

MJ-17

James Ernie Pascoe fonds. - [textual record, technical drawing]. - 1920-1972. - 2.70 m of textual records and technical drawings.

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Biographical history

James Ernest (Ernie) Pascoe was born at Boharm on August 7, 1900. His parents James and Mary (Olten) Pascoe were pioneers who homesteaded in the district. Ernie had one brother and seven sisters.

When Ernie was four years old the family moved to Moose Jaw. His father was elected mayor in 1913, and again in 1929, 1930 and 1931. In 1919 Ernie joined the staff of the Moose Jaw Times for the summer before he entered the University of Saskatchewan. He graduated in 1924 with a Bachelor of Arts degree specializing in agriculture, economics, history and political science. While at University, Ernie became the managing editor of the University's student newspaper, 'The Sheaf'. In 1921 he served as his father's campaign manager when the elder Pascoe sought to represent Moose Jaw in the provincial election. James Pascoe won the election and served as the only Progressive Conservative member in the Legislature from 1921 to 1925. After graduating in 1924 Ernie became night editor of the Moose Jaw Morning Herald. In 1929 he purchased his father's farm in Boharm. With drought conditions being so bad, he took a job with the Regina Daily Star in 1931. He served as managing editor until 1940, and returned to the farm. In 1934 Ernie married Frances Green, also from a pioneer Moose Jaw family. They had no children. In 1941 they moved to Winnipeg where Ernie became night editor of 'The Tribune'. From 1944 to 1946 he became the public relations director for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. In 1946 the Pascoes returned to their farm. From 1952 to 1954 Ernie served as publicity director for the province's royal commission on agricultural and rural life. He was chairman of Moose Jaw's Golden Jubilee celebration in 1953 and publicity director for Saskatchewan's Golden Jubilee in 1955.

In 1946 Ernie sought and lost the Progressive Conservative federal nomination in Moose Jaw constituency. In 1953 he won the nomination, but lost the seat to W. Ross Thatcher of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (C.C.F.). In 1957, he lost the seat narrowly to Louis H. Lewry of the C.C.F.. However in 1958 he won the seat in the Diefenbaker victory. He represented Moose Jaw in the House of Commons until 1968. He sat on Commons committees on banking and commerce, agriculture and transport and communications. Ernie and his wife returned once again to the farm until 1970 when he announced he would run for Mayor of Moose Jaw. He won the election by a slim majority over L.H. "Scoop" Lewry. At age 70 he was the oldest man to assume the position of Mayor of Moose Jaw. During his term in office arrangements culminated for grain to be transported from local rural elevators to the government elevator in Moose Jaw, there was greater communications with neighbouring rural municipalities as well as with federal and provincial governments.

J. Ernest Pascoe passed away in Moose Jaw on November 15, 1972. Predeceased by a brother Arthur, three sisters - Edith (Buddy) Pascoe, Mrs. C. W. (Clara) Crichton and Mrs. Roy (Vina) Hill. He was survived by his wife Frances; four sisters - Mrs. H. T. (Tress) Brown, Mrs. Andrew (Minnie) Bennie, Mrs. R. B. (Margery) Balfour and Grace Pascoe. The two Pascoe mayors were the only mayors in Moose Jaw's history to die in office.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of several series dealing with the activities of J. E. Pascoe during his time as Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Golden Jubilee Committee, the Mayor of Moose Jaw and as a private citizen. See General Note.

Physical condition

A number of the scrapbooks are constructed of acidic paper and there is some degradation and damage.

Conservation note

Portions of this fonds were foldered and re-boxed in 1989 and 2000. In 2004, a number of oversize items were wrapped in Mylar for storage.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession 17.BA was donated to the archives by Mrs. Freda Kennedy. Material accessioned 3.89 was donated to the archives by the estate of Mrs. Frances W. Pascoe.

Associated materials

101 photographs from accession 3.89 (issued numbers 89-33 to 89-133) were catalogued and transferred to the Archives photograph collection prior to the fonds description being completed.

General note

Accession 17.BA. was described to the series and file level in 2000. An earlier accession (3.89) had not been included in that description. While accession 3.89 has been included in this fonds level description, lower levels of description for that portion of the fonds consist solely of box lists completed in 1989.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-17.1 - Member of Parliament. - [textual record]. - 1922-1925, 1955-1970, - 58.3 cm of textual records and technical drawings. (5 folders).

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This series consists of several sub-series of correspondence, transcripts, reports and speeches of J. E. Pascoe during his time as the Member of Parliament for the Moose Jaw-Lake Centre riding. Newspaper clippings, the Moose Jaw Federal Building, the Committee on Transportation and Communications, Local Radio Broadcasts, Federal Government Contracts, the Electoral Boundaries Commission, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), as well as newsletters to his federal constituency are all included.

MJ-17.1.1 Correspondence. - [textual record, technical drawing]. - 1958-1971. - 6.50 cm of textual records and technical drawings (5 folders).

Box V-5

This sub-series consists of a portion of correspondence sent and received by the office of J. E. Pascoe, Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre.

MJ-17.1.1a - Referrals, Requests and Inquiries. - [textual record, technical drawing]. - 1958-1971. - 4.50 cm. of textual records and technical drawing. (3 folders)

This file consists of letters received and sent by the office of J. E. Pascoe, MP from May 6, 1958 to November 2, 1971.

MJ-17.1.1b Invitations. - [textual record]. - 1961-1967. - 1 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains invitations extended to J. E. Pascoe as MP for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre

MJ-17.1.1c - Congratulations and Thank You Notes. - [textual record]. - 1955-1970. - 1 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of notes of congratulations and thank you notes extended to J. E. Pascoe as MP for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre.

MJ-17.1.2 - Press Clippings. - [textual record]. - 1963, 1967. - 0.25 cm of textual records (1 folders).

Box V-5

This sub-series consists of a portion of newspaper articles in relation to J. E. Pascoe as the Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre riding.

MJ-17.1.3 - Moose Jaw Federal Building (Post Office). - [textual record]. - 1958-1971. - 8.25 cm of textual records. (9 folders)

Box V-5

This sub-series contains seven files to do with the construction of a new Federal Building (Post Office) in the City of Moose Jaw and the sale of the vacated building. These files deal with the initial planning, the employment of the building, the official opening, the renting of office space as well as facilities, the purchase of adjacent land to the building, the sale and future use of the old Post Office as well as newspaper stories regarding the new Federal Building.

MJ-17.1.3a - Initial Planning. - [textual record]. - 1958-1971. - 3.00 cm of textual records. (3 folders)

This file consists of correspondence between the Minister of Public Works and the office of J. E. Pascoe, MP. Also included are advertising of and rewarding of the construction contract.

MJ-17.1.3b Employment. - [textual record]. 1960. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)
This file contains inquiries and advertisement for employment at the new Federal Building.

MJ-17.1.3c - Official Opening. - [textual record]. 1960. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of notification of the official opening ceremonies and a program of the event.

MJ-17.1.3d - Office Space and Facilities. - [textual record]. 1960. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains items concerning rental and appropriation of space and facilities of the new building.

MJ-17.1.3e - Purchase of Adjacent Lots. - [textual record]. 1960. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of inquiries and proposals for the Federal Government purchase of land adjacent to the new federal building.

MJ-17.1.3f - Sale and Use of the Old Post Office. - [textual record]. - 1960-1962. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains inquires and proposals for the sale of the vacated post office building to the City of Moose Jaw.

MJ-17.1.3g - Newspaper Clippings. - [textual record]. - 1957-1961. - 0.25 cm. of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of newspaper articles concerning the plans, construction and the opening of the new federal building in the City of Moose Jaw.

MJ-17.1.4 - Committee on Transportation and Communications. - [textual record]. - 1962-1968. - 4.25 cm. of textual records (5 folders).

Boxes V-5, OS-1

This sub-series consists of four files containing transcripts of speeches, debates, submission papers and reports of hearings in front of the Committee on Transportation and Communications.

MJ-17.1.4.1 - Railway Hearings. - [textual record]. - 1962-1968. - 4.25 cm of textual records. (5 folders)

This sub-sub-series contains excerpts of speeches, debates, correspondence, submissions and reports concerning railway hearings in the Committee on Transportation and Communication.

MJ-17.1.4.1a - Speeches and Debates. - [textual record]. 1966. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of transcripts of debates and speeches made.

MJ-17.1.4.1b Correspondence. - [textual record]. - 1962-1966. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains correspondence dealing with the railway hearings.

MJ-17.1.4.1c Submissions. - [textual record]. - [1963-1966; predominant 1966]. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of submissions and position papers dealing with the subject of the railway hearings.

MJ-17.1.4.1d - Reports and Releases. - [textual record]. - 1966-1967. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains press releases and final reports of the Committee on Transportation and Communication on the subject of the railway hearings.

MJ-17.1.4.1e - Newspaper Clippings. - [textual record]. - 1964-1968. - 0.25 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains press releases and final reports of the Committee on Transportation and Communication on the subject of the railway hearings.

MJ-17.1.5 - Agricultural Issues. - [textual record]. - 1922-1925, [1954?], 1965-1967. - 3.00 cm of textual records (3 folders).

Box V-5

This sub-series consists of three files containing debate over the use of the Canadian Government Grain Elevator in Moose Jaw, newspaper clippings of farm life in the early 1920s and general documentation of various farming issues.

MJ-17.1.5a - General Documents. - [textual record]. - [1954?]. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains a draft speech given in the House of Commons

MJ-17.1.5b - Moose Jaw Canadian Government Grain Elevator. - [textual record]. - 1965-1967. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of correspondence and debate of the topic of the Federal Government Grain Elevator.

MJ-17.1.5c - Newspaper Clippings. - [textual record]. - [1922-1925?]. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of saved articles on the topic of agriculture.

MJ-17.1.6 - Minutes of the House of Commons. - [textual record]. - 1958-1968. - 7.50 cm of textual records (5 folders).

Box V-6

This sub-series consists a file containing transcripts of debates and speeches given in the House of Commons.

MJ-17.1.6a - Hansard Excerpts. - [textual record]. - 1958-1968. - 7.50 cm of textual records. (5 folders)

This file contains excerpts speeches given by and debates involving J. E. Pascoe, MP, from Hansard, the official minutes of the House of Commons printed by the Queen's Press.

MJ-17.1.7 - Radio Broadcasts. - [textual record]. - 1958-1962. - 7.00 cm of textual records (5 folders).

Box V-6

This sub-series consists of four files containing originals of radio broadcasts from Ottawa by J. E. Pascoe to his constituencies in Saskatchewan.

MJ-17.1.7a - CHAB Moose Jaw. - [textual record]. 1958. - 4.00 cm of textual records. (2 folders)

This file contains radio broadcasts on CHAB in Moose Jaw, from Ottawa on the activities of the House of Commons.

MJ-17.1.7b - CKCK Regina. - [textual record]. - [between 1959-1962?]. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains radio broadcasts on CKCK in Regina, from Ottawa on the activities of the House of Commons.

MJ-17.1.7c - CKOM Saskatoon. - [textual record]. - 1962. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains radio broadcasts on CKOM in Saskatoon, from Ottawa on the activities of the House of Commons.

MJ-17.1.7d - General Broadcasts. - [textual record]. - 1959, 1962. - 1.00 cm of textual

records. (1 folder)

This file contains radio broadcasts from Ottawa on the activities of the House of Commons.

MJ-17.1.8 - Federal Government Contracts. - [textual record]. - 1958-1963. - 1.00 cm of textual records (1 folder).

Box V-6

This sub-series consists a file containing advertisements and announcements regarding the awarding of the Canadian Federal Government contracts.

MJ-17.1.9 - Electoral Boundaries Commission. - [textual record]. - 1962-1966. - 1.00 cm of textual records (1 folder).

Box V-7

This sub-series contains a file containing correspondence, newspaper articles and general information regarding the redistribution of the Saskatchewan's Federal Riding Boundaries.

MJ-17.1.10 - North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). - [textual record]. - 1961. - 1.00 cm of textual records (1 folder).

Box V-7

This sub-series consists of a file containing correspondence, itinerary, a list of delegates, and an outline of the conference and general information regarding the Annual Conference of NATO Parliamentarians.

MJ-17.1.11 - Federal Constituency Newsletters. - [textual record]. - 1960-1962. - 1.00 cm of textual records (1 folder).

Box V-7

This sub-series contains a file containing newsletters and pamphlets sent by the office of J. E. Pascoe, MP, to constituents to inform them of the business of the House of Commons.

MJ-17.1.12 - Moose Jaw Exhibition. - [textual record]. - 1957-1962. - 1.00 cm of textual records (1 folder).

Box V-7

This sub-series consists of a file containing correspondence, a budget, a list possible attractions and facilities and general information regarding the Moose Jaw Exhibition.

MJ-17.1.13 - Saskatchewan Technical Institute. - [textual record]. - [1957?], 1961-1971. - 1.50 cm of textual records (1 folder).

Box V-7

This sub-series contains a file containing correspondence, reports, newspaper articles and general information on the expansion of the Saskatchewan Technical Institute.

MJ-17.1.14 Scrapbooks. - [textual record]. - 1958-1960. - 15.0 cm of textual records (3 folders and 3 volumes).

Boxes H-8 - H-9

This sub-series contains scrapbooks compiled by J. E. Pascoe during his time as member of the House of Commons for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre.

MJ-17.2 - Provincial Golden Jubilee Committee. - [textual record]. - 1955-1961. - 8.00 cm of textual records (8 folders).

Box V-7

This series consists of several files of correspondence, financial reports of the committee, community histories, committee events, newspaper clippings, SaskPower Corp. Radio Broadcasts as well as research notes.

MJ-17.2a - Financial Reports and Receipts. - [textual record]. 1955. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains budgets and reports of expenditures.

MJ-17.2b - Committee Events and Newsletters. - [textual record]. 1955. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of schedules and programs of various events as well as two issues of the newsletter issued for members of the Committee.

MJ-17.2c - Committee Activity Reports. - [textual record]. - 1954-1956. - 2.50 cm of textual records. (2 folders)

This file contains draft and final activity reports of the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee.

MJ-17.2d Correspondence. - [textual record]. - 1954-1956. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of letters received by the Committee from various community groups and individuals.

MJ-17.2e - Community Histories. - [textual record]. - [1955?]. - 2.50 cm of textual records. (3 folders)

This file contains draft copies of stories of the history of Moose Jaw and the region compiled mostly by J. E. Pascoe.

MJ-17.3 - Moose Jaw Mayor. - [textual record]. - 1967, 1970-1972. - 3.50 cm of textual records (1 folders and 3 volumes).

Boxes V-8, H-9

This series consists of two files one of correspondence and information on fund raising for

the YM-YWCA. The others are two scrapbooks of J. E. Pascoe's tenure of Mayor of Moose Jaw as well as a scrapbook of historical articles of the city.

MJ-17.3a - YM-YWCA. - [textual record]. 1967. - 1.00 cm of textual records.(1 folder)
This file consists of documentation of fundraising completed for the Moose Jaw YM-YWCA.

MJ-17.3b Scrapbooks. - [textual record]. - 1970-1972. - 2.50 cm of textual records. (3 volumes)
This file contains scrapbooks compiled by J. E. Pascoe during his time as Mayor of Moose Jaw.

MJ-17.4 - Personal Papers. - [textual record]. - 1967, 1970-1972. - 4.50 cm of textual records (3 folders).

Box V-8

This series consists of three files one of speeches, one of articles written and one of various receipts and documents of J. E. Pascoe.

MJ-17.4a - Community Speeches. - [textual record] - [1967?]. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file consists of drafts of speeches given by J. E. Pascoe to various community groups including the Kiwanis and the Zion Church.

MJ-17.4b - Articles on Price Control [textual record] - 1970-1972. - 2.50 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains drafts of articles on the topic of price control in economics.

MJ-17.4c - Various Documents. - [textual record]. - 1970-1972. - 1.00 cm of textual records. (1 folder)

This file contains various receipts and documents of J. E. Pascoe.