

Maurice Hodgson Research Collection

A Guide to the Collection

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Title: Maurice Hodgson Research Collection

Creator: Maurice Hodgson

Extent: 1.92 m of textual material. --1 framed photograph. -- 108 slides. --17 microfilms. --11 films. --15 cassette tapes. --77 photographs.

Dates: 1971-1996

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on the contents of the fonds

Biographical Sketch:

Maurice Hodgson was born in 1934. After receiving his PHD, he taught at English at Douglas College, BC for nearly twenty years. An avid scholar, he published in Canadian journals such as *Canadian Literature* and *Beaver*. He also produced a biography published by Hancock House, with a preface by John D. Diefenbaker, in 1976: *The Squire of Kootenay West: A Biography of Bert Herridge*. His subjects of inquiry included Canadian history and literature as well as the Polar Expedition of Sir John Franklin. Hodgson's memberships included the Hakluyt Society, Vancouver Historical Society, the Society of the History of Discoveries, Canadian Historical Association, and the Royal Geographic Society.

However, Maurice Hodgson's principal interest lay in the study of Sir Edward Belcher. From the early 1970's until his death, Hodgson culled personal relationships with other Belcher enthusiasts, traveled throughout Canada, Britain, and the United States tracing Belcher's nautical adventures, and gathered information regarding Belcher from numerous international archives.

Maurice Hodgson died in 1997. Since his death, Douglas College created an award to celebrate his achievements, awarded annually to a student of Douglas College: The Maurice Hodgson Memorial Award for Creative Writing.

Scope and Content:

The fonds reflects the research interests of Maurice Hodgson and includes research correspondence and notes, films, cassettes, microfilms, photographs, and slides. The series divides into three series: Belcher Research and Work, Polar Research and Work, and Herridge Research and Work.

Related Material: Notes, correspondence, and manuscript drafts of *The Squire of Kootenay West* can be located at the University of Calgary's Special Collections in the "Hancock House Publishers Fonds."

Restrictions: No restrictions on access.

Source of Acquisition: UBC Rare Books and Special Collections received the Maurice Hodgson Research Collection from Mrs. Hodgson.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

SERIES 1

Title: Belcher Research and Work

Creator: Maurice Hodgson

Dates: 1971- 1996

Extent: 1.02m of textual records. --16 microfilms. --1 3 ½ inch floppy disk. --108 slides.

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on contents on series.

Scope and Content: The series consists of reproductions of Sir Edward Belcher's correspondence, journals, and related material that Hodgson collected from numerous archives dating from 1971 to 1996. Additionally, the series includes drafts, notes, research correspondence in preparation for Hodgson's Manuscript, "Supernumerary – Ambition and Politics on the Quarterdeck." A transcript of Belcher's diary "Journal of Lieutenant Edward Belcher H.M.S. Blossom, 1825-1828", and an introduction by Maurice Hodgson comprises this manuscript.

SERIES 2

Title: Polar Research and Work

Creator: Maurice Hodgson

Dates: 1973-1976

Extent: 0.32 m of textual records

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on contents of series

Scope and Content: The series consists of research, correspondence, and notes relating to Artic Exploration and Artic Literature dating from 1973 to 1976.

SERIES 3

Title: Herridge Research and Work

Creator: Maurice Hodgson

Dates: [1970- 1976]

Extent: 0.16m of textual records. -- 11 films. --16 cassettes. -- 71 photographs.

Source of Supplied Title: Title based on contents of series.

Scope and Content: The series consists of research completed to produce *The Squire of Kootenay West*. The series includes interviews Hodgson conducted with Bert Herridge, and Bert Herridge's family and friends, as well as photographs of rural British Columbia.

BOX LIST

BOX/ FOLDER/ SERIES / TITLE / DATE

BOX 1

1/1/2 /Sir John Richardson Book Review Research and Correspondence/ 1977

1/2/1/Belcher Research – Draft of Epilogue for Belcher MS/ nd

1/3/1/ Correspondence re: Society of History of Discoveries and Belcher Research Notes/
1997

1/4/1/ Research Notes on UBC Belcher Collection /nd

1/5/1/ Research Notes on Belcher MS/ nd

1/6/1/ Hakluyt Society Membership Information/ nd

1/7/1/ Research Notes on Belcher MS/ nd

1/8/1/ “Current and to Do List”- Belcher Research notes, book orders, correspondence
returns/ 1996

1/9/1/ Information and correspondence from Royal Geographic Society re: Belcher/nd

1/10/1/ Copy of Belcher’s journal on the Aetna [1833]/nd

1/11/1/ Presentation on Belcher for the Canadian Historical Association and preceding
correspondence/ nd

1/12/1/ Copy of Belcher’s Journal on the Aetna [1832]/nd

1/13/1/ Correspondence Belcher and G.R. Dawson [1835]/ nd

1/14/1/ Society for the History of Discoveries Membership Information/ nd

1/15/1/ Belcher Research Notes /nd

1/16/1/ Paper and Research Notes on Belcher for the Society of the Discoveries / nd

1/17/1/ Belcher Research Notes/ nd

1/18/1/ Draft of Belcher MS with corrections and notes/ nd

1/19/1/ Draft of Belcher MS /nd

BOX 2

2/1/1/ Belcher Research Notes/ nd

2/2/1/ Belcher Research Notes/ nd

2/3/1/ Correspondence re Publication of Belcher MS and research notes/ nd

2/4/1/ Belcher MS notes/ nd

2/5/1/ Belcher Research Notebook/ nd

2/6/1/ Belcher Research Notebook/ nd

2/7/1/ Belcher Research Notebook/ nd

2/8/1/ Belcher Research Notebook/ nd

2/9/1/ Notes on Belcher Collection at UBC/ nd

2/10/1/ Pitcairn Research- Copy of the Pitcairn Journal/ nd

2/11/1/ Correspondence and Research Notes on James Wolfe of the Blossom/ nd

2/12/1/ Belcher Research Notes/ nd

2/13/1/ Correspondence re: publication of Belcher MS by Hakluyt Society/1989

2/14/1/ Copies of Belcher Correspondence [1824]/ nd

2/15/1/ Correspondence and notes regarding collection and exhibition of Belcher's nautical instruments/ nd

2/16/1/ List of Drawings of F.W. and R.B. Beechey at National Library of Australia/ 1988

2/17/1/ Belcher Research Notes /1991

2/18/1/ Belcher Research Notes on UBC collection/ nd

2/19/1/ Personal Correspondence and Belcher notes/ 1997

2/20/1/ Belcher Research notes on UBC Collection/ 1985

2/21/1/ Copy of Belcher Journal- Miscellaneous Pages/ nd

2/22/1/ Copy of Belcher Journal Part II/ nd

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3/1/1/ Copy of Belcher Journal Part I/ nd

3/2/1/ “Supernumerary – Ambition and Politics on the Quarterdeck” MS Copy/ nd

3/3/1/ Andrew Belcher Research /nd

3/4/1/ Research notes on Belcher Family/nd

3/5/1/ Biographical information on the Belcher Family/ nd

3/6/1/ Research on the Belcher Family in Nova Scotia/1975

3/7/1/ Andrew Belcher Research /nd

3/8/1/ Andrew Belcher Research/ nd

3/9/1/ Andrew and Edward Belcher Research/ nd

3/10/1/ Belcher Research / nd

3/11/1/ Belcher Research /nd

3/12/1/ Copy of Belcher correspondence aboard the Sulpher [1836- 1842] / nd

3/13/1/ Research on the Sulpher /nd

3/14/1/ Transcription Draft of Belcher’s Defense in the Court of Inquiry / nd

3/15/1/ Belcher Research- re: Slavery/ 1979

3/16/1/ Belcher Research/ nd

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4/1/1/ Copy of Correspondence on the Sulpher/ nd

4/2/1/ Belcher Research on the Sulpher / nd

4/3/1/ Research on Henry Richards and Transcript of Diary/ 1976

4/4/1/ Research on Francis Guillemard Simpkinson /1982

4/5/1/Copy of Journal of W.B. Shellaber/ nd
4/6/1/ Copy of Correspondence of Captain J. Beaufort/ nd
4/7/1/ Research on Belcher [1862]/ nd
4/8/1/ Belcher Research on the H.M.S. Samarang /1977
4/9/1/ Letter to Sir Robert Peel from Sir Charles Napier/ nd
4/10/2/ Thesis notes on the Artic/ 1970
4/11/1/ Research on Sir John Philipart / 1978
4/12/1/ Research on Sir John Richardson/ nd
4/13/1/ Research Notes from the Maritime Museum/ nd
4/14/1/ Research Notes on Frederick Maryat/ nd
4/15/1- Microfilm Indexes on Belcher/ nd
4/16/1/ Copies of Correspondence on the HMS Myrmidon/ 1977
4/17/1/ Research on Francis Napier- nd
4/18/2/ Research on T.C. Pullen of the HMS Northstar/ 1974

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5/1/2/ Research on the HMS Resolute/ 1978
5/2/2/ “The Literature of the Franklin Search” /1974
5/3/2/ Research Maps/ nd
5/4/2/ Research for UBC Artic Course/ 1979
5/5/1/ Copy of Correspondence from Belcher to Beaufort on the Sulpher/ nd
5/6/1/ Copy of Correspondence from Belcher to Beaufort on the Sulpher/ nd
5/7/1/ Copy of Correspondence from Belcher to Beaufort on the Sulpher/ nd

5/8/1/ Copy of Correspondence from Belcher to Beaufort on the Sulpher/ nd

5/9/1/ Copy of Correspondence from Beechey to Beaufort/ nd

5/10/1/ Copy of Correspondence from Beaufort to Belcher [1837]/nd

5/11/1/ Research on Beaufort/ nd

5/12/1/ Belcher Research/ 1988

BOX 6

6/1/1/ Belcher Research Notes/ nd

6/2/1/ Belcher Research/1977-1990

6/3/1/ Belcher Research/ nd

6/4/1/ Belcher Research/ nd

6/5/1/ Copy of Correspondence Belcher to Beaufort/ nd

6/6/1/ Copy of Belcher Court Martial /nd

6/7/1/ Research on John Burrow / nd

6/8/1/ Belcher Research [1830] / nd

6/9/1/ Notes on Belcher's Correspondence/ nd

6/10/1/ Notes on Belcher aboard the Aetna/ nd

6/11/1/ Notes on the Belcher Voyage/ nd

6/12/2/ Artic Research/nd

6/13/1/ Belcher Research Notes/ nd

6/14/1/ Belcher Research Notes re the H.M.S. Assistance [1852-1853]/ nd

6/15/2/ Transcribed letters of Robert McClure/ nd

6/16/2/ Copy of McClintock's Artic Journal/ nd

6/17/1/ Belcher Research Notes- Belcher in Hong Kong / nd

6/18/1/ Transcribed Belcher Letters from the Royal Botanic Gardens/ nd

6/19/1/ Belcher's "Summary of Work" – copy from original/ nd

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7/1/2 / Copy of "Polar Iuglefield"/ nd

7/2/2/ Research on Kellet/ nd

7/3/1/ Transcribed copy of Belcher Correspondence on the Samarang/ nd

7/4/1/ Copy of "Great Equatorial Current" /1985

7/5/1/ Copy of Belcher's Court Case/ nd

7/6/1/ Belcher Obituary/ nd

7/7/1/ Belcher Research Notes "Misc" /1983

7/8/1/ Copy of Belcher Court Case and Notes/ nd

7/9/1/ Belcher Biography from "Arctic Navy List"/ nd

7/10/1/ Copy of McClintock and Belcher Letters from the University of Victoria/ 1996

7/11/1/ Research Correspondence on Belcher Family in Nova Scotia/ nd

7/12/1/ Copy of Diary of Marie Belcher and Research Correspondence- 1975-1976

7/13/1/ Copy Book from the Aetna/ nd

7/14/1/ Belcher Research Notes/ nd

7/15/1/ Research Notes on Diana Belcher/ nd

7/16/2/ Arctic Research Correspondence/ 1976

7/17/1/ Belcher Family Research Correspondence/ 1974-1975

7/18/2/ Arctic Research Correspondence/ 1976

7/19/2/ Arctic Research Correspondence/1974-1978

7/20/1/ Belcher Research Correspondence/ 1974-1996

7/21/1 Belcher Research- Correspondence with Canadian Historical Association/1982-1983

7/22/1/ Belcher Research – Stratford Canney/ nd

7/23/1/ Belcher Correspondence- copy from original/ nd

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8/1/1/ Belcher Journal “Channel Island Surrey”- copy from original/ nd

8//2/1/ Belcher Research Notes- Cochrane/nd

8/3/1/ Belcher Correspondence on the “Blossom”- copy from original/ 1979-1985

8/4/2/ “Franklin Probe- King William Island -Series 1”/ 1974

8/5/2/ “Franklin Probe- Ross’ Ship Victory- Series 2”/ 1974

8/6/2/ “Franklin Probe- Ross’ Ship Victory- Series 1”/ 1973

8/7/2/ “Franklin Probe- Into Background of Possible Locations/ 1974

8/8/2/ Research on Ejnar Mikkelsen/ nd

8/9/1/ Belcher Research Correspondence/ 1974-1978

8/10/1/ Belcher Research Correspondence/ 1974-1978

8/11/1 Belcher Research Correspondence/ 1974- 1978

8/12/1/ Belcher Research- Correspondence to Beaufort- copy from original/ nd

8/13/1/ Belcher Research- Correspondence to Beaufort- copy from original/nd

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9/1/1/ Belcher Family Research- includes Belcher Family Tree/ nd

9/2/1/ Belcher Research- Transcripts, Notes, and Copy of “Excursion through to Scotland and part of England” /1976

9/3/1/ “Ben Thomas- Confessions from an Old First Lieutenant of the Last Century.”/ nd

9/4/1/ Belcher Research- Correspondence from the Blossom- copy from original/

1977-1996

9/5/1/ Belcher to Beaufort aboard the Samarang- copy from original/nd

9/6/1/ Beaufort Collection from Hunting Garden/ nd

9/7/1/ Belcher to Beaufort aboard the Samarang- copy from original [1845]/ nd

9/8/1 Belcher to Beaufort aboard the Samarang- copy from original [1848]/ nd

9/9/1/ Belcher to Beaufort aboard the Samarang- copy from original [1848]/ nd

9/10/1/ Beaufort and Belcher correspondence/ nd

9/11/1/ Beaufort and Belcher correspondence/ nd

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10/1/3/ Squire of Kootenay West- notes and correspondence/ nd

10/2/3/ Squire of Kootenay West Research- Photos 1-50/ nd

10/3/3/ Squire of Kootenay West Research- Photos 51-77/ nd

BOX 11

MEDIA BOX

SERIES / ITEM/ MEDIUM /DATE

1/Research Correspondence, Belcher MS drafts/3 ½ Floppy Disk/ 1996

1/Photograph of Belcher/ Framed Photograph black and white/ nd

1/Belcher Research/ 4 boxes of slides/ 1976

1/INUVIK/2 boxes of slides/ nd

1/Belcher's Tools/ 2 boxes of slides/ nd

1/Richard Beechey Journal/ 1 Box of Slides [1826] /1976

1/Belcher Research from National Maritime Museum/ Microfilm/ nd

1/ Richard Beechey/ Microfilm/ nd

1/Simpkinson's log on the Sulphur / Microfilm/ nd
1/ Phillmore, Joseph/ Microfilm/ nd
1/Simpkinsons' Journal/ Microfilm/ nd
1/Belcher Artic Correspondence [1852]/ Microfilm/ nd
1/Phillipart- Maritime Museum/ Microfilm/ nd
1/Wolfe Journal on the Blossom/ Microfilm/ nd
1/Belcher Research/ 2 Microfilm/ nd
1/ Napier/ Microfilm/ nd
1/Chochrane Papers/ Microfilm/ nd
-5 Unidentified Microfilms

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Media Box

3/ Interviews for Herridge- "Al King #1"/ Film/ nd
3/ Interviews for Herridge -"Al King #2"/ Film / nd
3/ Interviews for Herridge- "Heather Bohle"/ Film / nd
3/ Interviews for Herridge -"Ron Harding"/ Film / nd
3/ Interviews for Herridge -"Betty Drew"/ Film / nd
3 Interviews for Herridge - "Donald Waterfield"/ Film / nd
3/ Interviews for Herridge-"Richard Deare"/ Film / nd
3 Interviews for Herridge - "De Vitol/ Fred Merlo"/ Film / nd
3/ Interviews for Herridge - "Green"/ Film / nd
3/ Interviews for Herridge - "Which"/ Film / nd

3/ Interviews for Herridge- "Pearkes"/ Film / nd

3/CBC Copy "Squire of Kootenay West"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/"HWY"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/"Herridge Interview (not me)"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/Herridge Interview- "Bert Herridge Reel 5"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/Herridge Interview- "Bert Herridge Reel 6"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/Herridge Interview- "Bert Herridge Reel 7"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/ Herridge Interview- "Bert Herridge Reel 2"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/Herridge Interview- "Bert Herridge Reel 4"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/Herridge Interview – "Bert Herridge Reel 1"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/Herridge Interview- "Bert Herridge Reel 3"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/ Herridge Interview -"Bert Herridge on Local History"/ Cassette Tape/nd

3/ Herridge Interview- "Eilleen Herridge" / Cassette Tape/ nd

3/ Herridge Interview "Ninsick/Frinchy"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/ "HWA CBC Original"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/ Herridge Interview "Foxca/H. Roche"/ Cassette Tape/ nd

3/"HWH 3's Company Interview"/ nd