



MG 232: Emmie Ducie Oddie fonds

Dates: 1921-2003

Extent: 1 m of textual records, 59 photographs, 2 cassette tapes.

Biography: Emmie Ducie was born in 1916 in the Coates district near Dundurn, Saskatchewan. Her elementary schooling was taken in a one-room school at Coates; she was awarded the Governor-General's Medal in Grade 8. Her high school was largely by correspondence, via Nutana Collegiate, Saskatoon. She earned a BSc in Home Economics from the University of Saskatchewan in 1941, and her MSc from Washington State in 1943.

She worked, variously, at the Extension Division of the University of Saskatchewan (1940-1942); as Home Economist for the Department of Agriculture (1943); as Nutritionist for the Toronto branch of the Red Cross (1943-1945); as Supervisor of Girls' Work, Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan (1945-1946); as Special Lecturer, in a joint appointment with Extension and the College of Home Economics (1969-1973); part-time at the Regina Campus/University of Regina (1973-1975); and perhaps was best known for her regular column in The Western Producer, for 50 years, beginning in 1949. She was president of the Saskatchewan Home Economics Association and the Canadian Home Economics Association; served as president of the Saskatchewan Women's Institute and Federated Women's Institutes of Canada; was a member of the Saskatchewan Arts Board for 10 years and of the Saskatchewan Milk Control Board for 16 years. She married Langford Oddie in 1946.

Her mother, Emma Roberts Ducie, was born in England in 1883 and emigrated to Canada with her family in 1907. She married Harry Ducie, a farmer and school trustee, in 1909; they had three children, Harold, Rose, and Emmie. Emma Ducie organized the Coates Homemakers' Club and continued to be an active member of the Clubs and Women's Institutes at the local, provincial, and national level. She also served with the Saskatoon Council of Women, the Saskatoon Friendship Club and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. She was also a long-serving member of the advisory council for the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. She died in 1990.

Rose Ducie was born in 1911. She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with an honors degree in English and History when she was 19 years old and in 1935, enrolled in Business College. She joined the staff of the Western Producer in 1937 as assistant to the women's editor, Violet McNaughton. When Violet McNaughton retired in 1950, Rose became women's editor for the Producer; a position she retained until her marriage to Allen Jardine in 1960. They lived briefly in Flaxcombe, then moved to Oyen, Alberta, where they ran a farm machinery dealership. She served on the Oyen Chamber of Commerce for over 27 years and was extremely active within the community. During

this time she wrote a column, "Garden Chat," for the Producer. Her final column was written in 1996. Rose died in 2003.

Custodial History: Donated to the University Archives by Emmie Ducie Oddie.

Scope and Content: This fonds contains material relating to issues of nutrition, home economy, rural life and consumer advice. It includes material relating to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and various branches of the Saskatchewan Women's Institutes, together with documentation created during Emmie Oddie's career and voluntary service interests. Additionally, this fonds contains material created by, collected by, or about Emmie's mother and sister, and their careers.

Arrangement: This fonds has been organized into the following series:

1. Personal, Family and Work-Related Records
2. Reference Material

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.

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Series 1: Personal, Family, and Work-Related Records

Agricultural Extension Review Committee. – 1978-1986.

Correspondence and briefs, including “An Extension Service for the Farming Family,” from the Saskatchewan Home Economics Association (SHEA); “A Study to Determine the Need for Home Economics Extension Services in Rural Saskatchewan,” by Cheryl van Blaricom; “Farm Family Resource Management Services,” by the Saskatoon and District Home Economics Association; “A Proposal for Home Economics Extension Services in Saskatchewan Agriculture,” by SHEA; “A Proposal for Home Economics Extension Service in Saskatchewan,” by SHEA; “A Framework for Program Planning in the Home Economics Branch,” by Alberta Agriculture Home Economics Branch; “Background on briefs to Government Presented to the Co-ordinating Council Meeting.”

Audio tapes. – 1978-1979, 1983. - 2 cassette tapes.

CBC interview with Emma Ducie regarding the “Persons Award;” CBC interview with Emma Ducie regarding pioneer women and the Women’s Institutes; speech by Emma Ducie at her 95th birthday, about her life; reminiscences by Emma Ducie in response to questions from Rosemary Oddie.

Betty’s Scrapbook of Little Recipes for Little Cooks. - OV

From a series run in the Nor’-West Farmer.

Biographical.

Includes a curriculum vitae; a copy of essay, “Mary Wollestonecraft and Emmie Oddie Professional Contributions of Selected Individuals;” clippings; correspondence regarding career; transcripts; etc.

Blackley District Homemakers. – 1930.

Copy of first annual meeting agenda.

Cheerio Club Minute Book. – 1933-1938. – 2 folders.

A “Young People’s Society.” Rose Ducie was elected first president, and Harold Ducie, secretary-treasurer. Includes minutes & budget statements; loose ephemera includes a thank-you card, several copies of a poem starting ‘club friends stand together,’ a receipt and Christmas carol song sheet.

Cheerio Club Scrapbook. – 1932-1935.

Lists of officers, members, committees, and “highlights of the season” for each year. Invitations and other ephemera are included, as are 13 b&w photos of club

members and the school house they converted into their clubhouse. An article about the club, "Vim and Vision in Club Work" by Rose Ducie, is also included.

Clippings. – 1971-1972, 1992.

"Homemaker's history recalled as name is changed to WI;" "Mrs. Violet McNaughton named to Agricultural Hall of Fame;" "Three caring women."

Coates Homemaker's Club. – 1932, 1935-1936.

College of Home Economics. – 1987.

Submission to the University of Saskatchewan administration.

Community Canning Centres. – [ca. 1948].

Correspondence. – 1946-1986.

Correspondence – Archives. – 2000.

Regarding donation of material.

Ducie, Emma Roberts. – 1.5 cm of textual records, 9 photographs.

Includes "Poor but Rich," a copy of the eulogy by Terry Harley, "Emma Ducie: Creator of the Coates Homemakers' Club and Centurian Leader," essay by Sharon Elliott; "Report of Agriculture Convenor for FWIC 1939-1941;" biographical information on recipients of the Persons Awards, 1983; biographical information and various newspaper clippings.

Eaton's Farm News Service. – [ca. 1928-1929].

A series of pamphlets on various subjects of "agriculture and home interests." The binder identifies this collection as belonging to Langford Oddie.

Exhibits. – 1945-1946. – textual records, 24 photographs.

"Exhibits" created for the Department of Women's Work, University of Saskatchewan. Each has been pasted into the interior of file folders. Includes "Around Saskatchewan with the Homecraft Clubs;" "Farm Girls' Camp;" "Moose Jaw Farm Girls' Camp;" Homecraft; and "Around the province to the Farm Girls' Camps." Some images are duplicated and include "Elstow Homecraft;" "Thaxted group trained by Margaret Carlson for Melfort Farm Girls' Camp;" "Elstow 1945;" "Homecraft Exhibit Saskatoon Fair 1945;" Lloydminster Camp; North Battleford; Prince Albert; Yorkton; "Elstow Homecraft Achievement Day;" "Lost River View Homecraft;" A separate image within the file is of the "Homecraft Camp, Melfort." Also included is a pamphlet for the 11th Annual Farm Girls' Camp, Moose Jaw.

Family.

Article on Rose Jardine, Emma Oddie and Emmie Oddie; article on Helene Ducie in "Tints and Shades."

Farm Women's Conference. – 1980.

Correspondence, clippings etc. regarding the first national farm women's conference.

Federated Women's Institute - Conventions. – 1973-1982. - textual records, 2 photographs.

Convention programs for various provincial women's institutes as well as the national convention; correspondence; notes for an address by Emmie Oddie; copy of "Federated News," etc.

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

Reports, clippings, etc. Includes program for "Associated Country Women of the World" (ACWW)

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada – Clippings.

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada 1970-1988.

Incomplete copy.

"From Prairie Kitchens." – 1980.

Recipes by Saskatchewan Women's Institute; compiled by Emmie Oddie.

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"From Saskatchewan Homemakers' Kitchens." – 1955.

Cookbook compiled by the Homemakers' Clubs in honour of Saskatchewan's Golden Jubilee.

History of Zelma Homemaker's Club.

Handwritten notes by A.C. Hamilton.

"Holidays on the Farm." – [ca. 1992].

Reminiscences of Doris Rokosh, who spent summers near the Ducie farm.

Home Economics for Living Project. – nd, 2003.

Notes, correspondence.

Honors and Awards.

Honors and Awards – Order of Canada

“I’d Like To Know” / “Emmie Oddie’s Column.” - OV

Scrapbook of clippings from the weekly column in the Western Producer.

Jardine, Rose Ducie. – [ca. 1930]-2003. – 3 cm of textual records, 8 photographs.

Articles by and about Rose Jardine; reminiscences by Helene Ducie and Rose Jardine, “Rose Jardine, Emmie Oddie and the Ducie Tradition” by Darlene Polachic; biographical information and texts of addresses; together with the citation for the Queen’s Commemorative medal, programme for the “Appreciation Night” to honor Rose; and her funeral programme. Photographs include formal and informal portraits.

McNaughton, Violet Clara – Estate. – nd, 1968-1969.

Correspondence regarding possible codicil to Violet McNaughton’s will.

McNaughton, Violet – Photographs. – 10 b&w photographs.

Various candid and formal portraits of Violet McNaughton; photos of together with her husband John; brother, Emma Ducie; candid group portrait with other (unidentified) women. Also includes a [Christmas] greeting from the McNaughton’s to Emma Ducie, “science at the crossroads.”

Miscellaneous.

Notable Saskatchewan Women. – 1980.

Notes – [Growing Up in Saskatchewan.]

Oddie, Emmie Ducie. – [ca. 1920s - 1996]. – 3 cm of textual records, 6 photographs.

Includes handwritten notes, “Women and the Family,” “Social Organization of the Coates Community;” programmes from the Women of Distinction awards, “An Evening with Emmie,” and the Saskatchewan Order of Merit; various clippings. Photographs include various portraits, and a family picture of the Ducie family ca. 1920s.

Photographs. – 1930, 1932, 1953.

Officers and conveners of the Homemakers, 1930-1931.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Convention, 1930 (OV)

Homemakers Convention, Saskatoon, 1932 (OV)

Associated Country Women of the World, Toronto, 1953 (OV)

Report of Provincial Standing Committee on Agriculture. – 1935.

Report of the Task Force on Item Pricing. – 1982.

Prepared for Jack Sandberg, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Affairs,
Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Health Programs. – 1973-2001.

Includes proposal for “Home and Family Resource Management Program;” draft
“Submission to the Ministers of Health, Agriculture, Social Services and Northern
Saskatchewan of the Province of Saskatchewan;” “Planning for Saskatchewan’s
Future: Population and Health Services Projections to 2015;” “A Report on the
Role of Home Economists in Public Welfare Agencies;” “Status of Home
Economist Services in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia as
of February 1974;” “Submission to the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture
Relative to the Appointment of Regional Home Economists;” etc.

Saskatchewan Women’s Institutes. – 1974-1976.

President’s reports.

Submission to the Minister of Social Services of the Province of Saskatchewan. – 1975.

Talks & Addresses. – nd, 1981.

Includes talks given in Regina; Olds, Alberta; University of Waterloo; Truro, Nova
Scotia; New Brunswick; Vancouver, BC; Mount Allison; etc.

Talks & Addresses - Career Expo.

Notes.

Talks & Addresses – “The Evolution of the Land.”

Notes, together with images from a publication documenting various aspects of
agriculture.

Talks & Addresses – Folklore Society. – 1999.

Notes and correspondence.

Talks & Addresses – “Sask. Then and Now.”

[Given to the Unitarians].

Talks & Addresses – “A Tribute to the College of Home Economics.” – 1990.

Wolox School District Ratepayers’ Meeting Minute Book. – 1921-1939.

Women and the Family. – 1973.

Prepared by Emmie Oddie as part of a Status of Women series.

Women in SWI.
Notes.

Box 3

Women's Institutes of Saskatchewan – The Second Penny. – 1974-1977, 1996.
Incomplete set of newsletter.

Writing for the Western Producer.
Notes; various images from [Looking West] are included.

Series 2: Reference

Adelaide Hoodless, Domestic Crusader. – Cheryl MacDonald, 1986.

Adelaide Hoodless, Woman with a Vision. – Ruth Howes, 1965.

Alberta Women in Politics. – Michael Palamarek, 1989.

The Book of Ideas. – Alberta Women's Institutes, 1967.

FWIC. – Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, 1961.

The Great Human Heart: A History of the Manitoba Women's Institute, 1910-1980. –
Manitoba Women's Institute, 1980.

Home Economics in Canada. – Edith Rowles, nd.

Homemakers' Clubs 1910-1920. – University of Saskatchewan, 1920.

Homemakers' Clubs of Saskatchewan 1911-1961.

4 copies.

Modern Pioneers 1909-1959. – British Columbia Women's Institute, nd.

2 copies.

Ontario Women's Institute Story. – Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, 1972.

A Pioneer Remembers. – Alice Reber Hill, 1978.

Retrospect and Prospect. – ca. 1936.

Through the Years Part II. – The Women’s Institutes of PEI.

Quebec Women’s Institutes 1911-1986. – Quebec Women’s Institutes, 1986.

QWI Pioneers 1911-1981. – Quebec Women’s Institutes, 1981.

Women’s Institutes in Canada: The First One Hundred Years 1897-1997. – Linda Ambrose, 2000.

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1 photograph of the women's institute. – ca 1917.