

SAFA 329

**A Guide to the Records of the
Lang Turner family fonds
(F 485)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board
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**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

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**Family (PA 380)
John William Lang Turner Family, 1867-**

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading John William Lang Turner Family, 1867-

**Biographical Sketch /
Administrative History** John William Lang Turner was born in Northumberland, England ca. 1867. He came to Canada in 1903 from Portsmouth, England as a Barr Colonist. Around 1905, Turner and his family went to Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, where he became a clerk to William Sibbald, the agent at the Onion Lake Agency of the federal Department of Indian Affairs. Turner succeeded Sibbald as agent around 1921 and held the position until 1930, when he retired and moved to Victoria, British Columbia. Turner died on September 23, 1939 in Oak Bay, a residential community in Victoria.

Lang Turner and his wife had eight children: Mary (William Clark McCusker); Agnes (Steve Warren); Joy (? Boudreau); Lulu (Percy Taylor); Nellie (Wesley Trimble); Marjorie (A.H. Noyce); Lena (Leslie Gould) and one son who died in infancy.

Mary Turner was born in Portsmouth, England in 1900 and married William Clark McCusker in Onion Lake in 1921. They had three children: William, Betty, and Robert. W.C. McCusker died in Saskatoon on August 25, 1970. Mary McCusker died in Saskatoon on September 19, 1993. William (Bill) McCusker died in Saskatoon on September 15, 2006.

Variant Name Lang Turner Family
J.W.L. Turner Family

Sources *AMICUS Authorities* – no entry found
Content of the fonds.
The Lloydminster Times
The Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

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About these records:

Title of Records: Fonds	Lang Turner family fonds
Dates of Creation	1910-1932, ca.1987
Physical Description	1 cm of textual records 14 photographs
Link to Authority	<p>Lang Turner was born in 1867 in England and came to Canada in 1903. Turner and his family resided at Onion Lake, Saskatchewan from 1905 to 1930, during which time Lang was employed at the Onion Lake Agency of the federal Department of Indian Affairs. Turner, his wife, and some of their seven children moved to British Columbia in 1930.</p> <p>See: <u>John William Lang Turner Family, 1867-</u></p>
Custodial History	Mary McCusker, daughter of Lang Turner, donated these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives, in two accessions in 1988: R88-085 (March 15, 1988) and R88-287 (September 2, 1988).
Scope and Content	<p>This fonds consists of photographs of Lang Turner and his family taken from 1910 to ca. 1925 during their residence in Onion Lake, Saskatchewan. Photographs of Mary McCusker (nee Turner), her family and her father-in-law, Samuel McCusker, are included.</p> <p>This fonds includes a copy of "Wives and Daughters", the notes Ruth Matheson Buck compiled around 1987 relating to a 1921 photograph of women and children in the garden at the Onion Lake Agency of the Department of Indian Affairs (photograph R-A33815).</p>
Access Restrictions	Records open for research use.
Terms Governing Use	Use, publication and/or reproduction of records subject to terms and conditions of the <i>Copyright Act</i> . Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Reference Tools	SAFA 329 consists of a fonds description and item descriptions of photographs. Item descriptions of photographs available in electronic format. Please consult reference archivist for

assistance.

Associated Material

(records held by other archives)

Records relating to John William Lang Turner's application for a homestead in Alberta (22-50-2-W4) are located at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Related Records

(records held by SAB)

An undated photograph of Mrs. Lang Turner is located in the Historical Photographs (Regina) collection (R-A17783).

Physical Condition note

Records are in good physical condition except for photograph R-A33816, which is torn.

Conservation note

Photographs were placed in mylar sleeves.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Source of Description

Content of the fonds.

Notes

Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale

Former Codes

Textual records: R-E2829

Photographs: R-A33814 to R-A33826; R-B14411

Consulting the Records

To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.

**FOR TEXTUAL RECORDS
IN THIS FONDS
SEE R-E2829**

F 485 Photos

<i>Call Number</i>	<i>Description of Image</i>	<i>Geographic Location</i>	<i>Date of Image</i>
R-A33814	Daughters of Lang Turner, clerk at Onion Lake Indian Agency, later (1921) Indian Agent. Mary and her sister Nellie seated in a horse-drawn buggy at the Hudson's Bay Company post, under the management then of William Seymour.	Onion Lake, SK	1913
R-A33815	A group of women and children in the garden at the Onion Lake Indian Agency. Standing (from left to right): Mrs. Lang Turner, Mrs. William Burke, Mrs. William Sibbald, Mrs. Laurence Lovell, Mrs. Herbert McCleneghan, Mrs. James Delahunty, Mrs. John Hall. Sitting (from left to right): Mrs. Ernest B. Goodman (Reima Matheson, daughter of Rev. John Matheson), Miss Florence Hall (daughter of H.B. Hall, Lloydminster), Mrs. Edwin Oakes (daughter of William Seymour, H.B.Co.) and her two little boys, uncertain (back of print says she was Mrs. Douglas Sibbald but that's unlikely - explanation in note accompanying photo), Miss Leach.	Onion Lake, SK	1921
R-A33816	Mrs. Turner with her four daughters. Back on left is Mary. Front l. to r.: Nellie, Marjorie, Lulu.	Onion Lake, SK ?	1910
R-A33817	An Indian woman, Oonikumooos (The Singer), See "Dr. Rode Side Saddle". Insane woman whose daughter, Ellen, was in the Anglican boarding school as was her brother Eli. Oonikumooos' sister was Martha Painter whose daughter was the first child taken into the Mission by the Mathesons.	unknown	[19-]
R-A33818	Mary McCusker (né Turner) sitting on a couch.	unknown	1932
R-A33819	A woman stands on a snow-covered road. A large building can be seen in the background. "St. Barnabas Mission, Onion Lake. Trail from Fort Pitt to Fort Edmonton."	Onion Lake, SK	[192-?]
R-A33820	A group of people stand outside the Robertson house in St. Margaret's on the occasion of a wedding. "Mary and William McCusker are in the second row at right. Mrs. Robertson, centre front, and behind her is the Rev. Samuel McCusker (wearing astrakhan hat). The tall groom, and the bride beside her mother. Robert Robertson (2nd row, second from the left) had recently married Carrie Money (front row, next to the bride)."	St. Margaret's, AB	1922
R-A33821	A group of children, dressed in costume, perform at a Christmas concert, Anglican Mission.	unknown	1920 or 1921
R-A33822	Mary (in back seat) and Lulu Turner with a cousin, Edgar Beveridge at the Prince Albert Fair in the summer of 1912. They are sitting in an automobile, a prop in a photographer's studio.	Prince Albert, SK	1912
R-A33823	"Lang Turner and William Sibbald on steps of Indian Office".	Onion Lake, SK	[between 1905 and 1921]
R-A33824	Lang Turner's daughters. Back row l. to r.: Nellie, Lena, Mary, Lulu. Front row: Agnes and Joy	unknown	[ca. 1924]
R-A33825	The Turner family at the Agency. Back row l. to r.: Mrs. Turner, Wesley Trimble and Nellie Turner (who married soon after); standing on the step below: Lena and Joy; seated at front: Lulu, Marjorie, Mr. Turner and Agnes.	Onion Lake, SK	ca. 1925
R-A33826	A boy and girl stand under the large leaves of a tall plant in front of a log house. "McCusker home at St. Margaret's, AB, bordering meridian boundary." Possibly Mary and William McCusker's children.	St. Margaret's, AB	[ca. 1926]
R-B14411	Rev. Samuel McCusker (Presbyterian). Mary McCusker's father-in-law.	unknown	[193-?]

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