

MJ-235

Emmet Heiter collection. – [textual record, graphic material]. – 1909-2014. – 4.20 cm of textual records. – 55 photocopied photographs.

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Source of title proper

Although many of the records were originally created by Emmet Heiter, they have all been photocopied and prepared by Bill and Dee Dee McCreary as part of their research project on Emmet Heiter.

Biographical history

Bill and Dee Dee McCreary began a research project on Emmet Heiter and his service with the Moose Jaw Fire Department as well as his service in the 46th Battalion in the First World War.

Emmet Heiter was born on March 3, 1891 and raised East of Assumption, Illinois. He left home and moved in with his Uncle Ham in Montana in 1908. He eventually settled in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to work for the local fire department in 1912.

On September 15, 1915 Emmet enlisted with the 46th Battalion and sailed to France during the First World War. Emmet was fighting in the trenches of the Western Front in August, 1916. From October 1, 1916 to November 11, 1916 he participated in the Battle of the Somme by fighting in the smaller Battle of Ancre Heights. Emmet was wounded by shrapnel at Vimy Ridge on January 5, 1917. He was discharged from the infantry on March 6, 1919. Emmet was one of only three members of his division to survive the war.

After the war, Emmet returned to his family's farm in Illinois due to his father's failing health. He married Gertrude Campbell on February 12, 1921 and had six children: Jean, Delmar, Ilene (Midge), Rosalyn, Marguerite, and Donna. Emmet became supervisor and Justice of the Peace of Rural Township as well as a member of the Assumption Board of Education.

Emmet died on April 24, 1977.

Fonds level scope and content

This collection contains photocopied records of and about Emmet Heiter that were prepared and photocopied by Bill and Dee Dee McCreary. These have been organized into four series: correspondence, service papers, research, and photographs.

Arrangement

Artificial order has been imposed.

Conservation note

This collection was foldered and boxed in 2017.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

The material was donated to the archives by Bob and Dee Dee McCreary as accession 63.2017 on August 29, 2014.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Series level scope and content

MJ-235/1 Correspondences. – [textual record]. – 1909-2014. – 4.10 cm of textual records.

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This series includes letters written by Emmet Heiter to family members, from his family to Heiter, and letters from the Red Cross to Heiter's family. Also included is a letter from Mrs. Maguerite Jackson to Canadian Veterans Affairs requesting a flag for Emmet Heiter's funeral, along with the reply from Veterans Affairs.

MJ-235/2 Service Papers. – [textual record]. – 1912-1919. – 8 p. of textual records.

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This series includes the records relating to the service of Emmet Heiter in the Moose Jaw Fire Department, and his discharge papers from the infantry. It also includes a photocopy of his name in the 1912 Henderson's Directory, and two poems.

MJ-235/3 Research. – [textual record]. – 1915-2013. – 14 p. of textual records.

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This series includes secondary sources on Emmet Heiter and WWI including cemetery records, newspaper articles, excerpts from publications, and other research done by Bill and Dee Dee McCreary.

MJ-235/4 Photographs. – [graphic material]. – 1912-1998. – 55 photocopied photographs.

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This series consists of photocopies of photographs of Emmet Heiter during his service with the Moose Jaw Fire Department and during his service with the 46th Battalion during WWI. Supplementary information by Bill and Dee Dee McCreary is included with the photographs. Also included are photographs that Bill and Dee Dee McCreary took on their visit to Moose Jaw in 1998.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-235/1 Correspondences. – [textual record]. – 1909-2014. – 4.10 cm of textual records.

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001 – Correspondences 1909-1915. – January 3, 1909 - September 14, 1915. – 24 p.

002 – Correspondences 1915-1916. – September 22, 1915 - October 18, 1916. – 40 p.

003 – Correspondences 1916-1977. – September 22, 1915 - November 19, 1977. – ca. 40 p.

MJ-235/2 Service Papers. – [textual record]. – 1912-1919. – 8 p. of textual records.

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004 – Firemen's Benefit Association and Henderson's Directory. – 1912-1915. – 2 p.

005 – Discharge Certificate. – March 6, 1919. – 4 p.

006 – Poems. – [191-?]. – 3 p.

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007 – Assumption Cemetery Records. – May 2010. – 4 p.

008 – Articles and Excerpts on Emmet Heiter. – October 15, 1915 - October 10, 2013. – 10 p.

009 – Moose Jaw and WWI Research (Part 1). – 2007-2010. – 33 p.

010 – Moose Jaw and WWI Research (Part 2). – 2007-2010. – 12 p.

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011 - Photographs. - 1912 - 1998. - 55 photocopied photographs.