

### Alma Henry fonds

Original, 215 cm of textual records, 1931-1981

#### Scope and Content:

Unpublished manuscripts, notes, diaries, correspondence and publications relating mostly to the history of the Fort Frances area.

#### Series A 75/1/1-14 - Manuscripts - 1955-1977

Typed manuscripts written or collected by Alma Henry dealing with various subjects (particularly the fur trade) but with Fort Frances as their focus.

- 1) Screenplay "Death Rides a Wooden Horse" by Norman Spencer Graham, 2 Feb. 1974, 95 p.
- 2) Novel "Law in a Lean-to: Pioneer Days on the Rainy" by Constance Kerr Sissons, 224 p., based on actual diaries, letters and other records donated by author to Fort Frances Archives after Aug. 1955.
- 3) "Geology of Rainy River District", 9 p. with footnotes
- 4) "Geology of the Minnesota Valley", 2 p.
- 5) "Museum", 1 p.
- 6) "Indian Rock Paintings of the Great Lakes", 6 p.
- 7) Untitled, 112 p. regarding the history of the early fur trade (up to 1759) in Fort Frances area
- 8) "Fur Trade Rivalry on the Rainy River" by Alma Henry, 3 versions: a) "1793-1796", 109 p.; b) "working paper", 19 Oct. 1976; c) 11 May 1977 (including typescript "Fur Trade Rivals on the Rainy River")
- 9) "The Rendevous (1816-1817)", 109 p.
- 10) "The Canadian Track (1760-1821)", 3 versions: a) 273 p.; b) as above but with introduction; c) chapters 6-8 only
- 11) "The Law Rides a North Canoe" about Lord Selkirk, 5 drafts: a) with handwritten corrections with extra handwritten and typed pages b) with handwritten list of contents; c) 109 p. with Table of Contents; d) 103 p. with one page of corrections; e) 103 p.
- 12) "The interlude" and "The Rainy River Flows West" 20 p., 2 copies
- 13) "Thrills of Pioneer Life or the Indians Last Menace" by Pat Kerr, 3 p., 2 copies; "Radio Address by P. Kerr", 15 July 1945, 5 p.; "Historical Sketch of Fort Frances and Rainy River District", 3 p. (marked, with the two above, "Property of Bruce Lloyd"); "Border Country Fur Trade, 1885-1900"
- 14) "Treaty Three", 5 p.

#### Series A 75/2/1-108 - Notes - 1955-1981

108 files of handwritten and typed copies of documents and publications, clippings, and maps relating to Fort Frances, including its fur trade, surveys and settlements, high school, music, historical society, voters lists, crime, forestry, legislation, the Business and Professional Women's Club, boundaries, Fenians, flora and fauna, native peoples and treaties, and the Dawson Trail. Also includes notes relating to and partial drafts of the manuscripts above.

#### Series A 75/3/1-4 - Personal papers - 1931-1979

Diaries and miscellaneous items relating to social activities of Alma Henry.

- 1) Caribbean diary, Mar. 1962, daily activities and the history of places visited
- 2) Recipe book
- 3) Miscellaneous notes about horticultural and historical societies, Little Theatre, Knox United Church, Palette Club, Masons and Eastern Star, and Mr. Eldon.
- 4) Diary, 1931-1940

**Series A 75/4/1-4** - Correspondence - 1946-1970

Four files relating to:

- 1) attempts to publish of manuscripts, 1968, 1970
- 2) personal correspondence, 1946-1961
- 3-4) research matters, 1958-1968

**Series A 75/5/1-27** - Publications - 1961-1981

- 1) *Ontario Northwest* (Toronto: Dept. of Tourism and Information, n.d.) 24 p.
- 2) *Reflecting Dryden's 50 Years as an Independent Town* (Dryden Observer, 1960) 102 p.
- 3) "Canada 1812-1871," *Imperial Oil Review*, vol. 51, no. 2, 96 p.
- 4) *The Lakes of Verendrye* (Minneapolis: Quetico Superior Council, n.d.) 16 p.
- 5) *Discoverers and Explorers in Canada 1497-1763* (Imperial Oil Ltd., n.d.)
- 6) *Souvenir Official Opening Highway 11* (Fort Frances Times, 1965)
- 7) *Inland Seas*, Winter 1968, vol. 24, No. 4
- 8) *Inland Seas*, Summer 1968, vol. 24, No. 2
- 9) *Ontario History*, Dec. 1981
- 10) *The Story of Methodist and Presbyterian Faiths 1875-1925: and the History of Knox United Church in Fort Frances, 1925-1973*, by Dorothy Redford (Fort Frances, n.d.) 20 p.
- 11) *History of Fort Frances* (Fort Frances Public Library and Museum, 1977)
- 12) *Historic Ontario: Old Upper Canada*, by Frank Fog (Oshawa: Dept. of Travel and Publicity, 1955) 46 p.
- 13) *ROM: Royal Ontario Museum, Occasional papers 3* (Toronto: 1961), re: Swan lake site and Brock St. burial.
- 14) *New Pages of Prehistory 1959* (Ontario Archaeological Society)
- 15) *Papers Related to the Iroquois and other Indian Tribes 1666-1675*, vol. 1, no. 1, n.d., pp. 2-26
- 16) *Papers relating to De Courcelles' and DeTracy's Expeditions against the Mohawk Indians, 1665-1666*, and Denonville's Expedition to the Genesee Country and Niagara, vol. 1, pp. 153-169
- 17) *Paper relating to the Restoration of New York to the English, 1674-1675*
- 18) *Papers relating to M. de la Barne's Expedition to Hungry Bay* (Jefferson County: 1684) pp. 9-92
- 19) *Governor Dongan's report on the Province of New York* (1687), pp. 95-118; *Papers relating to the First Settlement at Onondaga; The Discovery of the Salt Springs at Salina* (1654-1658)
- 20) *Papers relating to Count de Frontenac's Expedition against the Onondagoes* (1696) pp. 207-226
- 21) *Historical Review of Rat Portage and the Lake of the Woods* (1952)
- 22) *Indian Legends of Muskoka and the North Country*, by Lyman B. Jackes (Toronto: Canadian Historical Press, n.d.)

- 23) *The Red Lake Gold Field* (1966), 15 p.
- 24) *The Mandonian*, vol. 17, no. 1, Jan./Feb. 1963
- 25) *The Boise Cascadian*, Mar. 1965 and Oct. 1965
- 26) *Newsletters of the Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests*, vol. 22, nos. 12, 14, 15
- 27) Tourist pamphlets.

**Biographical Sketch:**

Alma Eldon Henry was born 29 Oct. 1902 in Kintore, Ontario, and died in Fort Frances 27 May 1995. A graduate of Western University, she taught English and History at Fort Frances High School from 1931-1960. She married Delbert Henry, owner of a car dealership, who predeceased her in 1972. She was a well respected community leader, and her deep interest in the area and its history is reflected in her paper and manuscripts.

**Additional Information:**

*Custodial History* - Bequeathed by created to Elinor Barr who donated same to Museum.