

MJ 148

McClelland Family fonds. – [textual record, graphic material]. – 1890-1944, 1980, 1987. – 7.00 cm of textual records. – 9 b&w photographs.

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Biographical history

Kathleen McClelland was born April 7, 1907 in Moose Jaw to Samuel “Ernest” Milburn McClelland and Ida (Battell) McClelland. She taught in various rural Saskatchewan schools from 1932-1938 and then in Moose Jaw from 1938-1970. She died in 1988 in Moose Jaw.

Samuel “Ernest” Milburn McClelland was born January 4, 1877 in Moose Jaw. He married Ida Battell on October 4, 1904. Shortly after their wedding, the couple left for a honeymoon in Ontario and stayed in Toronto until 1906. Ernest taught in Moose Jaw until 1917 when he was offered the school inspector position. He worked as a school inspector until 1942. Ernest lived at 160 Ominica St. West from 1907 until his death on July 28, 1961.

Ida (Battell) McClelland was born May 16, 1879 in Wicklow, Wentworth County to Martha Battell Brubaker and Henry Battell. Her family moved west to Moose Jaw on a wagon train in 1882. They were one of the earliest pioneers of the Saskatchewan District. Ida was a homemaker and had three children: Kathleen (1907-1988), Milburn (1909) and Laurella (1912-1993). Laurella was a doctor and worked in preventative medicine in the United States. Ida died March 13, 1966 in Moose Jaw.

Rella (Brubaker) Hunter was born February 8, 1895 to Martha Battell Brubaker and John Henry Brubaker. She was Ida (Battell) McClelland’s half-sister and Kathleen McClelland’s aunt. She married Harold B. Hunter and taught at the Alexandra Public School in Moose Jaw until her retirement in 1941. She lived in Vancouver until 1961, when she returned to Moose Jaw. Rella died September 28, 1966.

Henry and Martha Battell lived together in Moose Jaw. Henry, and their daughter Bertha, were both struck by lightning and killed. Martha remarried John Henry Brubaker. She died September 2, 1903.

Samuel McClelland was born January 12, 1833 in Ireland. He travelled to Peterborough, Ontario when he was about 15 to be with his sisters. He worked as a blacksmith. McClelland married Mary Milburn on April 1, 1856. Mary (Milburn) McClelland was born June 20, 1835. The couple moved to Bobcaygeon and by 1860s had opened a blacksmith shop and general store. They are considered one of the founders of Methodism in Bobcaygeon. They had nine children, seven daughters and two sons, the youngest being Samuel “Ernest” Milburn McClelland. Samuel McClelland died on November 21, 1920.

Scope and content

This fonds is comprised of memorabilia created and collected by Kathleen McClelland about the McClelland, Brubaker and Battell families. It includes sections of the newspaper and newspaper clippings where members of her family are mentioned. It contains compiled family histories of the Brubakers and the McClellands as well as photographs of various family members. This fonds also includes a Moose Jaw School District No. 1 100th Anniversary Calendar – Kathleen McClelland, S. Ernest M. McClelland, Kathleen's father, and Rella (Brubaker) Hunter, Kathleen's aunt, were all teachers in Moose Jaw.

Associated materials

The archive has a portrait of Rella (Brubaker) Hunter in the photograph collection: 2004-102. MJ-5, the J. H. Brubaker fonds, contains a daily journal written by J. H Brubaker in 1920.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and refoldered in 2013.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

This material was donated to the archive by Kathleen McClelland via Jerry Jessop (Curator of the Moose Jaw Art Museum) in 1987.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

Box V-194

001 – Newspaper Clippings about the McClelland, Brubaker and Battell families. – n.d.

002 – In Memoriam Cards for Henry Carleton, Bertha and Bertha May Battell and Herbert McLean. – 1890, 1903.

003 – S. E. M McClelland's Permission to Drink Card. – [1877-1961].

004 – Notes on Family History. – 1987, n.d.

005 – Moose Jaw School District No. 1 100th Anniversary Calendar. – 1984.

006 – Brubaker Family History. – n.d.

Newspaper clippings about Brubaker family reunion glued into Rella Brubaker's economics II notebook.

007 – McClelland Memories: The history of an Irish-born blacksmith and his three sisters – John R. Bick. – 1980.

008 – Rella Brubaker's family. – n.d. – 2 B&W photographs.

009 – Unidentified photo on metal. – n.d. – B&W photograph.

010 – Unidentified photo on metal. – n.d. – B&W photograph.

011 – Menno Hershey Brubaker Farm. – 1919 – B&W photograph.

012 – Cora and Grace Battell. – n.d. – B&W photograph.

013 – Rella and John Brubaker. – n.d. – B&W photograph.

014 – Unidentified family photo. – n.d. – B&W photograph.

Oversized Photographs

015 – Conference of Inspectors of Schools, including S. E. M McClelland. – 1924. – B&W photograph.

Box OS-26

016 – Sections of Newspapers about McClelland, Brubaker and Battell families. – 1890-1944.