

Atkinson, Seibert family fonds - 2011.18**Dates:** 1917 – 1967**Physical Description:** 24 cm of textual and other materials**Biographical Sketch:**

Luisa Vollmer was born in St. Jacobs, Ontario in 1865 and Jeremiah Seibert was born at Heifelberg, Ontario in 1857. Luisa Vollmer and Jeremiah Seibert married and farmed at Port Huron on the Lake Huron coast in Ontario. They had six children including Fred, Herbert, Florence, Lulu, Marguerite and Percival. In 1917, the family moved to St. Albert and had purchased land beside the Atkinson brother's homestead where they farmed.

Thomas Atkinson came to Edmonton from Liverpool, England with his two brothers, Jim and Ted in 1907. The brothers found work in Edmonton laying foundations for the swimming pool of Edmonton's first Y.M.C.A. and working on the sewer system. Later that year, the brothers made their first homestead west of Edmonton near Wabamun Lake. On the homestead, Thomas Atkinson had a sawmill for which he required an Engineers certificate from the Department of Public Works. In 1911, his other brother Jack came to Canada and moved to the homestead. The brothers supplied lumber for cottages built along Seba Beach. In 1913, the brothers' sister Mary came to Canada and lived at her brothers' homestead.

The one brother Jim as well as Mary's future husband, Perley Cull from Seba Beach, served in WWI. The other brothers were exempt from the war on account of their importance in food production. In 1917, the brothers moved their homestead to St. Albert. They purchased the land from Arthur Sifton who was premier of Alberta. In 1920, Mary Atkinson and Perley Cull were married. Much later, in 1945, Jack Atkinson married Eunice Holmes.

On December 18, 1919, Thomas Atkinson married Florence Seibert, daughter of Jeremiah and Luisa Seibert. Florence Seibert had been working as a secretary for the Government of Alberta until she married Thomas Atkinson and consequently, she supported the farm and her husband's work and family. Thomas Atkinson and Florence Seibert had two daughters, Helen who was born in 1921 and Gladys who was born in 1926. Helen Atkinson married Wilfred Naundorf in 1945 and the couple had three daughters. Gladys married Keith Gibson in 1946 and they had five children. In 1952, the Atkinson brothers' farm was sold to H.R. Milner.

Thomas and Florence Atkinson moved to Edmonton after the farm was sold and Thomas Atkinson died in 1969. Florence Atkinson died in 1972. Earlier, Jeremiah Seibert died in 1955 and Luisa Seibert died in 1947.

Custodial History: Helen Naundorf, the daughter of Jeremiah and Luisa Seibert donated these family records to the Musée Héritage Museum.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of the journals of Jeremiah Seibert and Thomas Atkinson. Also included are photographs of the family as well as receipts, certificates and correspondence which were tucked into the journals.

Title source: Based on content of the fonds.

Acquisition source: Helen Naundorf

Arrangement: The diaries were arranged in chronological order.

Restrictions: None

Finding Aids: Finding aid available

Accruals: No further accruals are anticipated.

File list

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	Reference code	Title	Dates	Access restrictions
1	2011.18.1	Photographs	1906 - 1953	None
2	2011.18.2	Jeremiah Seibert journal	1919 - 1920	None
3	2011.18.3	Thomas Atkinson journal	1917 - 1943	None
4	2011.18.4	Thomas Atkinson's receipts and notes	1923 - 1939	None
5	2011.18.5	Thomas Atkinson journal	1950 - 1951	None
6	2011.18.6	Thomas Atkinson receipt	31 Oct. 1949	None
7	2011.18.7	Thomas Atkinson journal	1951	None
8	2011.18.8	Thomas Atkinson journal	1952	None
9	2011.18.9	Thomas Atkinson journal	1953	None
10	2011.18.10	Thomas Atkinson receipts and correspondence	1906 – 1967	None
11	2011.18.11	Thomas Atkinson journal	1954	None
12	2011.18.12	Thomas Atkinson's receipts and correspondence	1954	None
13	2011.18.13	Thomas Atkinson journal	1958	None
14	2011.18.14	Thomas Atkinson journal	1959	None
15	2011.18.15	Thomas Atkinson journal	1960	None
16	2011.18.16	Thomas Atkinson journal	1961	None
17	2011.18.17	Thomas Atkinson journal	1962	None
18	2011.18.18	Thomas Atkinson journal	1963	None
19	2011.18.19	Thomas Atkinson journal	1964	None
20	2011.18.20	Thomas Atkinson journal	1967	None