



MG 307: JD MacFarlane Photograph Collection

Dates: ca. 1914-1920

Extent: 764 b&w photographs.

Biography: John Duncan MacFarlane was born in Gargunock, Stirling, Scotland on 27 July 1892. He emigrated to Canada in 1910, settling near Houghton, Saskatchewan. He was active in various aspects of farming, including registered seed, shorthorn cattle, Yorkshire hogs and Clydesdale horses. Active within his community, he served on the Alysham School Board, the Board of Trade, and was MLA for the Melfort constituency from 1934-1938. A director of the United Grain Growers, MacFarlane was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1979. He married Jean Gray in 1920. Childless, around 1935 following the deaths within a short period of time of John's brother Robert MacFarlane and his wife Elsie Grandfield MacFarlane, they took on guardianship of Robert and Elsie's four children - Len, Bob, John and Agnes. John died on 8 December 1982.

Custodial History: These albums remained in the family's custody until their transfer to the Archives.

Scope and Content: This collection includes 7 original photograph albums, primarily documenting life overseas for Canadian servicemen during World War I. In addition to the military images are photographs of the Canadian west, including the Better Farming Train, fairs and livestock exhibitions, and early images of Banff, the Rockies, and Vancouver.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions.

Further accruals expected.

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Album 1: 199 photographs.

Includes images of WR Scott; Lanark Place, Abernathy; Better Farming Train, including faculty and staff; Premier Scott at Kerrobert; Wynard; Quill Lake; Swift Current; bronco busting at Hughton; wild boar hunt in Belgium; various images from World War I including several identified soldiers and airmen; planes; machine gun nests; etc.; London; Scotland; railway grading and farm sites; prize winning horses including Bonnie Fyvie; the PA and Tisdale fairs; Rosthern; Seager Wheeler; Tisdale sports day races, including several of native riders; AF Neatby; etc.

Album 2: 91 photographs.

All images relating to wartime service, including scenes of Aldershott, Bramshott camp, London, and other locations; trench work; machine gun nests; individual soldiers; army trucks and vehicles; despatch riders; and images of time off; etc.

Album 3: 95 photographs.

Includes images of Scotland; Turnberry sports and ranges; planes; Cologne; Canadians at Vimy Ridge (after the war); grave, killed August 5th 1914;" and various individuals, civilian and military.

Album 4: 43 photographs.

Includes images of planes; prisoners at work; crashes; a machine gunner; airplane control panels; images taken from the planes during flights; a British and an American aviator; other civilian and military individuals.

Album 5: 12 photographs.

Images taken during wartime of individuals, civilian and military; trenches; etc. Unlike other albums, these images have no identification.

Album 6: 48 images.

Images of Cologne; German machine gun nests, bombers and aerodromes; damaged railway tracks and other views of Belgium; the army "pigeon house;" loading the mail planes; various individuals; etc.

Album 7: 276 photographs.

Includes images of [family; the family farm; Scotland;] a road trip west, including early images of Banff, BC and the Rockies, the "Great Divide," and [Yosemite]; travel by ship; a parade, possibly the Calgary Stampede; harvesting; an image of George VI and Queen Elizabeth; etc.

Passport and Certificate of Citizenship. - 1960-1967.