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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Suzanne Muir fonds
<b>ID:</b>	A1997-060
<b>MSS [alternative]:</b>	196
<b>PC [alternative]:</b>	184
<b>Date:</b>	1920-1990 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	0.25 m of textual records. 11 photographs.
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Suzanne Muir was born in Glasgow, Scotland on June 26, 1891. She was the eldest daughter and the second of five children of Matthew McLeod Muir and Sarah Muir (nee Frayer). Suzanne and her widowed mother emigrated to Canada in 1921 or 1922. A sister Emma Kathryn emigrated at a later date. Sarah Muir died in Winnipeg in January 1930.

Suzanne and her sister Kathryn sold the family home on Lindsay St. in 1932 and moved into Fairmont Apartments at 52 Edmonton. The sisters both worked as legal secretaries. Suzanne and Kathryn became active in the Spiritualist Church following the death of their mother. In 1937 they met the Reverend William Robertson Wood (1874-1947), a United Church minister. For ten years Reverend Wood and his wife Margaret Matilda Wood sat weekly at the Muir sisters' apartment in a rescue circle. The purpose of a rescue circle was to release earth bound spirits to leave the mortal realm. Suzanne was a bi-monthly lecturer at the Winnipeg Spiritualist Church/ Winnipeg Psychic Society from 1962-1990. In 1997, Suzanne Muir died at the age of 105.

### Custodial history

The fonds was donated to University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections by Suzanne Muir's nephew, Matthew McLeod Muir (1920-2007), of Glasgow, Scotland in 1997. The material had been stored at the farm of his sister-in-law, Kathleen Forrester, in Emerson, Manitoba. The initial donation consisted of 240 books that have been distributed throughout the library. Any duplicates were given to the Survival Research Institute of Canada.

## Scope and content

The fonds is divided into three series. A single article about Suzanne Muir, her sister and Reverend Wood comprises the biographical series. The second series contains lectures that Suzanne Muir gave at the Spiritualist Church that congregated at the International Odd Fellows Hall. The third series is comprised of newspaper clippings and published articles that Muir used for research purposes.

## Notes

### Title notes

### Other notes

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

## Access points

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

## Series descriptions

### Biographical Information

Date: [ca.1981] (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - Helen Burgess lecture on Muir & the Reverend William Wood	[ca. 1981]	A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00001
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**Muir Lectures**

Date: 1962-1989 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Lectures on Thanksgiving & Remembrance Day	1962-1987		A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00002
	File - Easter Lectures	1965-1986		A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00003
	File - Lectures	1966-1969		A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00004
	File - Lectures	1970-1974		A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00005
	File - Lectures	1975-1979		A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00006
	File - Lectures	1980-1989		A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00007

**Research Material**

Date: 1931-1981 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Research material used in lectures	1953-1980		A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00008

	File - "Psychic Research The Winnipeg Group," Western Home Monthly	1931	A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00009
	File - W.R. Wood correspondence Re: Review of T.G. Hamilton's book Intention and Survival	1943	A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00010
	File - "Out of Old Books" columns by Helen Sawyer Hogg	1952	A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00011
	File - House of Commons Debate on the Practising of Witchcraft	1954	A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00012
	File - Urantian Research publications	1972-1975	A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00013
	File - Essex Healers' Association	1981	A1997-060, Box 0001 File 00014

### Muir Lectures

Date: 1967-1984 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Lectures on healing	1967-1968		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00001
	File - Auric colours	[ca.1970]		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00002
	File - Lecture on the afterlife	1971-1976		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00003
	File - Lectures on mediumship	1971		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00004
	File - Poetry invocations	1971-1984		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00005

### Research Material

Date: 1920-1990 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "The Story of William E. Hart" in Communication	1920		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00006
	File - Articles on Demon Powers from Hibbert Journal	[ca.1930]		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00007
	File - Spiritual healing information	[ca.1950]		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00008
	File - Muir's research material for lectures	1970-1980		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00009
	File - Two articles by the Reverend Wood in the New Outlook	1933		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00010
	File - Lectures by the Reverend W.R. Wood	[1930s]		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00011
	File - Pamphlet: "The Mary M. Teleplasm" T.G. Hamilton	1929		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00012
	File - "Research Shows many Functions for Teleplasm" T.G. Hamilton in Winnipeg Free Press	1933		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00013
	File - Pamphlet: "Phrenology"	[ca.1930]		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00014
	File - The International Psychic Gazette	1931-1932		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00015
	File - The Two Worlds	1932-1959		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00016
	File - Light: A Journal of Spiritualism, Psychological, Occult and Mystical Research	1934-1943		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00017
	File - The Greater World	1938		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00018
	File - New York Spiritual Leader	1941-1942		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00019
	File - The Psychic Observer	1943-1952		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00020

	File - The Psychic Observer	1964	A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00021
	File - Newspaper & magazine articles of interest	1937-1972	A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00022
	File - Program: 46th Annual Session Lady Brady Spiritualist Camp Association Brady Lake, Ohio	1937	A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00023
	File - Institute of Noetic Sciences Research Bulletin	[ca.1979]	A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00024
	File - The Alliance Review	1986	A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00025
	File - Allan Kardec newsletter	1987	A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00026
	File - Breden Lodge Spiritualism first home for elderly workers Weston-super- Mare, Somerset	1990	A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00027

### Series A1997-060-Pc 184: Photographs

Date: [1930s] (date of creation)

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Photographs	[1930s]		A1997-060, Box 0002 File 00027