

SAFA 265

**A Guide to the Records of the
Eric Berntson fonds
(F 303)**

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RECORDS**

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**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

Saskatchewan Archives Board Authority Record

Individual (PA 314) Berntson, Eric, 1941-

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Berntson, Eric, 1941-

Biographical Sketch / Administrative History Eric Arthur Berntson was born on May 16, 1941 in Oxbow, Saskatchewan to Arthur Berntson and Johanna Larson. He received his early education in Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan and attended high school in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He later attended the University of Calgary.

After serving eight years as a pilot with the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force, Berntson moved to Calgary, Alberta, where he worked in electronic data processing for National Cash Register. He returned to Saskatchewan around 1972 and began farming in the Carievale district. Berntson was a member of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association and the Royal Canadian Legion.

Berntson was first elected to the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1975 and served as a Progressive Conservative MLA for the Souris-Cannington constituency until 1990. He was Leader of the Official Opposition in the Saskatchewan Legislature from 1979 to 1982. Berntson served in the Grant Devine Government as Minister of Agriculture (1982-1983); Minister of Economic Development and Trade (1983-1985); Provincial Secretary (1983-1990); Minister of Economic Development and Tourism (1989-1990) and Deputy Premier (1982-1989). He was Minister Responsible for numerous agencies, boards and commissions including Agricultural Development Corporation (1982-1990); Saskatchewan Water Corporation (1985-1986); Souris Basin Development Authority (1986-1989); Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation (1988-1990) and Crown Investments Corporation (1987-1990).

Berntson resigned from Cabinet on April 10, 1990 and vacated his seat in the Saskatchewan Legislature on July 19, 1990. On September 27, 1990, he was appointed to the Senate of Canada on the advice of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. Berntson served as Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1994 to 1997. He resigned his seat in the Senate on February 27, 2001.

Eric Berntson and his first wife, Jean Howell, were married on June 30, 1967. They have four children: Lee Anne, Kira, Ben and Roland (deceased). Berntson remarried in 1989.

Sources

AMICUS Authorities – no entry found

Canadian Parliamentary Guide

Saskatchewan Executive and Legislative Directory

The Leader-Post, Regina

Archival records linked to this records creator:

F 303 Eric Berntson fonds

F 419 Lorne Hepworth fonds

F 429 Bob Andrew fonds

F 448 Harold Martens fonds

FONDS DESCRIPTION

Saskatchewan Archives Board Records Description

F 303 Eric Berntson fonds

About these records:

Title of Records: Fonds	Eric Berntson fonds
Title of Records: Series	
Dates of Creation	1978-1990
Dates of Accumulation	1980-1990
Physical Description	1.5 m of textual records 1 audio cassette (9 min 30 sec) 1 videotape (5 min 37 sec)
Link to Authority	<p>Eric Arthur Berntson was born in Oxbow, Saskatchewan in 1941. Prior to entering politics, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and farmed near Carievale, Saskatchewan. Berntson served as a Progressive Conservative member in the Saskatchewan Legislature for the Souris-Cannington constituency (1975-1990) and as a Cabinet minister in the Grant Devine Government (1982-1990).</p> <p>See: <u>Berntson, Eric, 1941-</u></p>
Custodial History	<p>Some of these records were transferred to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives via the ministerial office of Patricia A. Smith in one accession in 1991: R91-242 (August 28, 1991). Berntson's records were later separated out from those created by Smith and accessioned as R91-356.</p> <p>Some of these records were transferred to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives via the Saskatchewan Legislative Library in one accession in 1992: R92-190 (August 7, 1992).</p>
Scope and Content	<p>This fonds consists of a small volume of records created, accumulated and used by Eric Berntson from 1980 to 1990 in his political career as Minister of Agriculture; Minister of Economic Development and Trade; Minister Responsible for Agricultural Development Corporation of Saskatchewan (AGDEVCO); Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation (SMDC); Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation (Crown Management Board) of Saskatchewan; and Minister of</p>

Economic Development and Tourism.

This fonds has been arranged into six series: Minister of Agriculture; Minister of Economic Development and Trade; Minister Responsible for Agricultural Development Corporation of Saskatchewan; Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation; Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation (Crown Management Board) of Saskatchewan; and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

No sub-series have been assigned to the series.

This fonds contains public and political records.

The Minister of Agriculture series includes a small volume of records relating to agricultural issues created by Berntson in 1980 and 1981 as MLA for Souris-Cannington.

The types of records included are correspondence, briefing notes, memoranda, reports, publications, agendas, legislation, news releases, an audio cassette and a videotape.

The fonds is missing the majority of the records Berntson created in the portfolios noted above. Also missing is MLA and constituency material, Opposition files and records created by Berntson as Deputy Premier, Provincial Secretary and Minister Responsible for various agencies, boards and commissions.

Access Restrictions	These records are subject to access restrictions. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Terms Governing Use	Use, publication and/or reproduction of records are subject to terms and the conditions of the <i>Copyright Act</i> . Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Reference Tools	SAFA 265 consists of a fonds description, file listings of textual records and item descriptions of the audio cassette. The electronic finding aid consists of a file level database for textual records and item level descriptions of the audio cassette and videotape. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Related Records (records held by SAB)	<p>Records created by Berntson from 1983 to 1985 as Minister of Economic Development and Trade are located in the Bob Andrew fonds (F 429).</p> <p>Records created by Berntson as Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan are located in the Lorne Hepworth fonds (F 419).</p> <p>Records created by Berntson as Minister of Agriculture; Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation; and Minister Responsible for Souris Basin Development Authority are located in the Harold Martens fonds (F 448).</p>

Physical Condition note	The records are in good physical condition.
Conservation note	Archival staff replaced the original file folders with acid-free folders. Metal clips, elastic bands and other fasteners were removed, and newspaper clippings and facsimiles were photocopied. Large, unmanageable files were split into smaller parts.
Accruals	No further accruals are expected.
Source of Description	Content of the fonds.
Notes	Location for retrieval: Regina – Hillsdale.
Former Codes	Audio cassette: R-16089 Videotape: VT R-13840
Consulting the Records	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
Arrangement Note(s)	Arrangement reflects both original order and archival intervention. Series titles supplied by archivist. File titles provided by records creator except where indicated in square brackets.

FILE LIST

List of Abbreviations

Eric Berntson fonds (F 303)

AGDEVCO	Agricultural Development Corporation of Saskatchewan
CIC	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan
CMB	Crown Management Board of Saskatchewan
ED&T	Economic Development & Tourism
NPD	National Pig Development
O.C.	Orders-in-Council
R.M.	Rural Municipality
SMDC	Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation

F 303 - Eric Berntson fonds

Textual File Listing

1		Minister of Agriculture series	1979-1983	16.1 cm
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u> <u>Additional Media</u>
1	1	An Act to Amend the Provincial Lands Act [Restricted]	1979-1983	1.0 cm
2	1	[Associated Engineering Services Ltd.] [Restricted]	1983	1.3 cm
3	1	[Family Farm Improvement Branch] [Restricted]	1982	0.5 cm
4	1	FarmStart [Restricted]	1981	2.0 cm
5	1	Land Bank - Options [Restricted]	1982	1.3 cm
6	1	[Land Bank Options] [Restricted]	1982	1.3 cm
7	1	Land Bank - Treasury Board Requests [Restricted]	1980	0.6 cm
8	1	Lands Branch [Restricted]	1981-1982	0.3 cm
9	1	[Lobbying Cards from Supporters of the Saskatchewan Home Economics Association] [Restricted]	1982-1983	1.2 cm
10	1	[Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Board of Directors Meeting April 11, 1983] [Restricted]	1982-1983	0.5 cm
11	1	[Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission - Active Lessees by R.M.] [Restricted]	1980	1.0 cm
12	1	[Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission - Alphabetical Listing of Lessees] [Restricted]	1980	1.1 cm
13	1	[Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission - Report of Purchases by R.M.] [Restricted]	1981	3.0 cm
14	1	[Source Saskatchewan] [Restricted]	1982	1.0 cm
2		Minister of Economic Development and Trade series	1978, 1981-1984	35.2 cm
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u> <u>Additional Media</u>
1	2	1983-84 Cabinet Budget Finalization [Restricted]	1983	2.0 cm
2	2	[Australia Trip - Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1978, 1981-1983	4.0 cm
3	2	[Budget Data Information Package] [Restricted]	1983	2.4 cm

2 Minister of Economic Development and Trade series 1978, 1981-1984 35.2 cm

<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Additional Media</u>
4	2	[Cabinet Planning Committee Briefing] [Restricted]	1983	0.5 cm	
5	2	[CIC Industrial Interests Inc. Board of Directors Meeting April 24, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	0.5 cm	
6	2	[CIC Industrial Interests Inc. Board of Directors Meeting June 11, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	0.5 cm	
7	2	[CIC Industrial Interests Inc. Board of Directors Meeting June 12, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	0.4 cm	
8	2	[Crown Investments Corporation Board of Directors Meeting June 21, 1983] [Restricted]	1983	0.9 cm	
9	2	[Crown Investments Corporation - Energy Resources Opportunity Study] [Restricted]	1983	2.7 cm	
10	2	[Crown Management Board Special Board Meeting May 11, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	1.0 cm	
11	2	[Crown Management Board Special Board Meeting May 14, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	1.7 cm	
12	2	[Crown Management Board Meeting May 16, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	1.2 cm	
13	2	[Crown Management Board Meeting June 13, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	0.9 cm	
14	3	[Economic Briefing Meeting June 14, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	2.0 cm	
15	3	[Federal / Provincial Economic Development Trade Meeting] [Restricted]	1983	0.5 cm	
16	3	[Macdonald Commission - Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1983	2.8 cm	
17	3	[Minister's Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1983	0.5 cm	
18	3	[Minister's Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1983	1.0 cm	
19	3	[Netherlands and Germany Trip - Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1984	3.8 cm	
20	3	[North Dakota Trip - Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1984	0.6 cm	

2		Minister of Economic Development and Trade series	1978, 1981-1984	35.2 cm
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u> <u>Additional Media</u>
21	3	[Premier's Hong Kong Trip - Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1983	1.0 cm
22	3	[San Francisco Trip - Briefing Book] [Restricted]	1982-1983	1.1 cm
23	3	[SMDC Board Meeting June 21, 1984] [Restricted]	1984	0.5 cm
24	3	[SMDC Corporate Overview] [Restricted]	1983	0.5 cm
25	3	[SMDC Strategic Plans and Financial Projections] [Restricted]	1982, 1984	2.2 cm
3		Minister Responsible for Agricultural Development Corporation of Saskatchewan series	1987-1990	24.1 cm
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u> <u>Additional Media</u>
1	3	AGDEVCO General [Restricted]	1989-1990	1.3 cm
2	4	Privitization [Restricted]	1989-1990	2.9 cm
3	4	Legal Suit [Restricted]	1989-1990	1.8 cm
4	4	AGDEVCO Legislation [Restricted]	1989-1990	0.3 cm
5	4	AGDEVCO Budget / Annual Report [Restricted]	1989-1990	1.6 cm
6	4	AGDEVCO Personnel / Organization [Restricted]	1989-1990	0.6 cm
7	4	AGDEVCO Cabinet / Cabinet Planning [Restricted]	1989-1990	0.4 cm
8	4	AGDEVCO - Board of Directors Minutes [Restricted]	1988-1989	6.5 cm
9	4	AGDEVCO News Releases / Media / Clippings [Restricted]	[empty]	0.0 cm
10	4	AGDEVCO Inquiries - People [Restricted]	1987-1990	0.6 cm
11	4	AGDEVCO Companies / Organizations [Restricted]	1989	0.1 cm
12	4	AGDEVCO International [Restricted]	1989-1990	0.8 cm
13	4	AGDEVCO Projects / Programmes [Restricted]	1988-1990	2.0 cm
14	4	NPD [Restricted]	1988-1990	2.7 cm
15	5	AGDEVCO Consultants [Restricted]	1989	2.5 cm
4		Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan	1986-1990	27.8 cm

Mining Development Corporation series					
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Additional Media</u>
1	5	General [Restricted]	1986-1990	8.0 cm	
2	5	[Record of Cabinet Decision] [Restricted]	1989-1990	0.1 cm	
3	5	[Submission to Planning and Priority Committee of Cabinet by Cameco] [Restricted]	1990	0.7 cm	
4	5	House Briefs [Restricted]	1988-1989	0.1 cm	
5	5	Communications [Restricted]	1988-1990	1.0 cm	
6	5	Board of Directors - Reports [Restricted]	1989	0.1 cm	
7	5	Board of Directors - Minutes [Restricted]	1988, 1990	1.2 cm	
8	5	Board of Directors (General) [Restricted]	1986-1989	0.8 cm	
9	5	Strategic Plan and Financial Projections 1988-2001 [Restricted]	1987	1.5 cm	
10	5	SMDC Eldorado [Restricted]	1987	2.0 cm	
11	6	[Eldorado Nuclear Limited Merger with SMDC] [Restricted]	1987-1989	5.2 cm	
12	6	[Agreements for the Purchase and Sale of the Assets of Eldorado Nuclear Limited and the Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation] [Restricted]	1988	7.1 cm	
5		Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation (Crown Management Board) of Saskatchewan series	1981-1990	33.5 cm	
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Additional Media</u>
1	6	CMB - General [Restricted]	1981-1990	3.0 cm	
2	6	CMB - Cabinet Minutes [Restricted]	1989-1990	1.5 cm	
3	6	CMB - Copies of Rtn'd. / Signed O.C.'s [Restricted]	1989-1990	2.6 cm	
4	6	CMB News Clippings [Restricted]	1989	0.1 cm	
5	7	[Canadian "88" Agri-Products Ltd. / Canadian "88" Energy Corp.] [Restricted]	1985, 1988- 1990	7.8 cm	
6	7	New Grade (Upgrader) [Restricted]	1986-1990	4.5 cm	
7	7	Prairie Malt Limited [Restricted]	1987-1989	1.6 cm	

5					1981-1990	33.5 cm
Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation (Crown Management Board) of Saskatchewan series						
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Additional Media</u>	
8	7	[Saferco] [Restricted]	1989-1990	5.5 cm	Moving Image(s) Sound Recording(s)	
9	7-8	Saferco (Correspondence) [Restricted]	1989-1990	3.4 cm		
10	40	Saferco (News Clippings) [Restricted]	1989-1990	0.8 cm		
11	40	[Uhde] [Restricted]	1989	0.7 cm		
12	40	Weyerhaeuser Ltd. [Restricted]	1986-1990	2.0 cm		
6					1984-1990	15.9 cm
Minister of Economic Development and Tourism series						
<u>Arc. File No.</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>File Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Additional Media</u>	
1	8	ED&T - Nordion [Restricted]	1989-1990	0.7 cm		
2	8	[Nuclear Industry] [Restricted]	1986-1990	11.0 cm		
3	8	[Nuclear Energy - Presentation to Caucus] [Restricted]	1988-1989	1.4 cm		
4	8	[Saskatoon Symposium on Medical and Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy] [Restricted]	1988	1.1 cm		
5	8	Slowpoke etc. [Restricted]	1984, 1989- 1990	1.7 cm		

Sound Recordings

Series Title: Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation (Crown Management Board) of Saskatchewan series

Item Title: Saferco Information Meeting, Moose Jaw

Locator: R-16089

Date(s) of Creation: 21, 22 Mar 1990

Extent of Descriptive Unit: 1 Cassette (00:09:30) : 4.75cm/sec, 1, Standard Dimensions

Scope and Content: Recorded segments of news coverage on the information meeting held by Saferco in Moose Jaw on March 21, 1991. News reports recorded were from CHAB Moose Jaw, CFSL Weyburn, CKCK Regina, and CBC Regina. All focused on the open house format of the information meeting, the economic impact that the opening of the Saferco fertilizer plant in Belle Plaine, SK would have on the surrounding communities, and the concerns expressed by environmentalists about the plant.

Restrictions: Yes - access restriction

Notes:

Accompanying Material:

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LOCATIONS: F 303

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Boxes 1-4:

H-44.3.1

Boxes 5-7:

H-1102.5.4

Box 8:

H-235.4.4