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Spencer Family fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Spencer Family fonds
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PC [alternative]:	124
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Percy Spencer was born in England and came to Canada in the 1880s. He homesteaded in the Russell area, and had seven children with his wife. One of their daughters, Lucy, became a Registered Nurse (R.N.) in 1931. Her diaries are particularly interesting for what they reveal about women's education and careers in the first part of the 20th century. Scholars in the fields of Women's Studies and History will find much useful information in these diaries. Percy Spencer also wrote consistently and over a long period of time on the problems of homesteading.

Custodial history

Donated to the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections in 1996.

Scope and content

The Spencer collection consists of diaries, account books, photographs and ephemera depicting rural life near Russell, Manitoba. Percy Spencer wrote journal entries for thirty-five years, and his daughter Lucy kept a diary from 1920 - 1926, 1944, and from 1946 - 1959 and 1961 - 1973. The collection contains sixty bound volumes (diaries) and five farm account books. The photographs are interesting in that they depict rural life, but the accompanying documentation is fragmentary thus reducing the overall usefulness of the photos.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 5 series:
Percy H. Spencer Diaries / Account Books
Diaries
Account Books
Lucy C. Spencer Diaries
Photograph Collection (PC 124)

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be downloaded by clicking on the “Download” link under “Finding Aid” on the right hand side of the screen.

Other notes

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

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Percy H. Spencer Diaries/Account Books:

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - 1884	1884		MSS 121, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - 1885-1886	1885-1886		MSS 121, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - 1887-1888	1887-1888		MSS 121, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - 1889-1890	1889-1890		MSS 121, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - 1891-1892	1891-1892		MSS 121, Box 0001 File 0005
	File - 1895-1896	1895-1896		MSS 121, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - 1897-1901	1887-1901		MSS 121, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - 1902-1908	1902-1908		MSS 121, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - 1909-1920	1909-1920		MSS 121, Box 0002 File 0004
Diaries				
<u>Access points:</u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textual record (documentary form) 				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - 1911-1915	1911-1915		MSS 121, Box 0002 File 0005
	File - 1916-1920	1916-1920		MSS 121, Box 0002 File 0006

	File - 1921-1926	1921-1926	MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0001
	File - 1927-1932	1927-1932	MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0002
	File - 1933-1935	1933-1935	MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0003
	File - 1946-1939	1946-1939	MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0004

Account Books

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - 1888-1891	1888-1891		MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0005
	File - 1892, 1911, 1935-1939	1892,1911, 1935-1939		MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0006

Lucy C. Spencer Diaries

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - 1920-1936	1920-1936		MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0007
	File - 1943-1947	1943-1947		MSS 121, Box 0003 File 0008
	File - 1949-1953	1949-1953		MSS 121, Box 0004 File 0001

	File - 1954-1955	1954-1955	MSS 121, Box 0004 File 0002
	File - 1956-1959	1956-1959	MSS 121, Box 0004 File 0003
	File - 1961-1966	1961-1966	MSS 121, Box 0004 File 0004
	File - 1966-1973	1966-1973	MSS 121, Box 0004 File 0005
	File - One school notebook		MSS 121, Box 0004 File 0006
	File - Grad and registration certificates and grad photo		MSS 121, Box 0004 File 0007
	File - Betty Spencer 5-Year diary	1935-1940	MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0001
	File - Craigie School Division #908 minutes	1904-1934	MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0002
	File - "Waghorns Guide"	March 1949	MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0003
	File - Massey Ferguson 125th Anniversary Booklet	1972	MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0004
	File - Letter from England	1941	MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0005
	File - Order of the Crocus Awards		MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0006
	File - Will of Richard White	1867, 1878	MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0007
	File - Miscellaneous bills and papers		MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0008
	File - Assorted Clippings		MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0009
	File - Pocket diary		MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0010
	File - Scrapbook	n.d.	MSS 121, Box 0005 File 0011

**Series MSS 121 (A1996-038, A1996-099)-PC 124: Photograph collection (PC 124)
Envelopes of photos, many with labels, grouped by subject:**

Scope and content:

Envelopes of photos, many with labels, grouped by subject:

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Threshing, Discing			PC 124, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Haying, Richard's Homestead, Sawmill, Sawing Wood, Miscellaneous			PC 124, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Haying, Plowing	n.d.		PC 124, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Family photo album			PC 124, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - Portrait of P.H Spencer	1934		PC 124, Box 0001 File 0005
	File - Postcard album with photos			PC 124, Box 0001 File 0006
	File - Photo album			PC 124, Box 0001 File 0007