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Leon John Eekman fonds

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Summary information

Repository: University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections

Title: Leon John Eekman fonds

ID: MSS 444 (A15-61)

Date: 1917-1954 (date of creation)

Language: English

Physical description: 0.02 m of textual records : 1 book ; 1 newspaper clipping
2 black and white photographs

Note [sourcesDescription]: Registration of death (BC Archives): <http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/DisplayGenealogyImage?k=fa16df1f-93fd-4d7d-bab6-25060ddce362> (accessed by Samantha Booth 25 June 2015)
Father's death record (Utrecht Archives): <http://www.hetutrechtsarchief.nl/collectie/burgerlijke-stand/utrecht/overlijdensregisters/1917/09/14> (accessed by Samantha Booth 25 June 2015)

Note [generalNote]: Separation statement: The two photographs and two small printed inserts were removed from the box and put in a separate folder due to concerns about them falling out when attempting to remove the book from the box; a small newspaper clipping that had been taped to a page in the book was also removed, photocopied (8 June 2015) and put in the same folder.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Leon John Eekman was born Leendert Jeens Eekman on 12 December 1880 in Brussels to Thomas Adam (1844-1917) and Ibeltje Eekman, whose family at some time lived in the house in Brussels where Victor Hugo wrote "Les Misérables". He immigrated to Canada in the early 1900s, settling in Victoria, British Columbia around 1905, where he worked as a draftsman and building inspector for the city until the 1950s. He married London-born Marion Dean Holdcroft (1887-1957) in 1910, and had three children. He enlisted in the Canadian Infantry in September 1914 at the outbreak of the First World War, and had prior military experience, although it is unclear where. He died from pneumonia on 25 September 1954, in Victoria.

Custodial history

Purchased by the Survival Research Institute of Canada (SRIC) from Wells Books, a second-hand bookstore in Victoria, BC in 2005, and donated to the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections by Walter Meyer zu Erpen (SRIC, President) in 2015.

Scope and content

This fonds contains a memorial book “The Spirit Lives” (Hamilton, Ontario: Brown’s Enterprises, 1945) in a decorative box for the 29 September 1954 funeral service of Leon John Eekman (1880-1954), which contains the signatures of the attendees. Also in the box were 2 b/w photographs of a bedridden or recently deceased man (dated 12 September 1917, labeled “Diaconessenhuis Utrecht” on back) (this is almost certainly Eekman’s father Thomas Adam Eekman, who died on 12 September 1917 in Utrecht) & an obituary clipping for Leon John Eekman from a Victoria newspaper (photocopied 8 June 2015). It also contains a reproduction of the registration of death housed in the BC Archives at the Royal BC Museum, printed by the archivist during the processing of this collection on 25 June 2015.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the subject of the collection.

Physical condition

Very good

Immediate source of acquisition

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

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access to this material.

Conditions governing use

Users must abide by relevant copyright legislation.

Related material

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

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).

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Level of detail:** Partial
 - **Status description:** Final
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 - **Institution identifier:** UMASC
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Access points

- Object (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
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Collection holdings
