



MG 173: Helen Shirriff Alexander fonds

Accession: 996-81

Dates: ca. 1860s – 1932

Extent: 6 cm of textual records

Biography: Helen Emmeline Shirriff was born 10 January 1898 in Brandon, Manitoba. She married Robert Alexander in 1919; together they farmed at Portreeve, Saskatchewan, until Robert's death in 1955. Helen remained actively involved in the management of the farm until her death. In addition, Helen was a schoolteacher. Her long career in education began in 1916, and took her to various locations throughout the north and west, including Athabaska Landing (1918), Whitehorse (1956), and the Glidden Hutterite Colony (1967). She died in Saskatoon on 6 April 1992.

Custodial History: Donated by Betty Huckabay

Scope and Content: This fonds contains a bound typescript copy of Helen's memoirs, *The Unforgotten Years*. These memoirs document the Shirriff and Alexander families, and are particularly descriptive of life in Western Canada between the 1860s and 1932.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions.

1. *The Unforgotten Years* - Book One.

Includes an epilogue written by Betty Alexander Huckabay, and obituary notices for Helen Shirriff Alexander and Robert Alexander.

2. *The Unforgotten Years* - Book Two.