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Sharpe Family fonds. – [textual record, object]. – 1884-1922. – 5.50 cm of textual records. – 5 objects.

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Biographical history

George Benjamin Cubitt Sharpe was born in Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk, England on May 16, 1864 to Benjamin George and Naomi (Cooke) Sharpe. He had eight sisters and three brothers. Sharpe immigrated to Canada in 1886 and applied for a homestead on NE 20-17-25-W2, near Moose Jaw, North-West Territories (now known as Saskatchewan) on December 14, 1888. He was declared the legal owner of the land in 1893. Sharpe later moved into Moose Jaw, where he worked in various occupations, including as partner in a lumber business. Active in the local community, Sharpe served as a municipal official, was involved with the Methodist Church and was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 3, A.F. and A.M. and Independent Order of Foresters. Sharpe died in Vancouver, British Columbia on April 30, 1949.

Georgina Reynolds was born in Ontario on August 31, 1861. She married George B.C. Sharpe in Moose Jaw on December 31, 1888. The Sharpes had two children: Ernest Wesley Cubitt (born March 1, 1891) and Walter (1894-1901). Georgina Sharpe died in Markham, Ontario on October 12, 1945. Ernest W.C. Sharpe, often referred to as Cubitt, practiced law in Vancouver. He died on December 9, 1975. He and his wife, C. Jane Devitt, did not have any children.

Scope and content

This fonds contains four books that belonged to the family of George Benjamin Cubitt Sharpe.

The two Ontario Readers books were published in 1884 and 1885, and belonged to Ernest W.C. Sharpe. The methodist hymn book was likely used by Georgina Sharpe as it contains a letter sent from her. The hymn book also includes four flattened flowers, five newspaper clippings, and a weekly schedule of the the Zionist Methodist Church from 1911.

Conservation note

This fonds was boxed in 2017.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

This material was donated to the archives as accession 20.2017 by Jane DeVitt on April 11, 1994.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

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001 – The Ontario Readers - Second Reader. – 1884. – ca. 180 p.

002 – The Ontario Readers - Fourth Reader. – 1885. – ca. 350 p.

003 – Successful Farming. – 1900. – ca. 300 p.

004 – Hymn book. – 1911, 1922, 1927. – ca. 760 p. – 5 objects.