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Finding Aid to the G. Angus Fraser Papers

Fraser, G. Angus, 1874-1957

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Collection number: Mss 74

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OVERVIEW

Links: Finding Aid to the <u>G. Angus Fraser Photograph Collection</u>

Access: The collection is in off-site storage. A 24-hour turn-around is required to make the records available for use at the Institute Research Room. The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

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BIOGRAPHY

G. Angus Fraser was born at Grease City, Pennsylvania, on November 4, 1874, the son of Simon Fraser, and a great-grandson of Simon Fraser, the discoverer of the Fraser River in British Columbia, Canada. In 1862, the family moved to Fargo, North Dakota, where his father operated a restaurant. After graduating from high school, Mr. Fraser enlisted in the North Dakota 164th Infantry where he served from 1891 to

1933. Mr. Fraser saw service in the Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, and the Mexican border uprising. On November 27, 1900, Mr. Fraser married Dot Beatrice Waldron of Midland, Michigan. In 1917, General Fraser became the Adjutant General of North Dakota, a post which he held until 1933. During his appointment, he directed the compilation of the roster of North Dakota soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in World War I and the building of Camp Grafton. From 1931 to 1933, General Fraser also served on the Board of State Capitol Commissioners which directed the construction of the new capitol in Bismarck. Following his service as Adjutant General, General Fraser returned to the abstracting business as President of the Cass County Abstract company, which he had organized in 1910 and where he worked until his death on September 25, 1957, at Fargo, North Dakota. Mrs. Fraser died January 22, 1960. They had three children, Mildred, Simon W. and Donald.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **G. Angus Fraser Papers** consists of various subject files and materials related to General Fraser's tenure on the Board of State Capitol Commissioners. The collection contains very little pertaining to his business career and private life.

The <u>Subject Files Series</u> include a diary kept by General Fraser while he served in the Philippine Islands. There is also a copy of Rudyard Kipling's Soldiers Three in which Fraser had made some annotations related to himself and other soldiers while stationed in the Philippines during the insurrection. The interview concerns his early years in Fargo, and comments on the Louisiana lottery and Alexander McKenzie. The file for the North Dakota Adjutant General is a history by General Fraser of the mobilization, in 1917, of reserve forces in North Dakota. The Subject Files also include two copies of the Pinkerton reports, dealing with the establishment of the Louisiana lottery in North Dakota. The material on Simon Fraser, General Fraser's great-grandfather, consists of typed copies of newspaper clippings, biographies, and correspondence of General Fraser.

The North Dakota Board of State Capitol Commissioners Series consists of Fraser and board correspondence, minutes of board meetings, and various subject files, including reports to the board on various topics related to the construction of the capitol.

SEPARATIONS RECORD

The following non-manuscript items were removed from the G. Angus Fraser Papers and have been sent to the section indicated.

Photographs (Institute photograph collection 2084)

- 49 8 x 10 of the construction of the North Dakota State Capitol, 1932-1933
- 1 Copy print of Simon Fraser, great-grandfather of G. Angus Fraser
- 16 Negative, one of portrait of Simon Fraser, and other of manuscripts related to Simon Fraser

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Biographical material, and finding aid
	Subject Files Series
1/2	Diary, July 7, 1898 - January 3, 1899
1/3	Interview, May 1953
1/4	Newspaper clippings
1/5	"North Dakota Adjutant General's Department"
1/6	Pinkerton Detective Agency reports, 1890
1/7	Pinkerton Detective Agency reports, 1890 (copy)
1/8	Simon Fraser - Biographical material
1/9	Simon Fraser - Correspondence
1/10	Simon Fraser - Genealogical material
1/11	Simon Fraser - Newspaper clippings
1/12	Speech and poetry
3/1	Soldiers Three, by Rudyard Kipling
	Board of State Capitol Commissioners Series
1/13	Correspondence, 1929-1941
1/14	Minutes, March 30, 1931 - April 14, 1932
1/15	Minutes, April 16-17, 1932
1/16	Minutes, May 9, 1932 - July 31, 1932
2/1	Minutes, August 1, 1932 - September 20, 1932
2/2	Minutes, September 21, 1932 - December 30, 1932
2/3	Personal notes
2/4	Architect agreement
2/5	Architect drawings of state capitol
2/6	Expense vouchers, 1931-1933
2/7	Historical sketch of new capitol building
2/8	List of architects
2/9	Financial reports, notice for bids
2/10	Newspaper clippings
	Reports—
2/11	Architects, May 1931 - May 1932
2/12	Comparative costs of brick and limestone, March 1932
2/13	"Description of work as covered by the various budgets"
2/14	Design, September 1931 - September 1932

2/15	Electronic roll call and page call system, January 1932
2/16	Freight data and rates, estimate of earnings, October 1932
2/17	Heating, water supply, lighting and power, September 1931 - November 1932
2/18	Investigations of other states' capitol buildings, May - December 1931
2/19	Legislative report of State Capitol Commission
2/20	Materials testing, Wishek sandstone, March 1932
2/21	Organization and procedure, May 1932
2/22	Soil tests, March 1932
2/23	Specifications, February 1932

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