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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Julius Degen fonds
<b>ID:</b>	MSS 94
<b>Date:</b>	1895-1943 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	0.39 m of textual records. -- 37 photographs. -- 5 negatives.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Julius Degen was born in 1876 in Worms, Germany. At the age of nineteen, he emigrated with his two half brothers to the United States, eventually settling at Sibley, Iowa. He soon moved to Manitoba to work for H.L. Emmert as a farm manager of La Salle Farm, one of the three Emmert farms. The H.L. Emmert Land Company was established by the wealthy banker, H.L. Emmert. He bought vast holdings in the Red River and Assiniboine River valleys in hopes of selling to American farmers. Emmert's three experimental farms were visited by faculty from the Manitoba Agricultural College, E. Cora Hind, American farmers on educational tours, and by local and district farmers. Through these experimental farms, Manitoba farmers gained a richer knowledge of their trade, and benefited from new crops and from new procedures, such as summerfallowing.

### Custodial history

The Julius Degen collection was donated to University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections by Emma Degen, daughter of Julius Degen, on two separate occasions; the first bequest was made on February 25, 1993 with the remainder of the collection given in July of the same year.

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## Scope and content

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The collection is arranged into three series. First and foremost are the personal and business papers and diaries of Julius Degen. A second, smaller portion contains material relating directly to the Emmert Land Company, for whom Degen worked. The third contains various materials relating to land, as well as farm receipts.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

This collection is organized into 3 series.

### Conditions governing use

There are no restrictions on this collection. However, users must abide by copyright laws.

### Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

### Related material

The photographs have been separated according to storage and conservation principles and held as PC 90. Fortunately, virtually every photograph has been identified by the donor.

### Accruals

No further accruals expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

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## Series descriptions

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### Biographical/Personal: 1895-1914, [19-?]

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - The Story of Julius Degen			1 1
	File - Testimony - 2 Letters of reference: one in German, dated Worms, 1895 from Wilh. Schmalz. Approximate translation by Michelle Long appended. The second from H.E. Stanley of the H.L. Emmert Land Agency, 1914. 1895, 1914			1 2
	File - Julius Degen's U.S. "Minor's Naturalization" certificate, n.d.			1 3

	File - Certificate of Special Game Warden status - 1909:			1 4
	File - Certificate of Canadian Naturalization, 1914.			1 5
<b>Ledgers: 1910-1943</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
<b>Personal:</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1910-1943 (date of creation)				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Julius Degen's bank books:			1 6
<b>Pocket Diaries:</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Pocket Diary, 1929	1929		1 7
	File - Pocket Diary, 1930	1930		1 8
	File - Pocket Diary, 1931	1931		1 9
	File - Pocket Diary, 1932	1932		1 10
	File - Pocket Diary, 1933	1933		1 11
	File - Pocket Diary, 1934	1934		1 12
	File - Pocket Diary, 1935	1935		1 13
	File - Memoranda Booklet, 1932/1935?,	1932-		1 14
	File - Memoranda Booklet, 1937,	1937		1 15
	File - Milk Weight Record Memoranda Booklet, 1938	1938		1 16
	File - Memoranda Booklet, 1940,	1940		1 17
	File - Memoranda Booklet, 1943	1943		1 18
<b>Farm Records:</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Farm Labourers Account Book prefaced by address book, [ca. 1911-1914.]	1911-1914		1 19
	File - Workman's Time Book, 1911-1912.	1911-1912		1 20
	File - Monthly Time Book, 1913-1915.	1913-1915		1 21
	File - Julius Degen's Farm Expense Ledger, [ca. 1916-1945],	1916-1945		2 1
	File - Day Book - Expenses, n.d.			2 2
	File - Expense Ledger - La Salle Farm, 1910-1914.	1910-1914		2 3

	File - Expense Ledger - La Salle Farm, 1910-1940 1910-1911, 1935, 1937 and 1940.	1910-1940		2 4
	File - Miscellaneous Expense Booklet - 1912	1912		2 5
	File - Miscellaneous Expense Booklet, n.d.			2 6
	File - Farmer's Pocket Ledger - catalogue - some expenses included, n.d.			2 7
	File - Miscellaneous Expense Booklet, n.d.			2 8

### Miscellaneous 1910-1927, [19-?]

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Letter from T.L. Wiper to Julius Degen, 1910.	1910		2 9
	File - Various receipts for the purchase of land/sale of wheat, 1913-1927.	1913-1927		2 10
	File - Grid map of land available through the H.L. Emmert Land Agency, on obverse; map of La Salle Farm on reverse, n.d.			2 11
	File - Miscellaneous farm receipts.			2 12
	File - Business cards			2 13
	File - Newspaper clipping announcing the death of H.C. Webb.			2 13

### Photograph Collection (PC 91) [ca. 1895]-[19-?]

#### Scope and content:

This series consists of the following subseries:

General Holdings: [19-?]

La Salle Farm: 1910-1914, [19-?]

Other: [ca. 1895], [ca. 1917]

Snapshots: Julius Degen [pre-1908]-1914

Snapshots - Family and Friends: 1910-1916, [19-?]

#### File / item list

### General Holdings: [19-?]

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Map of the H.L. Emmert Agency's holdings. [19-?]			1 1

### La Salle Farm: 1910-1914, [19-?]

<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - 14" x 11", La Salle Farm, 1910-1914.	1910-1914		1 2
	File - 12" x 10", La Salle Farm, 1910-1914.	1910-1914		1 3
	File - 14" x 12", La Salle Farm, 1910.	1910		1 4
	File - 13½" x 11½". Tall man standing on machine is Bill Robb. Julius Degen is sitting on machine, third from right. [19-?]			1 5
	File - 8" x 10", believed to be La Salle Farm, n.d.			1 6
	File - 13½" x 10", La Salle Farm, Autumn 1910.	1910		1 7
	File - 8" x 10", La Salle Farm - Threshing Machine. Julius Degen in centre of photo. [19-?]			1 8
	File - 8" x 10", La Salle Farm - Threshing.			1 9
<b>Other: [ca. 1895], [ca. 1917]</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - 8" x 10", Julius Degen's souvenir photo - on board the "President Grant", en route from Hamburg to New York, [ca. 1895]			1 10
	File - 4½" x 7¼", Julius, Clare (wife) & Emma Degan (1st 11 child), [ca. 1917]			1 11
<b>Snapshots: Julius Degen [pre-1908]-1914</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Working at the accounts. 1910-1914	1910-1914		1 12
	File - With Albert Schreiber, [ca. 1909].			1 13
	File - With Marlin Schreiber, pre 1908.			1 13
	File - Hunting, [19-?]			1 14
	File - With his horse, [19-?]			1 15
	File - La Salle Farm - [19-?]			1 16
<b>Snapshots - Family and Friends: 1910-1916, [19-?]</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - A.G. Schreiber (b. 1872), Wife Kathy (b. 1879) and 17 daughter Mildred (b. 1902). 1910.			1 17

	File - Mr & Mrs. Caldwell - U.S. friends of Julius, moved into Alberta.	1 18
	File - Herr und Frau Franz Viebeck at "The Big Farm", 1913-1916.	1 19