

Leonard Klinck fonds

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Fonds Description

Leonard Klinck fonds. – 1889-1969.

1.4 m of textual records.

ca. 118 photographs.

2 audio reels.

Biographical Sketch

Leonard Sylvanus Klinck (1877-1969) was born in Victoria Square, Ontario, and he developed an early love of the land. He completed his first degree at the Ontario Agricultural College in 1903 and continued his studies at Iowa State College (M.S.A., 1905). Klinck then assumed responsibility for the cereal husbandry department at Macdonald College in Quebec. He first visited Vancouver in 1914 to consult with University of British Columbia President Wesbrook in planning the future UBC and was invited to become Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture. In accepting the position, Klinck became the first appointment to the UBC faculty. Following the sudden death of Wesbrook in 1919, he became UBC's second president. From this time until his retirement in 1944, Klinck supervised the physical building of the university through the Fairview campus days, the war-delayed move to Point Grey, the controversies of the 1930s and the trying times of World War II.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of copies of speeches (1918-1944), notes from eastern trips (1930-1942) during which Klinck recruited personnel for the university, biographical material (1914-1957), subject files, memorabilia, photographs, and a small amount of material generated after Klinck's death.

Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Provenance of the photographs in the second part of the Memorabilia series is presumed to be Leonard S. Klinck or his family – their origins are otherwise uncertain.

Related materials may be found in the [President's Office fonds](#).

Series Descriptions

Speeches. – 1918-1944.

60 cm of textual records.

Series consists of copies of or notes for speeches and other public addresses made by L.S. Klinck.

The speeches were originally maintained by subject (i.e. I - University, II - Miscellaneous, III - Agriculture and IV - Church) in separate drawers. As a result the filing order has been maintained and the original numbers assigned appear after the title in square [] brackets.

Eastern Trips. – 1930-1942.

33 cm of textual records.

Series consists of notes generated by Klinck during visits to eastern universities to interview candidates for various positions at UBC.

Biographical Material. – 1914-1957.

10 cm of textual records.

The series consists of family histories, articles about his appointment to UBC and his subsequent career including honours and tributes through to his retirement in 1944.

Correspondence. – 1919, 1939-1968.

3 cm of textual records

The series consists of letters of congratulations on Klinck's appointment as UBC president (1919), correspondence with presidents at UBC and SFU (1962-1968) and miscellaneous personal correspondence (1939-1967).

Subject Files. – 1919-1967.

19.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of files pertaining to a variety of subjects arranged alphabetically.

Memorabilia. – 1889-1947.

35 items.

18 photographs.

Series consists of various degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded to L.S. Klinck. Also included are photographs of Klinck with other individuals, and images associated with Macdonald College.

Elizabeth Klinck. – 1921-26, 1942-1944, 1959, 1969.

6.5 cm of textual records.

ca. 100 photographs.

Series consists of material donated by Elizabeth Klinck. Most of it relates to L.S. Klinck's funeral and tributes after his death. There is also correspondence (1926, 1942-1944, 1959), musical programmes (1921-1924), and some undated photographs.

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- 9-8 50th Anniversary of Klinck's Arrival at UBC - Correspondence, clippings (1964)
- 9-9 Offers or approaches re: Positions to Klinck - Correspondence (1905-1914, 1932)
- 9-10 Personal Tributes/Honours/Honorary Appointments (1921-1963)
- 9-11 Tributes, Career Notes, Biographical Notes - Clippings, notes, correspondence (1916-1957)
- 9-12 Retirement - Incoming and outgoing correspondence, speeches (1944)
- 9-13 Retirement - Clippings and addresses (1944)
- 9-14 Retirement - Addresses and printed material from banquets (1944)
- 9-15 Retirement - Incoming correspondence (1944)
- 9-16 Honorary Degree - Citation, correspondence, printed material (1944)

CORRESPONDENCE

- 9-17 Congratulatory letters on appointment to UBC presidency (1919)
- 9-18 Simon Fraser University and UBC [John Macdonald, Kenneth Hare, P.D. McTaggart-Cowan (1962-1968)
- 9-19 Misc. personal correspondence (1939-1967)

BOX 10

SUBJECT FILES

- 10-1 Adult Education - Correspondence (1943), Report (1935)
- 10-2 Agricultural Institute of Canada - Printed material and correspondence relating to establishment of Klinck Lectureship (1965/66)
- 10-3 Agricultural Institute of Canada - Klinck Lectureship - Correspondence, clippings, printed material (1966-1983)
- 10-4 CBC Broadcast "Country Magazine - Portrait of L.S. Klinck" - Correspondence (1965/66) **[** for a recording of the program see UBC AT 2017]**
- 10-5 Blythe Eagles - Retirement - Clippings, correspondence (1965-1967)
- 10-6 Blythe Eagles - Article on Agricultural Education at UBC - Correspondence, notes, typescripts (1965)
- 10-7 Klinck's Foreword for Totems (1931-1944)
- 10-8 Klinck's Foreword for Record of War Service - Typescript, correspondence (1950-1955)
- 10-9 Klinck's Forewords - Misc.
- 10-10 The "Investigation" - Clippings, notes (1931/32)
- 10-11 The "Investigation" - Personal letters (1932)
- 10-12 Leonard Klinck Fellowship in Agriculture - Clippings, notes, correspondence (1965)
- 10-13 Robert E. McKechnie - Typescript, correspondence, clippings (1940-1944)
- 10-14 H.R. MacMillan Building Opening - Clippings, printed material (1967)
- 10-15 Memos re: Site for Vancouver City Hall / Carrera Marble Fireplace in Library/University Hill - Correspondence, clippings notes
- 10-16 Notable Experiences / Distinguished People - Clippings, notes
- 10-17 Press clippings, stories re: Klinck
- 10-18 Prized possessions - Notes
- 10-19 50th anniversary of first lectures - Clippings (1965)
- 10-20 University Endowment Lands - Report, correspondence (1958)
- 10-21 University Endowment Lands - Report, correspondence, notes (1958)
- 10-22 University Extension - Correspondence, clippings, reports (1956-1966)
- 10-23 Scrapbook - Peace River Trip - "The Cruise of the Scow deLuxe" (1917)
- 10-24 F.F. Wesbrook - Notes, correspondence, clippings
- 10-25 Miscellaneous
 - William "Tiger" Dunlop (1959)
 - Harry Ashton (1952)
 - Lists of speeches and publications (1943)

BOX 11

MEMORABILIA

Ontario School Certificates

- County of York Public Schools - S.S. No. 6, Markham
 - Promotion to 4th Class (April 12, 1889)
 - Promotion to 5th Class (Dec. 1891)
- Collegiate Institute and High Schools of Ontario
 - Entrance Exam Certificate (Oct. 1891)
 - Commercial Certificate (Sept. 1894)
- Ontario Primary Examination Certificate (Aug. 1875)

University Degrees

- B.S.A. University of Toronto (June 1903)
- M.S.A. Iowa State College (June 1905)
- D.Sc. (Hon.) Iowa State College (June 1920)
- D.Sc. (Hon.) University of British Columbia (May 1944)

Diploma - Agricultural Merit - Province of Quebec (June 1928)

Life Membership Certificates

- BC Auxiliary of the Canadian Bible Society (Nov. 1916)
- Canadian Society of Agricultural Technologists (March 1928)
- Order of the Golden "E" (June 1930)
- University of British Columbia Alumni Association (May 1944)
- British and Foreign Bible Society (March 5, 1945)
- Agricultural Institute of Canada (May 1947)
- Iowa State College Memorial Union of Ames (Aug. 1947)
- Macdonald College Branch, McGill Graduates Society (June 1955)

Fellow - Canadian Society of Agricultural Technologists (June 1922)

Fellow - Agricultural Institute of Canada (June 1922)

Fellow - Royal Society of Canada (May 1942)

Republic of France - Officier de l'Instruction Pulique (Aug. 1930)

Medal Certificates

- Commemoration of Their Majesties' Silver Jubilee (1935)
- Commemoration of Their Majesties' Coronation (1937)

Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists - Certificate of Appreciation

Presentation Address by P.A. Boving to Leonard Klinck - Convocation (May 1939)

British Columbia Institute of Agrologists - Certificate of Membership (Aug. 1947)

Photographs

John Ridington (April 1936)

R.E. McKechnie (n.d.)

Copy of colour photograph of Chemistry Building (n.d.)

Copy of colour photograph of Brock Hall (n.d.)

Sketches

Copy of sketch of West Front of Library by John Ridington (1928)

Copy of sketch of Library Lobby (1935)

Copy of sketch of Library by John Ridington (1936)

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BOX 12

ELIZABETH KLINCK

L.S. Klinck's Funeral

- 12-1 Biographical material, list of correspondents (1969)
- 12-2 Incoming letters of sympathy to E. Klinck (1969)
- 12-3 Published tributes, obituaries and correspondence (1969)
- 12-4 Notes re: Klinck Memorial (1969)
- 12-5 Notes re: Klinck Memoirs (1969) **[For a recording of the funeral ceremony see UBC AT 2016]**

Miscellaneous

- 12-6 Correspondence - E. Klinck and Evelyn Farris (1942-1944, 1959)
- 12-7 "From Mrs. Klinck - 1983"
 - Musical programmes (1921, 1924)
 - Photographs, album [n.d.]
 - Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Klinck (1926)

BOX 13

MEMORABILIA (cont.)

Photographs

Group photo – Canadian Seed Growers Association – L.S. Klinck 2nd from right [n.d.]

Unidentified group photo – L.S. Klinck front row 2nd from left – V.C. (Bert) Brink back row 2nd from left 1933

Macdonald College debating team [n.d.]

Group photo – unidentified [Macdonald College?] [n.d.]

Unidentified group posed in front of train [n.d.]

Macdonald College [n.d.]

Macdonald College [n.d.]

Faculty and students of Macdonald College [n.d.]

Macdonald College magazine board 1914 [2 copies]

Macdonald College Y.M.C.A. Committee 1914

Group photo – National Farmers Union [n.d.]

Unidentified group photo [Macdonald College?] [n.d.]