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Howard Newns Reed fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Howard Newns Reed fonds
ID:	MSS 381
Electronic Records [alternative]:	EL 41
Date:	1965-2010 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.64m textual records (incl. 41 books) 20 sound recordings : 19 CDs ; 1 audiocassette 15 objects : dowsing rods, etc. 2 photographs : 1 b&w ; 1 colour
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	<p>Separation Statement:</p> <p>(A10-107) Various textual materials (bookmarks, certificates, brochures, correspondence) were removed from the books donated in this collection. Those deemed to have archival value were placed in a separate folder and the rest were discarded. One each of the two copies of <i>The Cameron Aurameter in Action</i> (1982) and <i>A Letter to Robin: A Mini-Course in Pendulum Dowsing, 10th Rev</i> (2001) were also removed from the collection and offered back to the transferring agent.</p> <p>(A15-69) Audiovisual material was removed from 2 books and placed in their own folder: 1 audiocassette from the "The Property" movie/TV show proposal, and 1 CD from "Songs of the Soul". Newspaper clippings were photocopied and discarded on 22 June 2015.</p>

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Howard Newns Reed was born in London on April 28, 1914 to Morris and Emmaline Reed. He studied at the London Hospital Medical School and became an optometrist, graduating in 1941. During the Second World War, medical practitioners were being called up to utilize their skills as part of the armed forces. Reed opted to join the Colonial Medical Service in Africa where he was stationed in Tanzania until

returning to England in 1946. Shortly afterwards, Reed moved to Winnipeg to open an optometry clinic. Though the collection of spiritual science material in his Winnipeg home would become immense, it wasn't until 1963 that Reed came into contact with Spiritualism. Shortly after his mother's death, Mary Wright, a medium who was married to Reed's father's cousin, contacted Reed and told him that she had experienced a vision of his mother, who instructed her to write to Howard and say how sorry she was that in life she did not know of Spiritualist communication with the departed. Reed became intrigued, but it wasn't until 1970, on a trip back to England, that Reed decided to attend a Spiritualist sitting. This, in turn, led to his attendance at a Spiritualist church service which impressed Reed and stoked both his spiritual and scientific curiosity, leading to more and more research and dabbling. Before his death in 2010, Reed collected approximately 3,000 books related to spiritual science, many of which were donated to the Survival Research Institute of Canada (SRIC) between 2000 and 2006.

Custodial history

The first accession (A10-107) was donated to the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections (UMASC) by the estate of Howard Reed in 2010, with Walter Meyer zu Erpen (President, SRIC), acting as the transferring agent. The second accession (A15-69) was also transferred by SRIC, in 2015, from materials donated by Howard Reed from 2000-2006, and by his estate in 2010; the materials removed from books that were donated to SRIC were removed and sorted by Walter Meyer zu Erpen.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of two accessions in eleven series: the first is composed of books and other publications, materials removed from those books, CDs, and artifacts relating to dowsing (stored in an oversize box); the second is composed of several unpublished works of George W. Meek (ca. 1984-96), correspondence and other materials removed from Reed's books still held at SRIC, publications, and sound recordings.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Walter Meyer zu Erpen (Survival Research Institute of Canada, President)

Arrangement

The fonds was arranged in part with the transferring agent in accordance with specifications he provided. The two accessions have been kept separate.

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access to this material.

Conditions governing use

There may be restrictions on the reproduction of some of the material. Users must abide by relevant copyright legislation.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be downloaded from this description.

Related material

This fonds is one of a series of fonds and collections transferred to the Archives by Walter Meyer zu Erpen, President of the Survival Research Institute of Canada. It is related to the various other Psychological Research and Spiritualist Collections that the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections has attracted since it acquired the Hamilton Family fonds (MSS 14). It is particularly related to the Walter David Falk fonds (MSS 443), as Howard Reed and Walter Falk were close friends.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final
- **Description identifier:** MSS 381, EL 41 (A10-107; A15-69)
- **Institution identifier:** UMASC

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Object (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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Accession MSS 381-A2010-107 EL 41: Howard Newns Reed accrual

Creator: Reed, Howard Newns

Date: 1969-2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This fonds consists of 35 books and publications collected by Howard Reed on the topics of parapsychology, water divination, alien visitors and other related topics, as well as 18 CDs of “metamusic”, designed to induce deeper and more focused states of meditation and trance, and 15 artifacts related to water divination such as dowsing rods. The books and CDs are stored in bankers’ boxes while the artifacts are stored in an oversized box

Physical description: 35 books, 18 CDs and 15 artifacts

Language of the material:

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Records in Electronic Form (documentary form)

Immediate source of acquisition:

Acquired by the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections in 2010.

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on this material.

Finding aids:

A finding aid can be generated from the fonds-level description.

Related material:

This fonds is one of a series of fonds and collections transferred to the Archives by Walter Meyer zu Erpen, President of the Survival Research Institute of Canada, related to survival and parapsychology research. Other such fonds and collections ... »transferred by Meyer zu Erpen are the Survival Research Institute of Canada fonds (MSS 372; A11-60), A.R.G. (George) and Iris M. Owen fonds (MSS 373, PC 328, EL 38; A11-61), Survival Research Newsletters and Periodicals Collection (MSS 374; A11-62), Debra Barr and Walter Meyer zu Erpen Research and Publication Collection (MSS 375; A11-63), Jenny O'Hara Pincock fonds (MSS 376; A11-64), Spiritualist Hymnals and Manuals Collection (MSS 377; A11-65), Kenneth J. Batcheldor fonds (MSS 378, EL 39; A11-66), Mary Olga Park fonds (MSS 380; A11-71), Albert Batten fonds (MSS 379, PC 329, EL 40; A11-67). Also related, but not transferred by Meyer zu Erpen, is the Hamilton Family fonds (Mss 14, Pc 12, Tc 70; A.79-21, A.79-41, A.79-52, A.79-56, A.79-65, A.80-08, A.80-25, A.81-09, A.86-56).

Accruals:

No further accruals are expected.

<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Publications				
<u>Date:</u> 1969-2008 (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> 35 books				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Loose Materials - Radionics	2004		A2010-107, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Loose Materials - Collected Materials from Books	1990-2005		A2010-107, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Collected Books: Dowsing; Auras; Radionics	1975-2008		A2010-107, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Collected Books: Dowsing; Auras; Radionics	1992-2001		A2010-107, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - Collected Books: Extraterrestrials/ UFOs/OBEs; Hypnosis	1969-1999		A2010-107, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - Collected Books: Extraterrestrials/ UFOs/OBEs; Hypnosis	1987-1994		A2010-107, Box 0003 File 0001
	File - Collected Books: Family History	2004		A2010-107, Box 0004 File 0001
Oversized Material				
<u>Date:</u> 2002-2008 (date of creation)				
<u>Physical description:</u> 18 CDs, 15 Artifacts				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container

MSS 381-A2010-107-EL 41	File - Meditation and Relaxation CDs	2002-2008	A2010-107, Box 0001 O/S File 0001
	File - Water Divination Rods and Related Artifacts		A2010-107, Box 0001 O/S File 0002

Accession MSS 381-A2015-069: Howard Newns Reed accrual

Creator: Reed, Howard Newns

Date: 1965-2009 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This second accession of the Howard Newns Reed fonds is composed of several unpublished works of George W. Meek (ca. 1984-96), 8) correspondence and other materials removed from Reed's books still held at SRIC, projectiology and hypnosis publications, publications by the Foundation Church of the New Birth, and sound recordings.

Physical description: 0.25 m textual records; 3 books; 2 photographs; 2 audio recordings (audio cassette and CD)

Language of the material:

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged in part with the transferring agent in accordance with specifications he provided. The two accessions have been kept separate.

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on this material

Finding aids:

A finding aid can be generated from the fonds-level description.

Related material:

This fonds is one of a series of fonds and collections transferred to the Archives by Walter Meyer zu Erpen, President of the Survival Research Institute of Canada. It is related to the various other Psychical Research and Spiritualist Collections that the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections has attracted since it acquired the Hamilton Family fonds (MSS 14). It is especially related to the Walter David Falk fonds (MSS 443), as Howard Reed and Walter Falk were close friends. Audiovisual material was removed from 2 books and placed in their own folder: 1 audiocassette from the "The Property" movie/TV show proposal, and 1 CD from "Songs of the Soul." Newspaper clippings were photocopied and discarded on 22 June 2015.

Publication status:

published

File / item list**George W. Meek**Date: (ca. 1984-1998) (date of creation)Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Three Cayce Generations and the Belovitz Photo" unpublished manuscript	1984		A2015-069, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - "(Vol. IV Section 3A) Telepathic Communication with the Spirit Worlds" unpublished manuscript	1996		A2015-069, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - "We Survive" unpublished manuscript	1996		A2015-069, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - "The Property" movie/TV series proposal	1996		A2015-069, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - "Enjoy Your Own Funeral" pre-publication manuscript copy	1991, 1998		A2015-069, Box 0001 File 0005

Collected materials from books in H. Reed's libraryDate: [197-]-2006 (date of creation)Physical description: {quantity}Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Notes (handwritten & typed)			A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - Correspondence	1974-1998		A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - Bookmarks			A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0003

	File - Promotional pamphlets & brochures [A-G]	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - Promotional pamphlets & brochures [H-W]	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0005
	File - Newspaper clippings [197-]	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0006
	File - Biographical tributes	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0007
	File - Photographs	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0008

Projectiology & Hypnosis publications

Date: 1965, 1991, 2003 (date of creation)

Physical description: {quantity}

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Projectiology: Introductory Course Outline" [International Institute of Projectiology]	1991		A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0009
	File - "Projectiology" (Waldo Vieira)	1986, 2003		A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0010
	File - "When Religion & Hypnosis Meet"	1965		A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0011

Publications of the Foundation Church of the New Birth, Inc.

Date: [1989?]-2009 (date of creation)

Physical description: {quantity}

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Publications list & order form	2009		A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0012

	File - "76 Sermons on the Old Testament of the Bible" (D.G. Samuels) vol. 1 & 2	[1966?], [1989?]	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0013
	File - "New Testament Revelations" new ed. (D.G. Samuels)	2006	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0014
	File - "Songs of the Soul" hymnal	2006	A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0015

Sound Recordings

Date: 1996, 2006 (date of creation)

Physical description: {quantity}

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Songs of the Soul" CD recording (2006); "The Property" audiocassette recording of "Direct Voices" (1995)			A2015-069, Box 0002 File 0016