



## MG 503 – Russell/Walker - Hurley fonds

**Dates:** 1963-1978 (inclusive).

**Extent:** 6 cm of textual records, 10 sketches, 14 cards, 31 photographs.

**Biography:** Robert Newton Hurley (1894-1980) was an artist widely known for his watercolour prairie landscapes. Hurley was born in London, England. He immigrated to Canada in 1923 and lived in Saskatoon (1930-1963) and Victoria (1963-1980). He was mainly a self-taught painter but did study briefly under Ernest Lindner. In Saskatoon he worked as a plant technician with the Dominion Plant Pathology Laboratory on the University of Saskatchewan campus alongside Dr. Ralph C. Russell. Hurley and Russell made many field excursions across the prairies. Russell (1897-1964) was married to Grace and the father to Ruth (m. Geoffrey Walker) and Lorna Russell.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds contains personal ephemera including cards, sketches, art, and photographs, from the Russell/Walker/Hurley families. A number of Hurley's letters and cards include sketches, pictograms, and "Hurleyniks". The personal correspondence includes updates on personal achievements, activities and health concerns. Hurley's failing eyesight is apparent in later letters.

**Arrangement:** There was little apparent natural order in this collection. The correspondence in this fonds has been separated by sender and arranged in chronological order.

See also the R.N. Hurley (MG 482), Hurley/Westcott (MG 554), and A.J.E. Child (MG 564) fonds.

**Restrictions:** There are no restrictions.

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**1. Correspondence. - 1963-1978. - 7 folders.**

- 1.1. Letters from Hurley to Ralph C. Russell. – Jan. 1963 – Sept. 1963. – 0.3 cm. – 1 folder.
- 1.2. Letters from Hurley to Grace Russell (Mrs. R.C. Russell). – March 1965 – Jan. 1978. – 0.3 cm. – 1 folder.
- 1.3. Letters from Hurley to Ruth Walker (daughter of R.C. Russell). – May 1966 – July 1978. – 1.5cm. - 1 folder.
- 1.4. Letter from Ruth Walker to Hurley. – November 1966. – 0.3 cm. - 1 folder.  
Includes typed reminiscence of Hurley and a letter from U of S library accepting the original copy of the reminiscence of Hurley
- 1.5. Miscellaneous. – 1963-1978. – 3.5 cm. - 3 folders.  
Includes enclosures from correspondence: cards, pamphlet, art, letters, newspaper clippings, photographs