

SAFA 402

**A Guide to the Records of the
Village of Truax fonds
(F 110)**

**Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan
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**SOME OF THE RECORDS
IN THIS FONDS ARE
SUBJECT TO ACCESS
RESTRICTIONS:**

Section 3 – Vital Statistics, 1940-1951

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORD
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board
Authority Record**

**Local Government (LGA 43)
Truax (Sask.), 1912-1970**

About this records creator:

Authorized Heading Truax (Sask.), 1912-1970

Brief Bio./Admin. History The Village of Truax was an urban municipality in Saskatchewan located on the Canadian National Railway line between Moose Jaw and Radville. The village, incorporated on September 9, 1912, reverted to hamlet status on December 31, 1970. By 2002, the remaining residents of the community came under the administrative jurisdiction of the Rural Municipality of Elmsthorpe No. 100.

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History

The Village of Truax, Saskatchewan was an urban municipality incorporated on September 9, 1912. The town was originally to have been named Schuett after Joseph Schuett, one of the first homesteaders in the district, but was named Truax, after Reuben Truax of Ontario, a close friend of Martin Schuett Sr. The Village of Truax was located on the Canadian National Railway line between Moose Jaw and Radville.

The village was governed by an elected council that could hire staff to manage daily administration and maintain municipal services, such as roads, utilities and recreation facilities. The responsibilities of the council included enforcing bylaws; waste management; fire protection; maintaining public utilities, roads and streets; issuing tax and assessment notices, and collecting taxes and other fees.

The Village of Truax was governed originally by an overseer, councilors, and a secretary-treasurer. Later, the governance structure of Saskatchewan villages changed to include a mayor (formerly the overseer), councilors and a secretary-treasurer. In Truax, the first overseer was F.A. Bennett, and the first secretary-treasurer was Joseph Duck. In February 1923, a fire consumed the Municipal Office building in Truax, destroying many of the records for the village.

On December 31, 1970, the Village of Truax reverted to a hamlet and sometime before 2002 the hamlet was dissolved. The residents of the community came under the jurisdiction of Elmsthorpe Rural Municipality No. 100.

Variant Name(s)	Village of Truax
Successor(s)	Hamlet of Truax Rural Municipality of Elmsthorpe No. 100
Rule(s)	Rules for Archival Description (RAD)
Source(s)	Content of the fonds AMICUS Authorities - no entries found Old Guide GR 625

Archival records linked to this records creator:
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS
ARE DESCRIBED AS FONDS**

FONDS DESCRIPTION

**Saskatchewan Archives Board
Records Description**

**F 110
Village of Truax fonds**

About these records:

Unique Identifier	F 110
Title of Records	Village of Truax fonds
Level of Description	Fonds
Descriptive System	Local Government
Dates of Creation	1915-1970
Physical Description	51.7 cm of textual records

Link to Authority The Village of Truax was an urban municipality in Saskatchewan located on the Canadian National Railway line between Moose Jaw and Radville. The village, incorporated on September 9, 1912, reverted to hamlet status on December 31, 1970. By 2002, the remaining residents of the community came under the administrative jurisdiction of the Rural Municipality of Elmsthorpe No. 100.

See: [Truax \(Sask.\), 1912-1970](#)

Custodial History Frank Korvemaker donated these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in two accessions in 1975 and 1999: 657 (R) (October 16, 1975) and R99-270 (September 3, 1999). Korvemaker acquired some of these records in 1975 from Fraser Porter, son of Joseph D. Porter, former councilor, registrar, and secretary-treasurer of the Village of Truax.

Scope and Content This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used by the administrators of the Village of Truax between 1915 to 1970.

The types of records included are council minutes (1923-1959); financial statements (1939-1970); cash books showing receipts (1915-1963) and expenditures (1915-1943); assessment and tax rolls (1922-1964); birth registers (1940-1951); death registers (1941-1948); marriage registers (1940-1950); and correspondence (1955-1962).

	No series have been applied to these records.
Access Restrictions	Some of these records are subject to access restrictions. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Terms Governing Use	Use, publication and/or reproduction of records is subject to Crown Copyright. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
Reference Tools	SAFA 402 (old guide GR 625) consists of a fonds level description and a file level listing of the textual records.
Related Records (Records held by SAB)	Joseph Daniel Porter Papers (old guide GR 284:R-322, R322.1)
Physical Condition	Records are in good physical condition.
Conservation	Conservation practices in place at the time of arrangement were applied to the records in old guide GR 625. Oversize material was removed to appropriate oversize storage.
Accruals	No further accruals are expected. Unprocessed records exist in this fonds. Access to these records is unavailable at this time. Please consult the reference archivist for details.
Source of Description	Content of the fonds.
Former Code(s)	Textual records: Old guide GR 625 (R-322.2)
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

**UNPROCESSED RECORDS
EXIST IN THIS FONDS**

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OLD GUIDE

GR 625

A CHECKLIST OF THE RECORDS OF
TRUAX VILLAGE

Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina
1999

Truax Village

R-322.2

1915-1970

51.7 cm

The village of Truax is located in the Rural Municipality of Elmsthorpe, on the Canadian National Railway, forty-four miles south of Moose Jaw. It was incorporated as a village on September 9, 1912. Built on the south-east corner of section 16-11-22W2, the village developed as a result of the Radville-Moose Jaw railway line. Although originally named Schuett after an early homesteading family, the name was changed to Truax to acknowledge a prominent Ontario businessman and Member of Parliament, Reuben Eldridge Truax, a friend of the Schuett family. The boom era for Truax village occurred between 1911-1920 when numerous businesses and services sprung up in the community. At its height, the population of the village reached 150 people. In December 1970, the municipal status was reduced to a hamlet. In 1999 there are no services left in Truax.

During the late teens and early twenties, the municipal office, village office, Bank of Hamilton, and community fire hall were all housed in one building. This structure burned in February 1923, and most of the early records of the village, rural municipality and school districts were lost.

This accession includes surviving village council minutes, financial records, tax and assessment rolls, registers of birth, marriage, and death, and miscellaneous correspondence concerning village affairs.

The records were collected and maintained by Joseph Daniel Porter, a long-time resident of the village, who served as village councillor, secretary-treasurer, and registrar from the 1930s into the early 1970s. He was also the local Justice of the Peace for a fifty-year period from 1923. Frank Korvemaker of Morinville, Alberta (later of Regina), transferred the accession to the Archives on 16 October 1975. He acquired the papers from Porter's son Fraser of Red Deer, Alberta during a visit to Truax. The records were assigned Accession #657 under the old Saskatchewan Archives accessioning system. This acquisition also included personal papers of J.D. Porter and Oregon School District records. The guide to the accession was originally compiled in 1983 and included both private and public records.

Access: Open for research use, except for Section 3, which includes birth, marriage and death registers. These records are restricted under the terms of the Vital Statistics Act.

TRUAX VILLAGE

I. Village of Truax, 1915-1970	51.7 cm
1. Council Minutes, 1923-1959	6.5 cm
a. 1923-1939	1.4 cm
b. 1939-1944	1.8 cm
c. 1944-1950	1.8 cm
d. 1950-1959	1.5 cm
2. Finances, 1915-1970	39.6 cm
a. Financial Statements, 1939-1970	7 mm
b. Cash Books – Receipts, 1915-1963 Transferred to Oversize Collection, Box 2	6.4 cm
i. 1915-1935	1.6 cm
ii. 1936-1942	8 mm
iii. 1943-1963	4.0 cm
c. Cash Books – Expenditures, 1915-1943 Transferred to Oversize Collection, Box 3	2.3 cm
i. 1915-1935	1.4 cm
ii. 1936-1943	9 mm
d. Assessment and Tax Rolls, 1922-1964	10.4 cm
i. 1922-1924	8 mm
ii. 1925-1930	1.0 cm
iii. 1931-1933	8 mm
iv. 1934-1939	1.3 cm

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| I. | 2. d. v. 1940-1964 | 6.5 cm |
| | e. Tax Sale and Exemption Records, 1920-1933
Transferred to Oversize Collection, Box 4 | 9 mm |
| | 3. Vital Statistics, 1940 –1951 RESTRICTED ACCESS | 1.5 cm |
| | a. Register of Births, 1940-1951 | 5 mm |
| | b. Register of Deaths, 1941-1948 | 5 mm |
| | c. Register of Marriages, 1940-1950 | 5 mm |
| | 4. Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1955-1962 | 4.1 cm |
| | a. Department of Public Health – Medical Care, 1958-1960
Correspondence regarding the R.M. of Elmsthorpe,
No. 100 | 2.2 cm |
| | b. Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, 1960-
1962 | 2 mm |
| | c. Miscellaneous, 1955-1960 | 1.7 cm |

LOCATIONS: F 110

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Amalgamated Collection R-322.2, Box 1:	H-535.6.4
Amalgamated Collection R-322.2, Box 2:	H-260.9.1
Amlg. Collection R-322.2, Boxes 3, 4:	H-261.1.1