

Finding Aid - Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds (PR1132)

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Summary information

Title:	Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds
Reference code:	PR1132
Date:	1911-1965 (creation)
Physical description:	1.36 m of textual records. -- 1 photograph.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Farmers' Union of Alberta was established on January 14, 1949 when the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union amalgamated. It ceased to exist in January 1970 when it amalgamated with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture; the new organization was known as Unifarm.

Members of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union held a joint meeting in January 1949 to finalize the details of the new organization they were about to form. The new organization, the Farmers' Union of Alberta (FUA), was to be non-partisan, and the constitution proposed their objectives as being: to advance the interests of farmers and farmers' co-operative organizations; to coordinate the efforts of the various branches of agriculture to promote their common interests through collective action; to promote and secure necessary and just legislation; to achieve a relationship of price which would ensure agriculture its fair share of national income; to contribute to a high standard of living for all citizens by promoting the highest production over a long period commensurate with sound agricultural practices; to promote social interaction, a higher standard of community life and the study of economic and social questions relating to agriculture and democratic citizenship; and to promote the fullest possible use of credit unions. The Farmers' Union of Alberta was incorporated under the Societies Act (R.S.A. 1942, chapter 245) on July 6, 1949, with the objective of advancing the interests of farmers and farmers' co-operative organizations.

Plans to amalgamate with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture had been proposed as early as 1952. In 1964, members of the FUA resolved to enter into plans and negotiations aimed at achieving a more efficient and unified farm organization. Two possible options were to amalgamate either with the National Farmers' Union (NFU) or with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture (AFA). In 1968 under the new leadership of Roy Atkinson, the NFU's objectives and direction changed, and many FUA members were uncomfortable with the refocused organization. When the restructured National Farmers' Union held its founding convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba in July 1969, the FUA did not pass the necessary resolution to join, the only provincial organization to do so. Subsequently, the FUA and the AFA drafted a constitution in 1969. At the December 9, 1969 meeting of the FUA, delegates were presented with two options: to dissolve and accept the NFU constitution, or to amalgamate with the AFA; of the 11,178 registered delegates, 946 voted against the NFU proposal, and 947 in favour of amalgamation with AFA. The Farmers' Union of Alberta was created on January 14, 1949 when the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union amalgamated. These two groups had attempted to amalgamate for a number of years. The United Farmers of Alberta had also considered amalgamation with the Alberta Federation

of Agriculture; an amalgamation with the AFA finally occurred in 1970 when it merged with the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

The Farmers' Union of Alberta amalgamated in January 1970 with Alberta Federation of Agriculture. The new organization that resulted was Unifarm. Unifarm was reorganized as the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers in 1996. Farm Women's Union of Alberta worked in parallel to the FUA. The FWUA had a certain degree of autonomy, and had its own executive. Also working in parallel was the Junior FUA. Like the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union, the FUA was comprised of a number of locals throughout the province. Many of these locals were a continuation of those from the previous farm organizations. Unlike the UFA locals, a large component of which had been its social activities, the FUA locals were more concerned with policy development at the larger district and regional organizations. Presidents of the Farmers' Union of Alberta: Carl Stimpfle, 1949-1950; Henry Young, 1950-1955; Arnold Platt, 1955-1958; Ed Nelson, 1958-1963; Paul Babey, 1963-1970

Scope and content

The fonds consists of the records of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, and includes the following sous-fonds: Asker Local. No. 904 sous-fonds, Bellis Local No. 409 sous-fonds, District No. 6 (Lamont) Association sous-fonds and Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds; and one series, "The Voice of Agriculture" records, which consists of transcripts of radio broadcasts from 1958 to 1965, hosted by W.J. (Bill) Harper.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the content of the records.

Immediate source of acquisition

W.J. Harper (PR1977.0151) deposited the records in the Provincial Archives of Alberta in 1977.

Restrictions on access

Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use

Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids

Inventory is available.

Related material

Also see the United Farmers of Alberta fonds, the Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds and the Wild Rose Agricultural Producers fonds at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Also see the Farmers' Union of Alberta, Blindman Valley Local No. 1047 fonds, the Farmers' Union of Alberta, Burnt Lake Local No. 1004 fonds and the Farmers' Union of Alberta, District 10, Sub-District No. 5 fonds at the Red Deer and District Archives in Red Deer, Alberta; and the Herbert Nichols fonds, the

Farmers' Union of Alberta, Conrich Junior FUA fonds, the Farmers' Union of Alberta, Sunniebend Local fonds and the United Farmers of Alberta fonds at the Glenbow Archives in Calgary, Alberta.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Note [General]

Information for the administrative history is from the following books that can be found in the Provincial Archives of Alberta Reference Library: Furrow, Faith and Fellowship, 630.6 P933, and Unifarm: A Story of Conflict & Change, 630.607123 J378.

Note [General]

Includes accessions PR1977.0151 and PR2008.0005.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Labour unions (subject)
- Agriculture -- Societies, etc. (subject)
- Agriculture -- Workers (subject)
- Cooperative societies (subject)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
PR2008.0005/6	File - Farmers' Union of Alberta Membership Receipt Book	1954	
PR2008.0005/12	File - Farmers' Union of Alberta Fourth Annual Convention December 8-12	1952	
PR2008.0005/7	File - UFA Local 102 Clodford Minute Book	1939	
PR2008.0005/8	File - UFA Local 102 Clodford Minute Book	1946-1949	
PR2008.0005/9	File - UFA Local 102 Clodford Cash Book	1939-1949	
PR2008.0005/10	File - Constitution and By-Laws of Farmers' Union of Alberta	1949	
PR2008.0005/11	File - Farmers' Union of Alberta Third Annual Convention December 10-14	1951	

PR2008.0005/2	File - United Farmers of Alberta Membership Roll, Cashbook and Minute Book of Waskatenau	1922
PR2008.0005/3	File - United Farmers of Alberta Membership Roll, Cashbook and Minute Book of Waskatenau	1924
PR2008.0005/5	File - House of Commons Debates	1947
PR2008.0005/13	File - Farmers' Union of Alberta Fifth Annual Convention December 5-9	1955
PR2008.0005/14	File - The Organized Farmer (Newsletter)	1960
PR2008.0005/15	File - Farmers' Union of Alberta Bank Book	1948-1954
PR2008.0005/1	File - United Farmers of Alberta Membership Roll, Cashbook and Minute Book of Waskatenau	1919
PR2008.0005/4	File - United Farmers of Alberta Membership Roll, Cashbook and Minute Book of Waskatenau	1932

Subfonds PR1132.004SF: District No. 6 (Lamont) Association sous-fonds

Creator: Farmers' Union of Alberta. District No. 6 (Lamont) Association

Date: 1951-1965 (creation)

Scope and content: Fonds consists of minutes for June 16, 1951, annual convention reports, and blank letterhead.

Physical description: 0.01 m of textual records

Note [General]: The records of the District No. 6 (Lamont) sous-fonds were deposited at the same time and in the same accession as records belonging to the following unrelated fonds: Nemirsky family fonds; Elk Island Park Museum Committee fonds; 4 Point Trucking Co-operative Association Limited fonds; Local Improvement District No. 28-N-4 fonds; Plechosky and Nemirsky Company fonds; Russo Greek Catholic Orthodox Congregation of Holy Trinity Church fonds; Peno Rural Electrification Association Limited fonds; St. Michael UFA Co-operative Local fonds; Wostok Post Office fonds; Wostok School District No. 528 fonds. The information for the administrative history was taken from the records.

Arrangement: Arrangement note: Any records not explicitly recognizable as belonging to any one of the multiple fonds that were deposited in this accession have been included in the Nemirsky family fonds.

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: File list is available.

Related material: Records pertaining to Tom Nemirsky can be found in the Nemirsky family fonds.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

Subfonds PR1132.003SF PR1132.002SF PR1131.002SF: Bellis Local No. 409 sous-fondsCreator: Farmers' Union of Alberta. Bellis Local No. 409Date: 1947-1969 (creation)Scope and content: The sous-fonds consists of textual records related to the administration of Bellis Local No. 30 of the Alberta Farmers' Union and No. 409 of the Farmer's Union of Alberta and dating from 1947-1970. The sous-fonds consists of a minute book and financial ledger covering the complete period of the Local's operation and correspondence and membership documents for 1968-1970.Physical description: 0.06 m of textual recordsNote [General]: Information for the administrative history is from the records.Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: NoneConditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.Finding aids: File list is available.Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
PR2004.0687/1	File - Bellis Local 30 - Correspondence	1968-69	
PR2004.0687/2	File - Bellis Local 30 - Minute Book	1947-69	
PR2004.0687/3	File - Bellis Local 30 - Financial Record Book	1947-69	

Subfonds PR1132.002SF: Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fondsCreator: Farm Women's Union of AlbertaDate: 1949-1970 (creation)Scope and content: The sous-fonds consist of the records of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta and includes the following sous-sous-fonds: Asker Local No. 902 sous-sous-fonds, County of Red Deer F.W.U.A sous-sous-fonds, Hillside Local No. 906 sous-sous-fonds, Horn Hill Local No. 1011 sous-sous-fonds, and West High River Local No. 1211 sous-sous-fonds. The sous-fonds also includes one series, Executive records, belonging to Winifred Ross, which includes minutes, correspondence, agendas, newsletters and newspaper clippings.Physical description: 0.96 m of textual recordsNote [General]: Information for the administrative history is from the following books which are located in the Provincial Archives of Alberta Reference Library: Thirty Years of Progress: History of

United Farm Women of Alberta, 367.97123 C245, The History of Organized Farm Women of Alberta, 367.97123 C245h, Politics, Pitchforks and Pickle Jars: 75 Years of Organized Farm Women in Alberta, 367.97123 L36, Furrow, Faith and Fellowship, 630.6 P933 and Unifarm: A Story of Conflict & Change, 630.607123 J378. Included in accession PR1971.420 are records belonging to the United Farmers Alberta fonds, U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Independent Political Association of the Strathcona Federal Constituency sous-sous-fonds and the Winifred Ross fonds. Included in accession PR1977.113 are records belonging to the United Farm Women of Alberta fonds, Junior United Farmers of Alberta sous-fonds, the Hillside Local No. 906 sous-sous-fonds of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds, the Winifred Ross fonds, the

Forms part of: Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds

Access points:

- Women -- Societies and clubs (subject)

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: File list is available.

Related material: See also the United Farm Women of Alberta sous-fonds at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
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Sous-sous-fonds PR1132.002SF.002SSF: County of Red Deer F.W.U.A. sous- sous-fonds

Creator: Farm Women's Union of Alberta. County of Red Deer F.W.U.A

Date: 1963-1969 (creation)

Scope and content: The sous-sous-fonds consists of the records of the County of Red Deer F.W.U.A, and includes the membership roll, cash book, and minute book of the local union.

Physical description: 0.02 m of textual records

Note [General] : Information for the administrative history is from the records. This fonds was donated at the same time, and in the same accession as the following unrelated fonds: the Horn Hill Local No.1011 sous-sous-fonds (which includes records for Horn Hill Local No.209), which is part of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds.

Forms part of: Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds. Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds

Access points:

- Women -- Societies and clubs (subject)

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: File list is available.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
PR1977.0282/5	File - Minute book, County of Red Deer FWUA	1963-1969	

Sous-sous-fonds PR1132.002SF.003SSF: Hillside Local No. 906 sous-sous-fonds

Creator: Farm Women's Union of Alberta. Hillside Local No. 906

Date: 1949-1970 (creation)

Scope and content: The sous-sous-fonds consists of the secretary's records of the Hillside Local of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, and includes the correspondence along with minutes, notices, newsletters, and programs of the local union.

Physical description: 0.51 m of textual records.

Note [General] : Information for the administrative history is from the records and from Tales and Trails of Millet, which can be located in the Provincial Archives of Alberta Reference Library, 971.233 M619t PAA. Included in accession PR1977.0113 are records belonging to the United Farm Women of Alberta sous-fonds, Junior Branch of the U.F.A. sous-fonds, Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds, the Winifred Ross fonds, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture fonds, the Millet Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society fonds, the Millet Home and School Association fonds and the Jeane Thompson fonds. Forms part of: Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds. Farm Women's Union of Alberta fonds

Access points:

- Women -- Societies and clubs (subject)

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: Inventory is available.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

Sous-sous-fonds PR1132.002SF.005SSF: West High River Local No. 1211 sous-sous-fonds

Creator: Farm Women's Union of Alberta. West High River Local No. 1211

Date: 1940-1965 (creation)

Scope and content: The sous-sous-fonds consists of the records of the West High River Local of the United Farm Women of Alberta, and later the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, and includes accounting records, minutes, membership lists, of the local union, a copy of Eva Carter's "The History of Organized Farm Women of Alberta, convention programs and reports, and the Secretary's report of the Longview Community Club (1943).

Physical description: 0.09 m of textual records

Note [General] : Information for the administrative history is from the records. This fonds was donated at the same time, and in the same accession as the following unrelated fonds: the United Farmers of Alberta fonds (Longview Local No. 393 sous-fonds), and the United Farm Women of Alberta sous-fonds (Windy Hill Local No. 108 sous-sous-fonds), the Skye Glen School District No. 1337 fonds, the Windy Hill School District No. 3326 fonds, the Longview Mutual Telephone Company fonds, the Jean Morrison fonds, the Longview Grandmother's Tea fonds and a discrete item, Flora Bischoff personal reminiscence. Forms part of: Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds. Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds

Access points:

- Women -- Societies and clubs (subject)

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: File list is available.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

Sous-sous-fonds PR1132.002SF.004SSF: Horn Hill Local No.1011 sous-sous-fonds

Creator: Farm Women's Union of Alberta. Horn Hill Local No. 1011

Date: 1929-1965 (creation)

Scope and content: The sous-sous-fonds consists of the records of the Horn Hill Local of the United Farm Women of Alberta and the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, and includes the membership roll, cash book, and minute book of the local union.

Physical description: 0.07 m of textual records

Note [General] : Information for the administrative history is from the records. This fonds was donated at the same time, and in the same accession as the following unrelated fonds: the County of Red Deer F.W.U.A sous-sous-fonds, which is part of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds. Forms part of: Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds. Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds

Access points:

- Women -- Societies and clubs (subject)

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: File list is available.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
PR1977.0282/1	File - Minute books of local 209, 1929-1966 and of Country of Red Deer F.W.U.A., 1963-1	1929-1937	
PR1977.0282/2	File - Minute books of Local 209 (Horn Hill)	1942-1946	
PR1977.0282/4	File - Minute books of Horn Hill FWUA	1955-1965	
PR1977.0282/3	File - Minute books of Horn Hill UFWA	1946-1955	

Sous-sous-fonds PR1132.002SF.001SSF: Asker Local No. 902 sous-sous-fonds

Creator: Farm Women's Union of Alberta. Asker Local No. 902

Date: 1919-1964 (creation)

Scope and content: The sous-sous-fonds consists of the records of the Asker Local of the United Farm Women of Alberta and later the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, and includes the minutes and a cash book of the local union.

Physical description: 0.07 m of textual records

Note [General]: Information for the administrative history is from the records. Blanche Hoybak also deposited records for the Asker Ladies Aid in PR1983.046. Ken Kjenner also deposited the records for the Asker Local No. 904 of the Farmers' Union of Alberta in PR1983.046.

Forms part of: Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds. Farm Women's Union of Alberta sous-fonds

Access points:

- Women -- Societies and clubs (subject)

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: File lists are available.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
PR1983.0046/4	File - Asker U.F.W.A. Minute Book	1958-64	

PR1983.0046/1	File - Asker U.F.W.A. Minute Book	1919
PR1983.0046/3	File - Asker U.F.W.A. Minute Book	1936-53
PR1983.0046/2	File - Asker U.F.W.A. Minute Book	1920-28
PR2001.1184/1	File - Cash Book - United Farm Women of Alberta Asker Local No. 49	1916-66

Subfonds PR1132.001SF: Asker Local No. 904 sous-fonds

Creator: Farmers' Union of Alberta. Asker Local No. 904

Date: 1911-1955 (creation)

Scope and content: The sous-fonds consists of the records of the Asker Local of the United Farmers of Alberta and later the Farmers' Union of Alberta, and includes the membership roll, cash book, and minute book of the local union.

Physical description: 0.07 m of textual records

Note [General] : Information for the administrative history is from the records. Ken Kjenner also deposited records for the Asker United Farm Women of Alberta in accession PR2001.1184.

Forms part of: Farmers' Union of Alberta fonds

Restrictions on access: Access Conditions: None

Conditions governing use: Use Conditions: Permission for use required. Subject to the Copyright Act.

Finding aids: File lists are available.

Accruals: Further accruals are not expected.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
PR1983.0045/1	File - Minute Book Asker Union No.233 U.F.A.	1914-18	
PR1983.0045/5	File - Asker Union No.233 U.F.A. Membership Roll, Cash Book and Minute Book	1940-47	
PR1983.0045/2	File - Asker Union No.233 U.F.A. Membership Roll, Cash Book and Minute Book	1918-21	
PR1983.0045/3	File - Asker Union No.233 U.F.A. Membership Roll, Cash Book and Minute Book	1922-29	
PR1983.0045/4	File - Asker Union No.233 U.F.A. Membership Roll, Cash Book and Minute Book	1926-32	

PR1983.0045/6	File - Asker Union No.233 U.F.A. Membership Roll, Cash Book and Minute Book	1948-5?
PR2001.1184/3	File - United Farmers of Alberta Minute Book of Asker Local No. 233	1933-39
PR2001.1184/2	File - United Farmers of Alberta Minute Book of Asker Local No. 233	1911-14