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John Innes fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	John Innes fonds
ID:	MsC 144
Date:	[after 1880]-1945 (date of creation)
Physical description:	21 drawings and other material
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

John Clarke Innes was born in London, Ontario on March 17, 1863. He was a painter, illustrator, writer, rancher, surveyor, and inventor. Innes was educated in England before returning to Canada and heading west as a surveyor and mapmaker for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the 1880s. He settled in Alberta for a number of years where he ranched while contributing cartoons, illustrations, and articles to various publications and also publishing a newspaper, *Mountain Echoes*, with Charles Halpin. After serving in the Boer War, Innes returned to Ontario and then moved to New York where he worked as a staff artist for Hearst Newspapers.

Around 1913 Innes settled in Vancouver where he continued to draw and paint, focusing on elements of western Canadian history and industry such as exploration, logging, mining, fishing, agriculture, and transportation. Two series of Innes' paintings were collected and curated for exhibition: *The Epic of Western Canada* and *From Trail to Rail: The Epic of Transportation*. In Vancouver these were exhibited at the Hudson's Bay Company and the David Spencer department store; they were also shown in Europe. Innes continued to do commercial work, including cartoons for newspapers and illustrations for publications and advertisements.

Innes married Ida May Sanford in 1899 and had a family including a son, George Dean Innes. Innes died in Vancouver on January 13, 1941.

Custodial history

The records in the fonds were purchased by Special Collections from MacLeod's Books.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of records relating primarily to Innes' drawing, painting, and writing. Records include original cartoons, publications containing Innes' work, a chapbook, exhibit programs and reviews, and images of Innes' paintings, as well as photographs of Innes, biographical material, and a patent agreement.

The fonds has been arranged into six series: Records relating to Innes' paintings ([190-?]-1943); Illustrations and cartoons ([between 1880 and 1941]); Publications (1900-[ca. 1934]); Photographs of Innes ([192-?-193-?]); Patent (1 Feb. 1919); and Records relating to Innes created after his death ([1941]-1945).

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: Title based on contents of fonds.

Arrangement

The material was received with no evident original order. The records were arranged into series by the archivist.

Graphic materials have been numbered consecutively in the format "144.1;" numbers are noted in the file or item description.

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Finding aids

File and item level descriptions are available.

Related material

Simon Fraser University owns eight Innes paintings, many of which are on permanent display in the Academic Quadrangle.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- Publication status: published
- Level of detail: Full
- Status description: Published
- Physical description: Includes 7 cm of textual records, 16 prints : on postcard, and 6 photographs : prints.

Access points

- Innes, John Clarke (subject)
- Technical drawing (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

Series descriptions

Series 1: Records relating to Innes' paintings

Creator: Innes, John Clarke

Date: [190-?]-1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of postcards of images of Innes' paintings, programs and reviews from exhibits of his work in Vancouver, articles and pamphlets about his work, photographs of paintings, and sketches.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records and other material

Access points:

- Innes, John Clarke (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

Physical description:

Includes 16 prints : on postcard, 5 drawings, and 2 photographs : prints.

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - Cowboy Race, at the Half <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 1
2	Item - Stampede of Cattle <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 2
3	Item - Roping <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 3
4	Item - Bull Train <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 4
5	Item - Shooting up the Town <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 5
6	Item - Mounted Police on Winter Patrol - Canadian West <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 6
7	Item - Police Camp at Night - Canadian West <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 7
8	Item - Mounted Police Scouts - Canadian West <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 8
9	Item - Stage Coach <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 9
10	Item - The War Canoe <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 10
11	Item - Pack Train <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 11
12	Item - Red River Carts <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[190-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 12
13	Item - Prairie Schooner <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	11 Mar. [1907]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 13
14	Item - The Buffalo Hunter <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	12 Mar. 1907		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 14
15	Item - The Town Marshall <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	20 Mar. 1907		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 15
16	Item - John Innes : Painter of the Canadian West <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[192-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 16

17	Item - [Pencil sketch for painting] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[192-?]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 1
18	Item - [Page with 3 pencil sketches] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[192-?]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 17
19	File - [Newspaper clippings relating to Innes paintings] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[192-]-1947	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 2 MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 18
20	Item - "Is Creator of Noted Picture" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1923]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 19
21	Item - [Pencil sketch with notes] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[ca.1927]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 20
22	Item - David Spencer Limited, Vancouver, B.C. Presents Tableaux of Canadian History and Industry commemorating Canada's Diamond Jubilee of Confederation <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1927	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 21
23	File - Reproductions of Epoch Making Incidents in the Early History of British Columbia <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1927, 1928	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 22
24	Item - Souvenir Book of Eight Pictures depicting various phases in the Pioneering History of British Columbia <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[ca.1928]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 23
25	Item - Announcing "The Epic of Western Canada" Being a series of thirty Oil Paintings By John Innes on the Sixth Floor September, 1928 <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1928	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 24
26	File - [Newspaper clippings about Innes and arts in Vancouver] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[ca. 1929]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 25
27	File - [Newspaper clipping about Innes' painting "The End"] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[193-?]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 26
28	Item - Announcing "From Trail to Rail" The Epic of Transportation : A Story of Man's Achievement in Pushing Back the Frontiers of Canada Told in Twenty-one Oil Paintings by John Innes	1930	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 27

	<u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke		
29	Item - George D. Innes Notes D'ly Representing John Innes <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1935	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 28
30	Item - [Photograph of "The Buffalo Hunt" painting] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1936?]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 29
31	Item - Announcing "From Trail to Rail" The Epic of Transportation : A Story of Great Vision, Heroic Enterprise and Splendid Achievement. Told in Twenty-one Oil Paintings By John Innes <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1936]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 30
31	Item - [Photograph of "The Builders" painting] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	27 Mar. 1936	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 31
33	Item - Cowboy Race <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	9 Jan. 1943	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 32

Series 2: Illustrations and cartoons

Creator: Innes, John Clarke

Date: [between 1880 and 1941] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of editorial cartoons drawn for newspapers, illustrations created for newspapers and other publications, Christmas cards illustrated by Innes, and sketches. The majority of the cartoons pertain to World War I.

Physical description: 16 drawings. - 1.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Innes, John Clarke (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	Item - [Pen sketch] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[between 1880 and 1941]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 33
2	Item - [Pen and watercolour sketch of moose] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[between 1880 and 1941]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 34

3	Item - [Pen and watercolour sketch of canoe] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[between 1880 and 1941]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 35
4	Item - [Pen and watercolour sketch of Bighorn sheep] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[between 1880 and 1941]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 36
5	Item - "Pleasant dreams these cool nights" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[191-?]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 37
6	Item - "Militants attention" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[191-?]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 3
7	Item - "The hold-up season" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[191-?]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 4
8	Item - "Munitions" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[191-]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 5
9	Item - "The 'Hold-Up' Man" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[191-]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 6
10	Item - "Bringing home the bacon" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[191-]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 7
11	Item - "Twisting the lion's tail" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1914	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 8
12	Item - "Thanksgiving 1914" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1914	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 9
13	Item - "The slacker's return" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1917?]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 10
14	Item - "The practical view of it" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1917?]	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 11
15	File - "The Romance of British Columbia" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1926	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 38
16	Item - Eleventh Annual North West Moose Association Convention [program] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1926	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 39
17	Item - [Newspaper clipping with Innes illustration] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1934]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 40
18	Item - [Christmas card illustrated by Innes] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1937	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 41

19	Item - "Half a Century of Progress" [pencil sketch] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1940?]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 42
20	Item - "Half a Century of Progress" [colour sketch] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1940?]	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 43
21	Item - Our Fifty Years <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1940	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 44
22	Item - ["The Pathfinders" Christmas card] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1940	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 45
23	File - [Christmas card and drafts] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1940	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 46
24	Item - [Christmas illustration] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1940	MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 12

Series 3: Publications

Creator: Innes, John Clarke

Date: 1900-[ca. 1934] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of publications by Innes as well as publications containing his work. Records include a chapbook of poetry written and illustrated by Innes, an issue of The Canadian Magazine containing an article by Innes, newspaper clippings, and layout materials for a short story.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Innes, John Clarke (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	Item - The Canadian Magazine, Vol. XVI, no. 1 (November, 1900) <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	Nov. 1900		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 47
2	Item - "The Striker" <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1907]		MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 13
3	Item - Tragedy of the Sway-Backed Pinto <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1920		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 48

4	File - [Newspaper stories by Innes] [ca. 1934] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 49
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Series 4: Photographs of Innes

Creator: Innes, John Clarke

Date: [192?-193-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of four photographs of Innes; two are copies of the same portrait and two are candid images.

Physical description: 4 photographs : prints

Access points:

- Innes, John Clarke (subject)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	Item - [Photograph of Innes sitting on the lawn] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[192-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 50
2	File - [Portrait of Innes by P. Bentley] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1923]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 51 MsC 144 - Box 2 folder 14
3	Item - [Photograph of Innes walking with another man] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[193-?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 52

Series 5: Patent

Creator: Innes, John Clarke

Date: 1 Feb. 1919 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of a patent agreement filed by Innes and John Linkison King in New York City, for a device to be used in the navigation of ships and airplanes.

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Innes, John Clarke (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)

- Arts and culture (subject)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	Item - John Innes and J. Linkison King with Frederick E. Crotois - Agreement <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1 Feb. 1919		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 53

Series 6: Records relating to Innes created after his death

Creator: Innes, John Clarke

Date: [1941]-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of obituaries and newspaper articles relating to Innes' death, correspondence to Innes' wife discussing his work, and a biography of Innes.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Innes, John Clarke (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
1	File - [Obituaries] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[1941]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 54
2	File - [Unsigned Christmas card to Mr. McLorg and Mrs. John Innes] <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	[after 1941?]		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 55
3	File - John Innes : Painter of the Canadian West / John Bruce Cowan (Vancouver : Rose, Cowan & Latta Ltd., 1945) <u>Creator:</u> Innes, John Clarke	1945		MsC 144 - Box 1 folder 56