



MG 568 - McConnell Family fonds

Dates: nd, [1903]-2015.

Extent: 2.04 metres of textual records, 1171 photographs, 305 negatives, 330 slides, 126 postcards, 67 audio cassettes, 1 VHS tape, memorabilia.

Biographical sketches:

Ratcliffe Family

James Alexander Ratcliffe was born [ca. 1882] near Oshawa, Ontario, and moved to Saskatchewan in 1907. He was employed for a number of years with the Saskatchewan Department of Highways. He died on 4 January 1968.

Elma Florence Ratcliffe (nee Robson) was born on 21 September 1897 in Yellowgrass, Saskatchewan. The family moved to Regina in 1912. Elma was a school teacher in Yellowgrass and Regina until 1926. She died on 5 April 1986.

James and Elma had two children: Doreen and Douglas Ratcliffe.

McConnell Family

Doreen Ratcliffe married John McConnell. Doreen Ratcliffe was born in Regina on 17 July 1927. She earned a BA from the University of Saskatchewan, and worked as an executive secretary and advertising copywriter in Vancouver and Regina prior to meeting John McConnell, whom she married in 1957. They had three children; all of whom graduated from the University of Saskatchewan. In addition to raising her family, Doreen was active as pianist for her church, with the CGIT, and with the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the World Food Program. John and Doreen shared interests in politics, public affairs and the environment, community and social issues; and both were freelance writers, often collaborating on articles.

John James McConnell was born in Trenta, Letterkenny, County Donegal, Ireland in 1925. Two months prior to his first birthday, his family immigrated to Canada, where they farmed in the Sanctuary and Dinsmore area of Saskatchewan. McConnell attended the University of Saskatchewan, earning a degree in Agricultural Economics (1951). He began a 21-year career with the Saskatchewan public service, working for the departments of Co-operation and Co-operative Development, and Agriculture. During this period he hosted a radio show, "Good Listening for Good Farming," and a television show, "Rural Route Saskatchewan." His interests in print and other media prompted him to get his MA in Communication Arts from Michigan State University (1968). McConnell also worked for the federal civil service, in Ottawa and Saskatoon, for Agriculture Canada. He retired in 1984.

Doreen McConnell died on 31 July 2007. John McConnell died on 25 January 2016 in Saskatoon; he was predeceased by daughter Elizabeth Boucher (1961-2016) and son John (1964-2015).

Custodial History: John McConnell outlived his wife and two of their children; as a result, some documentation created or acquired by Doreen was found within John's estate. This was not as clearly

the case with the records of their children Elizabeth and John; reference to their son, however, can be found in material created by John McConnell. Their surviving daughter has also provided material; and transferred the material found in John McConnell's custody at the time of his death.

Scope and Content: This fonds contains the personal records of an extended family, including photographs, correspondence, and diaries. It documents their interests, careers, and family life predominantly two generations – the Ratcliffes and McConnells. The first accrual documents the interests, careers and family of John and Doreen McConnell and their daughter, Mary Ann. It includes materials related to McConnell's work in communications, his work for the Canadian and Saskatchewan governments, together with materials relating to his interest in the environment and social and international development issues. It also includes materials relating to his wife, Doreen, who predeceased him. The second accrual adds the records of Doreen's parents, the Ratcliffes, which includes documents related to their personal life and interests, Elma's travel, James' World War I service, and family life.

Arrangement: The two accruals have been arranged separately.

The first accrual (1114-084) has been arranged into three sous-fonds, for records relating to Doreen; to John; and to their daughter Mary Ann. Within this general structure materials have been organized in the following manner:

- A. Doreen McConnell (née Ratcliffe)
 - Alphabetical subject-nominal listing of files
- B. John James McConnell
 - Series 1: Alphabetical Subject-Nominal
 - Series 2: Employment
 - Series 3: Freelance Writing
 - Series 4: Talks and Addresses
 - Series 5: Volunteer Activities
 - Series 6: Audio, Video, and Photographs
 - Series 7: Memorabilia
- C. Mary Ann McConnell-Boehm

The second accrual (2022-102, 2022-127) has been arranged into three series, for records relating to the Ratcliffe Family, the McConnell Family, and Miscellaneous, with files arranged alphabetically within.

- I. Ratcliffe Family
 - A. James Alexander Ratcliffe
 - B. Elma Florence Robson
 - C. James and Elma Ratcliffe Family
 - D. Doug Ratcliffe
 - E. Doreen Ratcliffe
- II. McConnell Family
 - A. Doreen McConnell
 - B. John McConnell
 - C. McConnell Family
 - D. Mary-Ann McConnell
- III. Miscellaneous

Restrictions: Some files are restricted; these are noted in the finding aid. Please consult an archivist.

Donated to the University Archives & Special Collections by Mary Ann McConnell-Boehm in 2016 and 2023. Further accruals are expected.

Finding aid to first accrual prepared by Cheryl Avery, October 2016. Second accrual prepared by Cheryl Avery and Amy Putnam in 2023.

First Accrual (1114-084). - nd, 1940-2014 (inclusive); 1954-2000 (predominant). - 1.09 metres of textual records, 240 photographs, 286 negatives, 177 slides, 67 audio cassettes, 1 VHS tape, memorabilia.

Box 1

A. Doreen Ratcliffe McConnell

The following files relate specifically to Doreen McConnell; please note additional material within sousfonds B. John James McConnell, which include articles jointly authored with Doreen, some photographs, and much of their shared interests in community organizations.

1. Choral Conducting. – nd.
2. Freelance Writing (Solo). – 1964-1965.
See also below, Freelance Writing – Doreen and John were co-authors on several articles.
3. General. – nd, 1978.
Notes on the status of women (nationally and internationally); correspondence concerning a workshop at Queenswood Church, Ontario.
4. Insurance – Writing Samples. – 1957.
Items written by Doreen McConnell; includes vol.1, nos 1-6 of “Government Insurance Spotlight;” a direct-mail campaign for wildlife crop damage; insurance advertisements found in pamphlets for: the Saskatchewan Roughrider 3rd annual Soroptimist-Roughrider coffee party, the Regina Male Voice Choir annual concert, “The Credit Union Way” (vol. 10 nos. 1-2); etc.
5. Personal. – nd, 1941, 1947, 1957, 1977. – 3 photographs, 2 negatives. - see also oversize.
Certificate of promotion to grade 9; certificate of associate in Arts from the University of Saskatchewan, Regina College; marriage notice, resume, etc. Includes photos from her University of Saskatchewan 50th reunion.
6. Toronto Conservatory of Music. – 1940-1945. – see also oversize
Examiner’s criticisms and marks, certificates. The envelopes were retained for the postmarks, often revealing of domestic aspects of the war effort or other initiatives.

B. John James McConnell

Series 1: Alphabetical Subject Nominal

This series includes personal and biographical material, including items related to McConnell’s education.

1. Biographical. – [ca. 1949] – 1994. - textual records, 14 photographs, 13 negatives. – see also O/S.
Clippings relating to scholarships, appointments, volunteer activities, etc.; press release; correspondence; retirement. Images include portraits of McConnell; his [family home?]; scholarship winners; work-related images; etc. A roll of 2x2 negatives appear to relate to a [charity] carwash, and include images of the McConnell family.
2. Certificates. – 1971, 1984.

Certificate of membership in the Ontario Institute of Professional Agrologists; certificate upon retirement from the civil service.

3. Correspondence. – 1954-2015.
4. Curriculum Vitae. – nd, 1967, [1978], 1989.
Includes detailed list of responsibilities in various positions, letters of reference, etc.
5. Education - American Association of Agricultural College Editors Communications Handbook. – 1970, 1976.
Second and third editions.
6. Education - American Management Association. – 1972.
Certificate of completion, and programmed instruction text, “How to Improve Individual Manager Performance.”
7. Education – Certificate in Public Administration. – 1961.
8. Education - General. – 1951-2006. – **RESTRICTED.**
9. Education – MA. – 1968.
10. Education - *The Techlogue*. – 1945.
Saskatoon Technical Collegiate Institute. John McConnell was in class 4A.
11. Education - Research and Theory Related to Audiovisual Information Transmission. – 1967.
12. Education - Writing Course. – 1964.
Notes.
13. General. – 1970, 2009-2014.
14. Government House. – 1958.
Historical note for official opening.
15. Honours and Awards.
16. Saskatchewan Business Tax Review Committee. – 2005.
Report by Jason Clemens and Niels Veldhuis, The Fraser Institute.

Series 2: Employment

1. Agricultural Extension – Television. – nd, 1962-1964.
2. Agriculture Canada – Belize Communication Techniques Workshop – Proceedings. – 1977.
3. Agriculture Canada – Centre for Information about Communications Research. – 1973.

4. Agriculture Canada – Communications. – nd, 1975-1979.
Various pamphlets; including a proofreading guide; writing for publication in the economics branch; editorial guide; professional presentations; and “public servants and the public.”
5. Agriculture Canada – Correspondence and Press. – 1979-1984. – textual records, 2 photographs.
6. Agriculture Canada – General.

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7. Agriculture Canada – Employee Communications Seminars. – 1977
“The Environment of Communications” notes by Ian Watson.
8. Agriculture Canada – “How to Manage the Development of Your Boss.” – 1978.
Richard Wiegand and Rickard Roguski.
9. Agriculture Canada – Information Officers and Photographers Conference. – 1981.
Organized through the Western region, Research Branch of Agriculture Canada. McConnell edited the proceedings, and authored some of the reports.
10. Agriculture Canada – Information Services. – 17 photographs, 2 contact sheets.
Images of Hon. Eugene Whelan in Saskatoon, at the Bessborough and at the University. Whelan was Minister of Agriculture from 1972 to 1984, with the exception of nine months (1979-1980) when the Progressive Conservative party was in power.
11. Agriculture Canada – Information Services – Urban Media Coverage Seminar. – 1980.
12. Agriculture Canada Economics Branch – Report Writing Seminar.
13. Communication – General. – nd, 1954.
Includes pamphlet from Manitoba Agriculture; the National Center of Communication Arts and Sciences (Colorado); notes on “handling the news;” notes [for a talk].
14. Guides – Communication – Television.
15. Guides to Writing, Communication.
16. Guides – “What a Supervisor Should Know.”
17. Public Works Canada – Media Relations Workshop. – 1980.
18. [Saskatchewan Agriculture] – Business and Industry. – 1956, 1958, 1969.
19. Trade and Commerce in Western Canada.
Excerpts.
20. Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society - Information Task Force Report. – 1973.

21. Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society - "The Role of Corporate Public Relations." – 1974.
Address by Eldon Anderson to the SCCS.

Series 3: Freelance Writing

1. Agriculture. – 1963-1964, 1997-2000.
Various articles, including information on irrigation and sanitation lagoons; a special release relating to the conference on Agriculture, Law and Environment hosted by the University's Centre (CSALE); etc.
2. CIDA – Barbados. – textual records, 5 photographs, 1 audio tape. – 2 folders.
3. "Community Newspapers Challenged to Develop New Strategies."
4. Correspondence. – 1962.
Correspondence with Maclean's and Chatelaine magazine, and CBC.
5. "Food Processors Seek Export Markets." – 1986.
Written with Doreen. Includes correspondence, reference material, draft, final copy.
6. "Overseas Involvement Significant" [Published title]. – nd, 1987.
Various versions (and lengths) of similar article under different titles, including "Saskatchewanians Support Global Development," "Food Production in Developing Countries gets big boost From Saskatchewan People;" "Saskatchewanians Give Strong Support to Global Development;" "Saskatchewan People Export Appropriate Technology to Developing Countries;" etc.
7. "A Question of Poverty."
8. Recycling / Composting / Waste Management. – 1996-2000. – textual records, 17 photographs, 24 negatives.
Various articles, editorials etc. Includes photographs from a waste management conference in Humboldt, Sk.
9. Resources and Ecosystems. – 1998-2002.
10. "Saskatchewan Expertise has World-Wide Impact." – nd, 1987.
Relating to Agdevco. Similar story published under "Globe-trotting agency goes where the action is;" lengthier draft titled "A Saskatchewan Crown Corporation's International Development Program."
11. Social, Local and International Issues. – 1987-2000.
12. World Food Day.

Series 4: Talks and Addresses

1. "Consumers' Benefits from Agricultural Research..." – 1979.
Presented to the AIC Annual convention, Canadian Society of Extension. McConnell was then the Regional Manager, Information and Public Affairs, Research Branch, Agriculture Canada (Western Region).
2. General. – nd, 1987-1989.
Notes, together with introductory biographical information. Topics generally reflect international issues, CIDA, world food production, etc. The audiences, where identified, appear predominantly to be local groups.
3. "How to Evaluate Your Public Relations Program." – 1979.
Presented to Federal Institute of Management. Includes notes on "methods of communication for the transfer of technology"
4. "Reaching the Public." – 1981.
Outline and address of talk to Directors' meeting, Western region, Agriculture Canada.
5. Western Directors' Conference. – 1982.
Includes correspondence, notes for article, together with a lengthy report on the "Project System."
6. World Food Day. – 1985.
Report and remarks.

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Series 5: Volunteer Activities

Both John and his wife Doreen were interested in public affairs and environmentalism, the needs of the disadvantaged, and a desire to see a more egalitarian society. Material in this series generally reflects those concerns. See also Freelance Writing – Social and International Issues.

1. Forest and Boreal Ecosystems - Clippings and Ephemera. – [ca. 1994-2004].
2. Forest and Boreal Ecosystems - [Provincial Forest Policy Advisory Committee]. – 1996-2006.
Loose material; including correspondence, workshop materials, discussion documents, articles, etc. Some material appears to pre-date or extend beyond the Committee main time frame, although pertinent to their work. Notes by McConnell are interleaved in a few articles.
3. Forest and Boreal Ecosystems - [Provincial Forest Policy Advisory Committee] – Articles and Reports. – 1995-2005. – 5 folders.
Reference and other materials.
Folder 1 includes:
"Forest Operations Manual" – draft for review; "Regeneration Assessment" – draft for review; "Development of Forest management Planning Standards" – discussion document;" "North Central Land Use Plan" – draft, and background document; "Bringing

Down the Boreal;" "Analysis of Stockpiled Wood Residues;" "Saskatchewan Forest Centre Annual Report."

Folder 2 includes:

Provincial Forest Policy Advisory Committee – Hudson Bay Spring Field Tour;" "Conserving Saskatchewan's Biodiversity: a Progress Report;" "An Aboriginal Criterion for Sustainable Forest Management;" Saskatchewan's Green Strategy; "Non-Timber Forest Products: Economic Development While Sustaining our Northern Forests;" "Caring for Saskatchewan's Natural Environments" – the proposed, and [final] biodiversity action plans;

Folder 3 includes:

"The Power of Community;" "The State of Canada's Forests: the Boreal Forest;" "The State of Canada's Forests: Sustainable Forestry – a Reality in Canada."

Folder 4 includes:

"State of the Environment Report;" "The Northwest Economic Development Conference;" "Paper Product Stewardship Options Report."

Folder 5 includes:

"NorSask Forest Story."

4. Forest and Boreal Ecosystems - Provincial Forest Policy Advisory Committee - Minutes, Notes, and Recommendations. – 1997-1999. - 3 folders.

McConnell was a general public representative on this committee. This file contains material previously in a single binder.

Folder 1 – 1997

Folder 2 – 1998

Folder 3 – 1999 (including recommendations)

5. Forest and Boreal Ecosystems - Saskatchewan Government Forestry Policy. – 2004-2005.

Includes speaking notes from David Forbes' address to the Saskatchewan Forest Centre AGM; correspondence to Joys Dancer regarding adoption of the ISO 14001 standard; etc.

6. Ten Days for World Development. – 1975.

Kit, prepared by the Inter-Church Committee for World Development Education. The "Ten Days" programme began in 1973. This kit includes "The Chilean Experience;" "The Quest for Justice as Latin Americans Live It;" "Land Owners, Kings and Idols;" "The Canadian Paradox: Rich and Independent;" etc.

7. The Right to Food. – 1984, 1987.

Material from a conference; copy of "Food Strategies for Tomorrow."

8. United Church.

Pamphlet on "How Church Reporters can Serve their Congregations Through Press – Radio – Television."

9. Water 2020. – 1988.

"Sustainable Use for Water in the 21st Century," Science Council of Canada.

6. Audio, Video and Photographs

6.A Audio. – 66 audio cassettes.

Note: audio cassettes within this series have been numbered sequentially across all files.

.1 Agriculture. – 13 audio cassettes.

1. Agriculture [WTO].
A. Schmitz?
2. The Debate – Dual Marketing Wheat & Barley. – 20 June 1999. – 2 audio cassettes.
Part of the 6th [Farming for Profit?] conference, Moose Jaw, Sk.
3. Low Input Agriculture – Grant Devine.
4. World Food Day – The Question of Food. – 1987.
5. [Agriculture].
Ken Rosaasen and others.
6. Sustainable Agriculture for the Tropics – the Brazil Situation. – 1988.
One of a series of talks given at the University. Lecture by Dr. John Stewart (Soil Sciences).
7. Agriculture Canada. – February 1980.
John McConnell and Ann Loss.
8. Panel on Irrigation Systems.
9. Canadian Wheat Board.
Call-in show.
10. Agriculture – Hog Farming. – 2002. - 3 audio cassettes.

Box 4

.2 Canada World Youth / CIDA. – 3 audio cassettes.

11. CIDA.
Interview with John McConnell at CJNB, NB.
12. CIDA – Luc Deschene. – 2002.
13. Canada World Youth.

.3 Education. – 8 audio cassettes.

14. Government / University Perspectives.
15. AV Forum. – 1972. – 3 audio cassettes.
Instructional Development; Health professions education; and the costs of education.
16. Education Speaks. – 1972. – 2 audio cassettes.
“An Hour with Ivan Illich.”
“Accountability and what it means for today’s educators.”
17. The British Open University – “A View of Tomorrow.” – 2 audio cassettes.

.4 Environment / Waste Management/ Water. – 14 audio cassettes.

18. Water. – 2 audio cassettes.
19. Zusuki [David Suzuki]. – 1999. – 3 audio cassettes.
20. Earth Summit [World Summit on Sustainable Development]. – 2002.
Clips from Jim McNeil, Daniel Mittler and others. Side B only.
21. Skunk / Waste Management.

Tape has been re-used and documents several phone calls; first, regarding how to capture a skunk believed to be in a residential yard; second, on issues related to waste management in rural areas.

22. Conference on Water

23. The Planet. – 1994.

Taylor Steeves discussing energy, conservation, etc.

24. [Waste management / global environmental issues].

25. [Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council?]

26. [Environment?].

Poor quality sound.

26-a. [Bio Products Conference]. – 2003.

26-b. [Organic Conference]. – 1996.

.5 Forestry. – 2 audio cassettes.

27. Forestry. – August 1999.

Three presentations on forestry in Saskatchewan.

28. [Telephone Interviews].

McConnell interviewing via telephone; telephone conversations.

Side A: A Schmitz – Agriculture policies Canada/US [sound poor]

Side B: J Dancer – forests.

.6 Lectures. – 12 audio cassettes.

29. Massey Lectures – A Short History of Progress. – 3 audio cassettes.

30. Nature, Wealth. – 5 audio cassettes.

31. George Grant – Technology and Empire.

32. JK Galbraith – The New Left.

33. Zig Zigar.

33-a. Elliot Burt – Effective Communication.

A second note suggests an environmental conference; although the speaker appears the same on both sides of the tape. Q&A from the audience is included.

.7 Transportation and Trade. – 6 audio cassettes.

34. WTO [World Trade Organization]. – 1999.

[Radio] interview with Tony Clark and Leslie Washington prior to the WTO Ministerial Conference in Seattle (with anti-globalization movement protests). Second portion of the tape is a Regina call-in show on the WTO with guest Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians).

35. Transportation. – 2 audio tapes.

36. MAI [Multilateral Agreement on Investment]. – 1998.

37. Transportation – Railways.

38. Canada-US Border Disputes.

.8 Various – Broadcasts and Town Halls. – 8 audio cassettes.

39. [Health Research].

Tape identified at 16 Sept 2004 – Romanow and the federal health deal [The Current, Anna Maria Tremonti]. The clear side of the tape appears to be Tremonti and guests, although the topic appears to be health research at universities.

40. Various radio broadcasts. – [ca. 1999].

- Side A: Dr. Nancy Olivieri and deferiprone;
Side B: CBC [Sunday Morning] - farming interview with Noreen Johns, Larry Sullivan;
“selling Canada”/foreign ownership: interviews with Thomas d’Aquino, Mel Hurtig, etc.
41. War on Terror; Canada-US Relations.
Town hall (or similar venue) discussion on terrorism, the Bush administration, Canada’s response; etc.
 42. Political Power and the PMO.
 43. Media File / Cross-Country Check-up. – January 1989.
Race relations, police; immigration, visible minorities and media.
 44. [Community and Values]. – [ca. 1994].
From radio broadcasts; including Tapestry (CBC).
 45. [Speakers]. – 16 January 1987.
 46. [FFD]. – 1999.

Box 5

6.B Video. – 1 VHS tape.

1. Hunter Lovins. – 2 November 2005.
Lovins is a promoter of sustainable development and “natural capitalism.”

6.C Photographs

1. Agriculture / Earth Day / Forests. – 47 photographs, 46 negatives, 17 slides..
Includes photo taken during McConnell’s work with Sask Ag Info Services; an event at the College of Agriculture – Crop Sciences; “Farming for Profit;” the Sk Provincial Forestry Advisory committee’s work (may include images of La Ronge band members); Earth Day (including images of Doreen McConnell). Slides are from McConnell’s tenure with Agriculture Canada.
2. CIDA / International Development. – 44 photographs, 107 negatives, 130 slides. – 3 folders.
Includes International Development Week (with Monique Landry, George Ivany, RG Williamson); an MCC project in Lesotho (David Neufeld); a CIDA meeting (including Don Ravis); photographs from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); etc.
Folder 2 contains working slides for a presentation on the Canadian Hunger Foundation;
Folder 3 contains [the final] presentation.
3. Fresh Pack Potatoes. – 1986. – 5 photographs, 23 negatives.
Taken to include with an article. See above, Freelance Writing.
4. Miscellaneous. – 36 photographs, 28 negatives, 15 slides.
Includes photos from various meetings and conferences, including [the Saskatoon Mac User’s Group], waste reduction, etc.; together with early agricultural images, and images of McConnell.
5. World Food Day. – 40 photographs, 43 negatives, 15 slides.
Include various annual meetings; with CM “Red” Williams; Cliff Wright; etc.

Series 7: Memorabilia

1. AIC [Agricultural Institute of Canada] Conferences:

Button, 1986; Scarf; conference bag, 2002.

2. Buttons:

Canada Needs a Health Accord; Pharmacare – more for less; Stop GM Alfalfa!

3. Lapel pins:

SIA 50th anniversary; CIDA – 20 years; CWB.

4. McConnell:

Speaker gift (ruler); name plate.

Box 6

Series C: Mary Ann McConnell-Boehm

1. Biographical – Miscellaneous. – nd, 1996.

Clippings.

2. Employers Survey. – 1984.

Survey of employers of graduates from the Regional and Urban Development program. Undertaken for the Association of Professional Community Planners of Saskatchewan.

3. Meewasin Valley Authority. – 1985.

Natural Areas Protection Policy – Revised Discussion Paper; and (Draft) River Recreation Strategy, together with correspondence and options relating to power boating on the river.

4. University of Saskatchewan. – 1981-1982. – textual records, 10 photographs.

Includes “The Meewasin Valley Authority: Origin, Development and the Planning Process” presented at the Canadian Association of Planning Students Conference; “Vista Plaza / Park Proposal,” a group project for Geography 481 (Professor Ron Cope); and “An Investigation of the Market for Wild Rice in Saskatoon,” a summer research project for the Institute for Northern Studies (supervised by Robert Bone).

City of Edmonton Planning & Development

1. Conservation of Natural Sites in Edmonton’s Table Lands. – 1996.

Submission to the Canadian Healthy Environment Awards.

2. Edmonton’s Municipal Development Plan. – 1998-2000.

From binder; as submitted to the National Awards for Planning.

3. Environmentally Sensitive and Significant Natural Areas. – 1992-1996.

Includes Inventory – Executive Summary; Policy Directions; Natural Area Protection Within Edmonton’s Table Lands; and Conservation of Natural Sites in Edmonton’s Table Lands – 1995 Annual Report (see also above).

4. Pressures for Change in Edmonton’s Suburbs. – 1992.

Southeast Alberta Regional Planning Commission

1. Calendar. – 1983.
6 cartoon images from the calendar (together with covers).
2. *Planning Profile*. – 1983.
Newsletter of the Southeast Alberta Regional Planning Commission. These issues include articles by Mary-Ann McConnell-Boehm: “The Origin of Southeast Alberta Community Names;” “Southeast Alberta Regional Population Update (Census 1981);” and “Proposed Recreation Facilities on the Crawling Valley Reservoir.”
3. South Industrial Area Structure Plan (Draft). – 1983.

Yellowhead Regional Planning Commission

1. Hamlet of Rocky Rapids – Area Structure Plan. – 1991.
2. Hinton-Jasper Corridor Planning Study. – 1989.
3. Robb Hamlet Study (Draft). – 1990.
4. Town of Barrhead – General Municipal Plan. – 1987, 1989.
Includes terms of reference for general review; Town of Barrhead and County of Barrhead no. 11 joint general municipal plan and agreement.
5. *Yellowhead Flyer*. – 1987-1988.
Issued by the Yellowhead Regional Planning Commission. Mary-Ann McConnell-Boehm was the editor.

Second Accrual (2022-102, 2022-127). - [1903]-2015. - .95 m of textual material; 931 photographs; 19 negatives; 153 slides; 126 postcards.

Box 7

I. Ratcliffe family

A. James Alexander Ratcliffe

i. Personal / Miscellaneous

1. Correspondence. – 1913.

Copy of a letter written by Jim, then at the Regina YMCA, to his brother.

2. The History of 'Blanshard in Review'. – 1951.

Note from Mary McConnell found between page 8 and 9 noting that the book contains information about the Ratcliffe family and their home.

3. Letters of Recommendation. – 1906-1907.

From his church; from the Central Business College; and from Canada Cycle and Motor Co. Ltd.

4. Photographs. – [ca. 1903], [[ca. 192-?]. - 5 photographs.

Includes a copy of group photo, Young Man's Sunday School class; photo labeled "Jim Ratcliffe", a man standing by a wall [roof?]; 3 formal portraits.

ii. World War I Service.

James Ratcliffe enlisted on 22 March 1916, and served with the 60th Battery CFA [Canadian Field Artillery], 14th Brigade. He was discharged on 26 June 1919.

1. Correspondence. – nd, 1917.

Form letter from King George V; letter home from James Ratcliffe while on active service.

2. Forms. – 1919.

Clothing list; railway ticket voucher, discharge certificate.

3. Memorabilia. – 1918.

60th Battery CFA Christmas Dinner menu, autographed; with handwritten menu ("Minerwerfers with Incendiary Sauce," etc.); clippings ("What are we Fighting For?") together with [Corporal's] stripes.

4. New Testament and "On Active Service." – 1916.

Two small booklets, in a cover showing wear. "Prayers and Hymns," and "Quit You Like Men." The latter has quotations from the Bible, relating to various

daily activities / events while on active service. Also included is a copy of the New Testament issued shortly after enlistment.

5. Photographs. - 3 photographs, 3 real photo postcards, 5 enlargements (10"x14"), 1 panorama. – **See also OS Box 1 and top of MC-G**
Images include: four men with their horses; group photograph of 13 men; two group photos of 5 men [the "Dirty Dick Gun Crew"] – one with the men seated, the other, standing. The enlargements include a group photograph of the 60th Battery outside, in Cologne, Germany, 28 December 1918 (2 copies); and men on horseback, with buildings visible in the background, Cologne, Germany, 28 December 1918; and a composite of the standing image of the "crew" (Sans-en-Gohelle, 1917), together with two reunion photographs taken in Regina, in 1940 and 1958 (2 copies); panorama of 15th Brigade CHACEF at Petewawa 1916.
6. Reunion. – 1938, 1940, 1958.
Clipping from the Leader-Post; Jim's "Reminiscences in Rhyme."
7. A Soldier's Diary, Paybook and Route Book. – 1916-1919.
Clearly carried with him in service, the diary contains detailed descriptions of training, travel to England and deployment to the front. Once in active service, entries are brief: "Gas shells;" "after a Gas attack or Gas Bombardment..."; "color of cloud;" lists of men, some with an "x" beside their name, and summaries "30 men 29 horses;" etc.
The Route Book includes a map of the front, ca. 1914-1915; lists of men; morse code; target notations; note: "I condem tunic of above NCO;" etc. The paybook covers the period from 1 March 1918 to 31 May 1919.

B. Elma Florence Robson

- i. Personal / Miscellaneous
 1. Cyclone Snapshots. – 30 June 1912. – 16 photographs.
Regina. Includes 10 small panoramas (2 ¼" x 6").
 2. Drama. – 1923.
Clipping, "Five Good Friends of Robin Hood;" photograph of the cast of *Sherwood*, Regina College.
 3. Friends. – [ca. 1910s?]
 4. *Heart Songs: Melodies of Days Gone By*. – 1909.
 5. Normal School. – 1917. - 3 photographs.
Three copies of the class composite photograph;

6. Photograph Album – [ca. 1908]-[ca. 192?]. – 242 b&w photographs, 2 postcards. Family images, taken at Yellowgrass, Regina, [Regina Beach], and on holiday in Oregon, British Columbia, and Alberta (Banff). Some description and dates. One of the postcards is an embroidered card, “souvenir of Ypres;” 52 of the photos appear to be purchased souvenirs – 1 ¾” x 3 ½” or 1 ¾” x 2 ¾”.
7. Teaching Certificate. – 1921.

ii. Travel – Overseas Education League. – 1923.

1. Notebook. – 1923.
Daily journal of the trip.
2. Overseas Education League pamphlet. – 1923.
Tour of teachers “from Canada, Australia and New Zealand, to the British Isles, France, Belgium and the Battlefields.”
3. Photograph Album. – 1923. – 226 b&w photographs.
Images have been broadly identified, and document the trip starting with the rail journey; on board the ship; in Brussels; showing ruins / restoration work in Ypres; the Canadian memorial; Passchendaele cemetery; Arras; Paris; Versailles; London; Salisbury; Stonehenge; Oxford; Stratford-on-Avon; Warwick; Leamington; Wales; Scotland; northern Ireland; Montreal. The remaining images (14) appear to be of family.
4. Postcards. – 44 (4 colour; 40 sepia or black & white).
All postcards were purchased as souvenirs; they are in pristine (unused) condition. Those from France, in particular, are primarily from a numbered series.

France: 26 cards. All are from Paris, with the exception of 1 (Barbizon).

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| Eiffel Tower | Opera House |
| Champs-Élysées | Exchange |
| Eight bridges | Luxembourg Palace |
| Trocadero / Eiffel Tower | Pantheon |
| Great Palace | Madeleine Church |
| Place de la Concorde | Bois de Boulogne |
| Bridge of Alexander III | Monument of the Republic |
| Town Hall / Arcole Bridge | Arc de Triomphe |
| Republic Place | Basilica |
| Bastille Column | Opera staircase [colour] |
| Vendome Column | Strasbourg statue |
| Barbizon | Opera foyer |

Hotel Lord Byron

Hotel Lord Byron salon

Netherlands: 8 cards.

Elburg

Haarlem Stadhuis

Leiden Hooghe Kerk

Leiden Stadhuis

Rotterdam [colour]

Utrecht

Ice near the bridge

Woman pumping water

United Kingdom: 10 cards.

Peterborough Cathedral [col]

St. Giles – Churchyard

St. Giles – Gray's Tomb

Stirling Castle [colour]

Temple Fountain

Temple Hall – screen

Temple Church interior

Temple Church interior

Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey interior

C. James and Elma Ratcliffe Family

1. Correspondence – Rhymes. – 1937-1954.
Jim Ratcliffe enjoyed writing humorous poems, or poems specifically to commemorate events. See also WWI – Reunion above.
2. Elma Ratcliff - Notebook.
Poetry, clippings, inspirational quotes, etc.
3. Elma Radcliffe – United Church. – 1969, nd. – 1 photograph, textual material.
“Patchwork Pieces: An Anthology of Inspirational Thoughts, Poems, and Prayers for United Church Women”; photo of a group of men and women gathered around an altar with candles, two men are burning papers over the candles; clipping re: flea market.
4. Family History - Clippings.
Clippings of major events: James and Elma’s wedding; her sister Muriel’s wedding; Muriel’s death; etc. From album.
5. Family History – Correspondence. – 1946, 1951.
Recounting Elma’s parents’ wedding anniversary; her sister Muriel’s death and funeral.
6. Family Photographs. – 22 photographs. – 1933-[ca. 1940s].
Images of the family as a group; Doug and Doreen (‘Dodie’) as children; Jim; etc.
7. Film development. – 1945.
Envelope for film development with a note that discusses a film shortage.
8. James Ratcliff – Clippings. – [ca. 1921?], 949, 1968.
Notices of James’ retirement, after 41 years in the public service; and his obituary. An undated clipping, likely [ca. 1921], noted James serving as chair of a “Chinese YMCA” citizenship banquet and event.
9. Marriage. – 1926. – textual records, 5 photographs.
10. Photograph Album. – 1926-1933. – 113 b&w photographs.
11. Photographs – Miscellaneous. – [ca. 192-?]-1957. – 18 b&w photographs, 2 real photo postcards.

Postcards of Yellowgrass, and the 1939 visit to Canada by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth; images are of friends at Regina Beach; a group of women in costume; construction of the Saskatchewan Landing bridge; Wascana Lake and Victoria Park, Regina; throwing horseshoes; a corporate Christmas party; "fishkateers" – Willoughby children at Carlyle Lake etc.

12. [Travel] Holiday Trip. – 1947.

Typescript "review" of a vacation to Ontario, taken by James and Elma, 1-25 August 1947.

13. Travel – Travel Diaries. – 1958-1979.

Notebooks with addresses, directions, descriptions, etc. The 1965 diary includes a list of 60th Battery "old timers" seen in Vancouver and Victoria.

14. Travel – Souvenir Views.

Waterton – [after 1932].

Fortress of Louisbourg – [before 1961].

D. Doug Ratcliffe (and family)

1. Certificate of Baptism. – 1930.

2. Marriage. – 1946, 1951. – 5 black & white photographs, textual material.
Also includes wedding invitation.

3. Misc. Textual. – 1980, nd.

Business cards for Doug, letter from Sheila (Doug's wife) to Elma Ratcliffe from England.

4. Photographs. - 32 black & white photographs.
Doug, Sheila, & Family.

5. Portraits. – 1945-1947. – 15 photographs.

Doug with pets, graduation photo, professional portrait.

E. Doreen Ratcliffe

1. Baptism (?) Ribbon. – nd.

2. Diary. – 1938.

Documenting a family trip to the States.

3. Education. – 1942.

Report card.

4. Photo Album. – ca. 1947. – 13 photographs.
5. Photographs. – 1927-[ca. 1950s]. – 21 photographs.

II. McConnell Family

A. Doreen McConnell

1. Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT). – nd.
Booklets.
 2. Church – nd, 1975-1977.
Knox-Metropolitan United Church clipping, “The Mortgage” song, Ko-ed Klub membership, certificate of appreciation.
 3. Church – Choir leader. – nd.
Hymn books, notes. “Queenswood Church”.
 4. Clipping. – 1973.
Volunteering in school library.
 5. Cookbooks.
Includes Penny Powers Oven Meals; Canadian Fish Recipes; Barbecue Cooking; Joys of Jello.
 6. Correspondence. – nd.
From “Mum”.
 7. Honours and Awards. – 1977, 1999.
University of Saskatchewan 50 Year Alumni, Algonquin College.
 8. Music. – nd, 1949-1975.
Sheet music for piano.
 9. United Church Women. – nd.
“Our Group is Like a Cake”
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10. University Chorus/Saskatoon Symphony. – nd, [1940s], 1982-1991
 11. Writing. – nd, 1957.

Article by Doreen, insurance pamphlets, newsletter.

B. John McConnell

1. Awards. – 2001, 2005.
Letter re Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, 50 Year Alumni Certificate.
2. Business cards. – [1980s-2000s?]
Notable “John McConnell, Doreen McConnel, Freelance Journalists”; business cards from a wide range of businesses located in a variety of places: Barbados, la Ronge, Saskatoon, Washington, Prince Albert, Ontario, Florida, etc.
3. Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). – 1985-1987. – 2 slides, 9 negatives, textual material.
Slides, negatives, card, clipping.
4. Co-ops. – 2012.
“Co-operating to Build a Better West Conference” notebook with notes.
5. Henry Heald Commentaries. – [2010]-2011.
6. “How to Evaluate Your Public Relations Program”. – 1979.
Outline of an address given to Federal Institute of Management.
7. Resume and Articles. – nd, 1994-2015. – **RESTRICTED.**
8. Michigan State University. – 1968.
Pamphlets, exam, Graduate Program in Television and Radio requirements.
9. Music. – 1951, 1977.
Sheet music for saxophone.
10. NDP. – 2013-2014.
Minutes of the Saskatoon Southeast NDP Executive Nov. 27, 2013; nomination speeches for Scott Bell, Michael Karras.
11. Portraits. – nd, [1951?]. – 2 photographs.
12. Publications. – 1944-2012. – 2 folders.
Aids to technical Writing (Bulletin of the University of Minnesota); *A Healthy Society: How Focus on Health can Revive Canadian Democracy* by Ryan Meili (signed by author to John); *The Science of Human Communication*; *Communicating for Leadership: A guide for executives.*

13. Russian newspaper. – 1968.
14. Station 20 West. – 2015.
Agenda for Community Mobilization Committee Meeting Oct 26, 2015.
15. Wedding portraits. – [1950s-1960s?]. – 3 photographs.
John McConnell was best man in a lot of weddings. Most are unidentified but one says “Sincerely Em & Bill”

C. McConnell Family

1. As We Remember Alford. - 1965
Community book with notes about McConnell family members.
2. Christmas Cards. – nd, 1958-1963.
3. Church publications. – 1944-1977.
4. Correspondence. – 1983.
Letter from Gordon and Harriet.
5. Marriage. – 1951. – 1 photo, textual material.
Wedding portrait, photocopy of newspaper announcement.
6. The McConnell Story. – 1980.
History of the McConnell family starting in Ireland up to John’s generation (and a list of their kids).
7. Nametags/cards. – nd, 1961.
St. Paul’s United Church name tags, Saskatoon Institute of Agrologists membership card, card certifying Public Administration Course for John, etc.
8. Photo album. – 1985-1999. – 62 photographs.
World Food Day Annual Meeting, Aboriginal Rodeo, AgCon Conference, Doreen’s 50th Anniversary of U of S Graduation at Centennial Auditorium, Presidents Brunch (Marquis Hall), U of S Campus, house on Colony St., Barbados.
9. Photos. – nd, 1983-2004. – 10 negatives, 1 contact sheet, 13 photographs; 4 postcards.
Group photos, agricultural, Medicine Hat train crash (1983-84?), four postcards (Genava Park YMCA, University of Michigan)

10. Travel – Album. – 1972-1984. – textual records, 71 postcards, 1 card.
Includes travel to England, Peru, South Dakota, Sea World, California.
11. Travel – Barbados. – 30 slides; textual material.
Slides from trip to Barbados. Article written by Doreen and John about Sask
Agrologist and windmills in Barbados.
12. Travel – England. – 1981. – textual records, 36 slides.
Includes maps and pamphlets.
13. Travel – Ireland. – 1981. – textual records, 18 slides.
Includes maps and pamphlets.
14. Travel – Scotland. – 1981. – textual records.
Maps, pamphlets.

D. Mary Ann McConnell-Boehm

1. APPI Conference. – 2015.
“Great Cities Great Regions Conference” booklet.
2. Awards. – 1997.
Certificate of Appreciation from Alberta Association Canadian Institute of
Planners.
3. *Building a Legacy: Edmonton’s Architectural History* by Ken Tingley. – 2012.
4. Edmonton. – 2003-2012. – 2 folders.
Edmonton Metropolitan Region pamphlet, Transit Oriented Development
Guidelines, “The Way We Grow: Municipal Development Plan”, “Smart Choices
for developing our community”
5. Uranium City. – 1981. – 8 photographs.
Images taken by Mary Ann on a work trip for the Diefenbaker Centre.

III. Miscellaneous.

Items where it is unclear who they specifically belonged to or how they related directly to the other members of the family.

1. Agricultural/Small town. – 17 slides.
Buildings, people, animals, machinery.
2. Berkley. – 1980s[?]. – 9 slides.

3. Biographical note. – 2022.
Note by donor regarding some biographical content of the material that was donated.
 4. Brown's Song Book. – nd.
Typed lyrics.
 5. Clippings. – nd.
Re: party hosted by Elizabeth Alport and Eneanor Cowdry; electric wheelchair used by Sheena Menzies.
 6. Games. – nd, 1974.
Game book "Adult Games" in which "The Weight of Nothing" and "The Great Clock" were tucked in the pages; rules for Canasta.
 7. Miscellaneous. – nd, 1959. – 20 slides.
Group photos, buildings, cars.
 8. National Gallery of Canada. – nd.
Newsletter type document about Lacsaux: Six Upper Palaeolithic Paintings.
 9. "Old Photos Unknown to Family (in 2020)". – 53 photographs. – [1920s-1960s?], 1934
Group photos; man standing in front of Knox United Church; "after dinner at 69 Angus Cres", "Elma Ratcliffe in middle, Doreen & Doug in front; "Lola McRae and myself"; cow in front of maple tree; Marlene and Gerald Middleton, Isabelle Robson; Murial Robson?; Ken Robson wedding photos
 10. Pamphlets. – 1933-1963.
Wedding invitation for Muriel Isobel Robson to Wilfred Ernest Blair; Butchart Gardens, Christmas card, "In Memory of the Rev. George Burns Ratcliffe.
 11. Photographs. – 1946-1965. – 17 photographs.
Myrtle holding a cat ("Benny"); a house; unidentified people; Barbara Elaine Ratcliffe (3 months); Doug, Linda, Dale; Grant and Dorothy Wedding; Linda, Dale, Doug, Barb; Terry and Dorothy Daynaud.
 12. Photographs. – [1920s?]-1959. – 6 photographs.
Clear Lake, Florence & Morly Willoughby; H.R Mackenzie house, Vancouver; nurse graduation group photo; unidentified portraits.
- Box 11**
13. Prayers. – nd.
Handwritten prayers, appear to be copied from other sources (many list an author, ex. "Glorious New Year" by Frida Howes.

14. Saskatoon. – 1959-1983. – 8 slides.
Streetscape [downtown]; bridges; parade.
15. Saskatoon/Sk/Canada ephemera. – 1967-2015.
16. Slides. – 1960s. – 13 slides.
Appear to document a trip of some kind; photos in front of a motel with trunk full of suitcases; children holding eggs; two women at a microphone;
17. Star Weekly Magazine. – 1959. **See OS Box 1**
3 Issues, March 14, 21, 28. The March 14th issue had a handwritten page about Easter, (maybe a sermon?) tucked in between page 4 and 5.
18. University of Saskatchewan. – [1940s-1950s] – 17 photographs.
People unidentified; female students dressed in plaid in Administration/College Building; photos from a dance (perhaps AgBagDrag?); student standing near a bulletin board advertising Debating Directorate, hockey and “This way for Cokes”; students in grad gowns, students in front of Qu’Appelle Hall; group photos; Home Coming Parade photos (Ore Gangue, and unidentified); student in front of lamp post.