



## MG 312 - Loveridge Family fonds

**Dates:** 1821-1997 (inclusive); 1889-1961 (predominant).

**Extent:** 1 m of textual and photographic records.

**Biographical Note:** Thomas L. and Albert J. Loveridge (father and son) took up land in the Primitive Methodist Colony north of Wolseley in 1884. A.J. Loveridge moved to Grenfell in 1897 where he was a member of council, Reeve and active in the community.

**Scope and content:** This fonds consists of the diaries of Thomas L. and Albert J. Loveridge of Grenfell, Saskatchewan. These handwritten diaries discuss weather, farming and day to day family matters. The second accession includes correspondence, genealogical information, published materials and photographs relating to the Loveridge family, others, and the area in which they lived.

**Arrangement:** This fond is arranged in two accessions, the 2004-037 accession which is primarily diaries, and is organized into 5 different series (page 2) and the 2008-014 accession (page 2-7) which is organized alphabetically and contains correspondence, genealogical materials, photographs, and other textual material.

**Restrictions:** Some restrictions apply. Items that have been marked as restricted in this guide require vetting by the archivist prior to use.

Title based on contents of the fonds.

## Box 1

1. Background material regarding Loveridge family. - 1997.
2. Diary of Thomas L Loveridge. – 1889-1913. - 5 folders.
  - Folder 1: 1889-1890.
  - Folder 2: 1893-1897.
  - Folder 3: 1897-1900.
  - Folder 4: 1901-1903.
  - Folder 5: 1905-1913.
3. Diary of A.J. Loveridge. – 1898 -1961. – 12 folders.
  - Folder 1: 1898-1899.
  - Folder 2: 1909-1921.
  - Folder 3: 1921.
  - Folder 4: 1927.
  - Folder 5: 1940-1942.
  - Folder 6: 1943-1948.
  - Folder 7: 1945-1948.
  - Folder 8: 1952-1953.
  - Folder 9: 1954-1957.
  - Folder 10: 1957-1959.
  - Folder 11: 1959-1960.
  - Folder 12: 1961.
4. Sermon notes. - 1859.
5. *The Methodist Magazine*. - 1821.

## Box 2

**2008-014 accession.** – 1837-1993 (inclusive). - 83.64 cm of textual records (including oversize), photographs.

Account books. - 1878-1885, 1929, 1949-1954. - see also oversize box.

Two account books from the family shoe manufacture/repair shop; one includes harvest returns.

Book dating 1881-1884 is in oversize.

Adams, Edward.

Notes regarding Edward Adams, a neighbour and friend, by W.E. Loveridge.

Barnsley Family. - 1882-1964. – **RESTRICTED**

Correspondence and genealogy. The correspondence includes letters describing the voyage from England to Canada - the ship's propellers were broken by ice floes, and the ship stranded in an ice field for 12 days.

See also below, Loveridge, Ethel.

Canadian Almanac. - 1888, 1893.

Includes receipt from Mrs. F. Johns "\$250 for sw 1/4 Sec.2, Twp. 22, Rge 8, West 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mer., with house and outbuildings," signed Edward Hunt, Pheasant Forks.

Cassell's Boot Repairing by Adhesive Methods. - [ca. 1912].

Church History.

Includes material on Duff United Church, Zion Church in Pheasant Forks, and material showing the process of union protestant churches in Canada underwent between 1817-1912, to become the United Church of Canada.

Dales Family - Genealogy. - **RESTRICTED.**

Derbyshire. - 1953.

Booklet, correspondence.

Ellwood Family.

Names and information copied from Albert Loveridge's diary.

Follette, Clara. - nd, 1965.

Correspondence regarding death of Albert Loveridge; Ellwood family history.

French, Captain Dana. - 1987.

Article.

*From Cheltenham to the Great Lone Land.*

Thomas Loveridge, Albert John Loveridge and their families; written by W. Dale Loveridge.

Glover Family. - 1948.

Handwritten manuscript by Albert Loveridge, giving a brief history of the Glover family and comment about religious services at the time. Neighbours HF Proctor and Mr & Mrs Munt are also mentioned.

*Grenfell United Church, 1883-1964.*

History book.

*Grit and Growth - The Story of Grenfell.*

Hall Family.

Manuscript by Bessie Harkinson. A history of the Hall family from the early 1800s to the early 1900s. Etta Hall was the first wife of Alfred T. Loveridge.

High School Review - Grenfell. - 1928.

*Home Memories.*

Record book given to Albert J. Loveridge in 1903; partially filled in with dates of births, deaths, weddings, etc.

James Family. - 1854, 1857, 1949, 1960, 1996.

Includes "The James Family," a manuscript by Albert J. Loveridge; some genealogical information; a small card admitting Stan James "on trial" to the Wesleyan Methodist Society; and receipt for goods purchased by "Miss James."

Kent, Alfred.

A handwritten manuscript, "The Settler who Perished on the Prairie," by Albert J. Loveridge, regarding the death of a neighbour, Mr. Kent, of cold and exhaustion.

Linton and District.

Photocopy of "Linton and its Lands;" genealogical information about the Loveridge family living in the area.

Loveridge, Albert. - 1904-1919, 1962.

Miscellaneous financial material; obituary.

Loveridge, Albert - Correspondence. - 1948-1954.

Loveridge, Albert - Correspondence with Lillian Drinkard. - 1961.

Lillian was the daughter of Alfred Loveridge. Includes genealogical information.

Loveridge, Albert - Diary. - 1951.

Loveridge, Albert - Diary of Weather and Farming. - 1923-1939.

Typed transcript; original missing.

### **Box 3**

Loveridge, Albert - Manuscripts. - nd, 1947-1952.

Includes "My Father;" "The Trail to Saltcoats;" "The Story of My Life;" "Primitive Methodist Colony;" "Power in the Early Homestead Years;" "Reminiscences;" "Early Years in the West now Saskatchewan;" some correspondence.

Loveridge, Cecil. - 1948.

Correspondence to Albert Loveridge, with genealogical information.

Loveridge, Ethel.

Various material relating to Ethel Loveridge; some information concerning Eliza Loveridge.

Loveridge, Ethel - Trip to England. - 1963. - textual records, 18 slides, 3 photographs.

Loveridge Family. - 1995.  
Written by Arnold Dales.

Loveridge Genealogical Charts. – **RESTRICTED**

Various material. In addition to genealogical charts, typescripts of correspondence, diaries, and stories are included. Originally assembled in a 3-ring binder by William Loveridge, ca. 1940s-1950s. Originals of much of this material can be found throughout the fonds.

Loveridge Genealogy - Clarification and Extension. - 1993.- **RESTRICTED**

Loveridge Genealogy - James Family. – **RESTRICTED**

Loveridge Genealogy - Miscellaneous. – **RESTRICTED**

Loveridge, Gordon.

Loveridge, James Walter. - 1918.  
Grade 8 diploma.

Loveridge, Joe.  
Clippings.

Loveridge, Lorne.

Loveridge, Richard - Will.

Loveridge, Thomas. - ca. 1853-1907, 1921.  
Book on phonography; poems by TL; marriage certificate; obituary; etc.

Loveridge, Thomas - Accounts. - 1884-1871.  
Includes “expenditures in Northwest since April 1, 1884,” “account with T. Loveridge boots and shoes;’ etc.

Loveridge, Thomas - Autobiography.

Loveridge, Thomas - Cards. - [ca. 1800s].  
Five birthday & Christmas cards.

Loveridge, Thomas - Church.  
Weslayan Methodist “quarterly ticket;” “hymns about the Bible;” poster for two sermons with Thomas’ note, “determined to become an abstainer...;” note regarding church services in Ridgeway, On.

Loveridge, Thomas - Correspondence. - 1871-1924.

Loveridge, Thomas - Homestead. - 1883, 1905.

Rules, regulations and conditions associated with homesteading; specifications for house.

Loveridge, Thomas - Journal. - 1888, 1904. - 2 folders.

Loveridge, Thomas - Poetry. - 1856.

Loveridge, Thomas - Sermons. - 1859. - photocopies.

Loveridge, Thomas - Travel to Canada. - 1884, 1871.

Correspondence, journal; also includes typescripts.

Loveridge, Thomas - Workbook. - 1837.

Mathematics school work; includes covering letter from 1921.

Loveridge, William and Francis. - 1948-1949.

Correspondence.

Matthews, Gordon.

Miscellaneous.

Moss, Gwenna.

Norton, [Stan].

Photographs. - 4 folders.

Folder 1 - unnumbered.

Folder 2 - images A-R

Folder 3 - images S-AA

Folder 4 - images BB-OO

**Box 4**

Photographs - Indexes.

Primitive Methodist Colony.

Proctor, H.F.

"A Man Hunt," by AJ Loveridge.

“Raw Prairie to Grain Elevators”

Duff, Saskatchewan; history by Len Sumner.

Regulations for Rifle Associations. - 1912

Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee - Loveridge Family.

Treadwell, Ada.

“Weather and Why”

Wesleyan Methodist - Sabbath Week Day.

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Loveridge Family –

### **Thomas Loveridge**

- **Small diary from 1907**, recording his trip to Vernon to visit son Alfred and family.
- Notebook with one sermon in it. "A Sermon", 9 pages in beautiful script Text; "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world" John 1 29. Circa 1860s.
- Various handwritten, original hymns by Thomas Loveridge, notes for sermons, and 2 letters. 1860s.

### **Florence Loveridge Moss**

- Grenfell Public School Monthly Report of Florence Loveridge, a Pupil in Third Grade 1912
- Photo of Grenfell school classroom with Florence Loveidge and other students, 1919
- Grade 8 Diploma, August 1, 1916
- Reports of Junior Form Examinations 1917, 1918, 1919
- Second Class Diploma, August 31, 1921
- Junior Matriculation Diploma, September 15, 1921
- Certificate of Physical Training Instruction, Grade B, Public School Teachers. Special Class at Regina Normal School from the 18<sup>th</sup> days of October 1921 until the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1921. " ... qualifying as Instructor in Physical Training as contained in 'the Syllabus of Physical Exercises for Schools,' approved by the Executive Council, Strahcona Trust, and adopted throughout the Dominion by the Provincial Educational Authorities for use in the Schools under their control.. " Signed by two officials, one Colonel and one Lt Colonel.
- Letter June 9, 1922 informing "that you were successful at the Professional Second Class examination held at Regina in April last, and to enclose herewith our interim Second Class Certificate valid until June 30, 1924. The issue to you of a permanent certificate will be dealt with on your completing at least one year's successful experience in teaching in the province, as evidenced by the reports of the Inspectors of Schools."

### **The Australian connection.**

- from Harriet Loveridge Lowe to her brother Thomas 1860s.
- from Harriet's daughters Ada and Emma to her uncle Thomas Loveridge and cousin Albert J Loveridge (AJL) 1924 - 1950s, including postcards and Christmas cards



- from Eric Smith to Florence Loveridge Moss 1972 prior to his visit to Saskatchewan. Eric is the son of Emma.

### **1924 trip to England.**

- AJL and daughter Florence went to England primarily to visit relatives, July to October 1924. They made brief visits to Scotland and Europe. They also went to the British Empire Exhibition in Wimbledon.
- diary written by AJL
- letters written to and from AJL and Grenfell family, and also from relatives in England as they set dates for visits. They also visited relatives in Ontario en route to and from.

### **Letters**

1. Letter from Mary Ann Loveridge to son Thomas 1871 immediately prior to them leaving for America.
2. Thomas L letters to Florence circa 1920
3. Frederick Caudle to Thomas 6/12/14 (fellow Methodist living in Cheltenham). Discusses the “terrible war” and his resolve to live a good life. 8 pages, reminiscences of Methodist heritage.
4. Bessie Duly, Buffalo, to Cousin Albert, May 28 1924
5. Alfred Loveridge and wife Kathleen to AJL April 1936
6. Letters from family to AJL while on a visit to Ontario 1904-05
7. Letter from William R Loveridge, brother of Thomas, and father of Len and Elsie to AJL circa 1934
8. AJL to Florence L Moss re money and receipts for life insurance. 1940s
9. Letters from AJL to Gwenna Moss, 1940s
10. Letters from Elsie Loveridge to Uncle AJL and cousin Florence L Moss 1955-61
11. Letters from Leonard Loveridge to Uncle AJL 1956 and 1960.
12. Lil Loveridge Drinkard letters to and from AJL 1950s-60s.
13. Letters from Lil Loveridge Drinkard to Florence L. Moss; some have info on her nieces and nephews and their families including the estrangement between Gilbert and his daughters. 1950s-60s

I have various other newspaper clippings, letters, etc. about members of the Loveridge family, mostly dating from the 1940s on. I am unsure as to how wide a net one should cast -- the Archives won't want everything! A few examples are:

- Letters to and from AJL, handwritten notes on various aspects of his life and farming (e.g. record of threshing in 1917 and 1922.)

- AJL Estate. Long letter from Bill to Floss, letter from Joe to Floss, typed record from Bill
- letter to the cousins from Lorne 2011 Re selling the dairy herd. March 2011
- Glenridge Holsteins -- account by Marion Loveridge Pope a brief summary of the dairy heritage and awards and her attendance at the sale. April 14 2011
- Roxy: Queen of the breed. The Holstein Journal, volume 7, issue 2, April 2005. The story of the most famous Holstein cow ever, bred by Gordon Loveridge.