

FONDS A35

SMITH FAMILY

AN INVENTORY OF ITS ARCHIVAL PAPERS HELD BY THE
MILLET & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Provenance: Smith, John (family, of Bonnie Glen, Alta.).

Title: Smith family fonds.

Dates: 1881-1980.

Phys. desc. 25 cm of textual records. -- 329 photographs.

Bio / Admin History: John Smith and Elsie Augusta Smith married in Strathcona, Alberta in 1902, following John's military service in the Boer War. They homesteaded twenty-five miles west of Millet, Alberta, and were instrumental in developing community amenities in the district that they named Bonnie Glen. They had two children. Annie G. became a teacher in the Millet area and in 1916, married Robert Womacks. John A. Smith married Muriel Aikens and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Village of Millet from 1952 until his death in 1975. He was also Millet's representative on the County of Wetaskiwin Schools Committee.

Muriel Aikens' sister Daisy (a.k.a. Sarah) married Harry Stuart (1924) and they had one son, Robert Stuart. They were two of the four daughters of Thomas and Annie (Maxwell) Aikens, originally from Ontario. They homesteaded in the Millet area. There were also two Aiken boys, Percy and Clarence.

One of the Womack daughters married the Rev. Young and one John A. Smith's daughters, Jeanie, married Mr. Zimmerman.

Custodial History: The donation of material on the Smith family to the Millet and District Museum and Archives by Muriel (Aikens) Smith and her daughter Jeanie Zimmerman was made in 2005. Helen and Colin Smith (children of J. & M. Smith) made another donation in 2006. Photographs were donated in 2004 by Jeanie Zimmerman and are stored with the Archives' photograph collection.

Scope / Content: The fonds includes letters, memorabilia (music books, cookbooks, programmes, school readers, and Royal tour souvenirs), essays, speeches, and news clippings concerning the Smiths', the Aikens' and Womack's family life and community activities. It also includes John A. Smith's receipt books, and his correspondence, collected minutes (1969-1973), and related records as a member of the County of Wetaskiwin Schools Committee. Photographs document the Smith family as well as the Aikens, Womack and Young families.

Title Source: Title based on content of fonds.

Language: The material is in English.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.
Finding Aids: Box list available at repository
Associated/ Related:
Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Record No.: A35

Repository: Millet and District Museum and Archives

Names: Smith family
John A. Smith
Womack
Aikens

Topics: Family and personal life
Education

- 1 A Certificate of marriage : John Smith and Elsie Augusta Smith. -- 1951. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 2 John Smith : [letter to] "dear friend". -- 1901. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 3 John Smith : [letter to] Elsie Smith. -- 1901. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 4 Elsie Smith : Pioneer days at Bonnie Glen. -- [Ca. 1950]. -- 1 item of textual records.
Essay reminiscing on the Smith family's homesteading experience.
- 5 Elsie Smith : M.W.M.S. -- [Ca. 1953]. -- 1 item of textual records.
Speech presented at the 50th anniversary of the [Millet Women's Missionary Society].
- 6 John A. Smith : [correspondence received as Millet representative on County of Wetaskiwin Schools Committee]. -- 1970. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 7 John Angus Smith : Grade X and XI High School certificates and Baptismal Certificate. -- 1922, 1923. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 8 Bob and Annie Womack's wedding announcement and 25th anniversary greeting. -- 1940, 1960. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 9 Millet Junior High Graduation program and place holders. -- 1967. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 10 Autograph book of Annie Maxwell. -- 1882-1888. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 11 Correspondence of Thomas and Annie Aikens. -- 1881-1928. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 12 Certificate of marriage : Sarah Aikens and Harry Stuart. -- 1924. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 13 Correspondence : Aiken's family. -- 1925-1931. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 14 Certificate of Robert Maxwell Stuart. -- 1935. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 15 Correspondence of Jeannie (Smith) Zimmerman. -- 1943. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 17 Alberta 75th Anniversary certificate : Muriel Smith. -- 1980. 1 cm of textual records. Alberta 50th Anniversary certificate : Muriel Smith. -- 1955. Stored in O/S box. Includes photograph and anniversary publication.

- 17 Aikens' genealogy and cemetery plot certificates (includes J.A. Smith's). – 1927-1935. – 1 file of textual records.
- 18 Gift of E.A. Smith to Gary Ambrose. – 1950. – 1 item of textual records.
- 19 Muriel Smith's stamp and post card collection. – n.d. – 1 file of textual records.
- 20 Programs of various events. – 1927-1940. – 1 cm of textual records.
Includes a Board of Trade publication "Millet, Alberta."
- 21 John A. Smith : [receipt books]. -- 1963-1968. -- 2 cm of textual records.
Carbon copies of receipts issued by Smith for house rent, and on behalf of the Millet Board of Trade, Millet United Church, and the Village of Millet.
- 22 John A. Smith : [County of Wetaskiwin Schools Committee : minutes]. -- 1969-1973. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 23 John A. Smith : [County of Wetaskiwin Schools Committee : 1973 salary schedule]. -- [1972]. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 24 John A. Smith : [Millet School gymnasium rental applications]. -- 1971-1973. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 25 John A. Smith : Municipal Accounting Terminology. -- 1942. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 26 Crown Royal soap catalogue. -- 1934. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 27 Cookbooks : various. – n.d. – 1 cm of textual records.
- 28 Daisy Aikens' music books : various. – n.d. – 1 cm of textual records.
- 29 Muriel Aikens' music books : various. – n.d. – 1 cm of textual records.
- 30 Jeanne Smith's music books : various. – n.d. – 1 cm of textual records.
- 31 Music books : various. – n.d. – 1 cm of textual records.
- 32 Popular Music sheets. -- 1930-[1950s]. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 33 Sacred Music sheets. -- nd. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 34 Wartime Music sheets. -- [1940s]. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 35-37 oversized music sheets -- [1930-1950s]. – 5 cm of textual records.

- 38 Gems from Billy Browne's Scrapbook. [CJOR]. – 1953. – 1 item of textual records.
- 39 Farm Workshop Guide [5th ed]. – 1944. – 1 item of textual records.
- Box 2 40 Floyd Clymer's Historical Motor scrapbook. – 1955. – 1 item of textual records.
- 41 E.A. Smith's School Readers. – 1924, 1942. – 1 cm of textual records.
- 42 Royal Visit Souvenirs (Young family). – 1951. – 1 file of textual records.
- 43 Millet Centennial Calendar, vol 3 -- 1967 ; Vic's Garage Calendar -- 1968 – 1 cm of textual records.
- 44 Edmonton Journal Special:1867-1967; the Canadian Saga. -- 1967. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 45 Daisy Aikens' photography studio envelops. -- n.d. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 46 News clippings. -- [192-?]-1979. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 47 John A. Smith Receipts including Chauffeur's license– 1943-1962 -- 1 file of textual records
- 48 Jeanne Smith Progress Reports including history -- 1948-1954 -- 1 file of textual records