

SAFA 405

**A Guide to the Records of the
George H. Barr fonds
(F 71)**

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**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

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Authority Record**

**Individual (PA 438)
Barr, George H., 1878-1960**

About this records creator:

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Brief Bio./Admin. History George H. Barr was born in 1878 in Ontario. He moved to Regina, North-West Territories (now Saskatchewan) in 1898 and resided there until his death in 1960. Barr practiced law and served as legal advisor to numerous Saskatchewan cooperative organizations. He also served the City of Regina in various capacities and was involved in many cultural, community and religious organizations in the city.

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History George Herbert Barr was born in Norwich, Ontario on July 29, 1878 to George and Clara (Morphy) Barr. He received his early education at the Norwich Public School and the Model School in Woodstock, Ontario. Barr moved to Regina, North-West Territories (now Saskatchewan) in 1898. After graduating from the Normal School, Barr taught in Strasbourg and at the Royal North-West Mounted Police barracks in Regina. In 1902, he began to study law, articling with George W. Brown in Regina before attending Osgoode Hall, Toronto. He graduated in September, 1907.

Barr returned to Regina in 1907 and established Barr, Cumming, Barr, a private law practice in which he was senior partner. He was called to the Bar of Saskatchewan in 1907 and was appointed King's Counsel for Saskatchewan in 1917. Barr served as president of the Regina Bar Association and vice-president of the Canadian Bar Association. An authority on constitutional law, Barr appeared in front of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council of England on behalf of the Saskatchewan government. He also served as legal advisor to numerous cooperative associations, including the Saskatchewan Cooperative Livestock Producers; the Saskatchewan Poultry Pool and the Consumers' Cooperative Refineries Ltd.

Active in civic affairs, Barr served as an alderman for the City of Regina (1915-1916), a councilor of the Regina Board of Trade and sat on the board of the Regina Public Library. He was chairman of the Regina College Citizens' Committee and an executive member of

numerous organizations, including the Saskatchewan Boy Scouts Association; the Regina YWCA; the Canadian Chamber of Commerce; the Canadian Club of Regina and the Saskatchewan Art Association. Barr was an active member of Knox Metropolitan Church and was named an honorary elder.

Barr died in Regina on February 5, 1960.

Barr married Ethel Laureen Dawson in 1906 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Barrs had four children: Donald, Wallace, Robert and Kathleen.

Variant Name(s)

George Herbert Barr

George Barr

George H. Barr, K.C.

G.H. Barr

George H. Barr, Q.C.

Rule(s)

Rules for Archival Description (RAD)

Source(s)

AMICUS Authorities: no entry found.

Various internet sources

The Leader-Post, Regina

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About these records:

Unique Identifier	F 71
Title of Records	George H. Barr fonds
Level of Description	Fonds
Descriptive System	Private
Dates of Creation	1898-1959; Microfilmed 1963 [originally created 1936-1944]
Physical Description	1.2 m of textual records 11 photographs 1 microfilm reel

Link to Authority George H. Barr was born in 1878 in Ontario. He moved to Regina, North-West Territories (now Saskatchewan) in 1898 and resided there until his death in 1960. Barr practiced law and served as legal advisor to numerous Saskatchewan cooperative organizations. He also served the City of Regina in various capacities and was involved in many cultural, community and religious organizations in the city.

See: [Barr, George H., 1878-1960](#)

Direct Acquisition from Records Creator George H. Barr donated some of these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in six accessions between 1950 and 1958: 39 (R) (July 1950); 230 (Photo R) (October 1953); 408 (Photo R) (April 1956); 177 (R) (October 1956); 430 (Photo R) (October 1956) and 461 (Photo R) (January 1958).

Custodial History Ethel L. Barr, wife of George H. Barr, donated some of these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in one accession in 1963: 342 (R) (July, 1963).

Scope and Content This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by George H. Barr during his residence in Regina, Saskatchewan. The records relate mainly to Barr's activities as the legal counsel for various Saskatchewan cooperative organizations; as chairman of the Regina College Citizens Committee and as a member of various organizations, including the Saskatchewan Art

Association; the Canadian Bar Association and the Saskatchewan Bar Association. Records relating to the New Democracy Movement; Saskatchewan's natural resources; constitutional issues and economic reform are included in the fonds.

The fonds also includes personal records, consisting mainly of correspondence relating to Barr's properties; ration books issued to Barr and his wife during the Second World War; Ethel and George Barr's 1906 marriage certificate and various certificates issued to his children.

The types of records included are correspondence; newspaper clippings; reports; publications; photographs; certificates; minutes; addresses and reminiscences.

No series have been assigned to the records in this fonds.

Available Format	A microfilm copy is available for some of the records in this fonds. See: Micro R-2.298
Access Restrictions	Records are open for research use.
Terms Governing Use	Use, publication and/or reproduction of records subject to terms and conditions of the Copyright Act. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Reference Tools	SAFA 405 (old guide GR 53) consists of a fonds description, file listings of textual records and item descriptions of photographs.
Related Records (Records held by SAB)	<p>Pamphlet File - Regina College: Articles written by George Barr as chairman of the Regina College Citizens' Committee.</p> <p>Photographs of George H. Barr are located in the Regina Historical Photographs collection.</p> <p>A small volume of George H. Barr's correspondence with cultural organizations in Regina is located in the Ethel L. Barr fonds (F 524).</p>
Physical Condition	The original textual records are in good physical condition. Some of the records on microfilm are difficult to read.
Conservation Note	<p>Oversize materials have been removed to appropriate oversize storage.</p> <p>Conservation practices in place at the time of arrangement were applied to the records in old guide GR 53.</p>
Accruals	No further accruals are expected.

Source of Description	Content of the fonds.
Former Code(s)	Textual records: old guide GR 53 (R-8); R-OS 73 Microfilm: R-2.298 Photographs: R-A2154 (1)-(2); R-A3863; R-B1236; R-B1323 to R-B1324; R-B1467 to R-B1468; R-D275 to R-D276
Consulting the Records	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
Inter-Institution Loan	Some material from this fonds is on microfilm and may be available for inter-institutional loan. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Arrangement Note(s)	Order imposed by archivist.
General Note(s)	Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale

OLD GUIDE

GR 53

AN INVENTORY
OF THE PAPERS OF
GEORGE H. BARR

Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina
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George Herbert Barr

Archives
File No.

1. Canadian Bar Association. 1 folder.

Minutes of meetings of the Council, Mar. 14, 1931-1935 (incomplete); draft report of the Committee on comparative provincial legislation and law reform; correspondence re meetings of Council and annual meetings of the Association, and proposed visit of St. Laurent to Western Canada, June 8, 1925-Jan. 31, 1931.

Also corres. concerning Assoc. resolutions re admin. of justice in Canada and consolidations of law reports, Jan. 4, 1919 - Jan. 17, 1920.

2. Canadian Chamber of Agriculture. 1 folder.

Minutes of meeting of Special committee appointed at Co-operative conference of Saskatchewan re Natural Products Marketing Act, Regina, Aug. 4, 1936; reports for Canadian Chamber of Agriculture on marketing legislation, July 29, 1936-June 15, 1937; correspondence re organization of Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, Dec. 6, 1935-Aug. 5, 1936.

3. Canadian Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and Refugees. 1 folder.

Memoranda and correspondence, Apr. 5-July 21, 1939.

4. Canadian League for Peace and Democracy. 1 folder.

Address by Mr. Barr; reports of third Congress, Nov. 1937; letter re tour to raise money for International Peace Hospital in China, May 1, 1939; letter re wars in Spain and China, Sept. 9, 1937.

5. Co-operative Education Convention. 1 folder.

Report to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Conference of the Committee on co-operative education; article by Louis Rosenberg, A contribution towards a symposium on education in co-operation; correspondence re meetings of Committee on co-operative education and conference of Co-operative Trading Associations, Oct. 5, 1936-June 27, 1938; correspondence with Cabri Co-operative Association re purchase by the Association of members' shares, Mar. 15-17, 1944; University of Saskatchewan programmes for short courses for co-operators, 1937-1938; and materials on teaching of co-operation.

6. Co-operative Fidelity and Guarantee Co. Ltd. 1 folder.

Correspondence re bonding employees of co-operative associations, incorporation of the Company, indemnity and fidelity bonds issued in favor of Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale Society and other companies, and insuring of risks and patronage dividends, Jan. 26, 1943-June 11, 1945; memorandum of association; bylaws; commercial blanket indemnity bond; declaration of trust; memoranda re incorporation of the Company.

7. Democratic Control League. 2 folders.

Prospectus; publicity material (addresses, broadcasts, etc.); petition for incorporation; bylaws; correspondence re organization, membership, radio broadcasts, etc., Mar. 5, 1936-Apr. 25, 1939.

8. Economic Reform Club and Institute. 1 folder.

Correspondence re membership, possible formation of a group in Canada, books and pamphlets issued by Institute or written by members, and monetary reform, May 5, 1939-Apr. 22, 1943; pamphlets, magazine articles, etc. on economic reform.

9. Herridge, W.D. 2 folders.

Correspondence with W.D. Herridge re New Democracy Movement, meetings in West, election campaign 1940, possibility of collaboration with C.C.F. and Social Credit groups, Nov. 17, 1936-Apr. 20, 1944; copies of speeches and broadcasts by W.D. Herridge (newspaper clippings).

10. Macmillan Banking Commission. 1 folder.

Letter re problems under study of Commission, Aug. 26, 1933.

11. New Democracy Movement - 1939 Campaign Broadcasts. 1 folder.

Radio discussions under auspices of Democratic Control League, by H.S. Fry, W.R. Kinsman, G.H. Barr, C.E. Little, E.R. Powell, and A.D. McKenzie; address by Mr. Barr on New Democracy Movement.

12. Saskatchewan Art Association. 6 folders.

(i) Petition for incorporation, bylaws, minutes of meetings, Dec. 7, 1927-Dec. 16, 1943.

(ii) Accounts and bank - receipt books, bank and cheque books, bank statements.

(iii) Notices, etc., Jan. 6, 1928-Dec. 10, 1930.

(iv) Memberships.

(v) Miscellaneous - clippings re exhibitions of paintings etc., Canadian and Saskatchewan art and artists, bills in connection with exhibits sponsored by the Association.

(vi) Correspondence re organization of the Association, membership of Board, and exhibits under auspices of Association, Dec. 2, 1927-Dec. 23, 1943.

13. Saskatchewan Bar Association. 1 folder.

Minutes of proceedings of annual meeting, 1927-1928; pamphlets on judicial salaries and legal education and forwarding letters covering same.

14. Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co. 1 folder.

Memorandum and articles of association of Saskatchewan Pool Elevators Ltd.; offer to purchase form - Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd. and Saskatchewan Pool Elevators Ltd. - properties of Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co.

15. Saskatchewan Co-operative Superannuation Fund. 2 folders.

See also file no. 17.

Draft bylaws, rules and regulations, drafts of Act of incorporate Saskatchewan Co-operative Superannuation Society; auditor's report for 1942; accounts of Society with Barr, Cumming and Barr; correspondence re incorporation, etc., Jan. 30, 1942-June 17, 1946.

16. Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd. 1 folder.

Articles of association.

17. Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives Ltd. 3 folders.

Minutes of meetings of Board of directors, June 1944-Aug. 1946; correspondence re dispute over occupation by Smeed's Security Storage of building purchased from Canadian Bakeries, Apr. 7-May 10, 1945; correspondence re Saskatchewan Co-operative Superannuation Society including memorandum of agreement, etc., July 19, 1943-May 3, 1946.

18. Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. 1v.

Official reports of proceedings at special amalgamation convention of the S.G.G.A., joint convention of Farmers Union of Canada and the S.G.G.A., meeting of joint adjustment committee of the Farmers Union and the S.G.G.A., and report of address by Aaron Sapiro, July 13-16, 1926.

19. Saskatchewan Women's Co-operative Guild. 2 folders.

Draft of private bill to incorporate the Guild; bylaws, and code of procedure; petition for incorporation; correspondence re incorporation, Feb. 23, 1943-Apr. 28, 1945.

20. Smith, R. Rogers. 1 folder.

Addresses by Mr. Smith; memo of interview between Mr. Barr and Mr. Smith re Canadian constitution.

21. Succession Duties. 1 folder.

Address by Mr. Barr on succession duties in Canada; letters re Succession Duties Act, July 2, 1925.

June 24 to [↑]

22. United Farmers. 1 folder.
Correspondence, memoranda, etc. chiefly re trading department assets, July 19, 1927 - May 3, 1934; bylaws of various Danish co-operative societies.
23. Trip to Europe, 1931. 1 folder.
Correspondence re Mr. and Mrs. Barr's trip overseas in 1931, June 4, 1931 - Jan. 15, 1932.
24. Graton S. D. no. 13 vs Regina S. D. no. 4. 7v.
Factums of appellant and respondent in case between Boards of Trustees of Graton Separate School District no. 13 and Regina Public School District no. 4 over claims to certain taxes - in the Court of King's Bench, Supreme Court of Saskatchewan, and appeal to Supreme Court of Canada. 1913-1914.
25. Addresses, Articles, Etc. 1 folder.
Correspondence with Financial Post re articles and opinions for publication in the Financial Post, Feb. 28, 1936 - March 12, 1954; miscellaneous addresses, articles, etc. written by Mr. Barr.
26. Law Society of Saskatchewan.
Annual certificates of Mr. Barr, 1927-1935.
27. Ration Books, World War II.
28. Residence.
Proposed additions to residence, Scarth Street, Regina, for G. H. Barr.
Addenda: Accession No. 342
29. Appointments. 1 folder.
Correspondence concerning requests made to Mr. Barr for help in securing appointments and his efforts to assist friends and relatives. Small file. Jan. 2, 1919 - April 5, 1920.
30. Canadian Patriotic Fund. 1 folder.
Correspondence concerning a request from a soldier's wife for assistance in recovering money lent by her. Sept. 17 - October 19, 1917.
31. Citizens' Research Institute of Canada. 1 folder.
Correspondence re possible organization of a Regina branch. Small file. Feb. 12 - Nov. 11, 1919.

32. Contributions. 1 folder.

Correspondence re contributions by Mr. Barr to and solicited by him for various funds, April 19, 1919 - November 24, 1920. Includes a memo re large subscriptions by prominent Regina men to the Regina Presbyterian College, Nov. 16, 1912. Small file.

33. Inflation. 1 folder.

Articles by Mr. Barr and some correspondence. Jan. - Feb. 1959.

34. Miscellaneous. 1 folder.

Correspondence re federal political matters (1917); corres. re purchase and sale of guns, matters connected with Mr. Barr's law practice, complaint concerning school taxes on his farm near Grand Coulee, and other miscellany. June 6, 1913 - Mar. 2, 1921; Nov. 16, 1931 - Feb. 27, 1959.

35. Property. 1 folder.

Correspondence re purchase of property on his own and other people's account, nursery stock for B-Say-Tah property, etc. Jan. 10, 1919 - Dec. 4, 1920; July 8, 1955.

36. Regina College Citizens' Committee. 4 folders.

Minutes, Mar. 1954 - Feb. 1957; correspondence and notes, Jan. 1952 - Dec. 1959.

37. Saskatchewan General Trusts Corporation. 1 folder.

Very small file. July 17 - Dec. 15, 1920.

38. Separate School Question. 1 folder.

Letter re Rev. Murdoch McKinnon's stand on separate school question; memo prepared by Mr. Barr for Premier Douglas & letters concerning same. Jan. 18, 1919; October 1959.

39. Statute of Westminster and B.N.A. Act. 1 folder.

Correspondence and article by Mr. Barr particularly re transfer to Canada of right to amend its own constitution. May 11, 1942 - November 27, 1944; Oct. 29, 1949.

40. Well Drilling. 1 folder.

Letters giving prices and terms. Jan. 3 - 19, 1920.

Addenda: Accession No. 39

41. Natural Resources.

Factum in the Privy Council on appeal from the Supreme Court of

41. Canada in the matter of a reference arising out of the transfer of natural resources of the province of Saskatchewan.
42. Saskatchewan Livestock Marketing Association.
Original Memorandum of association and bylaws, April 14, 1926.
43. Natural Products Marketing Act, 1934.
Correspondence re proposed legislation, general policy, and payment for Mr. Barr's services as counsel for farmers' organizations in the prairie provinces, April 24, 1933 - June 29, 1936; clippings, August 18, 1934 - Feb. 11, 1936.
44. Monetary Policy.
Addresses and material chiefly on monetary policy (typewritten copies and newspaper clippings with reports and extracts from addresses).
45. Pamphlets.
"The Coming American Boom" by L. L. B. Angas; miscellaneous booklets re Saskatchewan loan and investment company, Standard Trusts Company, Saskatchewan Securities and Trusts Corporation.
46. Canadian Bar Association.
Souvenir list of members of the Canadian Bar Association on board S.S. "Montaurier," July 8 - 16, 1924.
47. Cooperative Organization in Saskatchewan.
Reminiscences of George H. Barr on the history of Cooperative organization in Saskatchewan.
48. Barr, George Herbert family.
Violin, Grade VIII, Sunday school, communion certificates of Donald, Robert and Kathleen Barr; wedding certificates of George H. and Ethel L. Barr.

**SOME OF THE RECORDS
IN THIS FONDS ARE
AVAILABLE ON
MICROFILM R-2.298**

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DESCRIPTIONS OF
PHOTOGRAPHS
IN THIS FONDS**

**FOR ADDITIONAL RECORDS
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SEE ALSO R-OS 73**

LOCATIONS: F 71

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Amalgamated Collection R-8, , Boxes 1 to 8: H-422.8.6
Amalgamated R-OS 73, Folder 1: H-17.3.1

Micro. R-2.298, Reel 1:

User Copy: Hillsdale Reference Room
Preservation Copy (negative): Hillsdale Bay 4

R-A2154(1)-(2): Hillsdale Reference Room
R-A2154(1)-(2) (negatives): Hillsdale Cold Storage
R-A3863: Hillsdale Reference Room
R-B1236: Hillsdale Reference Room
R-B1236 (negative): Hillsdale Negative Cabinet
R-B1323 to R-B1324: Hillsdale Reference Room
R-B1467 to R-B1468: Hillsdale Reference Room
R-B1467 to R-B1468 (negatives): H-Negative Cabinet
R-D275 to R-D276: Hillsdale C-1.2