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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Simon Fraser collection
ID:	F-208
Date:	1803 - [ca. 2014] (date of creation)
Physical description:	19 cm of textual records 60 photographs 48 negatives 1 slide 2 drawings 4 artifacts 2 textiles
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	In 1976 a number of Fraser artifacts were formally transferred to the Vancouver Centennial Museum. These items (originally bequeathed to the University from the estate of Donald Fraser) included: one pair of sterling silver shoe buckles reported to have belonged to Simon Fraser, two embroideries done by Catherine Fraser (circa 1820), three silver teaspoons engraved "M.G.F.", one large sterling spoon engraved "M.G.F.", three silver plate tablespoons engraved "F.", two bisque figurines, and a medal dated 1908 struck at New Westminster Centennial celebration of the exploration of the Fraser River. An extended biography of Simon Fraser and a detailed content summary of the Simon Fraser Letters are included with the hard copy of the finding aid located in the SFU Archives reading room.

Custodial history

On September 9, 1965 the first artifacts were donated to Simon Fraser University by descendants of Simon Fraser and members of the Fraser Clan. Donald Fraser, a great-great grandson of Simon Fraser donated several manuscripts believed to be written by Simon Fraser, while Lord Lovat, Chief of the Fraser Clan, donated a ceremonial claymore (sword) and a jewel-encrusted powder horn.

Textual records on the subject of Fraser genealogy were donated to the Archives by Barbara Rogers while Fraser family photographs have been donated to the Archives by family

members from across North America. Correspondence regarding the photographs can be found in Series 3.

Copies of textual records and photographs on the subject of Simon Fraser historic sites and family property were donated to the Archives by amateur historians J. Dennis Casey and Howard Wright of Hoosick Falls, NY.

Scope and content

Collection consists of records relating to the personal history and genealogy of the university's namesake, the explorer, Simon Fraser. Records include; correspondence, working papers, reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs and negatives, drawings, artifacts and textiles.

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: The title is based on the contents of the collection.

Immediate source of acquisition

The SFU Archives Simon Fraser collection is an artificial collection compiled by Archives staff.

Arrangement

Records have been arranged by the Archivist into subject-based series. Prior to arrangement, there was limited physical control over the textual and graphic artifacts because they had become integrated into the Archives reference files on the history and genealogy of Simon Fraser. These integrated files have been processed as found.

Restrictions on access

Some of the files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked 'pending review' must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release and, as a result of the review, access restrictions may apply. The original Simon Fraser letters are restricted because of their extremely fragile condition. However, access copies are made available. The genealogy file by Barbara Rogers may only be viewed with her permission. Please see the file and item lists, and consult the archivist for more details.

Finding aids

File and item lists are available.

Related material

For other material relating to Simon Fraser artifacts, see the finding aid to the Office of the President fonds (F-193), series 23-3.

Other notes

- Publication status: published

Access points

- Archives and Records Management Department
- Fraser, Simon (subject)
- Lovat, Lord (subject)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Object (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Exploration, discovery and travel (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F-208-1: Simon Fraser history and SFU Archives correspondence

Date: 1958 - [ca. 2014] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to Simon Fraser and includes general biographical information, university correspondence with members of the Fraser family and Lord Lovat, archival responses to research inquiries, a scrapbook of Fraser family news clippings created by Donald Fraser, Barbara Rogers genealogical research, Vancouver Sun newspaper articles written by Stephen Hume, and Simon Fraser historic site and family property reference material collected by J. Dennis Casey and Howard Wright. Records include correspondence, working papers and research notes, a scrapbook, newspaper clippings, publications, and copies of maps and photographs.

Physical description: 16 cm of textual records
10 photographs

Access points:

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

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-208-1-0-0-1	File - Simon Fraser correspondence	1958 - 1996	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-2	File - Simon Fraser biographical information	1964 - 2006	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-3	File - Simon Fraser's grave	1964 - 1980	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-4	File - Donald Fraser scrapbook	1965	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-5	File - Lord Lovat	1965 - 1995	Restricted in part	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-6	File - Barbara Rogers - B.C. Genealogist articles on Simon Fraser	1989 - 1993	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-7	File - Barbara Rogers - Simon Fraser genealogy research	1990	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-8	File - Barbara Rogers - research notes and correspondence	1990 - 1999	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-9	File - Clan Fraser Society newsletters	1992 - 1994	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-10	File - Stephen Hume newspaper articles on Simon Fraser, vol. 1	2006	Open	208-1
F-208-1-0-0-11	File - Stephen Hume newspaper articles on Simon Fraser, vol. 2	2006	Open	208-6
F-208-1-0-0-12	File - J. Dennis Casey and Howard Wright - reference material on Simon Fraser historic sites and family property	[ca. 2014]	Open	208-6

Series F-208-2: Simon Fraser letters

Date: 1803 - 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The letters were donated to the university on opening day, September 9, 1965, by Donald Fraser, a great-grandson of Simon Fraser. However, the documents were misplaced and were found in 1988 in the desk belonging to a history professor. At this time, the University Archivist arranged to have a handwriting expert to analyze the documents and determine their authorship.

Series consists of original letters written by Simon Fraser and supporting documentation. Series includes correspondence with Don Brown who was hired in 1988 to authenticate the letters, copies of other documents written by Simon Fraser from the National Archives of Canada that were used during the authentication process, and publicity regarding the identification of the letters. Records include correspondence, working papers, reports, and newspaper clippings.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Note:

Conservation: in March 2006 a professional conservator assessed the conditions of the letters, and in January–February 2007 undertook conservation treatment. This involved cleaning the documents, removing tape carriers, and repairing tears. The conservator's report, as well as before and after photographs, are available in the Archives; consult the reference archivist for more information.

Restrictions on access:

The original letters are restricted due to their fragile nature. Access copies are made available.

Finding aids:

For a detailed content summary of the Simon Fraser letters at the item level, please see Tab 4 of the finding aid.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-208-2-0-0-0-1	Item - Genealogy of Ann Fraser McKenzie and the Frasers of Culbokie and Belladrum	1846	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-2	Item - Genealogy of Ann Fraser McKenzie and the Frasers of Culbokie and Belladrum	1846	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-3	Item - Genealogy of Culbokie family	1846	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-4	Item - Genealogy of Simon Fraser family	[18--]	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-5	Item - Genealogy of Simon Fraser family - William, Simon, John, Archibald, Peter, Alex, Donald, James and Roderick Fraser	January 1846	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-6	Item - Genealogy of Lord Fraser and descendants sharing William and Hugh Fraser names, Simon Fraser letter to John Fraser	1846	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-7	Item - Genealogy of William Mortay-Charse, Hugh and Ann Fraser, "Dear Brother" letter	[18--]	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-8	Item - Genealogy of Angus, Margaret, William, Simon, John, Archibald, Peter, Alex, Donald, James, and Roderick Fraser	[18--]	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-9	Item - Genealogy of Nancy Fraser and illegible (female) Fraser	[18--]	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-10	Item - Genealogy of descendants sharing William and Hugh Fraser names, narrative "The antiquity of the Frasers"	[18--]	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-11	Item - Genealogy of the family of Glenmoriston	[18--]	Restricted in whole	208-7

F-208-2-0-0-0-12	Item - Genealogy of Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat	[18--]	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-13	Item - Equipment of Fort Laird	1803	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-0-14	Item - Genealogy of Lord Fraser and descendants sharing William and Hugh Fraser names, Simon Fraser letter to John Fraser	1846	Restricted in whole	208-7
F-208-2-0-0-1	File - Handwriting analysis	1988 - 1990	Restricted in part	208-1
F-208-2-0-0-2	File - Newspaper clippings	1988 - 1989	Open	208-1

Series F-208-3: Fraser family photographs

Date: [18--] - 1996 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of Fraser family photographs. Formats include original albumen photographs (i.e. photo cards), photographic prints and negatives. Photo subjects include family members, Simon Fraser's house, gravestone, and stained glass windows depicting the explorer.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

50 photographs

48 negatives

1 slide

Access points:

- Photographic material (documentary form)

Arrangement:

Negatives exist for most photographs and reference copies have been made from the albumen prints.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-208-3-0-0-1	File - Photograph correspondence	1965 - 1995	Open	208-1
F-208-3-0-0-2	File - Photographs - items 1-24, 43	[19--] - 1996	Open	208-2
F-208-3-0-0-2-1	Item - House built by Simon Fraser	[19--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-2	Item - Donald Fraser at SFU opening ceremonies	September 1965	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-3	Item - Mrs. Donald Fraser at SFU opening ceremonies	September 1965	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-4	Item - Lord Lovat and Donald Fraser at SFU opening ceremonies	September 1965	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-5	Item - Lord Lovat, Donald Fraser, and Mrs. Donald Fraser at SFU opening ceremonies	September 1965	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-6	Item - Mildred Tindall (Donald Fraser's sister)	December 1955	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-7	Item - Simon Fraser's gravestone	1995	Open	

F-208-3-0-0-2-8	Item - Kathleen (wife), Pamela (daughter) and Simon William Fraser	1960	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-9	Item - Robyn and Bruce Angus Fraser	1966	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-10	Item - Donald Fraser	[19--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-11	Item - Robin and Bruce Angus Fraser	1991	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-12	Item - Marine Corp. Lieutenant Scott Simon Fraser and maternal grandfather, General Robert L. Scott	1991	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-13	Item - Scott Simon Fraser, Robin (mother) and Robert L. Scott (maternal grandfather)	1991	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-14	Item - Bruce Angus Fraser and Laura (daughter)	1991	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-15	Item - Simon Fraser's grave	[199-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-16	Item - Simon Fraser's grave	[199-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-17	Item - Simon Fraser's grave	[199-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-18	Item - Simon Fraser's grave	[199-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-19	Item - Simon Fraser's grave with priest	[197-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-20	Item - Simon Fraser's grave	[197-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-21	Item - Simon Fraser portrait	[190-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-22	Item - Mrs. Fraser portrait	[190-?]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-23	Item - Simon Fraser - stained glass window	1996	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-24	Item - Simon Fraser - stained glass window, detail	1996	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-2-43	Item - Simon Fraser monument	October 1911	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3	File - Photographs - items 25-34	[19--]	Open	208-2
F-208-3-0-0-3-1	Item - Dedication of historical plaque	October 1972	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-2	Item - Ann Jane (Fraser) Elcock	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-3	Item - Catherine (MacDonnell) Fraser	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-4	Item - Catherine "Kate" Fraser	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-5	Item - James Fraser	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-6	Item - Simon William Fraser	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-7	Item - Margaret (Fraser) MacDonald	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-8	Item - James Fraser	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-9	Item - Simon Fraser	[18--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-3-10	Item - Simon Fraser (BC Archives, PDP 2258)	[19--]	Open	
F-208-3-0-0-4	File - Negatives	1965 - 1991	Open	208-2
F-208-3-0-0-5	File - Photographic prints (copies) - items 26-33	[19--]	Open	208-2

Series F-208-4: Fraser family artifacts

Date: [19--] - 1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence regarding Fraser family artifacts and includes portrait drawings, a claymore and ceremonial powder horn, a serving platter, bronze profile plaque of Simon Fraser and Fraser Clan hunting and dress tartans.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

2 drawings

4 artifacts

2 textiles

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-208-4-0-0-0-1	Item - Simon Fraser portrait	[19--]	Open	
F-208-4-0-0-0-2	Item - Simon Fraser portrait	[19--]	Open	
F-208-4-0-0-0-3	Item - Oval serving platter with Fraser family crest	[19--]	Open	208-3
F-208-4-0-0-0-4	Item - Powder Horn	[18--]	Open	208-4
F-208-4-0-0-0-5	Item - Claymore (sword)	[18--]	Open	
F-208-4-0-0-0-6	Item - Fraser hunting tartan	[19--]	Open	208-5
F-208-4-0-0-0-7	Item - Bronze profile of Simon Fraser (mounted plaque)	[19--]	Open	
F-208-4-0-0-0-8	Item - Fraser dress tartan	[19--?]	Open	208-5
F-208-4-0-0-1	File - Artifact correspondence, vol. 1	1964 - 1995	Restricted in part	208-1
F-208-4-0-0-2	File - Artifact correspondence, vol. 2	1964 - 1995	Restricted in part	208-1