MJ-163 A. E. Peacock fonds. – [textual record, graphic material]. – 1896, 1921-1981. – 9.60 cm of textual records. – 5 b&w photographs. Boxes V-201 - V-202, H-119, OS-21

Biographical sketch

Albert E. Peacock was born in Northport, Nova Scotia on March 12, 1900. He attended elementary and high school in Northport and received his Bachelor of Science from Mount Allison University in 1921. That year he travelled west to the Marwin district in Saskatchewan to teach for 4 months. Peacock began a program at the University of Chicago to obtain his Master of Science; however, he decided to change to his career path to education. He received his Bachelor of Pedagogy (Bachelor of Education) from the College of Education in Toronto.

Peacock arrived in Moose Jaw in 1922 and worked briefly at Calder's Creamery before accepting a teaching position at Ross Collegiate, where he taught biology and chemistry. In 1924, Peacock transferred to Central Collegiate. He married Jessie Johnstone, a fellow Moose Jaw teacher, in 1925. They had one son, Bill. In 1931, he transferred to the technical high school as a science teacher and as the vice-principal. In 1937, Peacock was appointed Superintendent of Schools and held this position and that of vice-principal until after WWII. He retired as Superintendent in 1966 after 44 years of service. That same year, the technical high school was renamed Albert E. Peacock Technical High School. In 1974, Peacock was awarded the Order of Canada for his work in Education.

Peacock was an active member of the Moose Jaw community. Throughout WWII, he arranged the War Emergency Training Program for the Royal Canadian Air Force employees. He was a member of the Masonic Order and past president of Moose Jaw Lodge #3, a member and past president of the Moose Jaw Rotary Club, a member of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A and an active member St. Andrew's Church, sitting on the Board of Trustees.

Peacock died February 16, 1983 in Moose Jaw.

Fonds level scope and content

This fonds contains two series: Honours Conferred and Memorabilia. This includes documents pertaining to awards and honours received by A. E. Peacock as well as event programs, family history, clippings, letters, drawings, speeches, school notebooks and photographs kept by the family.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and refoldered in 2013.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Most of the material was donated to the archives by Bea Lett in 1994. Ms. Lett worked with Albert E. Peacock at the Board of Education.

Accession 26.2017 was donated by Irv Drefs on June 3, 1996.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Series level scope and content

MJ-163/1 Honours Conferred. – [textual record]. – 1921-1977. – 2.20 cm of textual records.

Boxes V-201, OS-21

This series includes certificates and other documents related to honours received by A. E. Peacock, such as the Order of Canada and the renaming of Moose Jaw Technical Institute to A. E. Peacock Technical High School. It also includes certificates from the Freemasons.

MJ-163/2 Memorabilia. – [textual record, graphic material]. – 1896, 1922, 1945-1981. – 7.70 cm of textual records. – 5 b&w photographs.

Boxes V-201 - V-202, H-119

This series contains memorabilia about A. E. Peacock and his immediate family. This includes event programs, family history, clippings, letters, drawings, speeches, and photographs. It also includes two school notebooks owned by Jessie Peacock.

Finding aids See file list.

File List

MJ-163/1 Honours Conferred. – [textual record]. – 1921-1977. – 2.20 cm of textual records.

Box V-201

- 001 Order of Canada. 1974. 10 p.
- 002 Honours Conferred. 1971. 5 p.
- 003 Contracts and Certificates. 1922-1960. ca. 40 p.
- 004 50 Year Freemason Membership Certificate. 1977. 1 p.

Box OS-21

005 – 2 Free Mason Certificates. – 1941-1942. – 2 p.

MJ-163/2 Memorabilia. – [textual record, graphic material]. – 1896, 1922, 1945-1981. – 7.70 cm of textual records. – 5 b&w photographs.

Box V-201

- 001 Ross School Open House Program. 1974. 3 p.
- 002 Family History. 1829-1920. 5 p. 1 b&w photograph.
- 003 History of Moose Jaw Compiled by Jean Peacock. ca. 40 p.
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- 004 Family Memorabilia (Clippings and Letters) (Part 1). 1945-1977. ca. 60 p.
- 004 Family Memorabilia (Clippings and Letters) (Part 2). 1945-1977. ca. 60 p.
- 005 Drawings. [19--]. 12 p.
- 006 Speeches. [19--]. ca. 40 p.
- 007 Photographs of A. E. Peacock. [19--]. 2 b&w photographs.
- 008 Photographs of R.C.A. F Meeting and Conferences. 1972. 2 b&w photographs.
- 009 Reference Letter for A. E. Peacock. 1921. 3 p.

Box V-202

- 010 Jessie Johnstone's Schoolbook. 1922. ca. 200 p.
- 011 Book of Methods. Augustus H. Ball. 1896. ca. 100 p.
- 012 Sale of Northport Property. 1981. 10 p.

Box H-119

013 – Newspaper Clippings Binder. – 1944, 1949, 1952, 1956, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1972-1974, 1976, 1977. – 4.00 cm.