

MJ-92

Moose Jaw Agricultural Society fonds. - [multiple media]. - 1884-1993. - 2.29 m of textual records. - 231 photographs, 93 slides. - 1 audio cassette tape.

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### **Administrative history**

The Moose Jaw Agricultural Society was formed on July 26, 1884 at a meeting of farmers and others interested in forming an agricultural society. The meeting was held in the Florida and MacIntosh Hall. H.C. Battell was appointed chairman of the meeting and W. Goodwin acted as secretary. A motion was made by William Poulton and seconded by William Watson, "That in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable to form an association known as "The Moose Jaw Agricultural Society" for the purpose of advancing the interests of the farmers in the Moose Jaw district and of agriculture in general." Following discussion, this motion was carried unanimously.

The first officers elected were H.C. Battell, president; William Watson, vice-president; J. Watson, secretary. A committee of directors elected were Messers. MacIntosh, Cline, J.E. Boys, W. Grayson, G. Grayson, McDougall, J.H. Boys, David Boys, Rorrison, McCarrole, Cudmore, Ivon, Duston, Bowden, Goodwin, Gilmour, Nicol and William Pitblado. The first directors meeting was held on August 9, 1884.

Through the efforts of the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society, the Robin Hood Flour Mills were established in Moose Jaw. The Society brought the need of a community hospital before the Town Council. In 1906 the Moose Jaw General Hospital was officially opened. The Society was instrumental in having the Canadian Pacific Railway plough fire guards to prevent prairie fires. In the early years following unsuccessful crops, the Society negotiated with the C.P.R. authorities for seed grain, on credit, to be distributed to needy farmers. It petitioned that farmers be allowed to take up second homesteads on cancelled lands without going forty miles from their first one. It brought in new varieties of cereal grains and vegetables.

The Moose Jaw Agricultural Society worked to improve farming methods. One of its first achievements was organizing an annual fair and exhibition in 1884. The Agricultural Society ran the fair until 1917 when the Moose Jaw Exhibition Board took over. As early as 1884, exhibits of sheaves, grains and roots were sent to the London Exhibition. Many prizes and championships have been won for grain and livestock at exhibitions and fairs, including the Toronto Royal and Chicago International fairs.

The Society has sponsored summer, fall and seed grain fairs, plowing matches, stallion shows, seed drilling, standing fields of grain, summerfallow, better farming, garden and yard competitions. It has hosted forums and sponsored programs, some jointly with the Horticultural and Poultry Associations.

The Society was always involved in the education of farmers and of young people. Many courses, seminars and activities were available in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association, the provincial Department of Agriculture and the University of Saskatchewan Extension Division. In the early years farm camps were held during the summers in Regina and Saskatoon. Boys would win prizes, medals and scholarships. Boys and Girls clubs were sponsored beginning with the Tuxford Swine Club in 1927. In 1952 these clubs became 4-H Clubs to include grain, dairy, beef, home crafts and poultry clubs. The Agricultural Society actively encouraged and supported these clubs.

Members of the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society held an annual fall banquet, at which time the Farmer of the Year Award was presented. Some of its members have been inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame.

The Moose Jaw Agricultural Society was a member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association. It was in District #8 in the South-West Region. In 1987, the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association was restructured to form a new association known as the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions Inc. In 1992, the Government of Saskatchewan (Saskatchewan Rural Development) announced they would no longer provide operating grants to agricultural societies, exhibitions and horticultural societies.

The last meeting of the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society was held on Thursday, December 3, 1992. Other organizations and agencies do the work that the Society once did. The Moose Jaw Agricultural Society decided to disband and turn over its remaining funds to the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation. The records of 108 years of existence were donated to the Moose Jaw Public Library.

### **Scope and content**

This fonds consists of six series comprising the business, activities, and history of the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society from its beginning in 1884 to its disbanding in 1992. It contains minutes, financial papers, reports and publicity. There are photographs of persons and events over the years, as well as photographs and slides of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations held in 1984. There is information from and about the several affiliate organizations of the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2005.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

This fonds consists of two accessions - the first donated by Betty Harrison (past sect./treas.) and Ralph Howes (past pres.) The second was donated by Dale Risula, October 10, 1996

## **Associated materials**

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet (971.24 M00), Historical Review of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association and the Agricultural, Societies of Saskatchewan, by Herbert R. Clark, University of Saskatchewan, 1980, A History of University of Saskatchewan Annual Farm and Home Week: 50 years of dedication to the development of Saskatchewan agriculture 1933-1982, by Herbert R. Clark, Division of Extension and Community Relations, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, 1981 transferred to the archival books collection.

## **Accruals**

No further accruals expected.

## **Finding aids**

See file list.

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### File List

MJ-92/1. - Society Business. - [textual record]. - 1884-1993. - 1.69m of textual records.  
Boxes V-90 - V-101, H-59 - H-61, OS-11

This series consists of membership lists, attendance records, reports, minutes of meetings, correspondence, financial records, grant information and applications, and insurance policies. Included are outstanding grain purchase agreements from 1932.

001 - Objectives/Purpose, undated

002 - Maps/Boundaries [1957?], [1960?], undated

003 - Honorary Life Membership

004 - Membership Lists (Books) 1937-1943, 1944-1953

005 - Membership/Executive Officers/Directors Lists 1945-1992

006 - Meeting Attendance Records 1958, 1960-1963, 1970, 1973, 1984, 1989-1991

007 - Farm & Business Forums Attendance Records 1964, 1966, 1967

008 - Annual Meetings - Agendas/Minutes 1953-1992

009 - Presidents/Activity Reports 1951-1984

010 - Completed Annual Report Forms 1951-1991

011 - Excerpts from Minutes 1884-1931

012 - Minutes/Membership Lists 1884-1885

013 - Minute Book 1911-1923

014 - Minute Book 1923-1938

015 - Minute Book 1938-1952

016 - Minute Book 1953-1960

017 - Minute Book 1960-1978

018 - Minute Book 1979-1991

019 - Outstanding Grain Purchase Agreements A-K 1932

020 - Outstanding Grain Purchase Agreements L-W 1932

021 - Insurance Policies 1952-1967

022 - Grants - Policies/Information 1956-1992

023 - Grants - Applications 1980-1992

024 - Financial Ledger 1885-1897

025 - Receipts & Payments Ledger 1924-1930

026 - Receipts & Payments Ledger 1930-1950

027 - Receipts & Payments Ledger/Memberships 1950-1958

028 - Receipts & Payments Ledger 1958-1969

029 - Financial Ledger 1970-1983

030 - Payments Ledger 1983-1993

031 - Receipts Ledger 1983-1993

032 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1951  
033 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1952  
034 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1953  
035 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1954  
036 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1955  
037 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1956  
038 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1957  
039 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1958  
040 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1959  
041 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1960  
042 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1961  
043 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1962  
044 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1963  
045 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1964  
046 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1965  
047 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1966  
048 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1967  
049 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1968  
050 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1969  
051 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1970  
052 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1971  
053 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1972  
054 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1973

- 055 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1974
- 056 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1975
- 057 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1976
- 058 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1977
- 059 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1978
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- 061 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1980
- 062 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1981
- 063 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1982
- 064 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1983
- 065 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1984
- 066 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1985
- 067 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1986
- 068 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1987
- 069 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1988
- 070 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1989
- 071 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1990
- 072 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1991
- 073 - Bills, Receipts, Financial Statements 1992
- 074 - Bank Deposit Books 1950-1962
- 075 - Bank Deposit Books 1962-1992
- 076 - Bank Pass Books 1925-1930, 1945-1952, 1975-1993

077 - Cheque Register 1988-1993

078 - Cheque Book Stubs 1953-1958

079 - Cheque Book Stubs 1958-1964, 1973-1984, 1987-1993

080 - Cheque Books/Stubs 1964-1973

081 - Receipt Books 1950-1960

082 - Receipt Books 1959-1960

083 - Receipt Books 1960-1962

084 - Receipt Books 1962-1964

085 - Receipt Books 1966-1967

086 - Receipt Books 1967-1968

087 - Receipt Books 1981-1982

088 - Receipt Book 1981-1984

089 - Receipt Book 1981-1986

090 - Receipt Books 1982

091 - Receipt Book 1982-1992

092 - Receipt Book 1984-1986

093 - Receipt Book 1984-1988

094 - Receipt Book 1984-1989

095 - Receipt Book 1984-1990

096 - Receipt Book 1990-1992

097 - Receipt Book (Blank)

098 - Correspondence/with reports (fragile) 1891

099 - Correspondence 1932

100 - Correspondence 1946  
101 - Correspondence 1952  
102 - Correspondence 1953  
103 - Correspondence 1954  
104 - Correspondence 1955  
105 - Correspondence 1956  
106 - Correspondence 1957  
107 - Correspondence 1958  
108 - Correspondence 1959  
109 - Correspondence 1960  
110 - Correspondence 1961  
111 - Correspondence 1962  
112 - Correspondence 1963  
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119 - Correspondence 1970  
120 - Correspondence 1971  
121 - Correspondence 1972



122 - Correspondence 1973

123 - Correspondence 1974

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131 - Correspondence 1982

132 - Correspondence 1983

133 - Correspondence 1984

134 - Correspondence 1985

135 - Correspondence 1986

136 - Correspondence 1987

137 - Correspondence 1988

138 - Correspondence 1989

139 - Correspondence 1990

140 - Correspondence 1991

141 - Correspondence 1992

142 - Correspondence 1993

143 - Blank Letterhead

144 - "A Manual for Agricultural Societies in Saskatchewan: a handbook" - 2 copies - 1987

MJ-92/2. - Society Activities. - [textual record]. - 1929-1991. - 24.0 cm of textual records.  
Boxes V-102 - V-103

This series consists of agendas, programs, tickets and speeches of the annual banquets. There is information, lists of entries, scorecards and results from the various competitions held, as well as prize lists and yearbooks. This series also contains brochures and publicity for University of Saskatchewan Extension Department courses, seminars, programs, classes, and forums held locally and provincially. Also included are schedules for provincial exhibitions and fairs.

001 - Annual Banquets 1962-1991

002 - Competitions - Information 1954, 1962, 1964

003 - Competitions - Programs 1929, 1956-1959

004 - Competitions - Judging 1973-1984

005 - Competitions - Prize List and Rules 1939

006 - Good Farming Competition - Entries - 1975-1977

007 - Field Competitions and Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1933-1937

008 - Field Competitions and Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1937-1941

009 - Field Competitions and Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1939-1949

010 - Field Competitions and Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1942-1944

011 - Field Competitions and Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1961-1962, undated

012 - Seed Fairs - Entries/Results - 1929

013 - Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1944-1945

014 - Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1946-1947

015 - Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1950-1952

016 - Seed Fairs - Entries/Results 1953-1957

017 - Field Competitions and Good Farming Competitions - Entries/Results 1951-1952

018 - Field Competitions and Good Farming Competitions - Entries/Results 1953-1957

019 - Field, Crop, Garden, Good Farming Competitions - Scorecards 1933-1947

020 - Field, Crop, Garden, Good Farming Competitions - Scorecards 1950-1967

021 - Fall Fairs - Entries/Results 1932, 1934-1944

022 - Competition Scorecards (Blank)

023 - Yearbooks/Prize Lists 1932-1933, 1942-1947, 1951-1952, 1954, 1962, 1964

024 - Pamphlets/Brochures/Information - University of Saskatchewan Extension courses; seminars; programs; classes; forums 1956-1992

025 - Provincial Exhibitions and Fairs Schedules 1963-1992

026 - University of Saskatchewan Agricultural Machinery Information 1929, 1937

MJ-92/3. - Society History. - [textual record, graphic material, sound recording]. - 1884-1991. - 12.0 cm of textual records. - 231 photographs and 93 slides. - 1 audio cassette tape.

Boxes V-104, V-291, H-59, G-5

This series contains a history written in 1967, biographies of members, speakers, honorees and award winners. There is material related to the 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Society. There are also newspaper clippings pertaining to the activities, business and people of the Society, and two scrapbooks containing correspondence, newspaper clippings, programs and memorabilia. There are photographs of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations held in 1984, as well as undated photographs of persons, places and events. There is a slide carousel of 93 slides, with written script of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

001 - History (written 1967)

002 - Awards and Honours

003 - Farmer of the Year Award 1951-1991

004 - Biographies - Members/Honorees/Guest Speakers

005 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet 1959

006 - Appreciation Certificate 1984

- 007 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Activities/Reports 1984
- 008 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Guest Registers 1984
- 009 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Drawings 1984
- 010 - Scrapbook 1884-1984
- 011 - Scrapbook 1959-1984
- 012 - Newspaper Clippings 1951-1989
- 013 - Photographs [195-?] - [[196-?]
- 014 - Photographs 1984
- 015 - Photographs/Negatives, undated
- 016 - Written narrative (Script) - Slide Show - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1984
- 017 - Slides - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1984
- 018 - Audio cassette tape (Script) - Slide Show - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1984
- 019 - Moose Jaw Agricultural Society Centennial Edition 1984

MJ-92/4. - Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association. - [textual record]. - 1953-1993. - 10.0 cm of textual records.

Box V-105

This series consists of the constitution, records of meetings, conventions, and activities of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association which was the provincial body of the agricultural societies in Saskatchewan.

- 001 - Constitution 1956, 1957, 1965, 1977
- 002 - Legislation Respecting Agricultural Societies 1953, 1966
- 003 - President/Secretary Lists 1956-1985, undated
- 004 - Regional Meetings - Schedules/Agendas/Minutes/Reports 1954- 1986
- 005 - Annual Meetings - Agendas/Minutes/Reports 1957-1987
- 006 - Presentations 1983

007 - Annual Reports 1960-1988

MJ-92/5. - Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions Inc. - [textual record]. - 1987-1993. - 2.00 cm of textual records.

Box V-105

This series consists of the constitution and by-laws, information on meetings and conventions of the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions Inc. which was formed in 1987 replacing the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies' Association.

001 - Constitution and By-laws 1987

002 - Meetings/Conventions/Reports 1987, 1988, 1991-1993

003 - SAASE Newsletters 1987-1992

MJ-92/6. - Associated Organizations. - [textual record]. - 1910-1985. - 12.0 cm of textual records.

Box V-106

This series consists of miscellaneous material of organizations and committees that were involved in the business and activities of and with the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society.

001 - Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame - Application 1981

002 - Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame - Ceremony Program 1983

003 - 4-H Clubs - Information and Certificate

004 - Moose Jaw District Centennial Committee - Minutes/Finances/Schedules/Programs Publicity 1967

005 - Moose Jaw District Centennial Committee - Banquet - Seating & Program 1967

006 - Moose Jaw Centennial Committee - Crescent Park Fountain Project 1967-1969

007 - Moose Jaw Stampede Committee - Minute Book 1916

008 - Moose Jaw Driving Club/Moose Jaw Exhibition Co. Ltd. - Minute Book 1926

009 - Moose Jaw Driving Club/Moose Jaw Exhibition Co. Ltd. - Bills 1926

010 - Moose Jaw Creek Watershed Development Association [196-?]

011 - Prairie Provinces Water Board - Projects 1910-1963

012 - Regina Exhibition Association Limited - Information 1983-1985

013 - Canadian Association of Exhibitions - Directory & Newsletter 1985

Artifacts (Located in Artifact Box 1)

-1 ink stamp "Moose Jaw Agricultural Society"

-1 banner "108<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY M.J.A.S. 1984-1992" (located in Artifact Box 2)