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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Roscoe A. Fillmore Memorial Picnic Organizing Committee fonds
Reference code:	MS-10-10
Date:	1978-1994 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	4 cm of textual and graphic records
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Roscoe A. Fillmore Memorial Picnic Organizing Committee fonds, MS-10-10, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Roscoe A. Fillmore Memorial Picnic was established in 1978 to commemorate the life and work of Roscoe A. Fillmore, a well-known socialist and labour activist from Centreville, Nova Scotia. The first picnic was held in July 1978 at the home of Kaye and Charlie Murray in Lower Sackville. It was attended by more than 200 friends and admirers. At the inaugural picnic, Dane Parker read Ken Leslie's poem "There Is A Man Within." The picnics have continued on a semi-annual basis since 1978. The most recent picnic was held on July 10, 2010 at the Charles MacDonald Concrete House Museum in Centreville, Nova Scotia.

Custodial history

Records were donated to the University Archives by individuals involved with the picnic between 1978 and 1990.

Scope and content

Fonds contains materials related to the early picnics organized by the committee, including invitations, announcements and mailing lists, guest books, receipts and recipes, and photographs taken at the picnics.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Related material

See Hope McPhee's notebook from the first Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic (MS-10-9, SF Box 5, Folder 1). See the Roscoe Alfred Fillmore fonds (MS-10-1) for personal archives of Roscoe Fillmore.

Accruals

Further accruals are possible, but not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Fillmore, Roscoe A. (subject)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Labor and laboring classes--Canada (subject)
- Political activists--Canada (subject)
- Socialism--Canada (subject)
- Centreville (N.S.) (place)
- Lower Sackville (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

File: MS-10-10, SF Box 6, Folder 4 - Invitation to the inaugural Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Title: Invitation to the inaugural Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 6, Folder 4

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is an open invitation to "socialists from across Nova Scotia" to mark the occasion of would have been Roscoe Fillmore's 91st birthday.

Physical description: 1 page (1 folder)

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 8 - Invitations to the 2nd and 4th annual Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Title: Invitations to the 2nd and 4th annual Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 8

Date: 1979 - 1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains two open letters of invitation: the 1979 letter is signed by John Bell, Mike Lynk and John Hennigar Shuh, and the 1981 invitation is signed by Doug Meggison on behalf of the organizing committee.

Physical description: 2 pages of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 9 - Invitations to the 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Title: Invitations to the 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 9

Date: 1985-1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes duplicates drafts copies of some invitations.

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 10 - Guest book and list of hosts or organizers of Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics for 1978-1990

Title: Guest book and list of hosts or organizers of Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics for 1978-1990

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 10

Date: 1979 - 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes a notebook used as a guest book for the 1979, 1980 and 1987 picnics, as well as administrative notes for the 1980 and 1981 events; a colour photocopy of a group photograph from the 1986 picnic; and a list of organizers or hosts for the picnics from 1978-1990.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 11 - Food receipts, shopping list and recipes for the 1980 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Title: Food receipts, shopping list and recipes for the 1980 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 11

Date: 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes recipes for fish chowder and a potato salad for 80.

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 12 - Mailing list of invitees to the 1980 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Title: Mailing list of invitees to the 1980 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 12

Date: 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a four-page mailing list for the 1980 picnic, with additions made in 1981.

Physical description: 4 pages of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 13 - Invitation to the proletariat garden party

Title: Invitation to the proletariat garden party

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 8, Folder 13

Date: 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes a note from Jim Overton.

Physical description: 3 pages of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 9, Folder 1 - Invitations to the 3rd, 4th, 10th and 17th annual Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Title: Invitations to the 3rd, 4th, 10th and 17th annual Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 9, Folder 1

Date: 1980 - 1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File also includes a letter from Doug Meggison to Charles Armour and Dal Archives with an invitation to Charles, Jane and others from Dal to join the 1994 picnic.

Physical description: 5 pages of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 9, Folder 2 - Group photographs from the 1998 and 1992 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Title: Group photographs from the 1998 and 1992 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnics

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 9, Folder 2

Date: 1988, 1992 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File also contains two postcards announcing the 1992 picnic; the front of the postcard is a black-and-white copy of a photograph from the 1991 picnic.

Physical description: 4 photographs : col ; 17.5 x 12.5 cm and smaller. - 3 postcards.

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, SF Box 9, Folder 3 - Group photographs from the 1990 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Title: Group photographs from the 1990 Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 9, Folder 3

Date: 1990 - 1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes three copies of a postcard announcement for the 14th annual picnic held July 6, 1991. The front of the postcard is a black-and-white copy of one of the group photographs in the file.

Physical description: 2 photographs : negatives. - 3 postcards. - 4 photographs : col ; 15 x 10 cm

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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File: MS-10-10, PB Box 2, Folders 38-39 - Photographs of the First Annual Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Title: Photographs of the First Annual Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Reference code: MS-10-10, PB Box 2, Folders 38-39

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains photographs that were accompanied by a note indicating that they were taken by Susan Perly at the first annual Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic, held at Charlie and Kay Murray's in July 1978.

Physical description: 31 photographs (2 folders) : col. ; 13 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: MS-10-10, SF Box 6, Folder 5 - Guest book from the inaugural Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Title: Guest book from the inaugural Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic

Reference code: MS-10-10, SF Box 6, Folder 5

Date: July 8, 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a three-page photocopy of a guestbook from the inaugural Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic, held 8 July 1978.

Physical description: 3 pages of textual record : photocopy

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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