Samuel Laycock fonds

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Fonds Description

1.95 m of textual records and other materials.

Biographical Sketch

Samuel Ralph Laycock, M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., L.L.D., Emeritus Dean of Education, University of Saskatchewan, author and broadcaster, was born in Marmora, Ontario in 1891. His early school education was in Ontario, followed by work in the University of Toronto where he took his B.A., graduating as a gold medalist. With interruptions because of war service, he taught High School, then lectured at the University of Alberta for ten years. During this time he took his M.A. at the University of Alberta. He then proceeded to the University of London where he took his Ph.D in educational psychology in 1927. Later that year he became professor of educational psychology at the University of Saskatchewan. He became Dean of Education in Saskatchewan in 1947 and retired from that office in 1953. He later taught at the University of British Columbia as a lecturer in the Faculty of Education and his association with education in British Columbia continued until his death in 1971.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of textual records and other materials created or acquired in the course of Samuel Laycock's life and career, and includes correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, photograph albums, diaries, course materials, published materials, and personal memorabilia. It is arranged in the following series: Writing, Personal, Correspondence, Subject Files, OTENA, E.R.I.B.C. Survey, Publications, Photographs, and Memorabilia.

Notes

The fonds was presented to the University Archives, following the intent of Samuel Laycock's Will, in April 1972.

File list available.

A preliminary inventory was completed in 1972. The considerable bulk of material which arrived in some disorder reflected Laycock's interest in quickly disseminating information on chosen topics. Many of his subject files contained multiple mimeo and Xerox copies of his speeches and articles. The collection was given a preliminary sorting and cleaning and, by discarding duplicates, the material was reduced to approximately 1/4 the original size. The fonds was re-appraised and re-organized in 2004.
Includes six photograph albums containing 1464 b&w prints of various sizes; 1249 loose b&w and colour prints of various sizes; ca. 2800 35mm colour slides; a commemorative wristwatch; twenty Canadian Army badges, buttons, and dog-tags; a Mason's badge with its leather case; and a ceremonial Mason's apron.

Most of the photographs remain unsorted - only those photographs with a direct bearing on Laycock's activities at UBC have been numbered and prepared for inclusion in the historical photograph database.
Series Descriptions

**Writing series.** - [n.d., 1945-1971].
73.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of manuscripts (both typed and handwritten) and notes for Samuel Laycock's books, articles and speeches. The majority of the materials are un-dated. The materials are arranged in the following sub-series: Books, Autobiography, Lectures, Speeches, and Articles, Radio Broadcasts, Book Reviews, and Notes.

**Personal series.** - 1906-1971.
31.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records documenting Laycock's personal life and interests, and includes manuscripts, diaries, correspondence, and published materials. The materials are arranged in the following sub-series: Diaries, Travel Notebooks, and General.

**Correspondence series.** - 1944-1971.
4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence received by Laycock which was not filed elsewhere, and is maintained in approximately chronological order.

**Subject Files series.** - 1936-1971.
30.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records documenting Laycock's areas of professional interest, and includes correspondence, manuscripts, course materials, and published materials. The materials are arranged alphabetically by subject.

5.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records regarding OTENA, "The Family Life and Sex Education Information Service", and includes correspondence, reports, and published materials.

19.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records documenting a survey sponsored by the Educational Research Institute of British Columbia (E.R.I.B.C.) and supervised by Samuel Laycock, which was a research study of educational facilities for emotionally disturbed children in the
schools of British Columbia. Materials include survey forms, correspondence, reports, and published materials.

30 cm of textual records.

Series consists of copies of Laycock's published articles, book reviews, and letters.

**Photographs series.** - [n.d., 1900-1971].
6 photograph albums.
2713 b&w and colour prints : various sizes.
ca. 2800 colour slides : 35mm.

Series consists of six photograph albums, containing 1464 b&w prints, documenting Samuel Laycock's WWI service in Europe and later travels; 1249 other b&w and colour prints, documenting Laycock and his family, friends, travels, and professional activities; and approximately 2800 35mm colour slides documenting his travels.

Most of the photographs remain unsorted, although some have titles or other identification on the back. Only those photographs with a direct bearing on Laycock's activities at UBC have been numbered and prepared for inclusion in the historical photograph database.

**Memorabilia series.** - 1888-1970.
19 pages of textual records and other items.

Series consists of documents and other items acquired by Samuel Laycock during his life and career, and includes certificates, diplomas, and awards; a commemorative wristwatch; twenty Canadian Army badges, buttons, and dog-tags; a Mason's badge with its leather case; and a ceremonial Mason's apron.
File List

WRITING

BOOKS

1-1 Manuscript - A Mental Hygiene Survey of Canada 1948 [3 folders]
1-2 Manuscript - Teaching and Learning [1965?]
1-3 Manuscript - Education for Family Life [n.d.]
1-4 Manuscript - Parents' problems with exceptional children [n.d.]

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

1-5 Manuscript - Autobiography: Correspondence re. 1964-69
1-8 Manuscript - Autobiography: Chapt. II draft [n.d.]
1-10 Manuscript - Autobiography: Chapt. III draft [n.d.]
1-11 Manuscript - Autobiography: Chapt. IV draft [n.d.]

LECTURES, SPEECHES, AND ARTICLES

1-16 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Counselling [n.d.]
1-17 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Marriage Counselling [n.d.]
1-18 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Old age 1954-64
1-19 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Prison visits [1953?]

Box 2

2-1 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - P.T.A. and Teachers' Federations 1944-61
2-2 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Quance lectures 1963 [3 folders]
2-3 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - RCMP lectures 1945, 1948
2-4 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Special education [n.d.]
2-5 Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Special Education and gifted children [n.d.]
| 2-6 | Lectures, Speeches, Articles - University lecture material  | [n.d.] |
| 2-7 | Lectures, Speeches, Articles - Wightman memorial goodwill industries | [n.d.] |
| 2-8 | Lectures, Speeches, Articles - "Your child and you"  | [n.d.] |

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

| 2-18 | Radio Broadcasts - Gifted children  | 1956 |

**Box 3**

| 3-1 | Radio Broadcasts - Israel  | [n.d.] |
| 3-2 | Radio Broadcasts - W.H. Minchin  | [n.d.] |
| 3-3 | Radio Broadcasts - Prisons  | [n.d.] |

**BOOK REVIEWS**

| 3-4 | Book reviews - Correspondence with publishers  | 1965-67 |
| 3-5 | Book reviews - Correspondence with publishers  | 1967 |
| 3-6 | Book reviews - Correspondence with publishers  | 1969-70 |
| 3-7 | Book reviews - Manuscripts  | [n.d.]  | [4 folders] |
| 3-8 | Book reviews - Mimeo  | 1966-71  | [3 folders] |
| 3-9 | Book reviews - Printed  | [n.d.] |
| 3-10 | Book reviews - Printed and Mimeo  | [n.d.]  | [7 folders] |

**Box 4**

| 4-1 | Book reviews - Mimeo and printed  | [n.d.]  | [10 folders] |

**NOTES**

| 4-2 | Notes - Sex education  | 1968 |
| 4-3 | Notes - Bronfenbrenner's Two Worlds of Childhood: U.S. and U.S.S.R.  | 1970 |
| 4-4 | Notes - Visits to mental institutions in Europe  | [n.d.] |
| 4-5 | Notes - Speeches, lectures  | [n.d.]  | [3 folders] |
PERSONAL

DIARIES

4-6 Diaries 1909-12  [4 volumes in folder]
4-7 Diaries 1913-16  [4 volumes in folder]
4-8 Diaries 1917, 1919  [3 volumes in folder]

Box 5

TRAVEL NOTEBOOKS

5-1 Travel Notebooks - "My Trip to the Rhine and back" vols. I, II  1917-18
5-2 Travel Notebooks - "My Trip to the Rhine and back" vol. III  1917-18
5-3 Travel Notebook - "My Overseas Trip No. II"  1925[-26]
5-4 Travel Notebooks - European Trip, volumes I, II  1957
5-5 Travel Notebooks - European Trip, volumes III, IV, V, VI, VII  1957

GENERAL

5-6 Account Books [also include some diary entries]  1906, 1908
5-7 Examinations, commencements  1906-22
5-8 Newspaper clippings [articles by or about Laycock and his family]  1913-70
[4 folders]

Box 6

6-1 Genealogy  1925-31
6-2 Ph.D.; Affidavit  1927-30
6-3 Tributes  1928-60
6-4 Genealogical Enquiries  1931-34
6-4a Guest book  1953
6-5 Newsletters [from Laycock's European trip]  1953
6-6 Newsletters [from travels]  1957
6-7 Order of Canada  1969-71
6-8 Biographical information [for Order of Canada]  [1970?]
6-9 Congratulatory letters [for Order of Canada]  1971
6-10 Notebooks [untitled]  [n.d.]
6-11 Genealogy - Family Trees  [n.d.]
CORRESPONDENCE

6-12  Correspondence - early 1944-62
6-13  Correspondence - General 1966-67
6-14  Correspondence - General 1967-69
6-15  Correspondence - Miscellaneous 1970-71

SUBJECT FILES

6-16  Bibliographies and course outlines [n.d.]
6-17  Canadian Health Education Specialists Society 1968-70
6-18  Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation 1966-67
6-19  Canadian Mental Health Association 1968
6-20  Conference, "The child in the middle" 1968

Box 7

7-1  Creative thinking 1960-62
7-2  Family Life and Sex Education - Correspondence 1968
7-3  Family Life and Sex Education - reviews, promotion 1968
7-4  Family life and sex education - North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Victoria 1967-69
7-5  Family life and sex education - Calgary 1967-69
7-6  Israel - visit [n.d.]
7-7  John Milton Society for the Blind 1971
7-8  Juvenile delinquency 1936-59
7-9  Laycock Mental Ability Test 1953-64
7-10  Miscellaneous 1921-55
7-11  "Parents are Important" 1971
7-12  Personal Attitudes Test for Younger Boys [n.d.]
7-13  "Popular concepts of mental health" [n.d.]
7-14  Prisons and notes on prison visits 1946-58
7-15  "Project Learning" 1971
7-16  "Quest" [magazine for parents] 1965-66
7-17  Special Education - Creativity [n.d.]
Box 8

8-1 Special Education - crippled and otherwise handicapped  [n.d.]
8-2 Special Education - gifted retarded etc.  [n.d.]  [2 folders]
8-3 Travel and other books  [n.d.]

OTENA

8-4 OTENA [The Family Life and Sex Education Information Service] -
Conference
November 1969
8-5 OTENA - Correspondence  1969-70
8-6 OTENA - Report  June 1970
8-7 OTENA - Working papers  1969-70

E.R.I.B.C. SURVEY

8-8 E.R.I.B.C. [Educational Research Institute of British Columbia] Survey -
Correspondence  1968
8-9 E.R.I.B.C. survey - research: Burnaby  1968
8-10 E.R.I.B.C. survey - research: Edmonton  1968
8-12 E.R.I.B.C. survey - research: Hamilton  1968
8-14 E.R.I.B.C. survey - research: Oakville  1968
8-16 E.R.I.B.C. survey - research: Toronto  1968
8-17 E.R.I.B.C. survey - research: Victoria  1968
8-20 E.R.I.B.C. survey - newspaper reports and reviews  1969

Box 9

E.R.I.B.C. - address on report   February 1970


PUBLICATIONS

List of publications by Dr. Laycock   [1971?]  
Publications by Dr. Laycock   1925-50

Publications by Dr. Laycock   1951-66

Publications by Dr. Laycock - The Bulletin of the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation [n.d.]
Publications by Dr. Laycock - undated   [n.d.]

PHOTOGRAPHS

Samuel Laycock (front row, 5th right) with other delegates at national parent-teacher conference at UBC, in front of Brock Hall. - [ca. 1950]. - b&w print : 24.5 x 20 cm.

Samuel Laycock (left) with three other delegates at national parent-teacher conference at UBC, in front of Brock Hall. - [ca. 1950]. - b&w print : 20 x 24. cm.

Samuel Laycock in academic robes. - [1960s]. - colour print : 9 x 12.5 cm.

Samuel Laycock in academic robes. - [1960s]. - colour print : 9 x 12.5 cm.

Samuel Laycock. - September 1961. - b&w print : 7 x 7 cm.
Samuel Laycock playing with children. - September 1961. - b&w print : 7 x 7 cm.

Samuel Laycock playing with children. - September 1961. - b&w print : 7 x 7 cm.

Samuel Laycock with copies of his publications. - September 1961. - b&w print : 9 x 9 cm.

Samuel Laycock. - September 1961. - b&w print : 9 x 9 cm.

Samuel Laycock walking in front of Main Library, UBC. - September 1961. - b&w print : 9 x 9 cm.

Samuel Laycock as Dean of Education, University of Saskatchewan. - [ca. 1949]. - b&w print : 9 x 13 cm.

Samuel Laycock (centre) with students in lounge, UBC. - September 1961. - b&w print : 9 x 9 cm.

Samuel Laycock (right) with students in lounge, UBC. - September 1961. - b&w print : 11.5 x 8.5 cm.

Samuel Laycock (2nd right) with students in lounge, UBC. - September 1961. - b&w print : 11.5 x 8.5 cm.

Samuel Laycock lecturing to students, UBC. - September 1961. - b&w print : 11.5 x 8.5 cm.

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Samuel Laycock lecturing to students, UBC. - September 1961. - b&w print : 8.5 x 11.5 cm.
Samuel Laycock presenting a slide show. - September 1961. - b&w print : 7 x cm.

Samuel Laycock with unidentified man in CBC Radio studio. - [September 1961?]. - b&w print : 11.5 x 8 cm.

Samuel Laycock outside the UBC Faculty Club. - September 1961. - b&w print : 9 x 9 cm.

Samuel Laycock playing with children. - [September 1961?]. - b&w print : 11.5 x 8 cm.

Samuel Laycock receiving the Order of Canada from Governor-General Roland Michener. - 31 March 1971. - b&w print : 12.5 x 18 cm.

ALBUMS

11-7 Service in World War I - Canada, England, France, Belgium, Germany [includes 308 mounted prints and 41 loose prints - B&W, various sizes] 1914-19

11-8 Trip to Europe [includes 292 mounted prints and 4 loose prints - B&W, various sizes] [1925-26? - see item 5-3]

11-9 Trip to Europe - France, Belgium, Netherlands [includes 171 mounted prints - B&W, various sizes] [1935 - date based on images of Brussels Exposition and funeral of Queen Astrid of Belgium]

11-10 Motor trip - England and Scotland [includes 208 mounted prints - B&W, various sizes] 1935

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12-1 [Motor trip - England and Scotland] [includes 243 mounted prints - B&W, various sizes] 1935

12-2 [Motor trip - England and Scotland?] [includes 197 mounted prints - B&W, various sizes] [1935?]

UNSORTED PHOTOGRAPHS


Box 13

Travel photographs, unsorted. - [ca. 1950-1970]. - ca. 2800 colour slides : 35mm.

Box 14

14-2  Laycock family and group portraits. - [ca. 1900-1940]. - 7 b&w prints, mounted : various sizes.

MEMORABILIA

Commemorative wrist-watch - inscription: "Dr. S.R. Laycock - President - 1946-1948 - C.F. of H. & S. [Canadian Federation of Home and School]"

Canadian Army cap and shoulder badges, buttons, and dog-tags - 20 items

Mason's badge - inscription: "Strathcona Lodge No. 77 G.R.A." - in felt-lined black leather case.

PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)

OVERSIZED PHOTOGRAPHS

Box 15

15-1  Laycock family portrait, with Samuel Laycock as small boy (front left). - [1890s?]. - b&w print, mounted : 24 x 19.5 cm.
15-2  Class portraits, Alberta College South. - 1921-1925. - 5 b&w prints : various sizes.
15-3  Unidentified faculty portrait, Samuel Laycock front row centre. - [1940s?]. - b&w print, mounted : 24 x 19 cm.
15-4  2nd Field Co. Canadian Engineers, Samuel Laycock 2nd row 3rd left. - [ca. 1916]. - b&w print, mounted : 24.5 x 19 cm.
MEMORABILIA (cont.)

15-7  Certificates, Diplomas, Awards
- Membership certificate, The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, for Ralph Laycock [Samuel's father?] 15 March 1888
  - B.A., University of Toronto 1911
  - Ph.D., University of London 1927
  - M.Ed., University of Alberta [1939?]
- Certificate, Institute of Child Guidance and Development, University of Saskatchewan[?] October 1970
- Membership certificate, Canadian College of Teachers 22 December 1960
- Order of Canada, Medal of Service certificate 18 December 1970

15-8  Certificates, Diplomas, Awards
- Certificate, Hastings Public Schools 1 August 1903
- Certificate, Supreme Council 33° for the Dominion of Canada Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry 6 December 1924
- Membership certificate, Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons 10 March 1925
  - Certificate of life membership, Canadian Federation of Home and School 21 August 1947
  - Certificate of honour, Canadian Mental Health Association 28 April 1953
- Certificate of life membership, Canadian Education Association 10 December 1953
  - Certificate of honorary membership, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation 1953
  - Citation of merit, National Association for Gifted Children 21 April 1961
- Membership certificate, Phi Delta Kappa, Epsilon Delta chapter 29 November 1961
  - Membership certificate, Council for Exceptional Children 2 November 1967
  - Honorary degree, University of Saskatchewan [1969?]
J.E. Wallace Wallin Education of Handicapped Children Annual Award, Council for Exceptional Children  23 April 1970
Ceremonial Mason's apron - in black leather case, inscribed "S.R. Laycock, Strathcona Lodge No. 77, A.F. & A.M. G.R.A., Edmonton, Alta"