

**SAFA 659**

**A Guide to the Records of the  
Ernest E. Poole Foundation fonds  
(F 689)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
2012**

**PRIVATE RECORDS  
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
Authority Record**

**Individual (PA 526)**

**Ernest E. Poole Foundation, 1961-1985**

**About this records creator:**

**Authorized Heading**

Ernest E. Poole Foundation, 1961-1985

**Brief Bio./Admin.  
History**

Ernest Edward Poole was born in 1883 in Prince Edward Island. In 1904, he moved to the North-West Territories (later known as Saskatchewan), where he established Poole Construction Company Ltd. In 1932, the company's headquarters and the Poole family moved to Edmonton, Alberta. Poole died in 1964. The Ernest E. Poole Foundation was established by Poole and his wife, Gertrude, in 1961. The Foundation managed the Pooles' large art collection until its dissolution in 1985.

**Biographical  
Sketch/Administrative  
History**

Ernest Edward Poole was born on October 18, 1883 in Woodville Mills, Prince Edward Island to John T. Poole and Jean (Shaw) Poole. Educated in Prince Edward Island, he attended business college in Charlottetown and studied architecture and reinforced concrete engineering. Poole worked in his father's saw, flour and carding mills prior to moving to Melita, Manitoba in 1903 for carpentry work. In 1904, he worked as a carpenter and hardware store operator in Stoughton, North-West Territories (later known as Saskatchewan).

In 1906, Poole and a partner, James Martin, established a construction firm in Stoughton under the name Martin and Poole. After Martin's retirement in 1907, Poole continued the business under the name E.E. Poole General Contractor. The company's projects extended throughout Saskatchewan and into Manitoba and typically included schools, banks, town halls and rinks. In 1910, Poole moved his business headquarters first to Rouleau, then to Moose Jaw (1913) and Regina (1914). Poole Construction Company Ltd. was incorporated in Saskatchewan in 1913. Poole married Gertrude Inez Annear that same year; they went on to have four children: John, Ruth, George and Inez.

In 1921, Poole Construction Company Ltd. secured its first major contract with the construction of the Weyburn Mental Hospital in Weyburn. In 1922, the company opened an office in Edmonton, Alberta. In 1932, the company's headquarters and the Ernest Poole family moved to Edmonton. After selling the company to his sons in 1948, Poole continued to serve the company as president and later chairman until his death on March 12, 1964.

Poole was an Associate Member of the Engineering Institute of Canada; member of various organizations in Regina, including the Rotary Club, Assiniboia Club, Wascana Country Club and Canadian Club; and a member of the Alberta Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada. Poole travelled extensively and collected art, antique silver and firearms. In 1961, Poole and his wife established the Poole Foundation. Later known as the Ernest E. Poole Foundation, the organization managed and dispersed of the Pooles' large art collection until its dissolution in 1985.

**Rule(s)** Rules for Archival Description (RAD).

**Source(s)** AMICUS Authorities - no entry found.

Various internet sites

PCL Ltd. website

**Archival records linked to this records creator:**

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# **FONDS DESCRIPTION**

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**About these records:**

**Unique Identifier** F 689

**Title of Records** Ernest E. Poole Foundation fonds

**Level of Description** Fonds

**Descriptive System** Private

**Dates of Creation** [192-?]-[1956?]

**Physical Description** 120 film reels

**Link to Authority** Ernest Edward Poole was born in 1883 in Prince Edward Island. In 1904, he moved to the North-West Territories (later known as Saskatchewan), where he established Poole Construction Company Ltd. In 1932, the company's headquarters and the Poole family moved to Edmonton, Alberta. Poole died in 1964. The Ernest E. Poole Foundation was established by Poole and his wife, Gertrude, in 1961. The Foundation managed the Pooles' large art collection until its dissolution in 1985.

**See:** [Ernest E. Poole Foundation, 1961-1985](#)

**Custodial History** John E. Poole, a director of the Ernest E. Poole Foundation, donated these records to the Provincial Archives of Alberta in Edmonton in April 1976. The Provincial Archives of Alberta subsequently transferred them to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in 1977. The records were assigned accession number R77-133 (May 4, 1977).

**Scope and Content** This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by Ernest E. Poole, the owner of a construction company who resided in Saskatchewan from 1904 to 1932. The fonds consists of 120-16 mm, silent, black and white and colour films that mainly document the activities of the Poole family and Poole Construction Company Ltd. Scenes of the family involved in various recreational activities and footage taken on their holidays to various parts of Canada, Hawaii, Europe, Barbados and Jamaica are included.

No series assignment has been applied to the records in this fonds.

<b>Available Format</b>	Some of the films are available on videocassette. 119 of the 120 films are available on DVD (the negative copy of FILM R-122.1 has not been transferred). See: VT R-2410 See: VT R-2778 See: VT R-2786 See: VT R-2790.2 See: VT R-4217.2 See: VT R-4353 See: VT R-5325 See: MI-2022 to MI-2038
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open for research use.
<b>Conservation Restrictions</b>	Most of the original films cannot be viewed due to shrinkage.
<b>Terms Governing Use</b>	Films are in the public domain. Use, publication and/or reproduction of records are subject to terms and conditions of the Copyright Act.
<b>Reference Tools</b>	SAFA 659 consists of a fonds description and item descriptions of films.
<b>Associated Material(s) (Records held by other archives)</b>	Records created by Ernest E. Poole, his family and the Ernest E. Poole Foundation are located in the Provincial Archives of Alberta.
<b>Related Records (Records held by SAB)</b>	Ernest E. Poole's homestead records are available in the Regina office.
<b>Physical Condition</b>	Most of the original films are in poor physical condition.
<b>Conservation Note</b>	Copies of some of the original films have been made on videocassette. Copies of 119 of the 120 original films have been made on DVD.
<b>Accruals</b>	No further accruals are expected.
<b>Source of Description</b>	Content of the fonds.
<b>Former Code(s)</b>	Films: FILM R-94.1 to FILM R-139
<b>Consulting the Records</b>	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
<b>Title Note(s)</b>	Although this fonds does not contain the administrative or operational records of the Ernest E. Poole Foundation, the title was assigned to reflect the custodial history of the records at the request of the donor.

**Arrangement Note(s)**

No arrangement was applied to the records in this fonds.

**General Note(s)**

Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale



**LOCATIONS:** F 689

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Film R-94.1 to Film R-139:	141.5
MI-2022 to MI-2038:	104.5.4