

**SAFA 55**

**A Guide to the Records of the  
Reginald Rimmer fonds  
(F 19)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
2007  
Revised 2010**

**PRIVATE RECORDS  
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
Authority Record**

**Individual (PA 195)**

**Rimmer, Reginald, 1865-1952**

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**About this records creator:**

**Authorized Heading** Rimmer, Reginald, 1865-1952

**Biographical Sketch /  
Administrative History** Reginald Rimmer was born in Southport, Lancashire, England in 1865 to Edward Johnston Rimmer and Sarah Frances (Boothroyd) Rimmer. He practiced law in England for several years before moving in December 1892 to Regina, North-West Territories, where he entered a law practice with Nicholas Flood Davin.

In 1896 Rimmer was appointed as legal advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories, an office he held until the formation of the first Executive Council. In 1898 Rimmer went to Ottawa, Ontario where he served as a law clerk for the federal Department of Indian Affairs under Clifford Sifton. He resigned the position in 1904 to return to Regina and joined the law firm of police magistrate William Trant. Rimmer was appointed Saskatchewan district court judge for the Cannington Judicial District (later the Arcola Judicial District) in 1907 and served in that capacity for 33 years. He retired in 1940 and died in Regina on December 13, 1952.

Rimmer was involved with numerous organizations during his lifetime. He was a member of the law societies for the North-West Territories, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. He was vice-president of the federal executive of the Red Cross Society; he organized the first council of the Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan in 1907 and he served as president of the provincial Boy Scouts Association.

Reginald Rimmer married Leona Marchant (1874?-1935) in Montreal in 1893. They had six children: Gilbert, Leonard, Edward, Lucy, Madge and Muriel.

**Variant Name** Judge Rimmer

**Sources** SAB clippings files  
*Pioneers and Prominent People of Saskatchewan*  
*Amicus Authorities* – December 24, 1997

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

**F 19 Reginald Rimmer fonds**

# **FONDS DESCRIPTION**

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**About these records:**

<b>Unique Identifier</b>	F 19
<b>Title of Records</b>	Reginald Rimmer fonds
<b>Level of Description</b>	Fonds
<b>Descriptive System</b>	Private
<b>Dates of Creation</b>	1895-1944
<b>Predominant Dates of Creation</b>	1898-1941
<b>Physical Description</b>	30 cm of textual records  71 photographs : b&w  1 microfilm reel

**Link to Authority**      Reginald Rimmer was born in England in 1865 and came to Regina, North-West Territories in 1892. He practiced law and worked as a legal advisor in Regina before moving to Ottawa, Ontario in 1898 to work as a law clerk with the Department of Indian Affairs. In 1907, Rimmer was appointed Saskatchewan district court judge for the Cannington Judicial District (later the Arcola Judicial District) and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1940. Rimmer died in Regina in 1952.

**See:**      [Rimmer, Reginald, 1865-1952](#)

**Custodial History**      Lucy Rimmer, daughter of Reginald Rimmer, donated these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in three accessions between 1953 and 1957: 104 (R) (1953); 213 (R) (1957); and 286 (Photo R) (1954).

**Scope and Content**      The fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by Reginald Rimmer during his career as a law clerk in Ottawa, Ontario and as a lawyer, legal advisor and district court judge in Saskatchewan. Personal records and records relating to Rimmer's involvement in local, provincial, and national organizations are also included.

The headings assigned to the textual records described in 2001 are as follows: Canadian Red Cross Society; Canadian Red Cross Society, Saskatchewan Division; Council of District Court Judges; Indian Affairs Department, Ottawa; Civil Rights Act: Limitations; Boy Scouts Association; and Miscellaneous.

The types of records included in the fonds are correspondence, minutes, constitutions and by-laws, reports, and photographs.

No series arrangement has been applied to the fonds.

**Access Restrictions**

Records are open for research use.

**Terms Governing Use**

Use, publication, and/or reproduction of records are subject to terms and conditions of the Copyright Act.

**Reference Tools**

SAFA 55 (old guide GR 539) consists of a fonds description, file listings of textual records and microfilmed materials and item descriptions of photographs.

**Related Records  
(Records held by SAB)**

A photograph of Reginald Rimmer with judges and lawyers in front of Regina courthouse, ca.1890s is located in the Regina office (R-B7062).

An article concerning Rimmer and a copy of Rimmer's obituary is located in the Regina office (Clippings file - Biographies - Rimmer, Reginald).

Rimmer's recollections of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish in Regina (1938) and an address presented to J. J. Smith by Rimmer on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, Regina (1935) are located in the Regina office (R-E3281).

**Physical Condition**

Records are in good physical condition.

**Conservation Note**

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 539 (R-87)

Microfilm: R-2.1081

Photographs: R-A18 (1); R-A2169 (2); R-A2397 to R-A2421; R-A2427 to R-A2434; R-B407; R-B653; R-B866a to R-B882; R-B922 to R-B923 and R-D173 to R-D179.

**Consulting the Records**

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

**Arrangement Note(s)**

Order imposed by archivist.

**General Note(s)**

Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale.



**OLD GUIDE**

**GR 539**

A CHECKLIST  
OF THE PAPERS OF  
REGINALD RIMMER

Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina  
Revised 2001

**REGINALD RIMMER PAPERS**

R-87  
Micro.  
R-2.1081

**1895-1944**

**30 cm**

Born in England in 1865, Reginald Rimmer received a private education, took his final law honours in 1888, and practised in England for a number of years. Advised to seek another climate for his health, he came to Regina via Philadelphia in Dec. 1892 where he entered a law office in partnership with Nicholas Flood Davin. He married Leonie Marchant in 1893, and had a family of four children. In 1896, he was appointed legal advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories, an office he held until the formation of the first Executive Council. He was appointed law clerk for the federal Indian Department under Clifford Sifton in 1898 and in 1904 resigned his position in Ottawa to return to Regina to join Magistrate Trant in a law firm. Judge Rimmer was a member of the bars of Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, and was editor of the Public General Ordinance of the Territories revised 1905. He was vice-president of the federal executive of the Red Cross Society, organized the first council of the Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan in 1907, and was president of the provincial Boy Scouts Association. He died Dec. 13, 1952.

This collection includes materials relating to the national and provincial Red Cross Societies, the provincial Boy Scouts Association, and the Council of District Court Judges. Also included are correspondence, with indexes, of Judge Rimmer as law clerk in the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, as well as miscellaneous papers relating to court work in the judicial districts of Cannington, Arcola, Regina, and Moosomin.

**File numbers 5 to 7 in this listing are located on microfilm R-2.1081.**

The materials covered by this checklist were received from Lucy Rimmer in 1953 and 1957, and assigned Accession Nos. 104 and 213 respectively.

ACCESS: No restrictions

## Reginald Rimmer Papers

1. Canadian Red Cross Society, 1918-1923. 2.2 cm
  - a. Bylaws and Amendments, 1923. 2 mm
  - b. Central Council, 1918-1921. 1.0 cm
  - c. Correspondence, 1918-1923. 1.0 cm
2. Canadian Red Cross Society, Saskatchewan Division, 1914-1926. 7.4 cm
  - a. Commissioners' Reports, 1921-1922. 4 mm
  - b. Committee Reports, 1917-1923. 8 mm
  - c. Correspondence, 1914-1926. 2.0 cm
  - d. Financial Reports, 1916-1925. 1.5 cm
  - e. Meetings: Annual, ca. 1917-1925. 3 mm
  - f. Meetings: Executive, 1918-1926. 2.0 cm
  - g. Officers and Executive, 1922-1923. 2 mm
  - h. Rules, 1921. 2 mm
3. Council of District Court Judges, 1912-1944. 9.0 cm
  - a. Correspondence, 1912-1944. 8.0 cm
  - b. Minutes, 1919-1939. 1.0 cm
4. Indian Affairs Department, Ottawa, 1898-1903. 19.0 cm
  - a. Correspondence, Vol. 1, 1898. 2.0 cm
  - b. Correspondence, Vol. 2, 1899. 2.0 cm
  - c. Correspondence, Vol. 4, 1900. 2.0 cm
  - d. Correspondence, Vol. 6, 1901. 2.0 cm
  - e. Correspondence, Vol. 7, 1901. 2.0 cm
  - f. Correspondence, Vol. 11, 1903. 2.0 cm
  - g. Indices to Correspondence, 1898-ca. 1903. 7.0 cm  
Three volumes.

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| 5. | Civil Rights Act: Limitations, 1938-1940.  | 5 mm   |
|    | a. Correspondence, 1938-1940.  | 5 mm   |
| 6. | Boy Scouts Association, ca. 1910-1940.   | 2.5 cm |
|    | a. Correspondence, ca. 1910-1940.  | 1.5 cm |
|    | b. Pamphlets, ca. 1910-1940.   | 1.0 cm |
| 7. | Miscellaneous, ca. 1895-1941.  | 7.1 cm |
|    | a. Hugonard, Joseph, 1924-1925.<br>Materials concerning erection of monument to Father<br>Hugonard.  | 1.0 cm |
|    | b. Judicial District: Moosomin, 1920-1939.   | 8 mm   |
|    | c. Judicial District: Regina, 1922-1932.   | 4 mm   |
|    | d. Law Society of the North-West Territories, 1903.<br>Rules and regulations.  | 3 mm   |
|    | e. Lieutenant Governor vs The Leader Co., 1897-1898.<br>Re payment for printing Supreme Court reports of the<br>N.W.T.   | 5 mm   |
|    | f. Militia Unit, Arcola, 1914-1915.<br>Correspondence concerning formation of a militia unit<br>at Arcola.   | 4 mm   |
|    | g. Naturalization, 1932-1939.<br>Re withholding of naturalization certificates<br>because of RCMP representations and naturalization of<br>persons of enemy birth.   | 3 mm   |
|    | h. Ordinances: North-West Territories, n.d.  | 5 mm   |
|    | i. Personal, 1909-1941.<br>Correspondence re Surrogate Court work in Cannington<br>Judicial District, appointments as Surrogate Court<br>Judge for Arcola Judicial District, and expense accounts;<br>preface written by Judge Rimmer for <i>History of Southern<br/>        Saskatchewan</i> , by L'Abbé C. Rondeau; address at dinner<br>given by Regina Bar on appointment of Mr. Justice Lamont<br>to the Supreme Court of Canada. | 1.0 cm |
|    | j. Regulations re Immigration and Immigrants, 1908.  | 3 mm   |
|    | k. Remissions, 1913-1932.<br>Notes and correspondence re recommendations for<br>remissions of sentences on behalf of two individuals.  | 3 mm   |

7. 1. Saskatchewan Fish and Game League, Moose Mountain Branch, 1935. 3 mm  
Constitution and bylaws, minutes and report of of organizational meeting, correspondence re election of Judge Rimmer as Honourary President.
- m. Supreme Court of the North-West Territories: Appeal Book, 1907. 2 mm  
Re claim for alimony.
- n. Supreme Court of the North-West Territories: Rules, 1895-1904. 4 mm
- o. Tax Enforcement Returns, ca. 1914. 4 mm  
Adjudications concerning confirmation of the tax enforcement returns of the town of Oxbow, and R.M.'s of Benson No. 35 and Souris Valley No. 7.

**LOCATIONS:** F 19

Reginald Rimmer fonds  
(SAFA 55)

Collection R-87, Boxes 1 to 5: H-453.4.5

Micro R-2.1081: Regina Reference Room

R-A18-1: Regina Reference Room

R-A2169-2: Regina Reference Room

R-A2397 to R-A2421: Regina Reference Room

R-A2427 to R-A2434: Regina Reference Room

R-B 407: Regina Reference Room

R-B653: Regina Reference Room

R-B866a to R-B882: Regina Reference Room

R-B922 to R-B923: Regina Reference Room

R-D173 to R-D174: C3

R-D175 to R-D177: C1

R-D178: C3

R-D179: C1