



MG 364 - Edgar Mapletoft fonds

Dates: 1922-2006.

Extent: 1.25 m of textual and audio tapes, 349 35mm slides; 65 photographs

Biography: Edgar Mapletoft was born October 7, 1920 in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. His father, John, and uncle, Charlie, homesteaded in the Fort Pitt District, just north of Lloydminster, on the north side of the North Saskatchewan River in 1911. His parents, John & Martha Mapletoft, had one son, Edgar, and a daughter, Mary Margaret. Edgar grew up and remained in the Fort Pitt District all his life. He attended the School of Agriculture in Saskatoon and in 1941 received his Diploma. Edgar married Florence Patricia Chapman on July 2, 1942 and they raised three sons on the Little Pipestone Ranch just a couple miles from their childhood homes. He died on April 1, 2006.

Mr. Mapletoft was an authority on Simmental cattle. He first imported the breed to Canada in 1969 and was a successful breeder for several years. In 1983 he was given the Golden Book Award by the World Simmental Federation.

Edgar Mapletoft was also passionate about history of the region he lived, especially the Fort Pitt, Frenchman's Butte and Onion Lake areas, the First Nations, the Métis and the Northwest Rebellion. Edgar always had a strong interest in the native heritage, especially as it applied to the history of the Northwest. He tape-recorded interviews with elders on the reserve who were children at the time of the Northwest Rebellion. His involvement with the Onion Lake First Nation ultimately led to his becoming an Honorary Chief.

Mr. Mapletoft also became involved with the Frenchman's Butte Museum; planning, fund-raising and publicizing it. His real passion was telling the story of the Northwest. He and his wife, Pat, looked after the Fort Pitt Historical Campground for several years. After Pat passed away, he continued for a while and then became involved with farm vacations and providing historical tours. His fame grew and people came from all over the country for his personalized tour.

Scope and content: This fonds contains material related to the Mapletoft family, Fort Pitt, Frenchman's Butte and Onion Lake areas, the First Nations, the Métis, the Northwest Rebellion and the Little Pipestone Ranch and Simmental cattle.

Restrictions: Files marked as **RESTRICTED** require vetting by the archivist. All restrictions are applied as per privacy legislation. Researchers wanting to access oral history interviews are advised to seek permission.

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Box 1

Case 1

Biographical material. – 2006.
By Reuben Mapletoft.

Norway House Museum. – 1994.
12 Postcards.

Carlton Trail. - 2002.
3 photos of map and textual material and clipping.

James Kanipitetew. – 1996.
Obituary/biography.

E. & P. Mapletoft & Sons. – ca. 1970.
Letter to breeders.

Clippings re Mapletoft. – 1990-1992.
Also article on Fort Vermillion.

Frog Lake Massacre. – nd.
Photocopied correspondence of H.E. Dill (1909) and NWMP orders to Staff Constable Hall [1985] and notes by Mapletoft.

Frenchman Butte Museum Society. – 1999.
Minutes and financial report.

Field Notes of Indian Reserves in Treaty No 6. – nd.
Pages of the Department of Interior survey published in 1880.

Frenchman Butte Museum Society. – 1997.
Photos, committee and financial reports and general grant material

Saw Mill records. – 1913-1945.
Mill was at Fort Pitt.

Fort Pitt. – nd.
Nine photos of Fort Pitt ca. 1884 including Big Bear, one photo NWMP at Maple Creek 1892 and notes and photocopies of images at the SAB and NAC.

Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada. - 1950.
Publication of Martha Mapletoft.

MacLeods's Catalogue. – 1933.
MacLeod's of Winnipeg.

The Country Guide and Nor-West Farmer. - December 1936, November 1940.
One issue.

J.K. Smith. – 1954-1960.
Correspondence to Mapletoft family and an article by Smith "The Early Days In Fort Pitt".

Onion Lake Mission. - nd.
Photos and description of the mission

Saskatchewan Herald. – nd.
Photocopies of pages from the paper in the summer of 1985.

Hudson Bay Early History. – nd.
Photocopies of maps.

Trailer and camp site design. – 1961-1963.
Plans drawn by Department of Natural Resources.

Museum dirt floor. – 1995.
Information from Alberta Community Development re the treatment of buildings.

Transportation Butte Army History. – nd.
Photocopies of material re army moving west to respond to the Rebellion.

Fort Pitt Steamers and Transportation. – nd.
Photocopies re river transportation.

Fort Pitt History Pictures. – nd.
Photocopies of images re Fort Pitt .

History General Pictures. – nd.
Photocopies re region.

Farm machinery. – nd.
Notebook of information about farm machinery. Written by Edgar Mapletoft.

The Rawleigh Veterinary Service. – 1931.

Bulletin re poultry diseases.

Battleford Remember Stockade Days. – 1935.
Clipping.

Red Pheasant. – nd.
Photocopies of government report.

Those Leaky Roofs on Sod Houses. - nd.
Story by Mrs. Wagner.

Aboriginal Waterways Initiative. – nd.
Description of the project and a list of activities on the Saskatchewan River.

Handicraft Log Furniture. – nd.
List of items sold by Daniel Braun.

Native women. – nd.
Half an unidentified photo.

Historic trails. – nd.
Map of Saskatchewan.

Box 2

Case 2

Indians of Canada-- and-- prairie pioneers. – 1943.
By C.A. Scarrow and Jean Gibson (in library).

Berry School of Horsemanship. – 1924.
Framed certificate of Bill Humphreys.

Count Berthold Von Imhoff. – nd.
Biographical material.

Field Notes. – 1909.
Farmland survey.

The Gold Fields of the Klondike. - 1988.
Microfilm copy in Library.

Manchester House. – nd.
History and HBC fur routes map.

Journal of Georg Ruehlemann. – 1928-1934.

Journal (in German), photos and photocopied birth certificate. The Ruehlemann family lived at Fort Pitt from 1928-1934.

Fort Pitt Community Club. – 1922-1927.

Minute book.

Settlement Prior-1903. – 1996.

Researched and compiled by Margaret Nelson. Subtitle – Brief Family Histories
Homestead Family Story.

Tours and contacts. – 1990. – **RESTRICTED.**

Notebook.

Selected aspects of Fort Pitt's History. – 1984.

By Deanna Christensen for Sask. Parks and Renewable Resources.

Oblates Archives. – 1984.

History re Fort Pritt also 98 ways to say Very Good.

Guide to the Historic Sites of Saskatchewan. – 1955.

Prepared for the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee by J.D. Herbert. (in library)

Historic. – 1978.

Guide to the National Historic Parks and Sites of Canada. (Later version in Library)

Historic Trails of Saskatchewan. – nd.

Photocopies of pages 111-201. By C. Howard Shillington (in library).

Township 53 and 54. – nd.

Notes.

South Saskatchewan River Ecocanoe Guide. – ca. 1988.

River basin project.

Wood Mountain Historic Park. – 1976.

Earlier versions in Library.

Ed Fox Memorial Days. – 1983.

Clipping re gathering at Onion Lake.

Old Fort Pitt Ranch. – 1957.

Catalogue for a hereford sale.

Fort Pitt History. – 1985.
Photo and correspondence from the HBC Archives.

Misc. correspondence re North West. – 1983.

Tom Daily. – 1932.
Photo. Daily taught in Fort Pitt 1932.

Sod house. – 1951.
Photo of sod house.

The Ferry Service. – nd.
Two articles.

Township maps. – nd.
53, 54 and 55.

Fort Pitt Historic Site. – 1986.
Map and correspondence re dimensions.

Fort Umfreville. – nd.
Sketches re location.

Painting In Saskatchewan, 1883-1959. – 1967.
Exhibition catalogue in Library.

Box 3

Trans Canada Trail. – nd.
Crest.

Jimmy Chief. – nd.
Photo and bio.

1885/fur trade. – 1970-1985. – 2 folders.
Clippings, articles, maps.

1885 photos.
14 photos re Onion Lake, Fort Pitt, and Big Bear in P.A.

W.J. McLean's, Elizabeth's and Duncans's journals.
Articles re. 1885.

The Battle of Frenchman Butte. – 1997.
Commemorative integrity statement.

Fort Pitt History. – nd.
Notes on settlers.

Correspondence. – 1992-1993.
Waiser and Parks Canada.

Fort Pitt maps. – nd.
Reproductions.

The Tomorrow File. – 1984.
Monthly publication. Poundmaker and decline of fur trade articles.

Frenchman Butte Museum. – 1984-1998.
Photos, James Chief tribute, clippings, poem, straight razor, correspondence...

NeWest Review – 1885 Issue. – 1985.
Special issue.

Fire Control Map St. Walburg. – 1927.
West of the 3rd meridian. Original map.

Rebellion Fort Pitt. – nd.
Articles.

Rebellion for History book. – nd.
Photocopy of The Alberta Field Force of 1885.

Fort Pitt History Committee. – 1981.
Notes, photocopies of government reports. Survey maps.

Maps. – 1928-1989.
Local to world maps

Native Schools. – nd.
List of schools in North Battleford district.

Misc article/publications. – 1983-2000.
Profile of Yellow Sky, Defense of Big Bear, Sask. River Corridor, Saskatchewan Sage and U.S. Farm News.

Rebellion George Gwynne Mann. – nd.

Photocopy of his account of 1885.

Box 4

Simmental cattle. – 1971-1982. – 2 folders.

Correspondence, sale information, profile of the Mapletoft breeders, letterhead, printed material and import permits.

Into the Ring. – nd.

Pamphlet on showing cattle.

Holt-Dickinson Longhorns. – 1983.

Two article re longhorn cattle.

H.H. Sambraus/Swiss research. – 1968-1975.

Cattle research articles in German.

Simmental History. – 1980.

Lists and notes.

Simmental/South Africa. – 1966-1983.

Articles.

Simmental/Brazil. – 1981-1984.

Correspondence and articles.

Simmental/Zimbabwe. - 1983-1984.

Articles.

Simmental/World. – 1966-1979.

Articles and correspondence.

Simmental/United Kingdom. – 1968-1985.

Articles.

Simmental/United States. – 1972-1975.

Articles.

Simmental/Europe. – 1967-1983.

Article.

Simmental/Canadian. – 1974-1977.

Articles and correspondence.

Simmental/Russia. – 1970.
Correspondence.

Simmental Sale Consignors. - 1972-1975.
Lists.

Guest book. – 1992-2000.

Box 5

Ledger – cattle. – 1975-1978.
Height, weight and pedigree.

Mapletoft – Métis outfit. – nd.
Mapletoft is picture in the museum.

The Battle of Frenchman’s Butte National Historic Site. – 1997.
Binder.

Photo album. – 1912; nd.
[Mapletoft family].

Diary and Time-Saver. – 1907.
Date book.

Notebooks. – 1983, nd.
Four hand-written notebooks.

Historian Tour Guide. – nd.
Business cards.

Donald M. Dobie. – 1997.
Correspondence re trip to Fort Pitt.

Royal visit. – 1930.
Clipping.

Box 6

Tapes

Folder one. – nd, 1983. - 5 audio cassette tapes.
Jim Chief Party. – nd; Jimmy Chief History, #1 and 2. – Feb 1983; ; Jimmy Chief History,
#3. – Feb 1983; Norman Williamson archaeological tape. – nd; Joe Machishinic. – nd;

Folder two. – nd, 1973. - 5 audio cassette tapes

Indian Jim [Kanapoetea]. – nd.; Jim Canepotatoe and Lloyd Stankey. – 26 Oct 1974; Jim [Kanepottew]. #1. – nd.; Jim Canepotato and Alex Stick. – nd, Mr. and Mrs. Samorice Large Louisa Mostley. – nd.

Folder three. – nd. - - 3 audio cassette tapes.

Father Larre. – nd.

Folder four. – nd. - 5 audio cassette tapes.

Reuben tapes. – nd.

Folder five. – 1986. - 2 audio cassette tapes.

Major Prayer Breakfast. – 1986.

Folder six. – nd. - 4 audio cassette tapes.

Fort Pitt history. – nd; North West Rebellion history. – nd.

Folder seven. – nd. - 5 audio cassette tapes.

100 Huntley Street tapes. – nd. (Christian TV show).

Folder eight. – nd. - 5 audio cassette tapes.

Animal calls. – nd; It is a matter of Survival – garbage. – nd; It is a matter of Survival . – nd; Souvenirs from Berne. – nd; Hockey instruction. – nd.

Folder nine. – nd; 1985-1986. 5 audio cassette tapes.

Tourism grant. – 1985; Church. - nd; Herb Sparrow. – nd; Uncle Alex and family history. – nd; 68th Annual SHA General Assembly – Dr. J. Dosman. – 1986.

Folder ten. – 1983, nd. – 12 mini audio cassettes.

Labeled and unlabeled – Jimmy Chief, History, body odor, Europe and e con.

Oversize

Envelope

Signing of Treaty Six Commemoration. – 1985.

North West Rebellion Centennial Fort Pitt Historic Park photo album.

Saskatchewan Historical placemats. – nd.

Rolls

Treaty Six articles. – nd.
Photocopies.

Historic Northwest Saskatchewan. – 1991.
Rolled map.

The NorthWest Campaign. – 1975.
Rolled map.

Central Northwest Saskatchewan. – nd.
Rolled map.

Saskatchewan Trails. – 1961.
Rolled maps.

Art.

Painting by Jimmy Turner. – 1993.
Oil on leather. Painting is of an eagle about to land and is stretched onto and lashed frame. One eagle feather is on the frame.

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Powwow Slides – 34 35mm slides ;

General - 1982-2006 – 13 photographs

Clippings on Edgar Mapletoft; handwritten notes on the Fur Trade; Frenchman Butte; bull advertisements; Canadian Stock Breeders Service; little pipestone ranch business card; photos of cattle and a child. Textbook for mastering speed reading.

DRP Grain Code – 1948

Grain Marketing Methods in Canada – 1935

[Frenchman Butte Festival] – 1980 - 52 photographs

Celebrating Saskatchewan's 75 year anniversary, images show a parade, RCMP on horseback, and Indigenous people in traditional dress.

[Slides] 315 35 mm slides - ~1974

Images of a Powwow; mountain lodges; horse and buggy; cattle; Images in Switzerland and France; community in Africa; Fort Pitt; North Saskatchewan River; farm machinery;

South America; LPSR sale; Cumberland House; Dr. Furgeson Trip; Post Factory; 4-H in St. Wallburg