

**MG 569 - W.A. Farr**

Dates: 1974-2002, nd.

Extent: .07 m of textual and photographic material

Historical note: Born in London, England on 26 March 1894, Robert Hurley trained as an apprentice printer-compositor before serving in the Suffolk Regiment (1917-1920). In 1923, Hurley immigrated to Canada and moved to Saskatoon in 1930. Finding himself unemployed at the age of forty during the Depression, Hurley began to paint with berry juices and a toothbrush. Largely self-taught with only a few classes from Ernie Linder, he quickly became well known in Saskatchewan and other parts of Canada for his treatment of the prairie landscape. His first showing was at a 1935 exhibition with the Manitoba Society of Artists in Winnipeg. He remained in Saskatchewan until retiring to Victoria, British Columbia, in 1963, where he remained until his death in 1980.

Scope and content: Materials relating to the Saskatchewan artist Robert Newton Hurley.

Custodial history: Donated to University Archives and Special Collections via the Kenderdine.

See also Robert Hurley fonds (482), Wescott/Hurley fonds (554), and Russell/Walker/Hurley fonds (503), A.J.E. Child fonds (564).

Restrictions: No Restrictions on access.

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Correspondence. – 1974, 2002.

Correspondence primarily from Robert Hurley to Mrs. W.A. Farr, one letter from Farr to Hurley.
Two photographs included, as well as one painting of a bug attached to one of the letters.
Excerpt from Hurley's diary also included.

7 photographs. – n.d.

Hurley and his paintings.

4 slides. –n.d.

Images of Hurley's illustrated correspondence.

Scrapbook. – n.d.

Notebook with pasted in photos with descriptions by Hurley. Includes photos of Hurley, his work, and his garden.

Clippings. – 1974, nd.

About Hurley.

Western Producer print. – 1974.

Reproduction of a Hurley work from the book "Sky Painter"

"Saskatoon Back Yard and a Church." – Lino Cut. – n.d.

Inscription reads "Original Lino Cut by Mrs. An[...] Eastman of Saskatoon University."