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Reid family collection

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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Reid family collection
Reference code:	MsC-281
Date:	1887-1984 (date of creation)
Physical description:	87.5 cm of textual records
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created by Alexandra Wieland (May 2024)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Reid family lived variously in Scotland, Canada, the United States of America, and New Zealand. John Dunlop Reid, Jr. (1865-1917) and Roberta Reid (1879-1969); their children Fergus Reid (1903-1987) and Kenneth Dunlop Reid (1901-?).

John Dunlop Reid, Jr. was born in Dunlop, East Ayrshire, Scotland on February 21, 1865 to John Dunlop Reid, Sr. (dates unknown) and Helen Muir (died Feb. 1895). He arrived in North America around 1884 and worked as a sheep farmer in Rock Springs and Salt Wells in Wyoming, prior to moving to Metchosin, British Columbia. In 1895 he bought land in British Columbia and named the area Glenrosa Farm. Here he continued to work as a sheep breeder and as a fruit grower. He married his cousin, Roberta Reid (nee Reid) on December 15, 1897 in Victoria, British Columbia. She was born on December 10, 1879 in Owensboro, Daviess County Kentucky, USA and died on January 16, 1969 in Victoria, British Columbia. John and Roberta corresponded with his siblings, Thomas Reid and Jessie Reid, and with her parents, Anne Marie Reid (nee Jamieson) (d.1900) and Thomas Reid (d. 1919).

John Dunlop Reid, Jr. and Roberta Reid had three children: Robert Reid (1900-1900), who died at only a few months of age; Fergus Reid (1903-1987) and Kenneth Dunlop Reid (1901 - ?).

Roberta Reid married her second husband, Robert Duggan Young, in 1925. Robert Young passed away in 1947.

Kenneth Dunlop Reid married Margaret Harriet Cullum in 1926. They had one child, Ronald Dunlop Reid (1931-2021).

Custodial history

Materials were in the custody of the SFU Research Centre for Scottish Studies prior to their acquisition by Special Collections and Rare Books in 2024.

Scope and content

The collection includes 18 annual diaries written by John Dunlop Reid. These diaries span the years 1887-1897, 1900, 1902-1907, 1912. The collection also includes correspondence among members of the Dunlop Reid family, including John Dunlop Reid, his parents and siblings, his spouse Roberta Reid, her parents, cousins, and friends, John and Roberta's children, Fergus Reid and Kenneth Reid, and their children, grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

The archivist arranged the diaries in chronological order. An unknown person organized the letters in more or less chronological order by year. This happened at some point prior to their acquisition by Special Collections and Rare Books. The archivist retained this chronological order. There are some years from which many letters survive. For preservation purposes, and to keep individual files from being too thick, these larger groupings of letters have been divided into two physical folders.

Related material

Interview of Ronald Reid in the SFU Digitized Collections Scottish Oral History Collection: <https://digital.lib.sfu.ca/soh-46/interview-ronald-reid>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
 - Family and personal life (subject)
 - Land, settlement and immigration (subject)
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Series descriptions

Series MsC-281-0-1: Notebook and diaries

Date: 1887-1912 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of one notebook and a series of daily diaries kept by John Dunlop Reid, Jr.

Physical description: 25 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-1	File - Notebook	November 1887		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-2	File - Diary	1887		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-3	File - Diary	1888-1889		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-4	File - Diary	1890-1891		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-5	File - Diary	1892		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-6	File - Diary	1893		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-7	File - Diary	1894		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-8	File - Diary	1895		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-9	File - Diary	1896		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-10	File - Diary	1897		MsC 281 Box 1
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-11	File - Diary	1900		MsC 281 Box 2
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-12	File - Diary	1902		MsC 281 Box 2
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-13	File - Diary	1903		MsC 281 Box 2
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-14	File - Diary	1904		MsC 281 Box 2
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-15	File - Diary	1905		MsC 281 Box 2
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-16	File - Diary	1907		MsC 281 Box 2
MsC-281-0-1-0-0-17	File - Diary	1912		MsC 281 Box 2

Series MsC-281-0-2: Correspondence

Date: 1887-1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence, mostly letters, but also some postcard, addressed to, and sometimes from, members of the Dunlop Reid family.

Physical description: 62.5cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-1	File - Family correspondence from J. D. Reid's parents and sister	June - December, 1887		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-2	File - Family correspondence from J. D. Reid's parents and siblings	1888		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-3	File - Family and friends correspondence from J.D. Reid's parents, siblings, and friend	1889		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-4	File - Family and friends correspondence from J.D. Reid's parents, siblings, and friend	1890		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-5	File - Family and friends correspondence to J. D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid	1891		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-6	File - Personal correspondence addressed to J. D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid, from his parents, siblings, and friends	1892		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-7	File - Family correspondence to J. D. Reid and from J. D. Reid to Roberta Reid	1893		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-8	File - Family correspondence to J. D. Reid and from J. D. Reid to Roberta Reid	1894		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-9	File - Family and business correspondence to and from J. D. Reid, Jr.	January - May 1895		MsC 281 Box 3
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-10	File - Family and business correspondence to and from J. D. Reid, Jr. and Roberta Reid	June - December 1895		MsC 281 Box 4
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-11	File - Family and business correspondence addressed to J.D. Reid, Jr. and to Roberta Reid	1896		MsC 281 Box 4
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-12	File - Family and business correspondence addressed to J.D. Reid, Jr. and to Roberta Reid	1897		MsC 281 Box 4
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-13	File - Family correspondence addressed to Roberta Reid and family and business	January - May 1898		MsC 281 Box 4

	correspondence addressed to J.D. Reid, Jr.		
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-14	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Reid and J. D. Reid, Jr.	June- December 1898	MsC 281 Box 4
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-15	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Reid and J. D. Reid, Jr.	January - May 1899	MsC 281 Box 4
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-16	File - Family and business correspondence to J.D. Reid, Jr. and Roberta Reid	June - December 1899	MsC 281 Box 4
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-17	File - Family and friends correspondence to J. D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid	1900	MsC-281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-18	File - Family correspondence to and from J.D. Reid, Jr. and Roberta Reid	1901	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-19	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Reid and J. D. Reid, Jr.	1902	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-20	File - Family correspondence to J. D. Reid and Roberta Reid	1903	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-21	File - Family and friends correspondence to J. D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid	1904	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-22	File - Family correspondence to J. D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid	1905	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-23	File - Family and business correspondence to J.D. Reid and Roberta Reid	1906	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-24	File - Personal correspondence to Roberta Reid and J.D. Reid, Jr.	1907	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-25	File - Personal correspondence to Roberta Reid and J.D. Reid, Jr.	1908	MsC 281 Box 5
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-26	File - Personal and business correspondence to J.D. Reid and Roberta Reid	1909	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-27	File - Family and friends correspondence to J.D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid	1910	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-28	File - Family and friends correspondence to J.D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid	1911	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-29	File - Family correspondence to J.D. Reid, Jr. and Roberta Reid	1912	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-30	File - Personal correspondence to J.D. Reid, Jr., Roberta Reid and Kenneth Reid	1913	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-31	File - Personal correspondence to Roberta Reid	1914	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-32	File - Family correspondence to J.D. Reid, Jr., Roberta Reid, and their children	1915	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-33	File - Personal and business correspondence to the Reid family	1916	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-34	File - Family and friends correspondence to J.D. Reid Jr. and Roberta Reid	1917	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-35	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Reid and her children	1918	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-36	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Reid	1919	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-37	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Reid and her children	1920	MsC 281 Box 6

MsC-281-0-2-0-0-38	File - Family correspondence addressed to Roberta Reid	1921	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-39	File - Correspondence from Kenneth Reid addressed to Roberta Reid and Fergus Reid	1922	MsC 281 Box 6
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-40	File - Letters from Kenneth Reid to Roberta Reid and Fergus Reid	1923	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-41	File - Letters from Kenneth Reid to Roberta Reid and Fergus Reid	1924	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-42	File - Personal and family correspondence addressed to Roberta Young	1925	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-43	File - Personal and family correspondence addressed to Roberta Young	1926	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-44	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Young	1927	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-45	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Young	1928	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-46	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Young	1929	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-47	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Young	1930	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-48	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Young	1933-1939	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-49	File - Family correspondence addressed to Roberta and Robert Young	1940-1949	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-50	File - Family correspondence to Roberta Young	1951-1959	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-51	File - Family correspondence addressed to Roberta Young and Kenneth Reid	1960-1969	MsC 281 Box 7
MsC-281-0-2-0-0-52	File - Family correspondence to Kenneth and Marjorie Reid and to Ronald and Kay Reid	1971-1984	MsC 281 Box 7