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George Johnston fonds

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Summary information

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| Repository: | University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections |
| Title: | George Johnston fonds |
| ID: | MSS 582 (A2019-080) |
| Date: | 1900-1977 (date of creation) |
| Physical description: | 781 photographs 6 French- and German-language maps 22 French, Belgian, and German emergency (currency) notes 4 pieces of military insignia 1 German military belt buckle |
| Dates of creation, revision and deletion: | Finding aid created by Orest Martynowych (March 2020). |
| Note [generalNote]: | Some items are in delicate condition. |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

George Johnston was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1886 and immigrated to Canada in 1906. In Winnipeg Johnston worked for the T. Eaton Company (1906-1908), the Canadian Pacific Railway (1908-1951), and the Searle Grain Company (1951-1961). From 1907 to 1909 he was a member of the 90th Battalion, (Royal) Winnipeg Rifles, and was part of the unit's contingent attending Quebec's Tercentenary Celebrations in 1908. During the First World War he served in Europe with the 12th Canadian Field Ambulance unit from April 1916 to May 1919. After the war, he was actively involved in the 12th Field Ambulance Association (1920-1970), serving as its president in 1965; worshipped at St. Mark's Anglican Church in St. Vital (1927-1970); belonged to the Ancient Order of Foresters; and was a member of the St. John's Ambulance Association. George Johnston passed away in 1973. Predeceased by his wife, he was survived by a daughter, a son, and two brothers in Ireland and England.

Custodial history

The fonds were donated by George Johnston's great-niece, Janine Johnston in 2019.

Scope and content

The accession consists of George Johnston's wartime diaries, military documents, and memorabilia; French and German maps of northern France and Belgium; irregular periodicals/newsletters published by the 12th Canadian Field Ambulance unit/association; and a large collection of photographs.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

The accession is arranged in 4 series:

- 1/ Biographical
- 2/ Maps
- 3/ Artefacts
- 4/ Photographs

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be downloaded by clicking on the "Download" link under "Finding Aid" on the right hand side of the screen.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Level of detail:** Partial
 - **Status description:** Draft
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Access points

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Biographical

Date: 1916-1977 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|----------|--|------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| | File - "Soldier's Own" Pocket Diaries | 1916-1919 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0001 |
| | File - Diary and Scrapbook | 1916-1918 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0002 |
| | File - Pocket Bible | [1916] | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0003 |
| | File - Oliver Wendell Holmes Birthday Book | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0004 |
| | File - "The Sling: A Little Journal published by the Boys of a Canadian Field Ambulance" No. 2, 1917 | 1917 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0005 |
| | File - "In & Out: Being a Paper Published from Time to Time by the 12th Canadian Field Ambulance in the Field" No. 1, 1918 | 1918 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0006 |
| | File - Nominal Roll of Members of 12th Canadian Field Ambulance | 1919 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0007 |
| | File - Dispersal and Discharge certificates | 1919 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0008 |
| | File - Correspondence | 1939, 1970 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0009 |
| | File - 12th Field Ambulance Association, Membership card and Reunion invitation | 1968 | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0010 |

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| | File - "In & Out: Official Organ of the 12th Field Ambulance" | 1969-1977 | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0011 |
| | File - Death certificate and obituary | 1973 | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0012 |
| | File - 12th Field Ambulance 57th Reunion | 1977 | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0013 |

Maps

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Cartographic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|----------|--|-------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| | File - Northern France and Belgium (Carte Tarde No. 1) | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0014 |
| | File - Military Operations 1917-1918 in Northern France and Belgium (Cartes Campbell No. 2) | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0015 |
| | File - Arras, France (Gelande-Karte von Frankreich No. 7) | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0016 |
| | File - Cambrai, France (Paasches's Spezialkarten der Westfront (Belgien und Frankreich) No. 3) | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0017 |
| | File - Amiens, France (Marsa-Wona-Karte) | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0018 |
| | File - Great Western Offensive & France-Italy-Balkans (Paasches's Frontenkarte No. 24) | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0019 |

Artefacts

Date: [1914-1919] (date of creation)

Access points:

- Object (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

| File / item list | | | | |
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| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| | File - French Emergency notes (currency) | [1916-1917] | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0020 |
| | File - Belgian and German Emergency (currency) and Bank notes | [1914-1918] | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0021 |
| | File - Corporal's Stripes and 12th Field Ambulance arm patches | [1916-1919] | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0022 |
| | File - German Military Belt Buckle | [1914-1918] | | A2019-080, Box 0001 File 0023 |

Photographs

Date: [1900-1970] (date of creation)

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

| File / item list | | | | |
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| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| | File - Photograph album | [1900-1940] | | A2019-080, Box 0002 File 0001 |
| | File - Loose photographs from album | [1900-1940] | | A2019-080, Box 0002 File 0002 |
| | File - 90th Company at Quebec Tercentenary | 1908 | | A2019-080, Box 0002 File 0003 |
| | File - Airforce planes | n.d. | | A2019-080, Box 0002 File 0004 |
| | File - 12th Field Ambulance 50th Reunion | 1970 | | A2019-080, Box 0002 File 0005 |