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## Finding Aid - Jack Butler fonds (MSS 453 (A2015-075))

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# Jack Butler fonds

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections

**Title:** Jack Butler fonds

**ID:** MSS 453 (A2015-075)

**Date:** 1957-2011 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** Series includes 1.33m of textual records -- 8VHS -- 5 Betamax -- 21 CDs -- 32 DVDs -- 187 photographs -- 1244 35 mm negative -- 3 4x5 inch negative -- 178 slides.

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Jack Butler was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 23, 1937. He received his undergraduate degree in BFA (painting and printmaking) from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University), in Pittsburgh in 1960. Butler also received two Master degrees. The first Master degree was a Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Illinois in 1962. He received his second Masters degree in Philosophy (philosophy of science) from the University of Western Ontario in 1998.

Butler first came to Canada in August 1962 to teach at the University of Manitoba. In 1964, he became a professor at the Edinburgh College of Art in Edinburgh, Scotland until June 1969 when Butler and his family returned to Canada.

As an artist, he uses a hybrid practice where the means and methods of visual art are used to produce research in three domains: medical science, cross-cultural collaborations with Inuit artists, and money. Jack is a licensed financial analyst and has taught at Carnegie Mellon University, the Banff Centre for the Arts, the Department of Philosophy at the University of Western Ontario, and the University of Manitoba. He also acted as a mentor for the Health Centre Technology and Place programme at the University of Toronto.

### Custodial history

fonds received from Jack Butler.

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## Scope and content

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Jack Butler and Sheila Butler were heavily involved in creating the Sanavik Co-operative in Baker Lake, Nunavut in the winter of 1971. Sanavik Co-operative became an organization to allow local artists

to make art, mostly prints and sell the art in Southern part of Canada. The first box from the A15-42 collection contains archival materials documenting the process and the presentation of Art and Cold Cash (A+CC). A+CC was created in Baker Lake, Nunavut by three senior Canadian artists Sheila Butler, Jack Butler, and Patrick Mahon, including Inuit writer Ruby Arngna'naaq, and artist William Noah. A +CC was designed as an event to display art that is concurrent with the capitalist market. By combining art from Southern and Northern part of Canada, the project combined contemporary art, Inuit art, and the discourses surrounding money. Documents show that Sheila has proposed to display the project to multiple art galleries nationwide. A+CC was showcased in art galleries across Canada, arctic settlements, University of Edinburgh, and the Toronto Pearson International Airport in order to reach out to those who may not normally visit art galleries.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged into twelve series:

1. Sanavik Co-operative Association Ltd. (1960s, 1970s, 1980s, Correspondence, Articles, Baker Lake Inuit Art)
2. Writings (General-Glossary)
3. Publications (Articles and Books)
4. Art Exhibitions and Gallery Correspondence
5. Art Gallery Pamphlets
6. Inuit Art and Eskimo Art
7. Grant Applications
8. Expenses (Personal and Art and Cold Cash)
9. Photographs
10. Audio (CD)
11. Electronic (Floppy Disc)
12. Moving Image (DVD and VHS/ Betamax)

### Restrictions on access

Some materials are restricted. Box 3, Folders 4 and 7. Box 4, Folders 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Box 5, Folders 1, 2, 4, and 5. Box 6, Folders 1, 2, and 3.

### Conditions governing use

Some materials are restricted. Box 3, Folders 4 and 7. Box 4, Folders 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Box 5, Folders 1, 2, 4, and 5. Box 6, Folders 1, 2, and 3.

## Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

## Access points

- Butler, Jack (subject)
- Butler, Sheila (subject)

## Series descriptions

### Sanavik Co-operative Association Ltd.

Date: (1960s, 1970s, 1980s, Correspondence, Articles, Baker Lake Inuit Art) (date of creation)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Letters, Invoices, and Notes			1 1
	Otherlevel - Cost Sheets 1970 - 1972			1 2
	Otherlevel - Letters/Correspondence 1957, 1964, 1967-1969			1 3
	Otherlevel - Letters/Correspondence 1970			1 4
	Otherlevel - Letters/Correspondence 1971			1 5
	Otherlevel - Letters/Correspondence 1972			1 6
	Otherlevel - Letters/Correspondence 1973			2 1
	Otherlevel - Letters/Correspondence 1974			2 2
	Otherlevel - Letters/Correspondence 1975-1976			2 3
	Otherlevel - A.Tagoona 1972			2 4
	Otherlevel - Newspaper Articles/ Articles 1922, 1960s-1980s			2 5
	Otherlevel - Articles			3 1
	Otherlevel - Baker Lake/ Articles 1966 - 1994			3 2
	Otherlevel - Fall B. L. Residency 2006			3 3

### Writings (General-Glossary)

<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Money Stories/ Glossary 2009			3 4C
	Otherlevel - Money Stories, "Inukitut Money" Value Language Vocabulary			3 5
	Otherlevel - Keeveeok/ Kannayuk			3 6
	Otherlevel - Texts for Kukuyaut Drawings			3 7C
<b>Publications (Articles and Books)</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Art + Cold Cash Manuscript - Edits (1) 2009			3 8
	Otherlevel - Art + Cold Cash Manuscripts - Edits (2) 2009			3 9
	Otherlevel - Art + Cold Cash YYZ Books 2006, 2007-2009			4 1C
	Otherlevel - Sheila Butler – FUSE and A +CC Book 2009-2010			4 2C
	Otherlevel - FUSE			4 3
<b>Art Exhibitions and Gallery Correspondence</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Barrie - MacLaren Art Centre 2007			4 4C
	Otherlevel - GTAA/ Emails 2006			4 5
	Otherlevel - GTAA/ Mills & Mills 2005/ 2006-2007			4 6C
	Otherlevel - Butler and Nickle Arts Museum/ University of Calgary 1991-1992			4 7C
	Otherlevel - Dunlop 2010-2011			4 8C
	Otherlevel - Edinburgh 2006			4 9C
	Otherlevel - M. Bouchard Consulting/ Butler Collection/ Feheley Fine Arts 1997 - 1999			4 10C
	Otherlevel - Platform/ WAG 2007 - 2009			5 1C
	Otherlevel - WAG/ Vorovo/ MOCCA 2006-2007, 2008			5 2C
	Otherlevel - WAG – Inuit Lecture Series 1977, 2006			5 3
	Otherlevel - Art + Cold Cash Current 2003 - 2006			5 4C
	Otherlevel - English Translations from DVD's + Camcorder, 7 Money Stories			4 5C

	Otherlevel - Transcriptions from 2004 Video Interviews			4 6
<b>Art Gallery Pamphlets</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - A+CC Pamphlets/ Art Gallery Pamphlets			5 7
<b>Inuit Art and Eskimo Art</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Eskimo Art 1972-1973, 1974			5 8
	Otherlevel - Reading Materials for Eskimo Art 1971, 1972, 1975, 1984			5 9
<b>Expenses (Personal and Art and Cold Cash)</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Receipts 2004-2006, 2008			6 1C
<b>Grant Applications</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Money Stories/ Grant 2007-2009			6 2C
	Otherlevel - SSHRC 2003			6 3C
<b>Photographs</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Butler Photos – Contact Sheets			6 4
	Otherlevel - Butler Photo Collection			6 5
	Otherlevel - Personal Negatives – Baker Lake Suite 1998			6 6
	Otherlevel - Baker Lake Negatives + Sheets for Butler Collection 1999			6 7
	Otherlevel - Baker Lake Photos – Art Gallery of Ontario			6 8
	Otherlevel - A+CC Baker Lake June 2004			6 9

	Otherlevel - A+CC Baker Lake – Skidoos/ Etc. June 2004	6 10
	Otherlevel - Noah's Photos – Personal Works 2004	6 11
	Otherlevel - Art + Cold Cash May 2004	6 12
	Otherlevel - Art + Cold Cash – Slides (1) 2005	6 13
	Otherlevel - Art + Cold Cash – Slides (2) 2005	6 14
	Otherlevel - A+CC Prints from Slides – Drawings 2005	7 1
	Otherlevel - Red Drawings 2006	7 2
	Otherlevel - Kukuyaut detail for Invitation/ MOCCA 2006	7 3
	Otherlevel - Trout – Head – Bones Game 2007	7 4
	Otherlevel - Miscellaneous Photos	7 5

**Audio (CD)****File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Recalling the Barter Economies			7

**A+CC Money Stories CDs****File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - DVD Video Cam Movies - Disc 19			7

**Electronic (Floppy)****File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - A+CC, High School Presentation, Recycle Art List 2005			7

**Moving Image (DVD and VHS/ Betamax)****File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Disc 20 Ice 2004			7
	Otherlevel - Jack Butler Collection – K4-4			8
	Otherlevel - Ruby + Kukiiyaut in My Studio 93			9