

Norman Hacking fonds [textual records, graphic materials]

SUPPLIED TITLE NOTE

Title based on provenance of fonds.

FONDS NUMBER

VMM19

DATE(S)

1919-1997

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

2.9 m of textual records, 215 photographs

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Norman Rupert Hacking was born on February 12, 1912 to Fred Lois and Florence Beatrice Hacking. Norman was the younger brother of Lieut. Colonel Harold Eldridge Hacking. His career as a journalist began at an early age when he started collecting scrapbooks filled with images and articles about the maritime industry. Norman grew up in Vancouver and in 1925 attended one year of high school in Melbourne, Australia. He returned to Vancouver and completed his secondary education at Prince of Wales High School in 1928. Norman attended the University of British Columbia where he graduated with a B.A. in History, with First Class Honours in 1934. While attending UBC, Norman was the editor of *The Ubysey* in 1934. Norman's graduating thesis was titled "The Early Marine History of British Columbia."

Norman began his career with the Vancouver Daily Province as a Campus Correspondent while in his last year at the University of British Columbia. After graduation, he moved to the newsroom where he began writing columns about Vancouver's marine community. During World War II, Norman took a leave from the newspaper and served with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve. He was stationed in the North Atlantic from 1941 to 1945 where he served on corvettes and minesweepers. By the end of his service, he had attained the rank of First Lieutenant. After the war, he returned to writing for the Province and became the Marine Editor, a position he held for 30 years from 1947-1977. His column, titled "Ship and Shore" covered all aspects of British Columbia's dynamic and growing marine shipping community. In 1953 Norman began regularly contributing articles to *Harbour and Shipping*, a local magazine about Vancouver's maritime activities. In 1978, shortly after retiring from the Province, Norman resumed his writing in *Harbour and Shipping* where he wrote a monthly column (also) titled "Ship and Shore." Norman wrote this column until just weeks before his death on September 18, 1997.

Norman lived an energetic life, travelling around the world and pursuing his love of all things maritime. He travelled to Europe many times and led an active life on the water. He sailed from Gibraltar to the West Indies as a crew member on a small schooner, and in 1966, Norman sailed on a 27-foot engineless ketch from Hawaii to Victoria, British Columbia. Norman was a deeply-respected member of Vancouver's maritime community. He was an active supporter of the Vancouver Maritime Museum and was an influential member on its Collections Committee. Norman was instrumental in the acquisition of numerous pieces, including some of the major and valuable artifacts at the museum.

Norman received public recognition for a number of his endeavours within and for the marine industry in British Columbia. In 1974 he received the Honorary Commodore Award from the Port of Vancouver and in 1979, was awarded the Medal of Merit from the Canadian Port and Harbour Association for his marine writing. Norman was also honoured as a Lifetime Member of the Marine Technology Society.

Norman expanded his love of journalism by writing and publishing a number of books. His thesis, *Early Maritime History of British Columbia*, was formally published in 1934 and is still used as a standard reference work in the B.C. Archives. Other published books by Norman Hacking include:

- *Annals of the Royal Yacht Club* (1965)
- *Princess Story: A Century and a Half of West Coast Shipping* (1974) In collaboration with W. Kaye Lamb
- *The Two Barney's: A Nostalgic Memoir About the Two Great British Columbia Seamen* (1984)
- *Capt. William Moore: BC Amazing Frontiersman* (1993)
- *The Princess of the North* (1994)
- *The Princess Story: A Century and a Half of West Coast Shipping*, 2nd ed. (1994)
- *Prince Ships of Northern B.C.: Ships of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian National Railways* (1995)

An auto-biography written by Norman entitled *Hacking Aweigh* exists in an unpublished form. During his career, Norman also worked actively as an editor for other marine historians.

SCOPE & CONTENT

The fonds consists of records created by Norman Hacking during his private life and public life as a writer. The majority of the fonds are textual records, but there are some photographs that document his childhood, family members and friends, and marine vessels. Included in the fonds are a number of Norman's daily journals and a series of correspondences that record his activities and relationships with family and friends while stationed overseas during World War II. There are theatre pamphlets and other travel ephemera that reflect Norman's travels throughout Europe and there are records relating to research into the Hacking family history. Also included in the fonds are research notebooks, scrapbooks, and ephemera relating to B.C. history and the maritime history of Vancouver, newspaper articles from the Vancouver Daily Province, and unpublished drafts of manuscripts and short stories.

ARRANGEMENT

Records removed from the Norman Hacking estate were arbitrarily boxed and brought to the museum where their arrangement and description took place. An initial box inventory was created by Bob Cuthbert, a Vancouver Maritime Museum Volunteer, during July and August in 1998. The fonds has since been arranged by function as there was no sense of the creator's original order from the initial appraisal of the materials. In cases where the creator's original order existed clearly within the defined series, all efforts were made to preserve it.

LANGUAGES

English

RELATED MATERIALS

In addition to his papers, a large quantity of periodicals from Norman Hacking's estate were acquired by the Vancouver Maritime Museum. A box-list inventory was made of all the journals and magazines when they first arrived at the museum. Original magazines and specific issues that the museum did not have were culled from the accession, catalogued, and integrated into the museum's library holdings. Duplicate journals that were already in the museum's collection were sold or given away. A number of marine related books were also acquired from the Norman Hacking estate. Original books were kept and integrated into the Vancouver Maritime Museum library holdings while duplicate publications were sold.

A number of photographs were found loose within the fonds. They were labelled as "Norman Hacking Collection" and integrated into the existing VMM photograph collection and include:

- *Casco*, "From Derelict Sailing Fleet Three Ships Reconditioned"
- *Casco*, "Ship of Drama" as she served Sea Scouts, W.W. I
- *Casco*, sailing on last voyage, June 1919
- *Casco*, circa 1899
- *Casco* in Coal Harbour, Vancouver, B.C. 1913
- *Melanope*, photo of brass name plate being donated to Maritime Museum of B.C.
- *Glacier Queen*
- Steamer Onward in the Fraser River (from Admiral Hasting's Album 1867-1869)
- Victoria
- Te Rapunga, Auckland, February 3, 1959
- HMCS *Athabaskan*, date stamped October 8, 1955
- *Miweta*, Canadian Australian Line, 1893 (mail steamship)
- *Pentowna*
- *Brico*
- *Empress of India*, arrival of liner at Vancouver, April 28, 1891
- *Silver Yew* at Belawan, Deli., 31/3/1936
- Victoria (2 copies)
- Captain John Irving
- Hastings Saw Mill, Vancouver, B.C. "ships loading lumber", circa 1896
- Moodyville, B.C. "View at Burrard Inlet" photograph by D. Withrow
- Hastings Saw Mill, no date
- *Trojan*, September 1984
- *Princess Louise*, crew photo

- *Pamir*, drawing in "Gale off Cape Flattery" Jan. 6, 1946
- *City of Seattle*
- *Western Slope*
- *Alexandra*
- *J.W. Hardcastle*,
- *Tyndareus, Hikawa Maru, Kingsley, CP55 Princess Mary, Teeshoe, circa 1933/34*

Additional loose items related to ship histories was labelled and integrated into the VMM ship reference file collection by corresponding boat name:

- 2 postcards of M.S. *Hikawa Maru*
- Postcard of S.S. *Prince George*
- *Hikawa Maru*-card with Japanese print on the front, inside the plan of passenger accommodation
- R.M.S. *Scythia* lunch menu October 29, 1939
- S.S. *Mariposa* dinner menus (8 menus), September 8 -20, 1960
- S.S. *France* dinner menu, Wednesday February 7, 1962
- Narration of "The Cruise of H.M.C.S. *Thiepval* and the British Round-the-World Flight
- Union Line: "Guide to the Services of the Union Steam Ship Company of N.Z. LTD. and to its Shipping and Airways Agencies, October 1951, New Zealand Edition"
- *Scotia*, newspaper clipping
- American President's Line 1960
- *Seawise*, formerly RMS *Queen Elizabeth*
- SS *Seawise* University deckplan
- History of Home Lines (1963)
- Royston Wrecks (series of 7 articles)
- Tug *Bentinck*
- M.V. *Haida Transporter* brochure
- "The Cunard Steam-ship Company", the Times, Monday, July 12, 1965
- MacMillan Bloedel, February 3, 1975 "Haida Monarch Unloading" news release
- Port of Vancouver, British Columbia: "Interesting Information about the Port, 1947"
- *Casco*, Robert Louis Stevenson's Ship of Many Dramas, 40th Anniversary of Wreck
- Canadian List of Shipping, 1928
- Canadian List of Shipping, 1963

RELATED VESSELS

Casco (I)

Collection Contents

Norman Hacking fonds

Series 1: Personal Papers

Series consists of personal papers and photographs belonging to Mr. Norman Hacking. There are journals that comment on daily activities and trips that he undertook. Included are birthday, graduation, Christmas and New Years Eve cards from friends and family, bank books, invitations to maritime events in Vancouver, a History paper, school transcripts from Australia and U.B.C., a youth hostel membership card, a ration book from England and a copy of the *Ulysses* when Norman was the editor. Some of the records capture Norman's interest in researching the Hacking family history. There are numerous travel brochures, maps, guides and theatre programs from England and across Europe. There are also a number of retirement cards and articles that commemorate Norman's retirement as the Marine Editor from the Vancouver Province in 1977. In addition to textual records, photographs are also contained within the series. The photographs are primarily black and white and they document stages of Norman's life from his childhood to his retirement. There are photographs of both unidentified family and friends and there is also a photograph album with pictures taken by Fred Hacking, Norman's father.

File 1: Photographs, personal, thumbnail

File consists of 8 small photographs of Hacking family members.

File 2: Photographs, personal, slides

File consists of 2 colour slides.

File 3: Photographs, personal

File consists of 1 b&w negative of a boy standing in front of a camel.

File 4: Photographs, personal (1 record)

File consists of photographs of the Hacking family.

Norman and Fred Hacking on board

File 5: Photographs, personal

File consist of 9 photographic prints of Norman in various activities. Two prints of the negative in file 3 are included, as well as 4 photographs of a rafting trip near Hells Gate, BC.

File 6: Photographs, personal

File consists of a variety of images, primarily travel related. It appears they may have been taken or collected during his time in Australia and New Zealand.

File 7: Photographs, personal

File consists of primarily travel photographs and some images of an unidentified First Nations group.

File 8: Photographs, receiving Honorary Commodore Award (1 record)

File consists of 13 copies of the same image (various sizes) of Norm Hacking, and likely two other recipients, holding his Honorary Commodore award in front of an unidentified marina. The photograph was taken by Ross Kenward of the Vancouver Province.

Norm Hacking holding his Honorary Commodore Award

File 9: Photographs, retirement from Vancouver Province

File 10: Photograph by Fred Hacking

File 11: Photograph by Fred Hacking

File 12: Photograph by Fred Hacking

File 13: Photograph by Fred Hacking

File 14: Photograph by Fred Hacking

File 15: Negatives

File 16: Journal, trip from Vancouver to Sydney, Australia, 1925

File consists of loose handwritten pages of a journal written on board the *Aorangi*.

File 17: Journal 1: March 25, 1939 to November 28, 1939

File 18: Journal 2: January 1, 1940 to May 18, 1940

File 19: Journal 3: January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949

File 20: Journal 4: December 31, 1968 to December 29, 1969

File 21: Journal 5: July 30, 1976 to May 17, 1977

File 22: Journal 6: undated

File 23: Personal papers

File 24: Retirement letters and newspaper articles

File 25: Hacking family genealogy

File consists of one sheet of paper with a typewritten family tree for William Henry Hacking (1810-1902).

File 26: Theatre play bills

File 27: Travel ephemera 1

File 28: Travel ephemera 2

Series 2: Correspondences

Series consists of letters written by Norman Hacking and those received by him from family, friends, colleagues and admirers. A number of the letters are to family members such as H.E. Hacking, his father Fred Hacking, and to his aunt and uncle, Lil and Bert (Happy) Hotson with whom he had regular correspondences with. There are a number of postcards and airmail letters. Letters written between 1930-1943 make up a substantial number of the total correspondences in the series. Letters during this time document school activities, life as a reporter for the Vancouver Province, and Norman's experiences while overseas in the Naval Reserve during World War II. Other letters relate to information that Norman was gathering for newspaper articles or books he was writing. There are letters written from the general public in response to Norman's articles written in the Province that seek his response to questions, stories and photographs needing identification.

File 1: Correspondences (date unknown)

File 2: Correspondences to and from 1900-1919

File 3: Correspondences to and from 1922-1925

File 4: Correspondences to and from 1926-1929

File 5: Correspondences to and from 1930-1932

File 6: Correspondences to and from 1933-1934

File 7: Correspondences to and from 1935-1937

File 8: Correspondences to and from 1938

File 9: Correspondences to and from 1939

File 10: Correspondences to and from 1940

File 11: Correspondences to and from January-March 1941

File 12: Correspondences to and from April-June 1941

File 13: Correspondences to and from July-December 1941

File 14: Correspondences to and from January-March 1942

File 15: Correspondences to and from April-July 1942

File 16: Correspondences to and from August-December 1942

File 17: Correspondences to and from 1943

File 18: Correspondences to and from 1944

File 19: Correspondences to and from 1945

File 20: Correspondences to and from 1946

File 21: Correspondences to and from 1947

File 22: Correspondences to and from 1948

File 23: Correspondences to and from 1949

File 24: Correspondences to and from 1950's

File 25: Correspondences to and from 1960-1990's

Series 3: Research Materials

Series consists of scrapbooks, papers, notebooks, photographs, ephemera, and newspaper clippings used by Norman Hacking to develop the framework for his newspaper articles and other research publications. There is specific research about the history of British Columbia and some of the materials in the B.C. Research folder include testimonials and letters that contain information about town and city namesakes throughout B.C. and the Yukon. The photographs, primarily in black and white, document both historic and modern marine vessels. There are also newspapers and research notebooks that contain notes on ship names, dimensions, origins, and destruction dates. Additional information exists on recipe cards that track the history of ships and their name changes. There are notes relating to local port events as well as those in Victoria, Washington, San Francisco and from ports along the West Coast that related to, or effect Vancouver's maritime community.

File 1: BC research

File 2: BC research

File 3: Maritime research

File 4: Newspapers used for research

File 5: Research notebooks (9)

File 6: Research notes

File 7: Scrapbook of annotated ship photos, vol. 1

File 8: Scrapbook of annotated ship photos, vol. 2

File 9: Scrapbook of annotated ship photos, vol. 3

File 10: Scrapbook of annotated ship photos, vol. 4

File 11: Unidentified boat photographs

File 12: Scrapbook of ship photos, newspaper and magazine clippings

File 13: Black scrapbook #1 of newspaper clippings, 1923-1925

File 14: Black scrapbook #2 of newspaper clippings, 1922-1925

File 15: "Big 5 Tablet" scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1935

File 16: Purple scrapbook, 1925-1926

File 17: Black scrapbook, newspaper clippings dating 1933-1954

Series 4: Draft Publications

Series consists of unpublished, annotated drafts of manuscripts written by Norman Hacking. A finished draft of his UBC Thesis, Early Maritime History of British Columbia, is also included in this series. Some of the manuscripts are titled and dated, while others have no identification, and there is a notebook filled with comments for the outline of an unnamed manuscript. The series also contains reviews about The Princess Story: A Century and a Half of West Coast Shipping, the book Norman

Hacking wrote with W. Kaye Lamb in 1974. The reviews are from local papers, magazines, and journals, as well as those from national papers sent by colleagues. There is also a copy of a radio broadcast about the release of the book and an interview with Hacking and Lamb in the UBC Alumni Chronicle, Autumn 1975.

File 1: "Early Marine History of British Columbia" by N. Hacking, April 1934

File 2: Manuscript for novel, pages 1-122, no date, annotated

File 3: Manuscript for novel, pages 1-162, 2 annotated drafts, no date

File 4: Manuscript for novel, pages 1-124, annotated draft, no date

File 5: Unnamed manuscript for novel, pages 2-91, no date

File 6: "Smoke from Heaven" by Norman Hacking, 331 pages, no date

File 7: Journal with unnamed short story, 2 drafts, no date

File 8: *William Henry Chase. Reminiscences of Captain Billie Moore*, Burton Publishing Co., Kansas City, 1947

File 9: *Captain Bill Moore. The 'Flying Dutchman' of British Columbia. 1822-1909*, by Norman Hacking, 2 annotated drafts, 46-49 pages

File 10: Reviews of "The Princess Story" by Norman R. Hacking and W. Kaye Lamb, 1974

Series 5: Newspaper Articles

Series consists of articles written by Norman Hacking at the start of his journalistic career and those written while employed as a columnist for the Vancouver Province from 1947-1977. Primarily, Hacking's "Ship and Shore" column reported on activities and events happening at the Port of Vancouver. This included reports on shipping companies, marine accidents, B.C. Ferries, boat sales, cargo movements, the fishing industry, Vancouver's port development, news about visiting international ships, and historical information about British Columbia's waterfront. Some newspaper articles also include book reviews written by Mr. Hacking.

File 1: Newspaper articles, 1936-1965

File 2: Newspaper articles, Sept. 20, 1966-May 31, 1967

File 3: Newspaper articles, June 1-Sept. 30, 1967

File 4: Newspaper articles, Sept. 4, 1968-April 30, 1969

File 5: Newspaper articles, Feb. 10-August 29, 1970

File 6: Newspaper articles, September 1-December 31, 1970

File 7: Newspaper articles, January 2-May 20, 1971

File 8: Newspaper articles, May 21-December 31, 1971

File 9: Newspaper articles, January 4- December 30, 1972

File 10: Newspaper articles, January 3-December 29, 1973

File 11: Newspaper articles, January 2-December 31, 1974

File 12: Newspaper articles, January 2-April 30, 1975

File 13: Newspaper articles, May 1-August 30, 1975

File 14: Newspaper articles, September 3-December 31, 1975

File 15: Newspaper articles, January 2-June 30, 1976

File 16: Newspaper articles, July 2, 1976-August 8, 1977

File 17: Newspaper articles, no date