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Summary information

Repository:	MacRae Library
Title:	Edith Zillig Sheep Fonds
Title [otherInfo]:	Sheep and Wool Archives
Reference code:	MS-14-22
Date:	1867-2002 (date of creation)
Language:	English
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Edith was born and raised on a farm in the province of Pomerania, Germany. She studied at the Agricultural College of Potsdam, becoming a farm manager in various parts of the country upon completion of her studies.

In 1954, she immigrated to Canada and landed in Cape Breton. The following year she married Gernot Zillig, who had emigrated from Germany earlier. In 1958, the Zilligs moved and settled on their farm at Scotch Village, Nova Scotia. They raised sheep with other livestock, starting with six Suffolk.

During the 1950's and 1960's, Edith and her husband belonged to the provincial sheep farmers' association, which later became the Sheep Producers' Association of Nova Scotia (SPANS) in the 1970's. She became an active promoter of the Nova Scotia sheep industry through their Sheep Fairs from 1973 to 1983 and she served as director of SPANS during the mid-1980's.

Starting in 1981, Edith also served as Western Director of the Nova Scotia Wool Marketing Board until she retired in 1993. In addition, she maintained an interest in the Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association of Nova Scotia, of which her husband served as its first president in 1980.

Since her husband's death in 1992, Edith farmed and raised sheep in Scotch Village, Nova Scotia, with the help of her son Manfred and her daughter Margaret until her death in 2009.

Scope and content

This fonds contains textual material, photographs and realia reacted and collected by Edith Zillig during her involvement in the Nova Scotia sheep industry.

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Accruals

No future accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: Published

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