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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Wilfred Creighton fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-264
Date:	1854, [19-]-1995 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	16.5 cm of textual records. - 17 post cards. – 21 photographs : b&w and col. ; 21 x 26 cm and smaller.
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], G. Wilfred Creighton fonds, MS-2-264, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

G.W.I. (Wilfrid) Creighton was the last of six children born to Graham and Catherine (Murray) Creighton of Halifax. Born 5 May 1904, he was educated at the Halifax Academy and Dalhousie University (BA, 1927), and went on to study forestry at the University of New Brunswick, the Prussian State Forestry College, the University of Munich, and the Saxon Forestry School in Tharandt.

After graduating from UNB in 1929 Creighton worked in the forestry industry in Quebec and Ontario. From 1931-1934 he studied in Europe, becoming Provincial Forester on his return to Nova Scotia. He was appointed Deputy Minister of the Department of Lands and Forests in 1949 and remained in the position until his retirement in 1969.

Creighton was active in a number of organizations, including the Canadian Institute of Forestry, the Canadian Forestry Association, and the Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia. He was awarded honorary degrees by UNB in 1953 and Dalhousie in 2004. The Forest Environment Centre at Shubenacadie Wildlife Park was named in his honour.

Creighton married Dorothy Helen Remillard in 1940, with whom he had three children. He died 17 August 2008 in Halifax, aged 104.

Custodial history

Fonds donated by Wilfrid Creighton in six accessions from 1979-1997.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of materials created and accumulated by Wilfrid Creighton, including correspondence, articles, manuscripts, financial and legal documents, minutes, photographs and a variety of personal papers and memorabilia. Materials relate to Creighton's education, career and long-time interest in forestry, but also include some materials relating to family history.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

Records containing personal information are closed.

Conditions governing use

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Related material

For correspondence from Wilfred Creighton to his family while he studied forestry in Germany (1931-1934), as well as the papers of his parents and siblings, see the Catherine Creighton and Family fonds (MS-2-656). Edith Creighton's scrapbooks in MS-2-656 contain numerous clippings pertaining to Wilfrid Creighton's career and community activity.

Papers at Dalhousie pertaining to Dr. Florence J. Murray can be found in the Robert Murray and Family fonds, MS-2-535.

The Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA, also holds some correspondence from Florence J. Murray.

Relevant materials may be found in the fonds of other members of the Creighton family, including the Norman Creighton fonds (MS-2-689) and the Alan Creighton fonds (MS-2-701).

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Canada--Politics and government (subject)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Forests and forestry (subject)
- Manuscripts (subject)
- Memorabilia (subject)
- Minutes and proceedings (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Photographs (subject)
- Postcards (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

Series: Correspondence of Wilfred Creighton

Title: Correspondence of Wilfred Creighton

Date: 1916-1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence received by Creighton from family, friends and work associates. There is some outgoing correspondence. The bulk of correspondence is forestry-related. Series is arranged alphabetically by author except bound retirement testimonial letters and correspondence relating to the publication of "Challenges and Response: A History of Wildlife and Wildlife Management in Nova Scotia" by Donald Dodds. Some correspondence is in German.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records. - 15 post cards. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 6 cm

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 13 - Andrews, G. Smedley

Title: Andrews, G. Smedley

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 13

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 1 - Benson, Denis A.

Title: Benson, Denis A.

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1995 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 17 - Blakeley, Phyllis R. Public Archives of Nova Scotia

Title: Blakeley, Phyllis R. Public Archives of Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 17

Date: 1984 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 2 - Canadian Society of Forest Engineers

Title: Canadian Society of Forest Engineers

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: 1930 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 28 - Correspondence related to "Challenge and Response: A History of Wildlife and Wildlife Management in Nova Scotia."

Title: Correspondence related to "Challenge and Response: A History of Wildlife and Wildlife Management in Nova Scotia."

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 28

Date: 1993-1995 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 29 - Creighton, Beth

Title: Creighton, Beth

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 29

Date: [after 1934] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 7 - Creighton, Catherine

Title: Creighton, Catherine

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: 1925 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes 1 post card.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 4 - Creighton, Edith

Title: Creighton, Edith

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1926 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of 1 post card.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 5 - Creighton, Frieda

Title: Creighton, Frieda

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1924-1926 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of 2 post cards.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 6 - Creighton, Graham

Title: Creighton, Graham

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1936 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes 1 post card.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 8 - Creighton, Howard

Title: Creighton, Howard

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 8

Date: 1916-1917 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes 1 post card.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 9 - Creighton, Lois

Title: Creighton, Lois

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 9

Date: 1924-1926 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of 7 post cards.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 18 - Finlayson, J.N. University of British Columbia

Title: Finlayson, J.N. University of British Columbia

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 18

Date: 1939 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 11 - Hockey and Tennis Club "Blue and White" Inc. Clubhouse

Title: Hockey and Tennis Club "Blue and White" Inc. Clubhouse

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 11

Date: 1933 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Title taken from English translation of correspondence in file. Original German title: "Hockey -u. Tennis - Club Blau - WeiB e.V."- File includes original correspondence in German with English translation.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 27 - Klepp, Tille

Title: Klepp, Tille

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 27

Date: 1933 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of 1 post card.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 15 - Leefe, John G. Minister of Natural Resources

Title: Leefe, John G. Minister of Natural Resources

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 15

Date: 1993 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 24 - MacLellan, Russell. Premier of Nova Scotia

Title: MacLellan, Russell. Premier of Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 24

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 10 - McCurdy, Jarvis

Title: McCurdy, Jarvis

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 10

Date: 1986 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 25 - McDonald, W.G. (Billy Pat)

Title: McDonald, W.G. (Billy Pat)

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 25

Date: 1954 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 16 - Nova Scotia Primary Forest Products Marketing Board

Title: Nova Scotia Primary Forest Products Marketing Board

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 16

Date: 1990 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 1 - Nova Scotia. Executive Council

Title: Nova Scotia. Executive Council

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: 1949 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 14 - Rusty

Title: Rusty

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 14

Date: [195-] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Rusty may be John Marsh.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 26 - Schneider, Erich

Title: Schneider, Erich

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 26

Date: 1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Text in German.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 19 - Stechow, E.

Title: Stechow, E.

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 19

Date: 1933 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Text in German. - Includes 1 post card and 1 newspaper clipping.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 20 - Stirling, Lilla

Title: Stirling, Lilla

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 20

Date: 1974-1975 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 3 - Testimonial letters presented upon retirement

Title: Testimonial letters presented upon retirement

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Includes 2 black and white photographs of GWI Creighton, 9 x 6 cm.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 21 - Wright, N.P.

Title: Wright, N.P.

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 21

Date: 1934 (date of creation)

Series: Manuscripts and publications

Title: Manuscripts and publications

Date: 1917-1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of articles, addresses, and publications created and/or accumulated by GWI Creighton. Materials in this series primarily relate to forestry but some works pertain to family history. Series arranged alphabetically by title. Series contains some materials in German.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 4 - Address to Shelburne Co. Fish and Game Association: Hunting in Nova Scotia

Title: Address to Shelburne Co. Fish and Game Association: Hunting in Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: 1956 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 45 - Am FuBdes Drachenhugels / Florence J. Murray

Title: Am FuBdes Drachenhugels / Florence J. Murray

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 45

Date: 1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

English title of book: At the Foot of Dragon Hill. German text.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 35 - An open letter to Doctor Donald Dodds, author of the book "Challenge and Response ..."

Title: An open letter to Doctor Donald Dodds, author of the book "Challenge and Response ..."

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 35

Date: 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

An Open Letter to Doctor Donald Dodds, author of the book "Challenge and Response" which is sold in the Government Bookstore Halifax, Nova Scotia, from G. Wilfrid I. Creighton former Deputy Minister Department of Lands and Forests Halifax, Nova Scotia.

File: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 5 - Fire protection in Nova Scotia

Title: Fire protection in Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: [1943?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Date note: [1943 or 1944]

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 37 - General Von Bissing's testament : a study in German ideals

Title: General Von Bissing's testament : a study in German ideals

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 37

Date: [after 1917] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Publishing information: London : T. Fisher Unwin

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 43 - Introduction to a report by Benson and Dodds

Title: Introduction to a report by Benson and Dodds

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 43

Date: 1975 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 42 - Land ownership in Nova Scotia

Title: Land ownership in Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 42

Date: 1974 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 41 - The makings of a surveyor general

Title: The makings of a surveyor general

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 41

Date: 1989 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 31 - The Murray family

Title: The Murray family

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 31

Date: 1934 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 38 - The Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests

Title: The Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 38

Date: 1982 (date of creation)

Series: Personal papers and memorabilia

Title: Personal papers and memorabilia

Date: 1854-1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of minutes, correspondence and financial/legal documents related to the estate of cousin Florence Murray, academic grade books from Creighton's studies in Germany, newspaper clippings, poetry, post cards and family history records. Files are arranged alphabetically by title. Some materials are in German.

Physical description: 3.5 cm of textual records. - 2 post cards. - 1 photograph : b & w ; 5 x 4 cm

Restrictions on access:

File 1-22 contains personal information and is closed.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 23 - "Dream" by Catherine Creighton

Title: "Dream" by Catherine Creighton

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 23

Date: [19-] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 46 - Coffee for Canada blood in Angola

Title: Coffee for Canada blood in Angola

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 46

Date: [19-] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 48 - Scrapbook

Title: Scrapbook

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 48

Date: [19-] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 3 - Poetry by J.E.R.

Title: Poetry by J.E.R.

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: [19-] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 7 - The Grays of Skibo

Title: The Grays of Skibo

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: [19-] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 36 - Munich program

Title: Munich program

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 36

Date: [193-] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Text in German.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 40 - Obituary of Howard Creighton

Title: Obituary of Howard Creighton

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 40

Date: [1978] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 47 - Postcards of Halifax

Title: Postcards of Halifax

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 47

Date: [after 1917] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of 2 post cards.

File: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 6 - Land deed of Alexander Blackie

Title: Land deed of Alexander Blackie

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: 1854 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 33 - Univerfitat Munchen, Studienbuch

Title: Univerfitat Munchen, Studienbuch

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 33

Date: 1931-1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Text in German.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 12 - Studienfahry der Forstlichen Hochschule

Title: Studienfahry der Forstlichen Hochschule

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 12

Date: 1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Text in German.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 34 - Forstliche Hochschule Eberwalde, Belegbuch

Title: Forstliche Hochschule Eberwalde, Belegbuch

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 34

Date: 1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Text in German.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 22 - German passport

Title: German passport

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 22

Date: 1933 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Text in German. - Includes 1 black and white photograph of GWI Creighton, 5 x 4 cm.

Restrictions on access:

File contains personal information and is closed.

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 30 - Reminiscences of Graham Creighton

Title: Reminiscences of Graham Creighton

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 30

Date: 1935 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 32 - Newspaper clipping regarding panther sightings

Title: Newspaper clipping regarding panther sightings

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 32

Date: 1954 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 2 - Florence Murray estate papers

Title: Florence Murray estate papers

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: 1970-1977 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 39 - Clipping profiling Gerry Andrews

Title: Clipping profiling Gerry Andrews

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 39

Date: 1979 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 44 - Minutes of Dalhousie class of 1926 meeting regarding 65th anniversary

Title: Minutes of Dalhousie class of 1926 meeting regarding 65th anniversary

Reference code: MS-2-264, Box 1, Folder 44

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Series: Wilfred Creighton photographs

Title: Wilfred Creighton photographs

Date: 1933-1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of photographs created or collected by Creighton. Most photographs are related to logging and forestry in Nova Scotia between 1934-1944, but there are also photographs of Creighton and other forestry students in Europe; Creighton presenting a copy of his book to Gerry Andrews; and a photograph of the Dalhousie class of 1926 reunion in 1976. Photographs in this series have been removed to PC-2.

Physical description: 18 photographs : b&w and col. ; 21x26 cm and smaller

File: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 17, Folder 8 - Creighton, (Wilfrid) G.W.I. with Syed Anwar Ali

Title: Creighton, (Wilfrid) G.W.I. with Syed Anwar Ali

Reference code: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 17, Folder 8

Date: 1930 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

1 photograph : b&w ; 9x11 cm

File: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 17, Folder 9 - Group photograph taken in Bohemia with Tharandt classmates, professors, and foresters

Title: Group photograph taken in Bohemia with Tharandt classmates, professors, and foresters

Reference code: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 17, Folder 9

Date: 1933 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

1 photograph : b&w ; 16x21 cm

File: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 10, Folder 58 - Logging in Nova Scotia

Title: Logging in Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 10, Folder 58

Date: 1934-1944 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

12 photographs : b&w ; 10x7 cm and smaller

File: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 10, Folder 57 - Dalhousie University class of 1926, 50th reunion

Title: Dalhousie University class of 1926, 50th reunion

Reference code: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 10, Folder 57

Date: 1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

1 photograph : b&w

File: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 10, Folder 59 - Creighton, GWI presenting book to Gerry Andrews

Title: Creighton, GWI presenting book to Gerry Andrews

Reference code: MS-2-264, PC2 Box 10, Folder 59

Date: 1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

1 photograph : col.
