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Summary information

Repository:	City of Edmonton Archives
Title:	Ramsay's Flowers Ltd. fonds
Reference code:	MS-117
Date:	[ca. 1914], 1958 (creation)
Physical description:	0.5 cm of textual records. - 6 photographs
Physical storage:	Box: MS Vault : Box
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Language:	English

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Ramsay's Flowers Ltd. is a successor to the company formed by Walter Ramsay. Walter Ramsay was born near London, Ontario, in 1870. He came to Alberta in 1899 and was principal of McKay Avenue School and then Queen's Avenue School.

In 1905 he left the teaching profession and founded the florist firm of Walter Ramsay Ltd, which operated a large array of greenhouses near the General Hospital in Edmonton AB. He was a pioneer in this field and his business grew to become one of the largest in Canada. Walter Ramsay died in 1958.

Ramsay's Flowers Ltd. was operated by Walter's son, Donald McRae Ramsay (1904-1974).

Custodial history

Rene Hobbins was a florist in Edmonton.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of a copy of Canadian Florist, Aug. 16, 1958, containing an article on Walter Ramsay, "Alberta pioneer florist", by Rene Hobbins, p. 8. The fonds also includes photographs of the Ramsay home and greenhouses, Walter Ramsay, and Ramsay's Flowers florists.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated to the City of Edmonton Archives by Ramsay's Flowers Ltd. in 1975 and Rene Hobbins in 1976.

Arrangement

The material was arranged according to the filing system of the creator.
The photograph was assigned the prefix EA-262 and EA-269.

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use

Copyright may apply.
Reproduction restrictions may apply.

Finding aids

See Scope and content above.
Item level descriptions of photographs available online.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Note [General]

Accession numbers: A75-120, A76-13

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Status description:** Final
- **Institution identifier:** City of Edmonton Archives

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
- Edmonton - Commerce (subject)

Collection holdings

Item: MS-117-EA-262-1 - Ramsay home and greenhouses

Title: Ramsay home and greenhouses

Reference code: MS-117-EA-262-1

Date: [ca.1914] (date of creation)

Scope and content: The Ramsay home and greenhouses, Victoria Ave., between 110 St. and 111 St., Edmonton AB.

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

Note [generalNote]: 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)
 - Buildings (TGM) (subject)
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Item: MS-117-EA-269-1 - Ramsay's Flowers florist

Title: Ramsay's Flowers florist

Reference code: MS-117-EA-269-1

Date: [before 1958] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Note [generalNote]: Photographer : unknown.

Restrictions on access: There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use: Copyright may apply.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)

- Portraits (subject)
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Item: MS-117-EA-269-2 - Rene Hobbins and friend

Title: Rene Hobbins and friend

Reference code: MS-117-EA-269-2

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Scope and content: Florists

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 13 cm

Note [generalNote]: Photographer : unknown.

Restrictions on access: There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use: Copyright may apply.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Women (subject)
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Item: MS-117-EA-269-3 - Walter Ramsay

Title: Walter Ramsay

Reference code: MS-117-EA-269-3

Date: [before 1953] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Note [generalNote]: Photographer : unknown.

Restrictions on access: There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use: Copyright may apply.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
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Item: MS-117-EA-269-4 - Florists

Title: Florists

Reference code: MS-117-EA-269-4

Date: [19-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: Includes Rene Hobbins.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 18 cm

Note [generalNote]: Photographer : unknown.

Restrictions on access: There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use: Copyright may apply.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Women (subject)
 - Group portrait (subject)
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Item: MS-117-EA-269-5 - Rene Hobbins and florist

Title: Rene Hobbins and florist

Reference code: MS-117-EA-269-5

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Note [generalNote]: Photographer : unknown.

Restrictions on access: There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use: Copyright may apply.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Graphic material - photograph (documentary form)
 - Women (subject)
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