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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Henry Archibald Vaughan Green fonds
ID:	MSS 439 (A12-110)
Date:	1928-1958 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.06 m of textual records 119 photographs : b&w ; 29 loose, 90 in an album
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [sourcesDescription]:	Walter Meyer zu Erpen, research notes

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Henry Archibald Vaughan (Harry) Green was a well-known Winnipeg lawyer. Born in Preston, Lancashire, England in 1888, he was educated at and received his law degree from the University of Edinburgh. He immigrated to Canada in 1913 to work in the legal department of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) with which he was associated until his retirement. He was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1915, and was appointed a King's Counsel in 1936. In Winnipeg, he married Katharine Mary Frances Blackman (1889-1955) and had four children.

In 1926, Harry Green began to attend séances, sometimes with his wife, at the home of Dr. T.G. Hamilton, a well-known Winnipeg doctor and psychical researcher. Until 1928, he attended the Hamilton séances only very occasionally; then between 1928 and June 1936, he was a regular participant in the séances. Harry Green was also one of three secondary mediums who assisted in the Hamilton experiments. Although he was well educated and skeptical of his own mediumship, he eventually became the conduit for the spirit claiming to be a sailor called "John King". In order not to divulge his identity in the sitting records, he was at first referred to as "X" or "the Boy", until 1929, when he began to be referred to as "Ewan".

In 1931 when the Winnipeg Society for Psychical Research was formed, Harry Green was a board member, and became president in 1935. He also wrote the foreword to the first edition of Dr. Hamilton's book, *Intention and Survival* (1942). In 1954, he became assistant solicitor general for the CPR in the west, supervising offices at Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, although he was still based in Winnipeg. He served on the executive of the Community Players of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Little Theatre in a number of capacities, and was also a critic of art, literature, and theatre. About 1960, Harry Green moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he continued to work for the CPR in the capacity of special counsel, retiring from that position about 1963. In Vancouver, he met and married Fiona McLaren. He

died in North Vancouver in 1979, aged 91, and was buried in Old Kildonan Presbyterian Graveyard in Winnipeg.

Custodial history

The records of Henry Archibald Vaughan Green were donated to the Vancouver Psychic Society by his daughter Dr. Nancy Sirett in 1989; the Society ceased operation in 1996. In 1999, Walter Meyer zu Erpen, acting on behalf of the Survival Research Institute of Canada (SRIC) received the records from the Society's last president. The collection was transferred to the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections by Walter Meyer zu Erpen in 2012.

Scope and content

Fonds comprises a labeled photograph album; loose photographs; newspaper clippings, including articles by or about T.G. Hamilton and Margaret Hamilton Bach; and carbon copies of minutes of some of the 1929 Hamilton experiments as well as drafts of two letters from Dr. Hamilton to European researchers.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** This fonds has been named for its creator.

Immediate source of acquisition

Walter Meyer zu Erpen acted as transferring agent.

Alternative form available

Some of the photos are available in digital form through the Hamilton family fonds (MSS 14)

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions to access.

Conditions governing use

There may be restrictions on the use of this material.

Related material

Related Materials:

"Hamilton Family fonds":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/atom/index.php/hamilton-family-fonds>

"Psychical Research and Spiritualism Collections": <http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/subject/spiritualism/index.html>

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final
- **Description identifier:** Mss 439 (A12-110)
- **Institution identifier:** UMASC
- **Accompanying material:** Accession information is located in folder 1 of the hollinger containing the collection.

Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Winnipeg (Man.) (place)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MSS 439 (A12-110)-12-110_001_0001	File - Accession Information			
MSS 439 (A12-110)-12-110_001_0002	File - H.A.V. Green Photo Album	1928-1936		
MSS 439 (A12-110)-12-110_001_0003	File - Photo by Dr. William Creighton of Mrs. James D. (Elizabeth) Young	[ca.1926 or 1927]		
MSS 439 (A12-110)-12-110_001_0004	File - "Lucy" Materialization of 10 March 1930, Winnipeg, MB	1930		
MSS 439 (A12-110)-12-110_001_0005	File - Mary M. - Walter phenomena, 1929 (miniature face forms and amorphous teleplasms)	1929		
MSS 439 (A12-110)-12-110_001_0006	File - Newspaper Clippings - Unique	between [193-] and [195-]		
MSS 439 (A12-110)-12-110_001_0007	File - Newspaper Clippings - Copies in Mss 14 (Hamilton Family fonds)	1931-1958		