

**FONDS A41**

**MULLEN GENERAL INSURANCE**

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

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Provenance: Mullen General Insurance.

Title: Mullen General Insurance fonds

Dates: 1907-1979.

Phys. desc.: 86 cm of textual records, 1 scrapbook, 10 b/w photographs.

Bio / Admin History: In 1919 Arthur Mitchell established a real estate and insurance business in Millet, Alberta. In 1927 C. S. Bear went into partnership with him. Following Bear's death in 1941, the firm was purchased by Roger Dickson. Following Dickson's death in 1942, it was purchased by Edgar Moore. After Moore died in 1944, C. H. Dunn took over the business. Robert G. (Bob) Mullen purchased it in 1945. He was the son of P. J. Mullen and the nephew of James W. Mullen, who settled in Millet in 1899 and 1906 respectively and operated successful farming, sawmilling, general mercantile, real estate, dairy processing, and coal businesses. In 1949 Bob established an office of the business in Calmar and sold the Millet agency to his brother James R. (Jim) Mullen. A third brother, Riley Mullen, operated a branch in Fort Saskatchewan. Jim sold the firm to his stepson Al Hegge in 1974. In 1990, still operating under the name Mullen General Insurance, it was purchased by Hegge's associates Viola and Garth Rudolph. The firm has been involved in a variety of enterprises in the community, including real estate brokerage, conveyance, Notary Public services, insurance agency, an automobile licensing agency, travel agency, mortgages, loans, speculative investment, and property management. Also, Mitchell, Moore, Dunn, Bob Mullen, and Jim Mullen received commissions from the government of Alberta as the Registrar of Vital Statistics and Issuer of Marriage Licenses for Millet and the surrounding district.

Custodial History: The material was donated to the Millet & District Historical Society in 2002. Further material was donated about the Mullen family from Phyllis Mullen, brought in by Pat/Randy Barich (Mullen).

Scope / Content: The fonds has been divided into three series. Series 1 contains the records of the real estate and insurance business. It includes correspondence, records of land transfers, cash books, and financial records. Series 2 contains the records of the Registrar of Vital Statistics and Issuer of Marriage Licenses. It includes the official registers of births, deaths, and marriages for 1907-1965 and correspondence relating to the office, 1927-1966. Thus, it contains essential genealogical evidence for Millet and the surrounding district for 1907-1965. There are also examples of stationery and

pamphlets used for advertising by the firm. Series 3 contains a scrapbook from the Mullen family and 10 photos of Millet collected by the family. Some of the file titles were supplied by the archivist.

Title Source:	Title based on the name of the firm according to an advertisement in the Tellim News in 1979.
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.:	A41
Repository:	Millet and District Museum and Archives
Names:	Mullen General Insurance
Topics:	Commerce and industry

Series 1.

Mullen General Insurance records. -- 1929-1979. -- 65 cm of textual records.

This series includes correspondence, records of land transfers, cash books, and other financial records generated by Mullen General Insurance, including records of the firm under its previous names.

Title based on the name of the firm according to an advertisement in the Tellim News, 1979.

- 1 Correspondence : travel agency. -- 1935-1939. -- 1 cm of textual records.  
Includes ticket stubs for steamship passage and blank passport application forms.
- 2 Letter. -- 1936. -- 1 item of textual records.  
Letter from Percy G[riffiths] to Mr. Bear.
- 3 Life insurance policies. -- 1942-1943. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 4 Correspondence : real estate. -- 1945-1951. -- 1 cm of textual records.  
Correspondence, memoranda, and real estate listing forms concerning properties for sale; programs for Alberta Real Estate Association convention (1947).
- 5 Correspondence : Wartime Prices and Trade Board. -- 1945-1947. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Bulletins and commentaries concerning rent controls.
- 6 Renewal notice. -- 1946. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 7 Alberta Real Estate Association. -- 1947. -- 1 cm of textual records.  
Commission schedule, Constitution and Bylaws, bulletin, membership directory.
- 8 Correspondence : land registration. -- 1952-1962. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 9 Receipts. -- [Ca. 1953]. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 10 Correspondence : mortgages. -- 1955-1961. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 11 Motor Vehicle Branch : receipt and cancelled cheques. -- 1962-1965. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 12 Correspondence : notary public. -- 1963. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 13 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1959. -- 1 item of textual records.
- 14 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1967. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 15 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1968. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 16 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1969. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 17 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1970. -- 1 file of textual records.

- 18 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1971. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 19 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1972. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 20 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1973. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 21 Correspondence : conveyances. -- 1974. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 22 Correspondence : notary public. -- 1972. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 23 Journal. -- 1939-1961. -- 3 cm of textual records.  
Ledger book used to document receipts and disbursements (1939-1942) and registrations of land transfers (1949-1961). Arranged chronologically. Some receipts from Land Titles Office are enclosed.
- 24 Ledger. -- 1962-1966. -- 4 cm of textual records.  
Ledger book used to records registrations of land transfers. Arranged chronologically. Receipts from Land Titles Office and correspondence enclosed.
- 25 Record of deeds. -- 1929-1958. -- 2 cm of textual records.  
Ledger book used to record registrations of land transfers and wills. Arranged chronologically within alphabetical groups.
- 26 Property management. -- 1963-1979. -- 2 cm of textual records.  
Ledger book used to record rents paid, other income, and expenses relating to properties owned or managed.
- 27 General account : cheque stubs. -- 1952-1953. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 28 General account : cheque stubs. -- 1953-1955. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 29 General account : cheque stubs. -- 1958-1959. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 30 J. R. Mullen general account : bank account book. -- 1959-1962. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 31 General account : deposit book. -- 1968-1971. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 32 Cheque stubs. -- 1973. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 33 Current account : cheque stubs. -- 1949-1950. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 34 Current account : cheque stubs. -- 1950-1951. -- 1 cm of textual records.

- 35 Current account : cheque stubs. -- 1951-1952. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 36 Current account : cheque stubs. -- 1952-1954. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 37 Current account : cheque stubs. -- 1953-1954. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 38 Current account : cheque stubs. -- 1954-1956. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 39 Insurance account : cheque stubs. -- 1949-1950. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 40 Insurance account : cheque stubs. -- 1950-1951. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 41 Insurance account : cheque stubs. -- 1951. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 42 J. R. Mullen Insurance a/c : bank account book. -- 1961-1962. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 43 Provincial Treasurer : cheque stubs. -- 1956. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 44 Provincial Treasurer car license a/c : bank account book. -- 1951-1962. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 45 Pat Mullen Estate : deposit book. -- 1956-1957. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 46 - 55 [number not used].
- 56 Pat Mullen Estate : deposit book. -- 1957-1966. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 57 R. G. Mullen Trust : deposit book. -- 1973. -- 1 file of textual records.
- 58 Trust account : cheque stubs. -- 1949-1951. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 59 Trust account : cheque stubs. -- 1951-1952. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 60 Trust account : cheque stubs. -- 1952-1953. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 61 Trust account : cheque stubs. -- 1953-1955. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 62 Trust account : cheque stubs. -- 1955-1957. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 63 Trust account : cheque stubs. -- 1957-1959. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 64 J. R. Mullen Trust : bank account books. -- 1949-1957. -- 1 cm of textual records.

- 65 J. R. Mullen Trust : bank account book. -- 1959-1962. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 66 Trust account : deposit book. -- 1949-1951. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 67 Trust account : deposit book. -- 1951-1953. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 68 Trust account : deposit book. -- 1953-1956. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 69 Trust account : deposit book. -- 1956-1957. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 70 Trust account : deposit book. -- 1957-1959. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 71 Trust account : deposit book. -- 1959-1962. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 72 Trust account : deposit books. -- 1962-1972. -- 3 cm of textual records.
- 73 Copies of forms used in business. -- n.d. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 74 Advertisement material used in business. -- n.d. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 75 Alberta Government Insurance office manual. -- n.d. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 76 Underwriters' manual -- 1968 -- 3 cm of textual records.
- 77 Secretarial Book, copies of business letterhead. -- n.d. -- 1 cm of textual records.



Series 2.

Registrar of Vital Statistics and Issuer of Marriage Licenses records. -- 1907-1966. -- 15 cm of textual records.

This series contains records kept by the Government of Alberta appointee whose responsibility it was to record births, deaths, and marriages in the Millet district and issue marriage licenses. The identity of the holder of the office from 1907 to 1927 is not discernible from internal evidence, but by 1927 the Bureau of Vital Statistics customarily appointed the community's insurance and real estate agent. The office was held in turn by Arthur Mitchell, Edgar Moore, C. H. Dunn, Robert G. Mullen, and James W. Mullen. The owners of the business were normally Notaries Public, and were among the few people in the community legally qualified to attest to oaths. The series consists of the Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths books for 1907-1965, and correspondence related to the office of Registrar of Vital Statistics and Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

Title based on content of series.

- 1 Province of Alberta register of births, marriages and deaths. -- 1907-1936.  
-- 2 cm of textual records.  
Registrations of births include infant's name, father's name, place of birth (nearest post office), date of birth, name of informant, and remarks.  
Marriage registrations include names of bridegroom and bride, date of marriage, place of marriage (nearest post office), and officiating clergyman. Death registrations include name of deceased, sex, place of death (nearest post office), date of death, name of informant, and remarks.
- 2 Province of Alberta register of births, marriages and deaths. -- 1936-1952.  
-- 1 cm of textual records.  
Includes same information as previous volume. Registration of deaths also includes place of interment. Includes some births registered years after the fact.  
Filed in Archives Oversize Box No. 1.
- 3 Province of Alberta register of births, marriages and deaths. -- 1952-1965.  
-- 1 cm of textual records.  
Includes same information as previous volume. Births registered years after the fact.  
Filed in Archives Oversize Box No. 1.
- 4 Marriage registrations : 1914-1960. -- Transcribed [1960?]. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Information copied from register books.
- 4a Correspondence. -- 1927-1942. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 5 Correspondence. -- 1942-1948. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 6 Correspondence. -- 1949-1954. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 7 Correspondence. -- 1955-1958. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 8 Correspondence. -- 1958-1966. -- 2 cm of textual records.
- 9 Correspondence. -- 1962-1965. -- 1 cm of textual records.
- 10 Applications for marriage licenses. -- [Ca. 1965]. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Blank forms and circular letter.
- 11 Applications for old age pension. -- [Ca. 1962]. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Blank forms and circular letter.

- 12 Ben Howse. -- 1951-1963. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Correspondence concerning applications for old age pensions of Ben Howse and Millie Howse.
- 13 Burial permit. -- [Ca. 1960]. -- 1 item of textual records.  
Blank form.
- 14 Certificate. -- 1949. -- 1 item of textual records.  
Certificate issued to James R. Mullen as Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- 15 Dominion Sec. of State, etc. -- 1943-1944. -- 1 cm of textual records.  
Correspondence concerning naturalization (citizenship).
- 16 Monthly return. -- 1961-1964. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Copies of reports on vital statistics.
- 17 Registration of birth. -- [Ca. 1962]. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Circular letter, blank forms.
- 18 Statutory declaration. -- [Ca. 1962]. -- 1 file of textual records.  
Blank forms.
- 19 Certificate of Notary Public – James Roland Mullen. -- 1958. – 1 cm of textual records, oversize storage.

Series 3.

Mullen General Insurance records. – 1906-1965. 1 scrapbook and 10 b/w photographs.

This series includes one scrapbook with many of the Mullen family members, including Robert Mullen who owned and operated Mullen Insurance from 1945-1949. As well includes photographs of James Mullen who owned and operated Mullen Insurance from 1949-1974.

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- 1 Mullen Scrapbook.
- 2 Mullen Photographs.