

SAFA 567

**A Guide to the Records of the
Otto and Sophie Herbster fonds
(F 165)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board
2010**

**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board
Authority Record**

**Individual (PA 451)
Herbster, Otto William, 1898-1986**

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Herbster, Otto William, 1898-1986

Brief Bio./Admin. History Otto William Herbster was born in Germany in 1898. He immigrated to Canada in 1927 and settled in the Whitewood, Saskatchewan district, where he operated a well digging business and pig farm. Herbster and his second wife, Sophie Mueller, resided on the farm until 1979, when they retired to Whitewood. Otto Herbster died in 1986.

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History Otto William Herbster was born on February 27, 1898 in Stetten, West Germany to Rudolph and Emma (Ging) Herbster. After completing high school, he trained as a blacksmith and machinist in Germany. In 1921, Herbster married Anne Hauser. They had three children: Kurt; Annaliese and Elfrida. In October 1927, Herbster immigrated with his wife and son to Canada, where they settled on a farm in the Baynes, Saskatchewan district. Several years later, the family moved from the farm to seven acres of land near Whitewood.

In 1933, Herbster started a well digging business and dug hundreds of wells in and around Whitewood. After Anne Herbster's death in 1938, Herbster married his second wife, Sophie Mueller, on November 2, 1940, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Otto and Sophie Herbster established a pig farming operation on their farm, Hurricane Hill Top Farm, where they resided until 1979, when they sold their farm and moved into Whitewood. Otto Herbster died in Whitewood on May 16, 1986.

Variant Name(s) Otto W. Herbster

Otto Herbster

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

Source(s) AMICUS Authorities - no entry found.

Content of the fonds.

Whitewood and Area 1982-1992

The Whitewood Herald, May 28, 1986

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Authority Record**

**Individual (PA 452)
Herbster, Sophie Louise, 1901-1991**

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Herbster, Sophie Louise, 1901-1991

Brief Bio./Admin. History Sophie Louise Herbster (nee Mueller) was born in Germany in 1901. She immigrated to the United States in 1915 and resided there until her marriage to Otto Herbster in 1940. The Herbsters resided on a farm near Whitewood, Saskatchewan for most of their lives. Sophie Herbster died in 1991.

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History Sophie Louise Mueller was born on April 25, 1901 in Illingen, West Germany to Karl and Sophie (Boger) Mueller. In July 1915, she immigrated with her mother to Missouri, United States of America, where she studied English and worked as a housekeeper/nanny. She then returned to Germany briefly before moving to New York City. She married Otto Herbster on November 2, 1940 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Sophie and Otto Herbster resided on a farm near Whitewood, Saskatchewan. Sophie assisted her husband with his well digging and farming operations. The Herbsters retired from farming in 1979 and moved into Whitewood. Sophie Herbster died on July 10, 1991. She had three step-children: Kurt; Annaliese and Elfrida.

Variant Name(s) Sophie Mueller

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

Source(s) AMICUS Authorities - no entry found.

The Whitewood Herald, August 5, 1991

Whitewood and Area 1982-1992

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

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About these records:

Unique Identifier	F 165
Title of Records	Otto and Sophie Herbster fonds
Level of Description	Fonds
Descriptive System	Private
Dates of Creation	ca. 1904-1991
Physical Description	80 cm of textual records

Link to Authority Otto William Herbster was born in Germany in 1898. He immigrated to Canada in 1927 and settled in the Whitewood, Saskatchewan district, where he operated a well digging business and pig farm. Herbster and his second wife, Sophie Mueller, resided on the farm until 1979, when they retired to Whitewood. Otto Herbster died in 1986.

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See: [Herbster, Otto William, 1898-1986](#)
[Herbster, Sophie Louise, 1901-1991](#)

Custodial History Pemrose Whelan, friend of Otto and Sophie Herbster and acting on behalf of the estate of Sophie Herbster, donated these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in one accession in 1992: R92-231 (September 4, 1992).

Scope and Content This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by Otto and Sophie (Mueller) Herbster of Whitewood, Saskatchewan. The records relate mainly to their well digging and farming operations.

The types of records included are correspondence; ration books; postcards; financial records; diaries; newspaper clippings; and books and pamphlets written in the German language.

	No series assignment has been applied to the records in this fonds.
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 567 (old guide GR 564) consists of a fonds description and file listings of textual records and is available in paper format.
Physical Condition	Records are in good physical condition.
Conservation	Conservation practices in place at the time of processing were applied to the records in this fonds.
Accruals	No further accruals are expected.
Source of Description	Content of the fonds.
Former Code(s)	Textual records: old guide GR 564 (R-1406.1)
Consulting the Records	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
Arrangement Note(s)	Alphabetical order imposed by archivist.
Language Note(s)	This fonds contains records in the German language.
General Note(s)	Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale.

OLD GUIDE

GR 564

A CHECKLIST
OF THE PAPERS OF
OTTO AND SOPHIE HERBSTER

Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina
1995

Otto and Sophie Herbster Papers

R-1406.1

ca. 1904-1991

80 cm

A native of Lorrach, Germany, Otto Herbster came to Canada about 1927 and settled near Whitewood, Saskatchewan, where he began farming. He had a son and two daughters with his first wife.

In 1940, Otto married Sophie Müller who had arrived in the United States from Germany in 1914. They shared an interest in politics and world affairs, and became involved in the CCF Party in Saskatchewan. Otto retired from farming at 80 years of age. He died in 1986.

This collection includes correspondence with family and friends, diaries, news clippings, guest books, note books and correspondence relating to well digging, records concerning their farming operation, and German language books and pamphlets. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

The materials covered by this checklist were received on September 4, 1992 from the Estate of Sophie Herbster per Pemrose Whelan, and assigned Accession No. R92-231.

Access: No restrictions

Otto and Sophie Herbster Papers

1. Agricultural Re-establishment Orders, 1935-1938. 2 mm
Includes 1935, and 1937-1938.
2. Bills and Receipts, 1927-1978. 3 mm
3. Biographical Notes and Family History, ca. 1930-1989. 5 mm
4. Blaster's Certificate Examination, n.d. 2 mm
5. "Blizzard Story," 1941. 5 mm
6. Books: German Language, ca. 1910-1934. 5.0 cm
7. Canadian Colonization Association: Agreement for Sale (blank), n.d. 3 mm
8. Canadian Farm Loan Board, 1950-1956. 4 mm
9. Canadian Wheat Board: Permit Books, 1961-1969. 1.0 cm
1967-1968 not included.
10. Church Magazines, 1947. 2 mm
11. Clippings, ca. 1927-1987. 2.0 cm
 - a. Miscellaneous, ca. 1957-1987. 1.0 cm
 - b. Animals, ca. 1952-1970. 3 mm
 - c. Germany, 1927-1972. 3 mm
 - d. Graf Zeppelin, 1929-1937. 4 mm
12. Correspondence, 1923-1991. 2.6 cm
 - a. Miscellaneous, ca. 1937-1957. 4 mm
 - b. Herbster, Otto, 1957-1966. 2 mm
 - c. Müller, Sophie, 1923-1940. 4 mm
 - d. Scharpf, Fritz, 1930-1970. 3 mm
 - e. Whelan, Ed and Pemrose, 1985-1991. 3 mm
 - f. World War II, 1935-1955. 1.0 cm

13.	Diaries, 1955-1990.	20.0 cm
	a. 1955-1956.	1.4 cm
	b. 1960-1961; 1965.	6 mm
	c. 1962-1963.	5 mm
	d. 1964. Includes trip diaries and memorabilia.	1.0 cm
	e. 1965-1966.	1.0 cm
	f. 1967.	1.0 cm
	g. 1968.	1.0 cm
	h. 1970-1972.	1.0 cm
	i. 1974-1975.	1.0 cm
	j. 1976-1977.	2.0 cm
	k. 1978-1979.	2.0 cm
	l. 1980-1981.	2.0 cm
	m. 1982-1983.	2.0 cm
	n. 1984-1985.	2.0 cm
	o. 1986; 1990.	1.5 cm
14.	Family of Man Seminar, 1975.	3 mm
15.	Farm: Miscellaneous Records, ca. 1928-1977.	1.5 cm
16.	Guest Books, 1956-1985.	1.2 cm
	a. Farm Sale, 1956.	6 mm
	b. Anniversaries, Birthdays, etc., 1980-1985.	6 mm
17.	Highways Department, 1950-1972.	1.0 cm
18.	Indian Head Experimental Farm, 1936-1938.	3 mm
19.	Income Tax, 1945.	3 mm
20.	Insurance, 1932-1958.	3 mm
21.	Miscellaneous, ca. 1938.	2 mm

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| 22. | Notebooks, ca. 1952-1975. | 3 mm |
| 23. | Organizations, 1939-1945. | 2 mm |
| 24. | Pigs: Yorkshire Sales, 1952-1954. | 1.0 cm |
| 25. | Postcards: Germany, ca. 1928-1976. | 1.0 cm |
| 26. | Ration Books, ca. 1939-1945. | 5 mm |
| 27. | "Trade Papers, School Things," 1904-1927. | 2.0 cm |
| | German language. | |
| 28. | Well Digging, 1934-1969. | 3.0 cm |
| | a. Note Books, 1934-1969. | 2.0 cm |
| | b. Correspondence and Memoranda, 1934-1940. | 1.0 cm |
| 29. | Western Mail Order House, 1937-1941. | 2 mm |
| 30. | Whitewood Rural Telephone Company, 1939-1944. | 2 mm |
| 31. | Willowdale Rural Municipality No. 153, 1935-1947. | 2 mm |
| | Tax notices, and financial statements, 1935. | |

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Collection R-1406.1, Boxes 1 to 4:

H-918.7.3