



MG586 – Raymond Yochim Collection

Dates: 1954-2012

Extent: 1 m textual materials

Biography: Raymond Pius George Yochim was born on August 17, 1935, and died July 25, 2016. He was married sixty years to wife Irene, and had three sons. He was, for much of his career, a travelling salesman, and his collecting was partially a result of his ongoing travels as well as his multitude of interests. Ray was a member of the Air Force Club, Royal Canadian Legion, Army Navy & Air Force Veterans, and Knights of Columbus. He was an avid collector of coins and stamps, books and ephemera.

Scope and Content: Yochim's collecting ranged over a variety of topics and medium. Often, he would take interest in a specific subject and collect everything from articles and clippings to books on the subject, interleaving the former with the latter. He also gathered "collectible" items such as trading cards and magnets on a variety of subjects.

Arrangement: Many of Yochim's books have been added to the Neil Richards Collection for Sexual and Gender Diversity, as well as to the Shortt Collection of Canadiana. Where applicable, his interleaving has been maintained. Where interleaving is extensive, books have been added to this archival fonds instead to maintain their integrity. Some effort has been made to preserve the peculiarities of Yochim's collecting practices in the arrangement of this collection which, like the house in which he lived, has been sorted by topic, with the exception of trading cards and magnets.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.

Box 1

1. Arabia: From Suez to Aleppo. – 1954.
This book was originally in with Yochim's Lawrence of Arabia books, the rest of which have been transferred to the Neil Richards Collection for Sexual and Gender Diversity.
2. Agriculture: Barns – 4 photographs
Postcards and clippings about barns in Saskatchewan and Western Canada. Includes pictures of Yochim and wife near model of barn. Also a book on barns.
3. Agriculture: Farm Tech and Times – 1980's
Both contemporary and historical clippings on the evolution of agriculture on the Canadian prairies.
4. Beautiful Scenes
Postcards of Saskatoon and area collected by Yochim, originally part of binder titled "beautiful scenes"
5. Boomerang Books – 1975-1977
6. Canadian History and Government – 2 folders
Scrapbook of materials collected over many years on Canadian history and government. Topics include: the fathers of confederation, early agriculture, the fur trade, pioneer living, the First World War, forts, Bluenose, early automobiles and farm implements, Louis Riel, trains,
7. Canadian Political Cartoons – 1980's – 1990's
8. Cards: Bird Cards - 1977
Collectible cigarette cards
9. Cards: General – 1960-1993
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool "Super Hero" cards; Fire Engine Cards; Star Trek Cards; Ducks Unlimited Cards; Cattle Cards, Red Rose Tea wildflowers of North America cards.

Box 2

10. Cards: Parks Canada Cards – [2000s]

11. Cards: Playing Cards

Four sets of collectible playing cards: White Pass and Yukon Route, a pack from Central Supply Ltd. (Saskatoon), a pack for weed-killer, and a bible-geography game.

12. Cards: Song Birds of America – 1942-1959

Collectable cards from Red Rose Tea

13. Cards: Space Shots – 1990

Trading cards about the space program.

14. Cards: Tropical Fish

The Happy Families of Tropical Fish: colorful cards with detailed information. Produced in Austria.

15. Christmas Package – 1980's

Christmas Carols and Children's books

16. Collectibles: Buckle Collecting – 1983

17. Collectibles: Exaggeration Postcards

Some samples of late exaggeration postcards (circa 1980's or 90's) as well as a book on collecting these items.

18. Collectibles: Laugh Books

Fold-out joke books, targeting a male audience on topics of hunting, fishing, and parenting.

19. Collectibles: Magnets

Magnets collected from a number of businesses across Saskatchewan.

20. Collectibles: Saskatchewan: The Good Life – See **Artifact Box 1**

Collectable Plate.

21. Collecting Books- 1969-1979

Cigars, beer labels, mats and coasters, cigarette pack art.

22. Driving Safety

Early clippings and booklets on automobile safety and maintenance, as well as a series of collectable cards.

23. Guinness Book of World Records

Extensive collection of clippings on world records.

24. Metis – 1967-2010

Clippings from a variety of (primarily local) publications on Metis history and current life.

Box 3

25. Miscellaneous Clippings

Topics include China, geology, optical illusions, health.

26. Miscellaneous Poems, Stories

Anti-abortion challenge to Communist government policy, cowboy poetry, how to treat a blind person, anecdotes, prayers (including a Sioux prayer by Chief Dan George), thanksgiving, Christmas, Christianity, tongue twisters.

27. Miscellaneous Revelations

Clippings of anecdotes on better living.

28. Miscellaneous Scrapbook

Canada's Centennial, plant life, science, mathematics, chess, first aid, environment, Air Transport Command, the oil industry, insurance, snakes.

29. Miscellaneous Scrapbook 2 – **See OS Box 1**

Topics of health, science, the Vietnam War, and humor.

30. RCMP Collectables – 1973 - 1976

Clippings, booklets, postcards, heritage materials. Mostly celebrating the centenary of the RCMP.

31. RCMP Museum

32. RCMP Tattoo – 1998-2005

Booklet published by the Credit Unions of Saskatchewan celebrating 125 years of the RCMP, with clippings interleaved.

33. RCMP Trading Cards – 1973

34. Saskatchewan Grain Elevators – 2 folders
Images and postcards of grain elevators across Saskatchewan. Also some articles.
35. Saskatchewan Place Names
36. Saskatchewan: What's in a name? – 1973 – See **Artifact Box 1**
Copy of E. T. Russell's book on the origins of town names in Saskatchewan. This copy is unique as Yochim made extensive use of it in his travels, interleaving clippings and information about various towns to create a new book-within-a-book of supplementary information.
37. Science and the Environment
Early clippings and comics on space exploration and the environment.
38. Snakes – 1970-1999
Information on snakes and snake nesting patterns around the world, with particular attention to Saskatchewan garter snakes.
39. Solar Eclipse Scrapbook – 1979 – **See OS Box 2**
40. Sports: Hockey Scrapbook – **See OS Box 2**
41. Sports: Howe, Gordie – 2012
Special sports illustrated edition, heavily interleaved with clippings about Mr. Hockey.
42. Sports: Roughrider Memorabilia- 2012
43. Virdin- 1999-2002
Clippings and ephemera on this Saskatchewan town. Some photographs.