



MG 93- J. Howard Richards fonds

Dates: 1956-1988 (inclusive)

Extent: 1.36 m textual records

Biography: Dr. J. Howard Richards was born in 1916 in Caerphilly Wales. He earned his B.SC with Honors in 1938 at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth. He worked briefly as a Geography teacher in Penorth, Wales in 1939, and moved to Canada in the early 1940's. During the war, he served with the Canadian army for four years, from 1942 to 1946, and upon his return obtained his M.A. from the University of Toronto in 1947. During his studies, from 1946 to 1947, he worked as a teaching fellow in the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto, and by 1948 had achieved the title of Sessional Lecturer. From 1948 to 1951, Dr. Richards worked as an instructor at Utica College at Syracuse University, and from 1951-1953 he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba. Towards the end of 1953, Richards returned to the University of Toronto this time as a lecturer, a position he held there from 1953-1956. In 1954, while at the University of Toronto, Richards obtained his Ph. D. From 1956 to 1960, he worked as an Assistant and Associate Professor at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario. In 1960, Dr. Richards was hired as a professor of Geography at the University of Saskatchewan, a position he would hold for nearly two decades, until his retirement in 1979. During this period, he also acted as the Head of the Department of Geography. His contributions to the study of Saskatchewan geography are extensive, and the *Atlas of Saskatchewan*, of which he was editor, was highly acclaimed (published 1969, when he was Department Head). This was the first comprehensive atlas of Saskatchewan geography produced, and took four years to complete. Richards is also well known for his work in regional and urban planning, and in fact he (along with John G. McConnell) started Regional and Urban Planning Program at the University of Saskatchewan in 1968. He passed away in 2003.

Scope and Content: Material consists largely of Richards' correspondence, lecture materials, and writing, as well as the writing and research of his peers. His work on the *Atlas of Saskatchewan* is included, as his a variety of research material from studies done on an array of topics including recreation and national parks, NASA, land use, and grasslands.

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Box 1

1. CV and Personal Data. – c. 1975-1983. – **RESTRICTED.**
2. Addresses. – 1964-1988. – 3 folders.
“Alternatives for Saskatchewan”; “Appraisal . . . Renewable Resources (SK)” ;
“Assessment . . . A. R. D. A. Recreation” ; “Canadian National Parks” ; “Field Trip Notes” ;
“ Changing Canadian Frontiers” ; “Edmonton and Calgary” ; “Geographical Research . .
.Great Plains” ; “Geography and Teaching History” ; “Inventory and Prospect” ; “Is There
a Western Canadian Identity” ; [Physical Geography and Land Use – ms. Of lectures at
Johnson Space Centre] ; “Land Use Planning in Saskatchewan” ; “Manitoba” ;
“Perspective on Regional Planning” ; “Pilot Land Use Study . . .Meadow Lake” ;
“Recreation in Planning” ; “Recreation Potential . . .River Delta, SK” ; “Regionalism and
Regional Planning” ; “Status of Saskatchewan . . .Western Interior” ; “Tourism in NW
Settled Saskatchewan” ; “Tourism in SE Saskatchewan” ; “Transportation and
Communication” ; “Western Interior . . .Development” ; “What are the Canadian
National Parks” .
3. Articles. – 1958-1974.
“Changing Canadian Frontiers” ; “Land Types. . .Southern Ontario” ; “Northland or
Promised Land” ; “Physical Environment. . .Economic Base” ; “Population . . .Hastings
County (Ont)” ; “The Prairie Region” ; “Provincialism, Regionalism, Resources”
4. Correspondence. – 1957-1983. – **RESTRICTED.**
Activities, assessments and appraisal of projects, references, departmental matters,
Kingston’s history, exams, etc.
5. Atlas of Saskatchewan files.
 - a) Business (costs, etc). – 1964-1969.
 - b) Correspondence. – 1965-1982.
 - c) Changes/Corrections. – 1969-1982.
 - d) Recognitions (reviews, etc). – 1965-1982.
 - e) References. – 1965-1968.
 - f) Proposed Interpretive Atlas of Saskatchewan, 1981. – 1980-1982.

Box 2

6. Contracts. – Research Projects. – 1963-1978. – **RESTRICTED .**

7. Association of Professional Community Planners of Saskatchewan. – 1971-1982.
Examination for membership and U of S courses and exams
8. Census Division #16: Recreation Potential. – 1968.
9. Conference : “Professionals Changing Urban Patterns.” – 1979-1981.
Held in Saskatoon, March 8-9 1979 (taped presentations transcribed, papers prepared for presentation).
10. Canada Land Inventory : Saskatchewan. – 1967-1975. – 2 folders.
11. Grasslands National Park Proposed. – 1975-1977.
12. Hosford Atlas Project. – 1977-1981.
Saskatchewan study atlas, printed but not published.
13. Mapping for Planning Project. – 1974.

Box 3

14. Pilot Land Use Study (Sask). – 1968-1973.
Correspondence, Minutes, agreements, reports, etc.
15. NASA Course (Johnson Space Centre). – 1974.
16. Regional Land Use Conflicts Project (SK). – 1978-1980.
Correspondence, reports.
17. The Prairie Community of Canada
 - a. “Potential Market for Prairie Iron Ore” by SK Econ Research Branch – 1963
 - b. “Prairie Community of Canada” and “Prairie Community System in Canada” by C. C. Zimmermann & G. W. Moneo” – 1970
 - c. “Report on Outdoor Recreation in Southern Saskatchewan” by W. M. Boker (pt. I & II) – 1958 – 2 folders

Box 4

18. Saskatchewan Media : Saskatchewan Transparencies Project – 1980

(Labelled as MG 93 s.2)

Correspondence files – **RESTRICTED**

On C.V., activities, research projects, sabbatical leaves, book reviews, references, etc.

1. Correspondence. – 1960-1974.
2. Correspondence. – 1975-1976.
3. Correspondence. – 1977-1987.

Miscellaneous

4. Department of Natural Resources. - 1968-1970.
Contracts
5. Encyclopedia. – 1967-1962.
Contributions on Saskatchewan for Groliers, etc.
6. Grasslands Hearings. – 1976. – **RESTRICTED.**
7. Lectures: External. – n.d.
8. University Lecture Series. – 1964-1965.
9. Clippings. – 1956-1965.
Regarding regional/urban planning

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Additional. – 1 folder. – 1957-2003.

Correspondence, clippings, photograph, CV, bibliography, etc.

Pilot Land Use Study, Northwest Settled Saskatchewan, Department of Natural Resources. - 1973. – 9 volumes.

This did not appear to be listed with the first accession, though they relate to item 14 in Box 3. The box these volumes were found in did not have any accession number on them, just J.H Richards written on it, found alongside the other Richards material.

2004-067 – Unlisted, unprocessed.

Textual material including course syllabus, what appear to be drafts of chapters, correspondence, etc.