

**SAFA 639**

**A Guide to the Records of the  
Saskatchewan Homestead Records  
Administrative Files series  
(S 70)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
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# **SERIES DESCRIPTION**

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Records Description**

**S 70**

**Saskatchewan Homestead Records Administrative Files series**

**About these records:**

<b>Unique Identifier</b>	S 70
<b>Title of Records</b>	Saskatchewan Homestead Records Administrative Files series
<b>Level of Description</b>	Series
<b>Descriptive System</b>	Public
<b>Dates of Creation</b>	1882-1941
<b>Dates of Accumulation</b>	1882-1941
<b>Physical Description</b>	0.90 m of textual records

**Office of Origin**

1882-1931	<u>Dept. of the Interior</u>	Primary Agency
1882-1930	<u>Lands Patent Branch</u>	Secondary Agency
1930-1941	<u>Department of Natural Resources</u>	Primary Agency
1931-1941	<u>Lands Branch</u>	Secondary Agency

**Custodial History**

The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, Lands Branch transferred these records to the Saskatoon office, Saskatchewan Archives in two accessions between 1954 and 1965. The textual records were transferred to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in one accession: R2004-220 (June 3, 2004).

**Scope and Content**

This series consists records created, accumulated and used between 1882 and 1931 by the federal Department of the Interior, Dominion Lands Administration in the administration of the disposition of lands in Saskatchewan under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, 1872 (S.C. 1872, c. 23). The records include: letter books of the Dominion Lands Offices in Prince Albert (1887-1888) and Moose Jaw (1916), monthly diaries of homestead inspectors (1912-1929), ledgers containing circular letters of instructions to Dominion land agents (1882-1883 and 1910-1918), and a time sales register from the Battleford Dominion Lands Office (1886-1911). The series also includes records created by the Saskatchewan Department of Natural Resources, Lands Branch relating to the Saskatchewan Relief Commission and the Settlement Relief Plan (1931-1932).

Additionally, the series consists of records created, accumulated and used by the Dominion Lands Administration (1890-1931) and the Saskatchewan Department of Natural Resources, Lands Branch (1931-1941) in the disposition of a specific parcel or parcels of land available for settlement under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, 1872 (S.C. 1872, c. 23) and The Provincial Lands Act (S.S. 1931, c. 14). These include lands in the townsites of Wymark and South Battleford, homestead lands converted to grazing leases, and lands held as timber berths. Files contain records pertaining to various types of land grants, including homesteads, pre-emptions, time sale purchases, and leases.

The types of records included are: applications for entry and for patent; land condition and valuation reports; correspondence; homestead inspectors' reports; sale deeds and receipts; applications for grazing lease; grazing leases; memoranda; diaries and ledgers.

No sub-series have been identified in this series.

**Access Restrictions**

Records are open for research use.

**Terms Governing Use**

Use, publication and/or reproduction are subject to Crown Copyright. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.

**Reference Tools**

SAFA 639 (old guide GS 44) consists of a government series description and file listings of textual records.

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

The Saskatchewan Homestead Records are available in Regina and Saskatoon offices.

**Physical Condition**

Records are in good physical condition.

**Conservation Note**

Metal clips and other fasteners were removed. All files have been placed in acid-free folders.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Source of Description**

Content of the series.

**Former Code(s)**

Textual Records: Old guide GS 44 (Ag 11. 2).

**Consulting the Records**

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



**Arrangement Note(s)**

The factors determining the arrangement of these records were not documented in the original description process.

The order of the records was maintained in 2011.

File numbers supplied by the SAB to differentiate these files from the pre-1930 and post-1930 homestead files have been given "AF" for Administrative Files followed by consecutive file number.

**General Note(s)**

Location for retrieval: Regina-Henderson.

**OLD GUIDE**

**GS 44**

**COLLECTION:**

**Ag. 11, series II.**

## II. Department of the Interior, Lands Branch.

(6 boxes, Ledgers)

Because of the multiplicity of file numbers written on these files while in the hands of various offices they have been re-numbered by the Archives, the new numbers being written on the cover in square brackets.

1. Townsite of Wymark, Pt. SE 29-13-13 3rd.
2. Lot 43 North 6th St. West Central Ave. (W.C.A.) South Battleford.
3. Lot 41 South 6th W.C.A. South Battleford.
4. Lots 28 & 29 North 3rd W.C.A. South Battleford.
5. Lot 29 North Side 2nd St. W.C.A. South Battleford.
6. Lot 27 North 3rd W.C.A. South Battleford.
7. Lot 31 North 3rd St. W.C.A. South Battleford.
8. Lots 21 & 22 North Side 3rd Street W.C.A. South Battleford.  
Sale to Wm. Ruminson, Battleford.
9. Lot 29 South Side 1st Street W.C.A.
10. Lots 31-35 South of 5th St.) W.C.A. South Battleford.  
Lots 31-35 North of 6th St.)
11. Lot 45, N. 6th St. W.C.A. South Battleford.
12. Lot 22 N. 2nd St. East of Central Ave. South Battleford.
13. Lot 23 N. 3rd St. W.C.A. South Battleford.
14. Lot 42 South 6th St. W.C.A. South Battleford.
15. Battleford Townsite.
16. 12-2-3rd. Ranch 3689 - J.H. Grayson, 572331 - T & G.
17. NE 31-18-29 W3. Ranch 13622. 615690 - T & G.
18. SE 20-30-16 W2. 589549 - T & G.
19. Twp. 6, Rge. 17 W3. Ranch 19126.
20. W $\frac{1}{2}$  32-11-26 W3. Ranch 3118.
21. E $\frac{1}{2}$  9-53-25 W3. 612722 - T & G.
22. SE 17-53-24 W2. 606471 - T & G.
23. SE 13-43-24 W2. 603139 - T & G.
24. W $\frac{1}{2}$  & SE 21-17-11 W3. 575186 - T & G.
25. J.H. Currie, Supervisor of Relief, Saskatoon.
26. NW 14-41-9 W2. Hudson Bay Junction.
27. NE 2-60-20 W3.
28. SE 3-60-20 W3.
29. SW 30-44-4 W2.
30. NW 30-44-4 W2.
31. NE 3-60-20 W3.
32. SE 5-38-4 W2.
33. NW 11-43-9 W2.
34. NE 27-59-21 W3.
35. NW 27-59-21 W3.
36. SE 12-62-26 W3.
37. NE 11-62-26 W3.
38. SE 27-55-27 W3.
39. NE 26-55-27 W3.
40. NW 26-55-27 W3.
41. SE 6-37-6 W2 - Mr. John Toth.
42. SW 28-59-21 W3.

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43. NW 28-59-21 W3.
  44. SW 34-59-21 W3.
  45. SW 10-43-6 W2.
  46. 114429 Meadow Lake. TB 5040.
  47. 114630 Prince Albert TB 5058. F.K.T.B. 5058.
  48. NW 13-12-15 W3.
  49. 111689 Meadow Lake. TB 4905.
  50. Application to lease W $\frac{1}{2}$  17-12-3 W2.
  51. NW 16-6-6 W2. Rental M.L. & Y. E.J. Riddell.
  52. NE $\frac{1}{4}$  22-7-30 W3. Ranch #4701. Jacob Roth.
  53. Sec. 11-48-16 W3, Sec. 29-47-16 W3, Sec. 29-44-17 W3,  
Sec. 11-45-18 W3.
  54. 35-17-33 W1.
  55. 13-11-30 W1 - Hay leases.
  56. 24-24-1 W2. Secs. 14 & 24, Twp. 24-33 W1 - Hay Leases.
  57. SE $\frac{1}{4}$  3-18-2 W2.
  58. Ranch #12603. 584542 T & G.
  59. James H. McNeil - application for lease - part E $\frac{1}{2}$  5-10-4 W2.
  60. 6-10-4 W2.
  61. S $\frac{1}{2}$  1-15-4 W2.
  62. James McNeil application for lease under consideration W $\frac{1}{2}$  9-10-4 W2.
  63. James McNeil application for lease under consideration NE 7-10-4 W2.
  64. N $\frac{1}{2}$  30-10-4 W2. S $\frac{1}{2}$  31-10-4 W2.
  65. Joseph Burgess wants lease NW 19-10-4 W2.
  66. \$2.00 for Hay Permit on 20-10-4 W2.
  67. SW $\frac{1}{4}$  & W $\frac{1}{2}$  of E $\frac{1}{2}$  19-10-4 W2. Application to lease.
  68. Wants hay permit on Sec. 29-13-30.
  69. Application to lease N $\frac{1}{2}$  15-12-1 W2.
  70. Sec. 21-5-28 W2.
  71. Sec. 7 W $\frac{1}{2}$  6 North of River & S.E. 18-20-16 W3.
  72. 34-10-4 W2.
  73. Railways, Labour & Industry.
  74. NW 27-2-29 W3.
  75. Ledgers.

(1) Letter Book: Dominion Lands Office, Prince Albert,  
1887-1888.

(2) Letter Book: Dominion Lands Office, Moose Jaw, 1916.

Letters from the Agent of Dominion Lands,  
Moose Jaw, to homesteaders and Department of the  
Interior officials concerning seed grain relief,  
inspections and explanations of homestead regulations.

(3) Monthly Diaries: Homestead Inspectors,  
1912-1929. 30 volumes.

These contain details concerning the daily  
work, inspection trips and expenses of homestead  
inspectors.

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- (4) Circular Letters: Instructions to Dominion Land Agents, 1882-1883,
  - (5) Circular Letters: Instructions to Land Agents, 1910-1914.
  - (6) Circular Letters: Instructions to Land Agents, 1914-1916.
  - (7) Circular Letters: Instructions to Land Agents, 1916-1918.
  - (8) Time Sales Register, Battleford, 1886-1911.

**LOCATIONS:** S 70

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Collection Ag. 11.2, Boxes 1 to 3:	2122.5.2
Collection Ag. 11.2, Boxes 4 to 6:	2142.5.1
Collection Ag. 11.2, Boxes 7 to 9:	2142.6.4
Collection Ag. 11.2, Box 10:	2142.7.1