

Elizabeth Macpherson fonds

Dates: 1998, 2001

Physical Description: 12 cm of textual records, 1 CD-R (42.4MB) of digital records

Biographical History: Elizabeth Macpherson was born on October 4, 1937 in Budapest, Hungary. Her parents Reginald and Leah (Lonia) Menzer fled Hungary when Elizabeth was a child. Her family settled in the Westmount neighborhood in Montréal. Elizabeth had a degree in biology from McGill University. She married Andrew Macpherson and together they conducted arctic field studies. The couple later moved to Ottawa where Macpherson worked at the National Museum of Natural Sciences. She published *The Marine Molluscs of Arctic Canada* in 1971. In 1970 the family moved to Edmonton where she worked for the Provincial Museum of Alberta and in 1988 she became the assistant curator of the Musée Héritage Museum. While at the Musée Héritage Museum, she created a database on Métis genealogy as well as published *The Sun Traveller*, a history of the Callihoo family. She retired in 1998 and published *Murder of a Horse Thief*, a fiction book about a murder mystery in St. Albert, posthumously in 2001. Elizabeth Macpherson died in 2001 of leukemia.

Custodial History: Most of the records went from the custody of Elizabeth Macpherson to the Musée Héritage Museum. The 2010.11 acquisition was given to the Musée Héritage Museum by Elizabeth Macpherson's daughter in order to publish *Murder of a Horse Thief*. The material was then transferred to the archives.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of material related to the production of the *The Sun Traveller* and *Murder of a Horse Thief*. Various drafts and layout plans of the book are included. Fonds also consists of research from projects Macpherson was working on as well as material used in the creation of the genealogical database.

Title Source: Title is based on the content of the fonds.

Series

The Sun Traveller, 1998

Physical Description: 6 cm of textual records; Includes 1 floppy disk (unknown size) and 106 KB of textual records; 6 colour negatives

Scope and Content: Series consists of manuscripts and proofs for the publication of *The Sun Traveller*. Additionally, a negative for the post card order form is included.

File-List

1999.18.02	Original Manuscript, <i>The Sun Traveller</i>
1999.18.03	Final Proof of <i>The Sun Traveller</i>
1999.18.05	<i>The Sun Traveller</i> Text Proofs
1999.18.06	Disk for <i>The Sun Traveller</i> Book
1999.18.07a, 1999.18.07b	Negative for Postcard Order Form

2010.11.17 Launch and Correspondence
 2010.11.18 Photographs for *The Sun Traveller* cover

Series

Murder of a Horse Thief, 2001

Physical Description: 6 cm of textual records; 664 KB of textual records

Scope and Content: Series consists of manuscripts, proofs and notes for the publication of *Murder of a Horse Thief*.

File-List

2010.11.01	Correspondence, 2001
2010.11.02	Draft, 2001
2010.11.03	Envelop for draft, 2001
2010.11.04	Page Samples, 2001
2010.11.05	Version One, 2001
2010.11.06	Version One, Alex's Revisions, 2001 Alex refers to Alexandra Hatcher was the director of the Musée Héritage Museum in 2001.
2010.11.07	Version One, Proof, 2001
2010.11.08	Bluelines, 2001
2010.11.09	Iris Press Proof, 2001
2010.11.10	Final Proof, 2001
2010.11.11	Whole Thing This file is a digitally born copy of the entire <i>Murder of a Horse Thief</i> book. There were two copies of this file- one was stored on a floppy disk and the other was stored on a CD. Included in this file is the floppy disk.
2010.11.12	Murder of a Horse Thief Planning This file consists of digitally born documents that Elizabeth Macpherson created while planning her book. The file also contains drafts from the book that were excluded from the final version. Included in this file is the CD-R.

Title Source: Based on the content of the fonds but for the electronic records, the title is based upon the file names provided by the creator.

Series

Reunion Files, 2001

Physical Description: 35.8 MB of textual records

Scope and Content: Series consists of a genealogical Métis database and reports generated from the database. The database was created for the Musée Héritage Museum by Elizabeth Macpherson.

Title Source: As supplied from the names of the files by the creator.

File-List

2010.11.13 Databases, 2001

2010.11.14 Reports, 2001

Series

Research, 2001

Physical Description: 2.1 MB of textual records

Scope and Content: Series consists of notes on information gathered by Elizabeth Macpherson regarding aboriginal communities important to the area of St Albert.

Title Source: Based upon content of the series.

File-List

2010.11.15 Hobbema, 2001

2010.11.16 Census, 2001