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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Spiritualist Hymnals and Manuals Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MSS 377
<b>Date:</b>	1921-1998 (date of creation)
<b>Date:</b>	1921-1998 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	0.19 metres of textual material.
<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

The Survival Research Institute of Canada was founded in 1991. The institute aimed to pursue and promote studies in the field of survival research, which is investigation into whether some part of the human consciousness or personality, commonly referred to as spirit, survives physical death and whether that spirit is able to communicate with the living. Based in Victoria, BC, its representatives carry out the following activities: undertaking research into the history of Spiritualism and psychical research in Canada (including study of the work of Canadian psychical researcher, Dr. Thomas Glendenning Hamilton, and the relationship of Spiritualist table-tilting phenomena documented by Hamilton and others to theories about psychokinesis); taking part in experiments connected to evidence of spirit survival brought through mediumship; sponsoring public education on subjects relevant to survival research through workshops, lectures, and demonstrations of mediumship; participating in media interviews; presenting academic lectures in Canada, the United States and Europe; and directing relevant records of Canadian organizations and individuals to appropriate archival repositories. On May 24, 2000, the institute was federally incorporated and became a registered charity. The founding members were: Walter Meyer zu Erpen and Debra Barr, two noted Canadian archivists, Walter Keoki Quan, Claus Michael Thomsen, Janice Irene Stromgren, Paul Dennis Biscop, and Lolita Nevon Wilson.

### Custodial history

The first accession (A2011-65) was donated by the Survival Research Institute of Canada and transferred to the Archives in 2011 by Walter Meyer zu Erpen, the Institute's President. The second accession (A2015-138) was transferred to the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections in 2015 by Walter Meyer zu Erpen.

## Scope and content

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The first accession (A2011-65) was arranged in part by the transferring agent in accordance with specifications he provided. This particular collection consists of 15 spiritualist hymnals and manuals used by spiritualist organizations from 1921 onward. The hymnals and manuals are bound books and therefore do not have folders.

The second accession (2015-138) was created by Walter Meyer zu Erpen. It consists of 6 additional spiritualist hymnals and manuals used by spiritualist organizations from 1926 onward.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on this material.

### Conditions governing use

Users must abide by relevant copyright legislation.

### Finding aids

Online finding aids are available at the links below:

"MSS 377 (A2011-65)":[http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/complete\\_holdings/ead/html/SpiritualistHymnalsAndManuscripts\\_2011.shtml](http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/complete_holdings/ead/html/SpiritualistHymnalsAndManuscripts_2011.shtml)

"MSS 377 (A2015-138)":[http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/complete\\_holdings/ead/html/SpiritualistHymnalsAndManuals\\_2015-138.shtml](http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/complete_holdings/ead/html/SpiritualistHymnalsAndManuals_2015-138.shtml)

### Related material

This collection 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, related to survival and parapsychology research. Other such fonds and collections transferred by Meyer zu Erpen are the Survival Research Institute of Canada fonds "(MSS 372; A11-60)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/survival-research-institute-of-canada-fonds;rad>, A.R.G. (George) and Iris M. Owen fonds "(MSS 373, PC 328, EL 38; A11-61)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/r-g-george-and-iris-m-owen-fonds;rad>, Survival Research Newsletters and Periodicals Collection "(MSS 374; A11-62)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/survival-research-newsletters-and-periodicals-collection;rad>, Debra Barr and Walter Meyer zu Erpen Research and Publication Collection "(MSS 375; A11-63)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/debra-barr-and-walter-meyer-zu-erpen-research-and-publication-collection;rad>, Jenny O'Hara Pincock fonds "(MSS 376; A11-64)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/jenny-ohara-pincock-fonds;rad>, Kenneth

J. Batcheldor fonds "(MSS 378, EL 39; A11-66)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/kenneth-j-batcheldor-fonds;rad>, Albert Batten fonds "(MSS 379, PC 329, EL 40; A11-67)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/albert-batten-fonds;rad>, Mary Olga Park fonds "(MSS 380; A11-71)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/olga-park-fonds;rad>, Howard Reed fonds "(MSS 381, EL 41; A11-107)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/howard-reed-fonds;rad>. Also related, but not transferred by Meyer zu Erpen, is the Hamilton Family fonds "(Mss 14, Pc 12, Tc 70; A.79-21, A.79-41, A.79-52, A.79-56, A.79-65, A.80-08, A.80-25, A.81-09, A.86-56)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/hamilton-family-fonds;rad>

## Accruals

The transferring agent has indicated that further accruals are possible.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

## Access points

- Survival Research Institute of Canada

## Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
<b>Accession MSS 377-A2011-065: Spiritualist Hymnals and Manuals accrual</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1921-1998 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Accrual consists of 15 spiritualist hymnals and manuals used by spiritualist organizations from 1928 onward. The hymnals and manuals are bound books and therefore do not have folders.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 0.13 metres of textual records				
<u>Access points:</u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textual record (documentary form)</li> </ul>				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container

	Item - "The British Spiritualists' Propaganda Hymn Book" (revised edition)	1939	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0001
	Item - "The Canadian National Spiritualists' Propaganda Hymn Book"		A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0002
	Item - Dallas, H.A. (compiler) "Communion and Fellowship: A Manual Dedicated to Those who Have Passed Beyond the Veil"	1921	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0003
	Item - Greater World Christian Spiritualist League	1998	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0004
	Item - National Spiritualist Association of Churches of the United States of America		A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0005
	Item - National Spiritualist Association of Churches		A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0006
	Item - National Spiritualist Association of Churches	1993	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0007
	Item - Spiritualists' Lyceum Union	1957	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0008
	Item - Spiritualists' National Union	1928	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0009
	Item - Spiritualists' National Union	1976	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0010
	Item - Spiritualists' National Union	1976	A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0011
	Item - Spiritualists' National Union		A2011-065, Box 0001 File 0012

### **Accession MSS 377-A2015-138: Spiritualist Hymnals and Manuals accrual**

Date: 1926-1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

accrual consists of 6 additional spiritualist hymnals and manuals used by spiritualist organizations from 1926 onward. The hymnals and manuals are bound books and therefore do not have a folder.

Physical description: 0.06 m of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Restrictions on access:

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Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Item - British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union	1930		A2015-138, Box 0001
	Item - National Spiritualist Association of Churches	1951		A2015-138, Box 0001
	Item - National Spiritualist Association of the USA	1976		A2015-138, Box 0001
	Item - Spiritualists' Lyceum Union	1952		A2015-138, Box 0001
	Item - Spiritualists' Lyceum Union	1926		A2015-138, Box 0001
	Item - Spiritualists' Lyceum Union	1957-1958		A2015-138, Box 0001