

Edmund H. Oliver fonds

United Church of Canada, Living Skies Regional Council
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About the Records

Note: See <https://memorysask.ca/edmund-h-oliver-fonds> for detailed description.

Summary

Title proper: Edmund H. Oliver fonds

Reference code: PR 4

Title notes: *Previously identified as Edmund H. Oliver papers (A.676.XVII.D).*

Creators: 1911–1935 Oliver, Edmund Henry

1935–1936 [*Tributes and letters from after Oliver's death.*]

Physical description: 1.93 metres (approx.) textual records

Other formats: Microfilm copy of some records available (microfilm reference number R.10).

Finding aids: GS-168 includes original file and series listings, in section A.676.XVII.D. Microfilm contents listed in IR-12.

About Archival Reference Numbers

When requesting access to specific records, please note the title and date listed, as well as all parts of the reference code, including:

- the locator code (e.g. "A.676");
- a roman-numeral series code (e.g. "XVII") and any sub-series codes present;
- individual file and/or item identifiers.

Example: A.676.XVII.D.1 – Edmund H. Oliver, Correspondence, 1911-1916.

Note: Records marked "restricted" in the finding aid will have to be reviewed before they can be made available to researchers. Requests should be sent to the Living Skies Archives office.

Collection list (from GS-168, volume 1)

A676 XVII. **Personal Papers.**
D. Edmund H. Oliver.

Edmund Henry Oliver was born in Ontario in 1882. He became Professor of History and Economics at the new University of Saskatchewan in 1909, and in 1913 he became the first Principal of the Presbyterian Theological College, Saskatoon (now St. Andrew's College). He continued at St. Andrew's until his death in 1935. In 1916 he became Chaplain to the Canadian forces in World War I, and was a founder of the University of Vimy Ridge, or the Khaki University, which functioned as an educational effort from 1917 until 1919. Dr. Oliver was a prolific writer on many topics, including church history, the settlement of the prairies, Canadian history in general, and the Union of the three protestant churches in Canada, of which movement he was a principal proponent. He was President of Conference in 1925, and Moderator of the Church in 1930/1931. Much of the material in this section consists of manuscript and printed versions of his addresses, articles and monographs.

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- A.676.XVII.D. 1. Correspondence, 1911-1916. 3mm
2. Record book, 1915-1926. 1.5cm
- This includes a diary of a trip made in August 1915 to the Doukhobor area around Veregin, to the Cote Reserve and to the Ruthenians of Kamsack and Canora. It also includes expense accounts and engagement schedules, student records and notes on courses taught at St. Andrew's College.
3. Infantry Training. (4 - Company Organization). War 1cm
Office, London, 1914
4. Company Roll Book, 1916 or later, kept by Captain 1cm
Oliver.
- Includes names, marital status, date of enlistment, former occupation, army occupation.
5. Publications authorised for use on active ser- 2.5cm
vice, including a New Testament and various
hymn and Order-of-Service books.
6. Historical account of the experiences of the 2mm
Overseas Unit of the 196th Battalion (Western
Universities), C.E.F. E.H.Oliver. n.d.
7. Extracts from Camp Orders, Camp Hughes, 1mm
Manitoba, July 1914.
- XVII. D. 8. W.U.B. No.1. Published by the Western 1cm
Universities Battalion, Camp Hughes, 1916.
9. Chevrons to Stars. Canadian Training School, 7mm
Bexhill-on-Sea, England. Vol.1 Nos. 1 and 2. n.d.
10. Sermon by E.H.Oliver. Typed. n.d. 1mm
11. University of Vimy Ridge, 1917-1918.
- a) Miscellaneous material on the organisation 3mm
of this programme, 1917.
- b) Calendar, n.d. 5mm
- c) Minutes, 1917-1918. 2mm
- d) Registration lists (Name, rank, educational 1cm
status, classes taken and instructor. n.d.
- e) Record book of classes held, attendance 1cm
, number of libraries, number of books loaned.

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- A.676.XVII.D.11. f) Course outlines for classes in the School of Technical and Vocational Training. 5mm
- g) Lists of lecturers and related information. 2mm
- h) Class syllabuses. n.d. 2mm
- i) Correspondence, 1917-1918. 3cm
- Staff appointments, student enquiries, curriculum information.
- j) Reports submitted by University President (Capt. Oliver), 1917-1918. 2.5cm
- k) Reports submitted by faculty to President, 1917-1918. 2.5cm
- l) Library reports, 1917-1918. 1cm
- m) Blank report forms and instructions for completion. 5mm
- n) Miscellaneous accounts for supplies, 1918. 2mm
- o) Miscellaneous material referring to educational programmes for servicemen, 1918. 2mm.
12. History of the Educational Movement among Canadian Troops in France. E.H.Oliver. 77p. n.d. 3.5cm
Typed original and carbon copy.
- XVII. D. 13. Khaki University of Canada, 1917-1919.
- a) Prospectus, September, 1918. 5mm
- b) Calendar of the Y.M.C.A. Khaki College, 1917. 5mm
- c) Report of the Assistant Director of Educational Services, Canadians, 1917-1918. 5mm
- d) Report on the Educational Programme for the Soldiers in the Canadian Army.[E.H.Oliver] n.d. 5mm
- e) Department of Extension. Report on lecture tour to 3rd and 4th Divisions, 1919. 2mm
- f) Library. Lists of materials shipped, 1919. 2mm
- g) Conference on Chaplain services to the Khaki University. Minutes, 1919. 2mm
- h) Khaki Theological College. Provisional curriculum and Dean's report, 1919. 3mm

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- A.676.XVII.D.13. i) Examination papers, 1919. 1cm
- j) The Beaver, Vol.1, No. 10. Khaki University of Canada, 1919. 3 copies. 3mm
- k) Newsclippings referring to educational work among the Canadian forces, 1918. 2mm
- l) Letters referring to demobilisation and E.H.Oliver's address to Convocation after demobilisation, 1919. 1mm

14. Correspondence, 1920-1935.

This correspondence begins after E.H.Oliver was demobilised in 1919 and resumed his duties as Principal of St. Andrew's College.

- a) Correspondence, 1920-1922. Refers to the building of the College an Presbyterian School Home (residence for rural students attending city high schools) in cooperation with the Board of Home Missions. Later correspondence pertains to the movement toward church union. 5mm
- b) Correspondence, 1925-1929. Most pertains to students, either in the College or the School Home; some letters refer to ordinations and settlement. A portion of the 1928 correspondence is concerned with Catholic schools in the Humboldt-Watson area. 7mm
- c) Correspondence, 1930-1932. Refers to the college and students, but most refers to the drought and the desparate economic conditions in the west. Included are reports of tours and visitations of drought-stricken areas, reports of presbytery rallies and church-sponsored relief schemes. 1cm
- d) Correspondence, 1934-1935. 1mm
15. Miscellaneous letters and tributes to Dr. Oliver after his death, 1935-1936. 2mm
16. Religious History of Saskatchewan to 1935. E.H.Oliver. Written for the 10th Anniversary of Union. 9 volumes. Typed with corrections in ink. 16cm
17. Carbon copy of XVII D.16. 16cm
18. The Beginnings of White Settlement in Northern Saskatchewan, 1870-1891. E.H.Oliver. 4lp. n.d. Includes lists of settlers in the Prince Alber area. Typed. 7mm

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- A.676.XVII.D. 19. Economic Conditions in Saskatchewan, 1870-1891. 5mm
E.H.Oliver, 1933. Paper for the Royal Society
of Canada. 39p.
20. Abbatia Nullius of St. Peter. An Experiment in 1.5cm
Religious Settlement in Northern Saskatchewan.
E.H.Oliver. 33p. n.d. Typed original and 2 carbon
copies.
21. St. Peter's Colony, Muenster. 2cm

Folder of material including commemorative
booklet, 1928, clippings and maps showing the
boundaries of the colony, schools and post
offices.
22. The Country School in Non-English Communities in 1cm
Saskatchewan. E.H.Oliver, 1915. Handwritten
address and printed copy.
23. The Bohemian Settlement of Glenside. E.H.Oliver. 2cm
Typed M.S. with photographs, lists of families and
lists of schools in the area. 20p. n.d.
24. The Coming of the Barr Colonists. E.H.Oliver. 3mm
27p. n.d.
25. Diary of Mrs. William Rendell, Barr Colonist, 1903. 3mm
31p.
- XVII. D. 26. Peter Veregin. E.H.Oliver. Paper read to the 1cm
Royal Society of Canada. 33p. n.d. One typed and
two carbon copies.
27. Protestant Hungarians in Saskatchewan. 2mm
E.H.Oliver, n.d. Original and revised copy.
28. New Canadians in Saskatchewan. Reports to 6mm
General Council and unidentified article. n.d.
29. A Study in the Antecedents of a People and a 2cm
Present Problem: The Ruthenians of the Prairies.
E.H.Oliver. n.d. Handwritten M.S.
30. Copy of the dissertation of Francis Hoffman on 1.5cm
immigrants from Central and South-east Europe,
1925-1927. Presented in 1927.
31. The Settlement and Progress of the West, 2cm
1867-1914. E.H.Oliver. 64p. n.d. Handwritten M.S.
and carbon copy of typed version.
32. The Settlement of Saskatchewan to 1914. 2cm
E.H.Oliver., 1926.40p. Typed and carbon copy,
and handwritten M.S.

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- A.676.XVII.D. 33. Early History of Saskatchewan. 16 p. n.d. 2mm
34. Diary of James Austin kept during the Riel Rebellion. Transcript. Sent to E.H.Oliver, 1924.
35. The Making of the West. E.H.Oliver. 36p. n.d. 5mm
Typed.
36. The Contest Between Lieutenant-Governor Royal and the Legislature of the North-West Territories, 1888-1893. E.H.Oliver. 49p. n.d. 2 typed copies. 1cm
37. The Beginnings of Congregationalism in Upper Canada. E.H.Oliver, 1936. 20p. 3 typed copies. 6cm
38. The Journal of the Rev. Edward Sallows, 1848-1849. E.H.Oliver, 1931. 15 p. 3 typed copies and printed version. 5mm
39. The Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan, 1861-1881. E.H.Oliver, 1934. Handwritten and typed copies. 1cm
40. The Jubilee of Presbyterianism in Saskatchewan, 1886-1916. E.H.Oliver. n.d. Handwritten and typed copy. 4cm
41. His Dominion of Canada. E.H.Oliver, 1932. 250p. Typed copy and readers' comments. 3cm
- XVII. D. 42. The Regulation of Liquor on the Prairies, 1670, to the Present. E.H. Oliver, 1922. Basis for a course in social problems in the College. Typed carbon copy. 3cm
43. Church Finances in Earlier Days. E.H. Oliver, 1935. 2 typed copies. 4cm
44. The Making of the Modern World. E.H. Oliver, 1933. Address notes and related information. 4mm
45. Galley proofs of papers read to the Royal Society of Canada by E.H. Oliver. 2cm
46. Pastoral Stage of Rome. E.H. Oliver. 5mm
47. The Women of the Christian Church. E.H. Oliver. n.d. Handwritten and two typed copies. 6cm
48. Spiritual Freedom. E.H. Oliver. n.d. Typed and carbon copies. 1cm
49. "Sharing" in the New Testament, Volimes I and II. E.H.Oliver, 1933. Handwritten. Prepared for a course at St. Andrew's. 3cm.

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- A.676.XVII.D. 50. Typed copy and 2 carbon copies of 49. 5.5cm
51. New Testament in Greek. Dr. Oliver's copy. 3cm
52. Studies in Christian Education. E.H.Oliver. 5mm
n.d. Typed and carbon copy.
53. Reports on church colleges, 1922, relating to 53. 5mm
54. Survey of Educational Institutions Under the 1.5cm
Auspices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada,
1921. Pertains to 52.
55. Articles and addresses on church union by E.H. 3cm
Oliver.
- "Who Shall Vote Union?" n.d.
Address on proposed amendment to union legislation n.d.
Address on the Anti-Unionist position. n.d.
"The Spiritual Independence of the Church". n.d.
Address on Union and the Provincial Legislature. n.d.
Address on church union delivered to presbyteries,
with itinerary. n.d.
Address on the Basis of Union and the Church Union Bill.
n.d.
Notes on the historical background to union. n.d.
"The Mingling of Three Streams of Tradition and
Influence" n.d.
Voting statistics on the Duff Amendment to the
Union Bill, General Assembly of the Presbyterian
Church in Canada, 1924.
"Our Achievements, 1925-1935."
- XVII. D. 56. "A Bill of Rights for the Youth of Canada" 2mm
Address as Moderator, 1932. Typed and carbon copies.
57. The Ordination of Women. E.H.Oliver, 1934 or 1mm
1935. Typed.
58. Message to the Governing Bodies of the Protestant 3mm
Churches in the Neutral and Entente Countries.
E.H.Oliver. 19p. n.d.(Post 1918) Carbon copy.
59. All the Trumpets. Studies in Triumphant Dying. 1cm
(Christian martyrdom) 100p. n.d.
60. Report of Royal Commission on Liquor Dispensation 2cm
in the State of South Carolina. E.H.Oliver,
Commissioner, 1905.
61. Beaver Lodge. A Frontier Settlement in Northern 1cm
Saskatchewan. Henry Esmund. Fictionalised story
of a church mission, written by E.H.Oliver under
a pseudonym. n.d.

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- A.676.XVII.D. 62. The Changed and Changing Ministry of the Church in Saskatchewan. H. McConnell, at the request of E.H.Oliver. n.d. 1mm
63. Excerpts from journals containing articles by E.H.Oliver: "Marinus' Choice"; 1922; "The Tragedy of a Lie", 1934. 3mm
64. Publications containing articles by E.H.Oliver. 1.5cm
The Saturday Press, Saskatoon, 1914.
The Saturday Press and Prairie Farm, Saskatoon, 1915.
2 copies.
The Canadian Congregationalist, Toronto, 1925.
65. Articles by E.H.Oliver in pamphlet form, mostly undated. 1cm
"What the Canadian expects of the New Canadian" Hebrew-English; Ukrainian-English 2 copies.
"The Country School in Non-English Speaking Communities in Saskatchewan"; 1915. 2 copies.
"The Investment of Life", 1921. For students of colleges and universities. 2 copies.
"The Liquor Traffic in the Prairie Provinces" n.d.
Address to the British and Foreign Bible Society, 1931. 3 copies.
Handwritten version of address to the B.F.B.S.
"The Making of a Minister in the Third Century". n.d.
66. Report of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association, 1926. containing a paper presented by E.H.Oliver. 7mm
67. Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, 1923-1928, containing papers by E.H.Oliver. 1.5cm
- XVII. D. 68. The Canadian North-West: Its Early Development. Canadian Archives Publication No. 9, 1914. 6cm
69. Agricultural Credit Commission. Report, 1931, written by E.H.Oliver. 7mm
70. Published monographs by E.H.Oliver. 13cm
The Liquor Traffic in the Prairie Provinces. Board of Home Missions and Social Service, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1923.
The Social Achievements of the Christian Church. Board of Evangelism and Social Service, United Church of Canada, 1930.
The Winning of the Frontier. United Church Publishing House, Toronto, 1930.
His Dominion of Canada. Woman's Missionary Society and Board of Home Missions, United Church of Canada, 1932.
Tracts for Difficult Times. Round Table Press, New York, 1933.

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- A.676.XVII.D. 71. Miscellaneous publications and memorabilia . 11cm
collected by E.H.Oliver.
- War Atlas. Thomas Nelson and Sons, 1917.
Armistice poster, Mons, France, 1918. (Oversize drawer)
World War I maps, France and Belgium. (Oversize drawer)
Various patriotic publications, 1914-1916.
72. Miscellaneous memorabilia, 1907-1918. Includes 5mm
photographs pertaining to military service.
73. Canadian Corps Championship Book, 1918. 3mm
74. Souvenir programmes and booklets. 1.5cm
- General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in Canada,
1914, 1915.
New Knox College, Toronto, n.d.
Emmanuel College (Victoria University) Toronto,
1829-1929.
Union of the Church of Scotland and the United
Free Church of Scotland, First General Assembly,
1929.
Golden Jubilee of Central United Church, Calgary,
1933.
75. Gramophone records produced by the Missionary and 1cm
and Maintenance Fund, United Church of Canada. n.d.
76. A Nation Sentenced to Death, Budapest, 1929. 1cm
In English, Hungarian, Italian.
77. Press Clippings, 1912-1932. 6cm
- XVII. D. 78. Material pertaining to the drought situation
on the prairies and the response of the United
Church to the situation, 1930-1932, at which
time Dr. Oliver was Moderator.
- a) Report of the Conference on the United
Church Situation on the Prairies, held
in Knox United Church, Regina, January 5th,
1931. (Dr. Oliver presided.) 3 mm
- b) Reports, 1931. 1 cm
- 1) Reports of visitations and ofitour made
by Dr. Oliver and church officials, with
recommendations, July 1931. (One typed
copy with annotations by E.H. Oliver;
one mimeographed copy.)
- 2) Report of the National Emergency Relief
Committee of the United Church, August
1931-March 1932.

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A.676.XVII.D.78.b) 3) National Emergency Relief Committee.
Report of Operations and General State-
ment surrounding the Administration of
Relief in Saskatchewan, September, 1931.

c) Correspondence on the administration of
relief, 1931. 1 cm

d) Letters to E.H. Oliver by United Church
ministers regarding the situation in the
areas they served, 1931. 2 cm

e) Letters of appreciation, 1932. 3 mm

f) Dr. Oliver's notebook pertaining to his
fact-finding tour of the draught areas,
1931. 4 cm

Includes map and news clippings of
Cora Hind's tour in the same year.
Notebook of press clippings from
a Toronto daily newspaper reporting
conditions in southern Saskatchewan.
Government of Saskatchewan highway
map, with areas of varying crop prod-
uction marked.

g) Notes on the situation on the prairies, 5 mm
n.d.

Memo for United Church Ministers re Relief,
1931.

Typed manuscript What the United Church has
Been Privileged to do for the Needy in South
Saskatchewan, 1931-1934. Subtitled
The Tragedy of Saskatchewan. Board of Home

XVII. D. 78. (cont.)

g) (cont.) Home Missions, United Church of Canada,
1937. 6p. 2 copies.

The United Church Record and Missionary
Review, Toronto, September, 1931. 31p.

h) Newspapers, 1931.