



## Dalhousie University Archives

### **Finding Aid - Petheric Press fonds (Petheric Press, MS-4-244, SF-10 ; SF-9 ; SF-12)**

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## Petheric Press fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Petheric Press fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	Petheric Press, MS-4-244, SF-10 ; SF-9 ; SF-12
<b>Date:</b>	1971-1981 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	25 cm of textual records
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Petheric Press fonds, MS-4-244, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

McCurdy Printing Co. was a Halifax printing firm operating from about 1906 to 1999. It was established by John Archibald McCurdy and was later taken over by his son, William Hue McCurdy, who assumed the position of president. William McCurdy also established Petheric Press, one of the first small publishing companies in Nova Scotia, which specialized in Nova Scotia historical works and was active from about 1967 to 1984.

McCurdy Printing saw a variety of owners after McCurdy sold the business in the late 1970s. It was first purchased by Doug McCallum and two other entrepreneurs who sold the business again in 1988. The company was then owned by Brunswick Capital Group Ltd. and the Annapolis Basin Group before Newfoundland Capital Corporation Ltd. acquired the company in 1999. In the same year, Newfoundland Capital merged McCurdy with Atlantic Nova Print to form Print Atlantic.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Petheric Press was founded by William Hue McCurdy, a graduate of Dalhousie University and former president and owner of McCurdy Printing Co. Petheric was located in Halifax and was one of the first small publishing companies in Nova Scotia, active from about 1967 to 1984. The press specialized in Nova Scotia history books of non-fiction and in 1971 began publishing *The Nova Scotia Historical Quarterly*, which featured works by Thomas Raddall, W.R. Bird, and Evelyn Richardson, among others.

In 1981 the Public Archives of Nova Scotia (PANS) assumed management of the serial and changed its name to The Nova Scotia Historical Review and its frequency to twice yearly.

## Custodial history

Fonds donated by William Hue McCurdy of Halifax in 1997.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds consists of correspondence relating to manuscripts; manuscripts of books published by Petheric Press; and manuscripts of articles published in the Nova Scotia Historical Quarterly.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Finding aids

Finding aid available onsite.

### Related material

McCurdy Printing Co. Ltd. fonds MS-4-139.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- McCurdy Printing Company.
- Nova Scotia Historical Quarterly.
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Business records (subject)
- Publishers and publishing (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

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## Collection holdings

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### **File: Petheric Press, MS-4-244, OS Box 3, Folder 1 - Artwork from children's book**

Title: Artwork from children's book

Reference code: Petheric Press, MS-4-244, OS Box 3, Folder 1

Date: N.D. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains apparant artwork for a children's book, possibly titled, "...Pepper Makes Me Sneeze..."

Physical description: 6 ill. : col. 19cm x 43cm. 4 ill. : col. 37cm x 26cm

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