



MG 174 -- R. M. Ferguson fonds

Dates: 1921-1967

Extent: textual + photographs - 59 cm.

Biography: Robert Mervyn (Gusty) Ferguson was born on the 15 June 1898 in Derrygonelly, County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. Educated at Trinity College Dublin, he was awarded gold medals in Greek, Latin, Roman History and Classics, graduating with a Master of Arts degree in 1921. The following year he joined the U of S faculty, department of classics, as an associate professor. Progressing through the ranks he became professor in 1948 and was department head from 1965 to 1967. Upon his retirement in 1967 he was named professor emeritus. Professor Ferguson was involved in a number of campus and community activities and associations. He joined the COTC in 1927, becoming chief instructor on a full-time basis in 1940. Later that year he enlisted in the Canadian Army and served until 1945. He was chairman of the Saskatoon Library Board, president of the Boy Scouts Organization of Saskatchewan and a member of the Saskatoon Club and the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club. Professor Ferguson died in Saskatoon on 6 August 1992.

Scope and Content: This fonds provides only partial documentation of R. M. Ferguson's career at the University of Saskatchewan but represents a substantial portion of his academic research.

Arrangement: The Ferguson fonds is organized into four series:

- A. Personal;
- B. Lecture Notes;
- C. Research;
- D. Additional.

Restrictions: Although there are no restrictions on access for research purposes, no publication of the Herodian manuscript, in whole or part, is permitted without the express written permission of M.L. Ferguson, her heirs or assigns.

A. Personal.

1. Examinations [given] U of S - 1946-1967.
Classics and Greek.
2. Examinations [taken] U of Dublin - 1908-1921.
3. Evaluations. - nd.
Student assessments of class and lectures.
4. Miscellaneous. – nd - 1969
Correspondence, brief reports on research, letters of reference for Ferguson, correspondence and memoranda concerning J.F. Leddy's appointment, etc.
5. Some Reflections of Trinity College, Dublin by N.J.D. White. - 1935.

B. Lecture Notes. - [between 1930 and 1950].

This series consists of notes and fragments of lectures in Greek, Roman history, classics, etc.

1. Achilles.
2. Alexander/India.
3. Aristotle.
4. Democracy.
5. Epicureanism.
6. Euripides.
7. Greek Biography.
8. Greek Drama.
9. Greek Epigram.
10. Greek Misc.
11. Greek Novel.
12. Greek Poetry.
13. Herodotus.
14. Homer.
15. Philip of Macedon.
16. Peloponnesian War/Sicilian Expedition/Thucydides.
17. Photos (Hypnos, Pericles, dramatic group [Moliere production?]).
18. Pindar.
19. Plato.
20. Similies.
21. Socrates.

22. Sophocles.
Includes *Sophocles' King Oedipus* by W.B. Yeats, 1928.
23. Sparta.
24. Virgil.
25. Miscellaneous.

C. Research. (See also D. Additional)

This series consists of notes, references, hand-written and typed drafts and final manuscript of Ferguson's unpublished commentary on Herodian.

1. Reference Works.

- a) *Untersuchungen Zur Geschichte Des Kaisers Septimus Severus* by J. Hasebroek, 1921.
- b) Miscellaneous articles. – nd - 1965.

2. Research Notes. - [between 1922 and 1941].

- a) Book IV.
- b) H.G. Pflaum.

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- c) Miscellaneous. - 10 cm. - 14 folders.
Includes some hand-written and typed fragments of draft manuscript.

3. Hand-written Drafts. - 6 folders

- a) Pages 1-20.
- b) Pages 3-75.
- c) Pages 18-55.
- d) Not paginated.
- e) Pages 77-134 (incomplete).
- f) Various, roughly pages 40-55.

4. Typed Drafts. - 10 folders.

- a) Pages 1-57.
- b) Pages 1-89.
- c) Pages 1-163.
- d) Pages 9-146.
- e) Pages 12-143.

- f) Pages 47-146.
- g) Pages 58-98.
- h) Pages 1-56.
(See also a)

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- i) Pages 62-98.
(See also g)
- j) Pages 3-27 (incomplete), 44-89.

5. Final Draft. - [ca. 1940]. - 6 cm. - 4 folders.

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Folder 1

- [Book I] pages 3-146.
- See also 4. Typed Drafts. - d.

Folder 2

- Misc papers [Book I].
- [Book II Part I] pages 1-47.
- [Book II Part I] pages 1-43.

Folder 3

- Misc papers [Book III] pages 1-153.

Folder 4

- [Book IV] pages 1-93.

D. Additional. - nd. - 7 cm - 5 folders.

(These notes were presented by Mrs R.M. Ferguson subsequent to the fonds being organized, described and boxed).

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1. Herodian Notes (?).

Research notes, some in Latin, which probably were compiled from sources in the British Museum Library.