

SAFA 334

**A Guide to the Records of the
Maurice W. Sharon family fonds
(F 490)**

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**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

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**Family (PA 385)
Maurice W. Sharon Family, 1875-**

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Maurice W. Sharon Family, 1875-

**Biographical Sketch /
Administrative History** Maurice William Sharon was born in St. Thomas, Ontario on November 1, 1875 to Sturgeon and Ellen (nee Smith) Sharon. He received his primary and secondary education in St. Thomas and graduated from the School of Practical Science (currently known as the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto). After graduation, Sharon apprenticed as an architect in St. Thomas and did geographical work with the Department of the Interior in Ottawa. While in Ottawa, Sharon served as a lieutenant with the 5th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. Sharon married Florence Edna Freek in St. Thomas in 1905.

Maurice and Florence Sharon moved to Regina, Saskatchewan in 1906. They had two children: Helen (Elson Potts), born in 1907, and a daughter who was born and died in 1909. Sharon worked as a draughtsman with the Department of Public Works (1906-1909) before establishing a private architectural firm in 1910. After Florence Sharon's death in 1910, Sharon married Sadie Campbell, a nurse, with whom he had three children: Betty Campbell; George Dugdale and Maurice William (Bill).

Sharon remained in private practice until 1916, when he was appointed Provincial Architect with the Department of Public Works. Sharon prepared plans and specifications and supervised the construction of many of Saskatchewan's public buildings, including the Provincial Normal School in Saskatoon, the Saskatchewan Hospital at Weyburn, and the court houses in Weyburn, Yorkton and Assiniboia. Sharon retired in 1930 and moved to Vancouver, British Columbia and later to Chilliwack, where he died on September 8, 1940.

Sadie Campbell Sharon died on January 8, 1943 in Chilliwack. George Dugdale Sharon, who served with the 16th Canadian Scottish during the Second World War, died on August 24, 1972 in Vancouver. Betty Campbell Sharon died on October 19, 1980 in Chilliwack.

Variant Name M.W. Sharon Family
 Maurice William Sharon Family

Sources *AMICUS Authorities* – no entry found

Content of the fonds

Various Internet sites

The Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan

Who's Who in Western Canada

Archival records linked to this records creator:

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About these records:

Title of Records: Fonds	Maurice W. Sharon family fonds
Dates of Creation	[ca. 1903] - 1988
Physical Description	5 cm of textual records 17 photographs 13 postcards 1 printing plate 1 architectural drawing 2 audio cassettes (100 minutes)
Link to Authority	Maurice William Sharon was born in Ontario in 1875. Sharon worked as an architect in Ontario and Saskatchewan, where he was Provincial Architect from 1916 to 1930. After Sharon's first wife, Florence Freek, died in 1910, he married Sadie Campbell, a nurse, with whom he had three children: Betty Campbell, George Dugdale and Maurice William. In 1930, the Sharon family moved to British Columbia, where Maurice Sharon died in 1940. See: <u>Maurice W. Sharon Family, 1875-</u>
Custodial History	Maurice William (Bill) Sharon, Mrs. George Dugdale Sharon, and Margaret Sharon, granddaughter of Maurice William Sharon, donated these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives, in four accessions between 1988 and 1993: R88-192 (June 27, 1988); R88-193 (June 27, 1988); R92-116 (June 9, 1992); and R93-204 (April 21, 1993).
Scope and Content	This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by members of the Maurice W. Sharon family. The records date from ca. 1903 to 1988 and relate to the family's activities in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Records relating to Maurice W. Sharon's career as an architect include his 1923 certificate of associate membership from the Engineering Institute of Canada; a copy of his 1933 letter to the City Clerk of the City of Vancouver applying for a position as Chief Building Inspector; an undated drawing of the Weyburn Mental Hospital; undated pages removed from a publication (possibly the

Saskatchewan Department of Public Works annual reports) containing photographs of buildings Sharon designed; and a presentation drawing and a copper printing plate of a photograph of the Provincial Normal School in Saskatoon.

This fonds also includes a transcript of a diary written by Maurice W. Sharon in 1887; photocopies of various birth, death and marriage records; an undated newspaper clipping regarding Maurice W. Sharon's participation in the Fort Garry Gun Club annual trapshooting contest; postcards of Saskatchewan buildings; photographs and two audio cassettes containing an interview with Maurice William (Bill) Sharon regarding his family.

No series have been identified in this fonds.

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 334 consists of a fonds description and item descriptions of photographs and postcards. Item description of audio cassettes available in Main Card Catalogue (Regina). Item descriptions of photographs and postcards available in electronic format. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Related Records (records held by SAB)	Architectural drawings created by Sharon in private practice and as Provincial Architect are located in the permanent collection of the Regina office. A copy of a 1940 obituary of Maurice Sharon is located in the Regina office (clippings file – Biography – Sharon, M.W.).
Physical Condition note	Records are in good physical condition.
Accruals	Further accruals are expected.
Source of Description	Content of the fonds.
Notes	Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale
Former Codes	Textual records: R-1190.1 Photographs: R-A33405 to R-A33420; R-B14338 Postcards: R-A33421 to R-A33433 Architectural Drawing: H-1270.1, Box 10 Audio cassettes: Tape R-10716 to R-10717
Consulting the Records	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.

**FOR TEXTUAL RECORDS
IN THIS FONDS
SEE R-1190.1**

**FOR THE SOUND
RECORDINGS IN THIS
FONDS
SEE TAPE R-10716 and
R-10717**

**DESCRIPTIONS OF THE
RECORDINGS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE REGINA
OFFICE MAIN CARD
CATALOGUE**

**FOR ACCESS TO THE
ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING
IN THIS FONDS
SEE THE REFERENCE
ARCHIVIST**

PHOTOGRAPHS

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<i>Call Number</i>	<i>Description of Image</i>	<i>Geographic Location</i>	<i>Date of Image</i>
R-A33405	Maurice Sharon's boyhood home (ancestral) on Wellington Street in St. Thomas.	St. Thomas, ON	Oct. 1985
R-A33406	Maurice Sharon dressed in army uniform as a member of the 5th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards	Ottawa, ON	[ca. 1903]
R-A33407	Maurice, holding a camera, stands in a field near railway tracks.	Wynyard, SK?	[Oct. 1919]
R-A33408	A group of seven men stand beside a train. Sir John Eaton (centre) and Maurice Sharon (right). Possibly excursion to Wynyard to see the courthouse.	Wynyard, SK	oct. 1919
R-A33409	Sadie Sharon stands outdoors in front of a house. Possibly in British Columbia. Late 1930's.	unknown	[ca. 193-]
R-A33410	George, Sadie, Maurice and Betty Sharon standing outdoors with a dog (family pet?). Late 1930's.	unknown	[ca. 193-]
R-A33411	George, Betty and Maurice "Bill" Sharon standing outdoors beside a house. Late 1930's.	unknown	[ca. 193-]
R-A33412	Exterior front view of the Sharon's first home at 2839 Angus Street.	Regina, SK	[191-?]
R-A33413	Front exterior view of Maurice Sharon's second home located at 2635 Regina Avenue. It was built in 1927.	Regina, SK	[ca. 1927]
R-A33414	The home of Maurice Sharon and family in Chilliwack, BC.	Chilliwack, BC	[ca. 1937]
R-A33415	Exterior view of the cottage nestled in the trees at Regina Beach.	Regina Beach, SK	[191-?]
R-A33416	"Family picnic". Maurice Sharon sits with a woman and children on a blanket.	unknown	[191-?]
R-A33417	The three Sharon children standing outdoors in front of a house.	Regina, SK?	[ca. 1928]
R-A33418	Possibly Maurice Sharon, using a rock to hammer on a keg, beside a parked car.	unknown	[192-?]
R-A33419	A group of men stand on the construction site of the Weyburn Hospital. Possibly Maurice Sharon at far left and Archie P. McNab (centre) or (3rd from left, front row).	Weyburn, SK	July 1920
R-A33420	Men working at the construction site of the Weyburn Hospital.	Weyburn, SK	July 1920
R-A33421	Saskatchewan Legislative Building and flower gardens.	Regina, SK	[192-?]
R-A33422	Exterior of the Regina Normal School.	Regina, SK	[ca. 1906]
R-A33423	Front, exterior view of the Collegiate Institute, Regina.	Regina, SK	[ca. 1909]
R-A33424	A drawing of the Moose Jaw Collegiate Institute.	Moose Jaw, SK	[19-]
R-A33425	Post office in Moose Jaw.	Moose Jaw, SK	ca. 1925
R-A33426	Exterior view of the Natatorium in Moose Jaw.	Moose Jaw, SK	[19-]
R-A33427	Exterior of the Natatorium in Moose Jaw.	Moose Jaw, SK	[1950?]
R-A33428	Exterior view of the School for the Deaf, Saskatoon.	Saskatoon, SK	[19-]
R-A33429	Exterior of the Collegiate Institute, Saskatoon.	Saskatoon, SK	[after 1910]
R-A33430	Exterior of the Collegiate Institute, Saskatoon.	Saskatoon, SK	[after 1910]
R-A33431	King Edward School, Saskatoon.	Saskatoon, SK	[ca. 1917]
R-A33432	Exterior of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince Albert.	Prince Albert, SK	[before 1914]
R-A33433	Exterior of the Public School, Prince Albert.	Prince Albert, SK	[19-]

<i>Call Number</i>	<i>Description of Image</i>	<i>Geographic Location</i>	<i>Date of Image</i>
R-B14338	Portrait of Maurice Sharon.	unknown	[192-?]

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