

## Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland Archives

### COLL-006

#### Arthur R. Lundrigan collection

Author of Finding Aid: Crystal Rose

Date of Finding Aid: 2024

**Extent:** 0.36m

#### **Scope and Content:**

This collection contains correspondence that often includes copies of poems and stories, stamps, pamphlets, invitations, programs and itineraries from events, diaries, newspaper clippings, and photographs pertaining to Newfoundland and Labrador businesses and organizations and general history. Some of the materials are directly related to Arthur Lundrigan, such as personal correspondence and Lundrigans Ltd. publications. Others are archival items collected or purchased by Lundrigan that relate to Newfoundland and Labrador history, but their provenance is not known.

**Dates:** 1769-2000

#### **History and Related Materials:**

The collection was created by Arthur Raymond Lundrigan. He bequeathed to Grenfell Campus his collection of books about Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as a large collection of maps of the province, and two oil paintings from 1790 by Dominic Serres, "The British Fleet Entering St. John's Harbour, Antigua" and "The British Fleet Entering St. John's Harbour, Newfoundland." Once the collection was received in 2023, it was determined that some materials would be more appropriately transferred to the archives. The majority of the books and all of the maps are housed in the Lundrigan Room in the Ferriss Hodgett Library, with additional books preserved in the library's Rare Book Room. The oil paintings are in the Grenfell Campus Art Gallery.

#### **Biography:**

Corner Brook businessman, Arthur Raymond Lundrigan (1922-2000) is the son of William J. Lundrigan who founded the logging and lumbering company W.J. Lundrigan Ltd. in 1947. The company expanded to include road building and construction of schools, hospitals and commercial buildings. The company and its subsidiaries amalgamated in 1966 as Lundrigans Ltd. with Arthur serving as president and chief executive officer. Arthur Lundrigan had a keen interest in Newfoundland and Labrador history. According to his daughter, Astrid, his friend Joseph R. Smallwood gifted him 20 books from his personal library to start Arthur's collection. He became an avid collector of books and other archival materials documenting the history of the province. Lundrigan was a founding member of the Joseph R. Smallwood Heritage Foundation, received Honorary degrees from Memorial and Dalhousie Universities and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1991.

**Restrictions:** None

#### **Arrangement**

The materials had been mostly stored in plastic sleeves or non-archival accordion folders and envelopes with the books in Lundrigan's personal library, which were roughly shelved alphabetically

by author. This original order has mostly been retained along with any of Lundrigan's file names. Additional items were also discovered inside his books.

### Box 1

Folder 1 "Bowater 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary": Special edition of *The Western Star* "40 Years of Progress", program from September 14, 1965, "Corner Brook in Action" pamphlet, Bowaters postcard

Folder 2: Petition of Sarah Burton, wife of the late Surgeon, John Burton of St. John's, to John Manners, Marquis of Grandby, no date.

Folder 3: Transcript of Peter Cashin radio address January 23, 1953

Folder 4 "Churchill Falls 1968-1971": News releases pamphlets and other information published by Churchill Falls Co. Ltd., programs and itineraries from Reservoir Closing Ceremony June 29-July 1, 1971, and "The Bottle of Churchill Falls" pamphlet from 1968.

Folder 5 "Conception Bay Museum": Pamphlets and photographs of the museum in Harbour Grace.

Folder 6 Correspondence: Letter from F. J. Lewis of Bank of Montreal, January 12, 1966 including copies of "Customer Calls and Savings Promotion Drive Great Northern Peninsula" and "Cruise of the Porpoise" written by Lewis in July 1959 and copy of a brief history of Newfoundland prepared by Bank's Head Office in 1960.

Folder 7 Correspondence: Personal correspondence including First Day Covers of Grenfell stamps from Gordon W. Thomas, International Grenfell Association, June 18, 1965

Folder 8 Minutes from "Public Meeting Held in Court House April 23, 1945, to Appoint Fair Committee 1945 by Secretary-Treasurer Chris Fisher

Folder 9 [Items found inside books]

- Thank-you note from Memorial University found in *J.L.P.: A Portrait of John Lewis Paton*. St. John's: Memorial University of Newfoundland, Paton College, 1968.
- Letter to Editor of *The Western Star* from Newfoundland Tourist Development Board, November 29, 1936 found in their publication *Newfoundland*
- Letter to William Aziah Munn, St. John's from John Andrew Kirk, Toronto, March 18, 1939 found in book owned and signed by Munn, Henry Kirke's *The First English Conquest of Canada: With Some Account of the Earliest Settlements in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland*. London: Bemrose & Sons, 1871. Mentions Captain Bob Bartlett.
- Note to Arthur Lundrigan from L.F. Kirkpatrick found in John De Visser's *Newfoundland and Labrador*. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1979.
- Note to Arthur Lundrigan from Harry Cuff found in Hector Swain's *Lester Leeland Burry: Labrador Pastor and Father of Confederation*. St. John's: Harry Cuff Publications, 1983.
- Note from Chairman of the Board of Bank of Montreal found in Leslie Tuck's *The Murre: Their Distribution, Populations and Biology--A Study of the Genus Uria*. Ottawa: Canadian Wildlife Service, 1960.
- Note to John Augustine, Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland from Roy Douglass McNutt September 28, 1948
- Letter to "Adolph" from Greg Palmer August 29, 1986 found in Shannon Ryan's *Fish out of Water: The Newfoundland Saffish Trade 1814-1914*. St. John's: Breakwater Books, 1986.
- Letter to Lady Willisow from Viola Pratt, found in E. J. Pratt's *Collected Poems*. Toronto: Macmillan, 1944.

Folder 10 "Grenfell Mission": Pamphlets about the Grenfell Mission, new hospital St. Anthony (no dates) and announcement of a lecture by Sir Wilfred Grenfell on February 27, 1928

Folder 11 Draft manuscript of "Corner Brook: A Social History of a Bowater Town" by Harold Horwood

Folder 12 "Joseph R. Smallwood Obituaries"

Originals and photocopies of obituaries of Smallwood from various publications and the program from the funeral December 21, 1991

Folder 13 Transcript of CBC Radio broadcast by Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, February 20, 1949

Folder 14 Lundrigan Business: Promotional materials and reports published by Riverside Enterprises and Atlantic Design Homes.

Folder 15 [Miscellaneous] Variety of pamphlets and maps of places and activities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Folder 16 Newspaper clippings

Folder 17 Newspaper clippings Corner Brook

Folder 18 Newspaper clippings West Coast

Envelope 19 Photographs: 77 black and white photographs of various locations identified in Newfoundland and Labrador. No dates.

Folder 20 Programs: Souvenir programs from various events attended by Lundrigan

Envelope 21 Bound monograph with "Sir Wilfred Grenfell 1892-1908" handwritten on front and back covers. Contains newspaper clippings pasted over the pages mainly pertaining to Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

Envelope 22 Bound album titled "Sir Wilfred Grenfell on Board 'Strathcona'" containing 53 black and white reproductions with captions, no dates.

Folder 23 Stamps: 7 souvenir "Come Home Year" 1966 stamps.

Folder 24 "Ultramar": Press release and 8 black and white photographs.

Folder 25 Letter to John Byron, Governor of Newfoundland, from John Williams, St. Johns, July 20, 1769

## **Box 2**

Manuscript 26 Constabulary Diary, Bay of Islands, April 27, 1878 – September 26, 1880 with entries by Head Constable Edward Doyle and Sergeant M. Bartlett

## **Box 3**

Manuscript 27 Constabulary Diary, Bay of Islands, April 1, 1889 – January 4, 1904 with entries by Constable John Crane and Acting Sergeant Josiah Sheppard

## **Box 4**

Manuscript 28 Hand-made animal skin and fur manuscript containing arithmetic and calligraphy exercises and accounting notes by Daniel Ryan, no date.