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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Margaret Arnett MacLeod fonds
ID:	MSS 15, PC 13
Date:	1835-[ca. 1947] (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.9 m of textual records. -- 19 photographs.
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Margaret Arnett MacLeod was born in 1877 in London, Ontario, and later moved to Manitoba with her family. Her father, Lewis Arnett, came to the Red River region with the Ontario volunteers in the Wolseley Expedition of 1870. She was educated in Brandon and Winnipeg and taught in Stonewall, Manitoba, before marrying Dr. A.N. MacLeod. In 1935, she wrote *The Frozen Priest of Pembina* and, in 1937, wrote *Bells of Red River*. In 1947, she compiled her most famous work, *The Letters of Letitia Hargrave*. She also wrote *Red River Festive Season* (1962) and *Grantown*, the story of Cuthbert Grant, which she compiled in collaboration with Dr. W.L. Morton in 1963.

Scope and content

The Margaret Arnett MacLeod fonds includes photocopies of the letters of Letitia Hargrave, of her husband, James Hargrave, and of several of his colleagues in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company between the years 1837 and 1865. Also included are the original letters which complement the Hargrave Manuscripts held by the Champlain Society and the papers of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Mrs. MacLeod's "notes" to the Letitia Hargrave Letters include biographical information in minute detail about both senior and junior employees of the Hudson's Bay Company. The information has been verified through Hudson's Bay Company records and would save the researcher hours of unnecessary searching and duplication of effort. The "notes" and correspondence of Mrs. MacLeod cover a wider period than the Letters of Letitia Hargrave. They complete the genealogy of the Hargrave family up to 1947.

As so many of the early officials of the Hudson's Bay Company were Scottish, those investigating the Scotch in Canada for genealogical or historical reasons may well find the perusal of this fonds rewarding.

The materials in the fonds also relate to the development of the fur trade, the social life and customs in nineteenth century Canadian trading posts, early northern missions, and the hardships of pioneer life.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 8 series, namely:

- Correspondence
- Research Materials
- Other Correspondence
- Manuscript and rough drafts for Letters of Letitia Hargrave
- "Notes" for Letitia Hargrave Letters
- Original Letters which have been encapsulated (Oversized)
- Other encapsulated documents (Oversized)
- Photographs (PC 13)

Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use

No restrictions other than those of normal copyright law have been placed on the materials of the Margaret Arnett MacLeod fonds.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

Related material

Eight pamphlets have been removed for cataloguing, classification and addition to the Rare Book Collection of the Archives & Special Collections. These pamphlets were mentioned either in the text of Letters of Letitia Hargrave or in the footnotes accompanying the text. The items are as follows:

Bryce, Mrs. George. Early Red River Culture. Winnipeg, Manitoba Free Press Company. 1901.

Mitchell, Ross. The Early Doctors of Manitoba.

Ogston, W.H. Canadian Voyages and Experiences, 1840, 1861, 1948. Dumfires: Robert Dinwiddie and Co. Ltd. 1950.

Stewart, David A. Dickens the Reformer. An address to the Dickens Fellowship, Winnipeg Branch No. 25 on the one hundred and twenty-first anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens. Feb. 7, 1933.

Stewart, David A. Sir John Richardson, Surgeon, Physician, Sailor, Explorer, Naturalist, Scholar. A paper read at the combined meeting of the British and Canadian Medical Associations, Winnipeg. August 1930.

Wallace, W.S. Captain Miles Macdonell's "Journal of a Jaunt to Amherstburg in 1801. Reprinted from The Canadian historical Review, June 1944.

Wallace, W.S. An Unwritten Chapter of the Fur-Trade. Presidential address before the Royal Society of Canada.

Wallace, W.S. Sir Henry Lefroy's Journey to the North-West in 1833-4.

Nineteen photos of both places and persons in Scotland and connected with the Hudson's Bay Company have been added to the Photograph Collection under the number PC 13. Also transferred is a copy of Queen Victoria's proclamation of her coronation in 1838.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Series descriptions

I. Correspondence of Margaret Arnett MacLeod, alphabetically arranged. n.d.

Physical description: 1 folder

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - A. Incoming			MSS 015, Box 0001 1
	File - B. Outgoing			MSS 015, Box 0001

II. Research Materials n.d.

Physical description: (4 folders)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Newspaper clippings and book reviews			MSS 015, Box 0001 2

	File - Pamphlets and articles	MSS 015, Box 0001 3
	File - Photocopies of some original letters	MSS 015, Box 0001 4

III. Other Correspondence n.d.

Physical description: (16 folders; 2 boxes)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Photocopies of typescripts of Letitia Hargrave letters			MSS 015, Box 0002 1-4
	File - Photocopies of typescripts of James Hargrave letters			MSS 015, Box 0002 5
	File - Photocopies of typescripts of James Hargrave letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 1-3
	File - Photocopies of typescripts of Joseph James Hargrave letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 4
	File - Photocopies of George Simpson letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 5
	File - N. Finlayson letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 6
	File - John George Mctavish letter			MSS 015, Box 0003 7
	File - Dugald Mactavish letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 8
	File - Lachlan Mactavish letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 9
	File - Simon Mactavish letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 10
	File - William Mactavish letters			MSS 015, Box 0003 11

IV. Manuscript and rough drafts for Letters of Letitia Hargrave n.d.

Physical description: (4 folders)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Manuscript and rough drafts for Letters of Letitia Hargrave			MSS 015, Box 0004 1-4

V. "Notes" for Letitia Hargrave Letters n.d.

<u>Physical description:</u> (3 folders)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "Notes" for Letitia Hargrave Letters			MSS 015, Box 0004 MSS 015, Box 0005 MSS 015, Box 0006 MSS 015, Box 0007
VI. Original letters which have been encapsulated (Located in Oversized Storage) 1835-1873				
<u>Physical description:</u> (6 folders)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Cadenbeau, George regarding marriage settlement for Mary Jane Hargrave and Alexander Ogston 1867			MSS 015, Box 0001
	File - Hargrave, Letitia Lockhart [Tash]	1872, 1877		MSS 015, Box 0001
	File - Hargrave, Letitia Mactavish written before her marriage to James Hargrave	1838		MSS 015, Box 0001
	File - Mactavish, Dugald 1835, 1838, 1845			MSS 015, Box 0001
	File - Mactavish, Mary 1838			MSS 015, Box 0001
	File - Ogston, Mary Jane (2 items; one undated fragment) 1873			MSS 015, Box 0001
VII. Other Encapsulated Documents (Located in Oversized Storage) n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (1 item)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Funeral announcement for James Hargrave			MSS 015, Box 0001
Photographs (PC 13) n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 folder				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Balanstrail			1 1
	File - Campbelltown Quay (2)			1 2
	File - Clarke, Mary			1 3
	File - Hargrave, James			1 4
	File - Hargrave, Joseph James			1 5
	File - Hargrave, Joseph James			1 6
	File - Hargrave, Letitia Lockhart			1 7
	File - Hargrave, Letitia McTavish			1 8
	File - Hargrave, Mary Jane			1 9
	File - Kilchrist			1 10
	File - Kilchrist			1 11
	File - Lockhart, Letitia			1 12
	File - McTavish, Dugald			1 13
	File - McTavish, Florence			1 14
	File - McTavish, Mary and Flora			1 15
	File - McTavish, William			1 16
	File - Ross, Donald			1 17
	File - Ross, Donald			1 18
	File - York Factory			1 19