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Martin Platz fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Martin Platz fonds
ID:	MSS 530
Accession number [alternative]:	A2013-063
Date:	[1920-2007] (date of creation)
Physical description:	6 cm of textual records, 4 photographs, 1 USB.
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [sourcesDescription]:	Winnipeg Tribune clippings inside the fonds, as well as https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Platz (Accessed December 14, 2017), http://www.neilbardalfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/1406106/platz-paul/obituary.php (Accessed December 14, 2017), http://manitobia.ca/content/en/newspapers/WPT/1941/07/09/articles/3.xml/iarchives (Accessed December 14, 2017) and http://westenddumplings.blogspot.ca/2013/08/the-greatest-blue-bomber-youve-never.html (Accessed December 14, 2017).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Martin Platz was born and lived in Winnipeg prior to the Second World War, graduating from Daniel McIntyre Collegiate. He played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and was on the team when they won the 1939 Grey Cup. He also played for the Regina Roughriders. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War Two. He was held as a Prisoner of War after his plane was shot down over Cologne in July 1941 until the end of the war. He was in several German POW camps, including Stalag Luft III. Upon his return home he was employed as a radio broadcaster.

Custodial history

The documents were held by Martin's sister Helen Rickey (Platz), and donated in May 2013 by her son Ken Rickey.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of letters written to the family of Martin Platz while he was held as a Prisoner of War during the years 1941 until 1945. The fonds also contains information about parcels sent to Platz (from family, the Canadian Red Cross Society and the Scottish Red Cross Society), newspaper clippings, a timeline and map of Platz's prisoner experience created by a family member and a USB stick containing some digitized images of newspaper clippings.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

Much of the paper is brittle and torn, please handle carefully.

Arrangement

The fonds consists of three series: Correspondence Home from various German prisoner of war camps in World War Two (arranged chronologically), Family Correspondence and Parcels, and Newspaper Clippings and Media.

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Finding aids

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Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Draft

Access points

- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Records in Electronic Form (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Correspondence Home

Date: 1941-1945 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Correspondence Home: 1941	1941		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Correspondence Home: 1942	1942		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Correspondence Home: 1943	1943		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Correspondence Home: 1944	1944		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - Correspondence Home: 1945	1945		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0005

Family Correspondence and Parcels

Date: 1941-1945 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - Platz Family Correspondence and Receipts	1941-1945	A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0006
	File - Materials Related to Parcels	1941-1945	A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0007

Newspaper Clippings and Media

Date: 1941-1945 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Newspaper Clippings	1941-1945		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0008
	File - Photos, Timeline and Map	1941-1945		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0009
	File - USB	ca. 2013		A2013-063, Box 0001 File 0010
	File - Newspaper Clippings O/S			MC A2013-063, File 0001 File 0001 O/S