books and numerous articles.

Robert Murray was born on 1 June 1910 at Rosthern, Saskatchewan and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1934 with both an arts and a divinity degree. A veteran of the Second World War, he was employed by Morgan and Company in Montreal and Toronto prior to joining the public service as a purchasing agent. Robert Murray died in Ottawa on 9 April 1997.

Scope and content: This fonds consists primarily of the research material for and chapter drafts of *The Prairie Builder*.

Arrangement: The fonds is arranged into two series:

- I. *The Prairie Builder*
- II. Miscellaneous

Restrictions: Files marked as **RESTRICTED** require vetting by the archivist prior to release. All restrictions are applied as per privacy legislation.

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I. *The Prairie Builder.*

This series consists of correspondence, research notes and other reference materials, audio cassettes and drafts and revisions pertaining to the preparation of the biography of the first president of the University of Saskatchewan entitled *The Prairie Builder: Walter Murray of Saskatchewan*, published by NeWest Press of Edmonton in 1984.

1. Correspondence. - 1977-1992. - 5.5 cm. - 3 folders.
Initial consideration of the project, correspondence with colleagues, the publisher, University officials, interviewees, etc.
2. Grants / Inquiries. - 1979-1980. - 1.5 cm. - 2 folders. – **RESTRICTED.**
Grant applications and research requests.
3. Manuscript Revisions. - 1983.
Includes diskettes [probably manuscript] and some documents supporting changes to text.
4. Revisions. - 1983. - 3 cm. - 2 folders.
Corrections and revisions to draft chapters submitted by Stan Hanson.
5. Histories. - 1984.
Michiel Horn's review of the history of Queen's University in *CAUT Bulletin*.
6. Saskatchewan. - [1983?]-1907.
Photocopies and notes of legislation, reports, etc.
7. W.C. Murray. - 1916.
Re potential offer of presidency at University of Toronto.
8. Writings. - 1908-1941.
Articles and reports by W.C. Murray.
9. National Research Council. - 1917-1932.
Mainly W.C. Murray's correspondence with A.B. Macallum and copy of part of 1931-32 Council report.
10. "Service to the State....". - [1985?].
Article presumably by D. Murray.

11. Untitled Binders. - [188-]-1982. - 12.5 cm. - 7 folders.

Some correspondence but mainly photocopies of documents reproduced for preparation of the draft manuscript.

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12. Chapters. - [188-] - 1983. - 32 cm. - 25 folders.

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a) Chapter One [Maritimer].

i) Parts 1 - 3.

ii) Part 4 - Drafts and notes.

iii) Part 5 - Parkin's School.

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iv) Part 6 - Rhodes Scholarship.

v) Part 7 - Early Years (New Brunswick / Nova Scotia).

b) Chapter Three [President].

i) Part 1 - Imperial Federation.

ii) Part 2 - Appointment.

c) Chapter Four - Regina Problem.

d) Chapter Five - Building the U of S.

e) Chapter Seven.

i) Parts 1 & 2.

ii) Part 3 - "Teens", 1919 Crisis and 1938-39 Letters.

f) Chapter 8 [Reformer].

i) Part 1.

ii) Parts 2 & 3 - Church Union.

Note: Part 2 contains original documents for the period 1917 which presumably came directly from J.E. Murray who would have had them when some of W.C. Murray's papers were in her custody for her proposed biography of her father.

g) Chapter Nine.

i) Part 1 - A.F. Kenderdine and W.C. Murray.

ii) Part 2 - Sunny Years.

h) Chapter Ten.

i) Parts 1 & 2 - Carnegie Corporation.

Box 4 (starts with 12 h) pt. 2)

i) Chapter Eleven [Depression].

j) Chapter Twelve [Years far on].

k) Chapter Thirteen.

i) Part 1 - Last Chp.

ii) In Memoriam.

13. Index Cards.

14. Interview - R. MacKay. - 1977.

Correspondence relating to notes made at interview.

15. Audiotapes. - 1 x 30 min., 16 x 60 min., 1 x 90 min., 5 x 120 min.

i) Robert Murray. - 1977. - 5 x 60 min.

Report to David Murray regarding access to W.C. Murray's papers in J.E. Murray's possession together with recorded research on specific documents in Presidential Records Series I: General Correspondence, folders A1-A37.

ii) Robert Murray. - 1977. - 2 x 60 min.; 1 x 30 min.; 2 x 120 min.

Recorded research on specific documents in Presidential Records Series I: General Correspondence, folders A37-A49, A67, together with interviews with R.M. Ferguson, Emmett Hall, M.E. Younger and J.F. Leddy.

iii) Robert Murray. - 1977-1978. - 4 x 60 min.; 1 x 120 min.

Recorded research on specific documents in Presidential Records Series I: General Correspondence, folder A67 and Subject Files: 121/3; Controller and Treasurer fonds; Education Department fonds, W. Scott and W. Martin fonds (Saskatchewan Archives Board); and interviews with J.W.T. Spinks, B.W. Currie, and Nan McKay.

iv) Robert Murray. - 1977-1978. - 2 x 60 min.; 1 x 90 min.; 2 x 120 min.

Interviews with Kay Leddy, Dr. Margaret Cameron, E. Lindner, Dr. Jean Murray, Mrs. A.S. Morton and Dr. G. Hertzberg together with a report on research activities to David Murray.

v) Robert Murray. - [197-]. - 3 x 60 min.

Recorded research from the W. Martin, J. Calder and Education Department fonds (Saskatchewan Archives Board); Controller and Treasurer fonds; and one cassette pertaining to selection of the President and Robert Murray's comments on the biography.

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II. Miscellaneous.

These are miscellaneous items from the Murray family.

1. Account Book. - 1907-1933.

Alexander Hugh Murray's account book together with miscellaneous receipts.

2. Bronze University of Saskatchewan Plaque. - 1907.