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Aitken Family fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	City of Edmonton Archives
Title:	Aitken Family fonds
ID:	MS-765
Date:	1925 - 1947 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	13 cm of textual records. – 19 photographs. – 1 map
Note [generalNote]:	Accession number: A2017-126

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Aitken, Marjory Adella Mallory 1893-1979

Aitken, Robert Mallory 1925-1946

Marjory Adella Mallory was born on Jan 14 1893 in New Brunswick, Canada.

On 15 Sep 1923 she married Albert Emerson Aitken, a clothier in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Marjory and Albert's first child, Robert Mallory Aitken, was born 4 Jun 1925, in Edmonton, Alberta.

His sister, Shirley Anne (Fisher) was born 11 Jun 1928 and eventually moved to North Battleford,

Saskatchewan with her husband until her passing on 23 Sep 2001. Robert attended both Westmount and Westglen High-School and graduated in 1943. During his time in Edmonton he was active in a variety of sports. After graduation, R. Aitken joined the Canadian Army Airforce and received R.C.A.F. training in Edmonton, Abbotsford, B.C., and Vulcan, AB. In October of 1944 he won his wings and commission in addition to the C.O.'s award as outstanding athlete in his class. After the Second World War, R. Aitken was transferred to the army Fleet Air Arm overseas. On 29 Oct 1946, R. Aitken was killed in a flying accident at the Royal Navy air school at Eglinton, Northern Ireland. Upon recovery of his body, he was buried in Cumberland, Wigton Cemetery, U.K.

Marjory Adella Mallory Aitken died 29 Jan 1979 and is buried in the Edmonton Municipal Cemetery.

Custodial history

The personal effects of R. Aitken were presumably held by his mother, Marjory, the recipient of his will after his death in 1946. The materials were later brought to Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame by J.E. Hilliard in 1979. It is unknown how Hilliard acquired the materials from Marjory Aitken. After a telephone conversation held between Hilliard and W.F.M. Newson, the Hall's Vice-President, the effects were transferred to the City of Edmonton's Artifacts Centre later that same year with the permission of the Aitken family, and were given the accession number of 79-63. The materials were potentially donated

because of Bob McClure's connections to the military. The materials were displayed at Fort Edmonton Park.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of materials largely related to the life and death of Robert M. Aitken. Although his early life in Edmonton is represented through his yearbooks and clippings regarding his sports activities with local leagues, the majority of the records focus on his military career beginning with the Royal Canadian Airforce (R.C.A.F.) through to his transfer to the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy. Besides material created by Robert in the course of his duties, records created by Marjory Aitken, his mother, are present throughout the fonds, most notably in letters received from correspondents regarding her son's death. The photographs consist of images taken and collected by Marjory throughout Robert's life, including of his childhood, military service, and eventual gravesite.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

This fonds was transferred to the City of Edmonton Archives from the City of Edmonton Artifacts Centre in 2017.

Arrangement

The material was arranged by the archivist by date.

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use

Copyright may apply.

Finding aids

Finding aid available online.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full

- **Status description:** Final
 - **Institution identifier:** City of Edmonton Archives
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Cartographic material (documentary form)
 - Military (subject)
 - Family and personal life (subject)
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Collection holdings

Item: MS-765-EA-811-1 - Robert Mallory Aitken as a Baby

Title: Robert Mallory Aitken as a Baby

ID: MS-765-EA-811-1

Date: 1925 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 15.5 x 10.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
- Infants (subject)
- Portraits (subject)

- Clothing & dress (subject)
-

Item: MS-765-EA-811-2 - Robert in R.C.A.F. Uniform

Title: Robert in R.C.A.F. Uniform

ID: MS-765-EA-811-2

Date: [ca. 1944] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 12.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Military personnel (subject)
 - Portraits (subject)
 - Uniforms (subject)
-

Item: MS-765-EA-811-3 - Robert Receiving Military Decoration

Title: Robert Receiving Military Decoration

ID: MS-765-EA-811-3

Date: [ca. 1944] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 17 x 10.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Uniforms (subject)
 - Military personnel (subject)
 - Military (subject)
-

Item: MS-765-EA-811-4 - Woman and Child, field and factory in background

Title: Woman and Child, field and factory in background

ID: MS-765-EA-811-4

Date: 1944 September (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5 x 8.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Clothing & dress (subject)
 - Industry (subject)
 - Family and personal life (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-5 - R.C.A.F. Conversion Wing Vernon

Title: R.C.A.F. Conversion Wing Vernon

ID: MS-765-EA-811-5

Date: [ca. 1945] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 16.5 x 21.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Group portraits (subject)
 - Military personnel (subject)
 - Uniforms (subject)
-

Item: MS-765-EA-811-6 - Robert and two other men in uniform

Title: Robert and two other men in uniform

ID: MS-765-EA-811-6

Date: [ca. 1945] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 7.5 x 10.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Uniforms (subject)
 - Men (subject)
 - Military personnel (subject)
-

Item: MS-765-EA-811-7 - Airplane banking over ship

Title: Airplane banking over ship

ID: MS-765-EA-811-7

Date: 1945 July 28 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 7 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Crown Copyright Reserved

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Airplanes (subject)
 - Military vehicles (subject)
 - Military (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-8 - Robert in front of plane

Title: Robert in front of plane

ID: MS-765-EA-811-8

Date: 1946 March (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 16.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Air pilots (subject)
 - Airplanes (subject)
 - Uniforms (subject)
-

Item: MS-765-EA-811-9 - Photograph of Robert in Navy Uniform

Title: Photograph of Robert in Navy Uniform

ID: MS-765-EA-811-9

Date: 1946 April 6 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

"All my Love" Written on front

"Its not very good but you get the general idea" Written on back

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 7.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession Number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Military personnel (subject)
 - Uniforms (subject)
 - Portraits (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-10 - Robert's fresh grave without headstone

Title: Robert's fresh grave without headstone

ID: MS-765-EA-811-10

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.5 x 13.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)

- Graves (subject)
 - Tombs & sepulchral monuments (subject)
 - Cemeteries (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-11 - Grave of Sub. Lieut. (A) Robert Mallory Aitken R.N.

Title: Grave of Sub. Lieut. (A) Robert Mallory Aitken R.N.

ID: MS-765-EA-811-11

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Writing on the back of photograph outlining Aitken's life and death

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 10 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Note [generalNote]:

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Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Graves (subject)
 - Cemeteries (subject)
 - Tombs & sepulchral monuments (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-12 - Photograph of Robert's grave

Title: Photograph of Robert's grave

ID: MS-765-EA-811-12

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Graves (subject)
 - Cemeteries (subject)
 - Tombs & sepulchral monuments (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-13 - Photograph of Robert's grave

Title: Photograph of Robert's grave

ID: MS-765-EA-811-13

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 10.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Tombs & sepulchral monuments (subject)
 - Graves (subject)
 - Cemeteries (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-14 - Firebrand Airplane

Title: Firebrand Airplane

ID: MS-765-EA-811-14

Date: [n.d.] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 16.5 x 21.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Crown Copyright Reserved

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Airplanes (subject)
 - Military vehicles (subject)
 - Composite photographs (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-15 - R.C.A.F. Conversion Wing G.S. of I., Vernon, B.C.

Title: R.C.A.F. Conversion Wing G.S. of I., Vernon, B.C.

ID: MS-765-EA-811-15

Date: 1945 April (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 25.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession Number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Note [generalNote]:

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Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Group portraits (subject)
 - Military personnel (subject)
 - Uniforms (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-16 - 3 Children at foot bridge

Title: 3 Children at foot bridge

ID: MS-765-EA-811-16

Date: [n.d.] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 9 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Children (subject)
 - Clothing & dress (subject)
 - Group portraits (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-17 - Waiting for a ferry

Title: Waiting for a ferry

ID: MS-765-EA-811-17

Date: [n.d.] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Writing on the back of photograph detailing photo context

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 11.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Note [generalNote]:

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Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)

- Automobiles (subject)
 - Children (subject)
 - Group portraits (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-18 - The Malden Gang

Title: The Malden Gang

ID: MS-765-EA-811-18

Date: 1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Separated from file 21.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 8.5 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: Rex Malden

Note [generalNote]:

Title Supplied means the title of the image was given by the creator of the work. Archivists keep those titles to provide context even though they may contain inappropriate or offensive language.

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

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Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Children (subject)
 - Clothing & dress (subject)
 - Group portraits (subject)
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Item: MS-765-EA-811-19 - Postcard of J. M. Barrie from Robert to his Mother

Title: Postcard of J. M. Barrie from Robert to his Mother

ID: MS-765-EA-811-19

Date: 1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Separated from file 9

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 14.5 x 9 cm

Note [generalNote]:

Accession number: A2017-126

Photographer: unknown

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Public Domain

Publication status:

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Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Postcards (subject)
 - Portraits (subject)
 - Authors (subject)
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