

University of Victoria Special Collections

Sands, Henry, 1900-1969

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Title

Henry Sands fonds

Dates

1934-2008

Extent

2 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

Henry Richard Sands was a poet, artist and writer. He was born in England and moved to Kelowna, B.C. with his family in 1919 at the age of 19. He married Evelyn Skaling in 1935 and the couple had four children: Henry, Steve, Sylvia and Meredy. During WWII, he was a Sergeant in the air force and was stationed in Calgary, Alberta. His poetry and stories were often published in the base paper and the Calgary Herald. After WWII, he settled in Kelowna, working for the government resettling veterans onto orchards and farms. He moved to Mill Bay in 1951 where he worked at the Mill Bay Solarium. Much of his poetry, during these years, was published in the Cowichan leader newspaper, as well as the Vancouver and Victoria daily newspapers. In 1955, he moved to Sydney, B.C. and later to Vancouver and Richmond. He died in December 1969.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of a manuscript of poetry by Henry Richard Sands, correspondence re Sands, biographical sketches of Sands written by his children, a photograph of Sands, and a photograph of Sylvia E. (Sands) Johnson.

Finding Aids

Box list available.

Title Source

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

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File List

1.1 Biographical Material, 2007

- TS, "Biographical Sketch: Henry Richard Sands, West Coast Poet" by Sylvia E. (Sands) Johnson, 2007, 10 l.

- TS, "Time Line" by Stephen A. Sands, 2007, 12 l.

- TS, "My Father, Henry Richard Sands" by Meredy Anne Alsterlund, 2007, 4 l.

1.2 Correspondence, 2008

- TL, Sylvia E. (Sands) Johnson to Queen Elizabeth II, Mar. 8, 2008, 2 l.
Enclosure: TS, "Lament in Exile" by Henry Richard Sands, n.d., 2 l..

- TL, Philippin de Pass to Sylvia E. (Sands) Johnson, Apr. 3, 2008, 1 l.

- TL, Sylvia E. (Sands) Johnson to Marnie Swanson, Jan. 2008, 2 l.

1.3 Manuscripts

- TS, "Selected Poems", n.d., 96 l.

1.4 Photographs

- B/W photograph of Henry Richard Sands

- 2 colour photographs of Sylvia E. (Sands) Johnson and artwork, n.d.

1.5 Published Material, 1988

- "Northwest Sketches: Magnetic North Edition", Terrace Writers Guild, Terrace, BC, 1988. Inscription: "Sylvia E. Johnson Daughter of Henry Richard Sands, Poet."

- "Poems on the Dogwood: B.C.'s Floral Emblem", Cowichan Leader, Duncan, BC.