

Accession Number: MC-56

Title: George Rogers family fonds.

Dates: 1898-1984, 2018.

Extent: 27 textual leaves, 64 photographs.

Biography: George Leban Rogers was born December 16, 1867 in Westcock, New Brunswick to John Rogers, who had emigrated from Scotland, and his wife Emily Lawrence. George was christened at St. Anne's Anglican Church, British Settlement, New Brunswick. From his early teens through his adulthood he lived on the shores of Morice's Mill Pond, later known as Silver Lake, in Sackville, New Brunswick. George married his first wife Priscella Estabrooks on February 26, 1890. Priscella was born on September 14, 1872, and died in 1905 at 33 years of age. Together, they had seven children: Norman, George W., Marguerita, Hazel, John "Jack", Clinton "Ted", Picard "Pick" Hamilton, and Charles B. In 1902, the family moved to the old Beal residence located on the edge of Morice's Mill Pond (Silver Lake). George continued to live in the house for the rest of his life with his youngest son Abner G. Rogers. After Priscella died in 1905, George was left with seven children, but two years later, he married Flossie Estabrooks (Priscella's younger sister) on April 24, 1907. George and Flossie had five children together: Edith P., Dexter C., Herman, Donald F., and Abner G.. Flossie died in 1944 after she was hit by a truck in Middle Sackville. George worked for 64 years at the Campbell Carriage Factory as a master wheelwright, wagon, carriage, and sleigh manufacturer in Sackville, New Brunswick. He first appears on the payroll of the Carriage Factory on December 1, 1884, shortly before he turned 17 and continued to work at the Carriage Factory until his 81st year and was one of the factory's last two employees. George temporarily left the factory in 1916 to enlist in the 145th Regiment in Moncton, New Brunswick. He served overseas in the latter part of WWI with his sons, Jack and Clinton in the 145th Battalion, while his other son, Norman served in the 27th Battalion. George played multiple instruments with the "Middle Sackville" and the "Westmorland and Kent Battalion" bands. He was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion from its formation in 1926, becoming the first member to receive a Life Membership from them. George died on April 30, 1952, at the Lancaster Military Hospital in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Custodial history: Records and photographs were donated by Karen Eames in 2019. She is the great granddaughter of George Rogers, and the granddaughter of Marguerita Flossie, the third born of George and Percilla. These records were passed down through the family to Karen.

Scope and content: Fonds reflects the lives, careers, and military services of George Rogers and his family. Fonds consists of various textual records and photographs from the George Rogers family of Sackville, New Brunswick. It includes letters between family members; newspaper clippings about the family; and photographs of the family home and activities of George, his two wives, and their 13 children. The fonds also consists of a letter from Karen Eames in 2018 that accompanied the rest of the fonds documenting her knowledge of the Rogers side of her family.

Source of supplied title: Title is based on the provenance of the records.

Physical description: Fonds is in good condition. PB2.2 has been taped by the family, however, there is no damage or yellowing. Future conservation will be required. Newspaper clippings were photocopied and the originals were discarded.

57 photographs: b&w; 22.5 X 18 cm or smaller.

7 photographs: col.; 7.5 X 9 cm or smaller.

Arrangement: Fonds was organized by the donor, Karen Eames, by family members in order of birth, beginning with George Rogers and his first two wives, then his children. Fonds described by Rebecca Estabrooks in 2020, and completed by Isabella Matchett in 2021.

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Related records in other fonds: Related records may be found in the MC-2 George Campbell & Sons Ltd. fonds.

Container List:

Box/File	Description	Date
16/10	Correspondence: Letter from Karen Eames; letter from Norman Rogers from WWI; 2 letters from Norman Rogers; letter from Ruth Rogers about the death of Beatrice; letter from Pick addressed to Rita.	2018, 1915 - 1918, 1984, 1966.

16/10	Newspaper clippings, cards, and list of children by donor and all are clippings unless otherwise labeled: list of children; information on Beal/Rogers house; of George celebrating 60 years with Campbell firm; of George celebrating 56 years with Campbell firm; of funeral service for George; Sackville Tribune-Post showing sympathy to Rogers family after George's death; Flossie's death; Flossie's funeral; investigation into Flossie's death; cards from Mrs George Roger's funeral; Crest of the Lawrence Family; card with address from Winnipeg; celebrating George and Beatrice's 65 years of marriage; Hazel's death; 5 clippings about Ted sailing; Norman and Pick; Charles' death; Herman's death; Herman's funeral service; and Dexter's death.	2017, 1944, 1940, 1952, [1967-1986], 1974, 1966, [1962-1966?]
PB1.145-155, PB2.1	Photographs of Rogers family Homestead: 145-149 are of the Beal/Rogers house; 150-151 are of Morice's Mill Pond, 152 is of Norman Rogers and his friends; 153 is of Mount Allison Ladies Drill; 154 is of a train coming into Sackville, New Brunswick; 155 is of school children with a teacher; and 2.1 is of the full school.	1904-1998, 1967, 1978, 1913, [1908?]
PB1.156-167	Photographs of George Rogers and each of his wives (Percilla and Flossie): 156 is of Percilla and Matilda Estabrooks; 157, 159 and 160 are of Matilda Estabrooks; 161-162 are of Percilla Estabrooks; 163-165 are of Flossie Estabrooks; 166-167 are of George Rogers.	1898,1944. [ca. 1930]
PB2.2, PB1.168-175	Photographs of Norman Rogers: 2.2 is of Norman and his wife, Ellen Laura May; 168 is of Norman, wife and daughter; 169 is of Norman, wife and daughter; 170-175 are of Norman.	1918, 1924, 1895.
PB 1.176-182	Photographs of George W Rogers: 176 is of George; 177 is of George and Beatrice; 178 is of George with Beatrice and sister; 179-181 is of George and Beatrice; 182 is of Beatrice and Hazel.	[1909-1990?]
PB1.183-184	Photographs of Marguerita Flossie: 183 is of Marguerita Flossie Rogers; 184 is of Marguerita Flossie Rogers and a child.	[1893-1895?]
PB1.185-188	Photographs of Hazel: 185-187 are of Hazel; 188 is of Hazel and husband Dick in later years.	[1910-1924?]

PB1.189	Photographs of Clinton "Ted": 189 is of Ted in uniform.	[1915?]
PB1.190-192	Photographs of John "Jack": 190 is of brothers Clinton and Jack on farm with one pushing a plough and one on a horse; 191 is of baby Jack with Norman on a carriage; 192 is of Clinton, Norman, Jack and George.	[1897-1898?], [1916-1918?]
PB1.193-196	Photographs of Pickard Hamilton : 193 is of Pick in front of the Palomino Motel in Salmon Arm, British Columbia; 194 is of Pickard and his wife Georgina on a couch; 195 is of Rita and Pick; 196 is of Edith, Hazel, Pick and Rita.	[1958?], [1970?], [1945-1946?]
PB1.197	Photograph of Charles B.: 197 is of Charles as a young boy standing by a tree.	[1907-1910?]
PB1.198-199	Photographs of Edith P.: 198 is of Edith, Hazel and Rita; 199 is of Marguerita, Edith and Hazel.	[1945?], [1923?]
PB1.200-202	Photographs of Herman.: 200-201 are of Herman in army uniform; 202 is of Herman and a friend.	[1944-1946?]
PB1.203	Photograph of Dexter: 203 is of Dexter, Herman and Don.	[1917?]
PB1.204	Photograph of Donald F.: 204 is of Donald.	[1928-1938?]
PB1.205-206	Photographs of Abner.: 205 is of Abner and Pickard in military uniforms; 206 is of young Dexter, Don, Herman and Abner.	[1917?]