

Brown Collection
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Summary

Title: Brown Collection

Accession Number: 2019-03

Creator: George Thomas Brown (1923-2019)

Extent: 10 files

Language: English, French

Abstract: The papers included in the Brown Collection were part of a large donation of books and other items that were given to the GFO in 2016. The bulk of that collection consisted of baptismal and marriage records from Catholic churches dating from the 1600s to the 1900s and originating in Quebec and Ontario, Canada. This collection contains correspondence and notes that reflect Mr. Brown's interest in personal and historical research.

Administrative Information

Provenance: The Brown Collection was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 2016.

Retention and Access: Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting manuscripts@gfo.org.

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Biographical Note

George Thomas Brown was born in Henryetta, Okmulgee, Oklahoma on 17 March 1923. He came west with his family during the Depression. He attended Lincoln High School in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, where he excelled in French and received a scholarship to the University of Portland. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1941, becoming a poster boy and a French interpreter for his unit in Normandy.

George was an avowed French-Canadian Francophile. He pursued a degree in French at St. Michael's College in Vermont. He would regularly cross the border to Quebec with his school friends to improve his French. This is how he met the love of his life, Mariette Suzanne LaJoie. They were married in 1949.

After their children married, Mariette and George moved to Vancouver, Washington, where a gravestone inspired him to deeply investigate the world of French-Canadian genealogy. His research was amazing—solving 200-year-old mysteries. He put together ancestries for numerous families. He was a board member of a number of historical societies including the Oregon Catholic Historical Society and the Archdiocesan Historical Commission, and he was a longtime member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO).

Finding Aid

File	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Dates	Pages
1	Correspondence, family group and pedigree sheets, copies of portrait drawings, research and historical notes, pages from books on Canadian history, biography/journals regarding Cornoyer, newspaper clippings, photos	Brown, Blanchette/Blanchet, Morin, Gosselin, Campau, Cornoyer, Kirk, Hanly, Lavadour	Quebec, Canada; Oregon, Washington	1700s-1900s; 1990, 1870, 1997, 1820s	125
2	Family group and pedigree sheets, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photos, postcards, research notes, military records, church records, genealogical journal pages, US/Indian Census	Belanger, Charbonneau, Gagnon, Wagner, Delany, Chalifoux/Chaulifoux, Murphy, Gearin, Cosgrove	Quebec, Canada; Oregon, Connecticut, France, Washington, Nevada	1690s-1990s	108
3	Correspondence, family group and pedigree sheets, marriage and church records, research notes, biographical timeline	Delany, Cushing, Chauvin, Archambault, Pariseau, Caron, Lajoie, Michaud, Boulet	Quebec, Canada; England, France, Oregon, Washington	860 C.E. through 1990s	92
4	Photos, correspondence, research notes, historical society journal articles, newspaper clippings, maps, Ft. Vancouver birth/marriage/burial records, postcards, genealogical newsletters, church floorplans, pedigree sheets	Kittson, Zelle, Henry, Okanogan, Hubbard, Gagnon, Saint-Martin, Jean-Baptiste, Malo, Charbonneau, Fraser	Quebec, Canada; Oregon, Washington, North Dakota, France, Scotland	1915-1918, 1904, 1700s-1800s, 1985, 1990s	32
5	Correspondence, pedigree sheets, research notes/history book excerpts on Calvin Tibbets, newspaper clippings, land records, voting records	Brown, Menard, Tibbets	Oregon, Washington	1997, 1600s-1700s, 1800s	
6	Original biography of Joseph Petrin (four copies that appear identical)	Petrin, Theroux	Quebec, Canada; Oregon, Washington	1800s	41
7	Correspondence, family pedigree sheets, Canadian pioneer records, individual history cards/biographies, marriage	Piccard, Laverdure, McGinnis, Blain, Nichols, Gregoire, La Bonte, Beaucherain[?], DeMacon,	Manitoba, Canada; Oregon, Washington	1810s, 1841, 1895, 1900-1910	82

	certificates, photos, research notes, history book excerpts	Belleque, Cornoyer, Longtain, Moisan			
8	Correspondence, photos, family group sheets, research notes, naturalization and marriage papers, biographies, cemetery and census records, excerpts from historical journals	Chalifoux, Longtain, Rivet, Reiman, Moisan, Pelland, Boucher, Comartin, Dumont, Gueret, Gruett, Aubin	Canada, France, Oregon, Washington, Michigan	2010, 2000s, 1929, 1967	77
9	Photos, newspaper clippings, postcards, correspondence, biographies, genealogical newsletter, research notes, marriage records	McKay, Brown, Fougrouse, Delorme	France, Oregon	1814, 1829, 1835, 1840s, 1859, 1970s	88
10	Play transcript, biographies, family tree list, correspondence, church records, research notes, photos	Munnick, Lucier, Gervais, Belique, Longtain, McKay, Ermatinger	Quebec, Canada; Oregon, Washington		33