

Harrison Brown Fonds – MsC 57

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Fonds Description

Fonds Title: Harrison Brown Fonds

Dates: 1918-2002

Extent: 1.65 m of textual records and other material

Biographical Sketch:

George Harrison Brown was born in Surrey, England, in 1893. Like many of his peers he went by his middle name and was known to all as Harrison Brown. In 1914, at the age of 21, he enlisted in the British Army and saw active service in France for the duration of the First World War. After the War he lived in London and Paris and became associated with the American Committee for the Outlawry of War. During this period he travelled extensively within Europe, working with the staff of the League of Nations and foreign ministries. The work of the Committee was wound up when the Kellogg-Briand Pact (Treaty of Paris, 1928), was enacted.

He then became a free lance journalist and writer, writing for the *Evening Standard*, the *New Chronicle*, the *New Statesman*, the *Fortnightly Review*, and numerous other publications, and also broadcasting several radio series for the *BBC*. He lived in Germany from 1929 to 1933, leaving several months after Adolf Hitler came to power and spent the next few years writing about the rise of fascism and made numerous lecturing tours to university campuses in the United States and Canada, under the auspices of The Institute of International Education.

In 1936-1937 he made an extensive journey through Scandinavia, the USSR, Japan, Korea, and China. In China he travelled to Sian where he interviewed the young Marshall Chang Hsueh Liang, two days before he infamously kidnapped Chiang Kai Shek and obtained from him a change in Kuomintang policy in order to unite the nation against the Japanese invasion. During this period Brown kept a detailed journal and took hundreds of photographs which chronicled his travels. This would later take the form of an unpublished manuscript.

In 1937 Brown moved permanently to Hornby Island, British Columbia, with his common law wife Hilary Brown, an accomplished author. Here they established the Heron Rocks Campsite which later became a Co-op. In 1940 Brown ran unsuccessfully as the candidate for the C.C.F. in the Comox - Alberni riding.

Brown became a Canadian citizen and continued to write articles and short stories. He died in September 1977 at the age of the 84.

Custodial History: The material was collected and maintained by Brown until his death in 1977. After this period Hilary Brown preserved the materials and donated them to Simon Fraser's University Library Special Collections and Rare Books in 2002.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists mainly of textual materials, including correspondence and diaries. Also present are photo albums, photographs and negatives. The fonds has been arranged into the following seven series: Personal Correspondence (1934-1988), Diaries (1914-1973), Desktop Diaries (1962-1973), Personal Miscellaneous Items (1937-1978), Photographs (1927-2002), and Outlawry of War (1921-1960).

Physical Description:

The fonds consists of 1.65 m of textual materials, 43 diaries, 12 desktop diaries 4 photograph albums (ca. 450 photographs), ca. 993 negatives ca. 132 black and white photographs, ca. 51 contact print strips, ca. 75 contact sheets, 2 colour photographs, 2 maps, and a number of personal miscellaneous items.

Arrangement:

The materials were arranged according to the original filling system of the creator and to facilitate research.

Terms Governing Reproduction: Reproduction of material subject to approval by a Special Collections and Rare Books Librarian.

Associated material: Also see Hilary Brown Fonds located at Simon Fraser University Library's Special Collections and Rare Books department.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Personal Correspondence

Dates of Creation

1934-1988

Physical Description

13.2 cm of textual material

Scope and Content

The series consists of personal correspondence to colleagues and longtime friends.

Series 2: Writing

Dates of Creation

1918-1988

Physical Description

28.1 cm of textual material

Scope and Content

The series consists of Brown's published and unpublished material, including newspaper articles, journal articles, and manuscripts.

Series 3: Diaries

Dates of Creation

1914-1973

Physical Description

28.1 cm of textual material (43 diaries)

Scope and Content

The series consists of Brown's personal diaries which chronicle his thoughts, opinions, and comments on unfolding political events in Europe, Asia, and North America

Series 4: Desktop Diaries

Dates of Creation

1962-1973

Physical Description

36 cm of textual material (12 diaries)

Scope and Content

The series consists of Brown's desktop diaries which include brief entries on daily activities, appointments, gardening and the weather.

Series 5: Personal Miscellaneous Items**Dates of Creation**

1920-1978

Physical Description

5.5 cm of textual and other material

Scope and Content

The series consists of the creator's field books, address books, correspondence records, passports, cartoons, a scheme of appropriation, will and probate documents, and two maps of China which display the route Brown took during his tour of China.

Series 6: Photographs**Dates of Creation**

1927-2002

Physical Description

4 photograph albums (ca. 450 photographs), ca. 993 negatives, ca. 132 black and white photographs, ca. 51 contact print strips, ca.75 contact sheets, and 2 colour photographs.

Scope and Content

The bulk of the series is comprised of photographs and negatives taken during Brown's journey to China, Korea, and Japan in 1936-1937. The photograph albums contain comments on the subject matter. Also present are photos taken in America and miscellaneous photos of Brown and other unknown individuals.

Series 7: Outlawry of War**Dates of Creation**

1921-1960

Physical Description

6 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

The series contains material that relates to Brown's role as the European representative of the American Committee of the Outlawry of War. This series includes pamphlets, correspondence, and research materials.

File List

Box -File#	File Title	Dates
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Series 1: Personal Correspondence

1.1	Albert, Ruth	1940-1955
1.2	Antioch College Correspondence	1938-1940
1.3	Buchanan, Simpson-Suzanne	1953-1967
1.4	China Miscellaneous Correspondence	1937-1946
1.5	Correspondence Miscellaneous	1934-1959
1.6	Department of Veteran Affairs	1958-1974
1.7	Granich, Max and Grace	1937-1938
1.8	Jameson, Storm and Guy Chapman	1936-1982
1.9	Journalists-Miscellaneous Correspondence	1937-1965
1.10	Low, David	1938-1939
1.11	Moholy, Lucia	1939-1974
1.12	Nobumichi, Ukai	1938-1966
1.13	O'Conner, Harvey and Jane	1961-1988
1.14	Snow, Edgar	1945-1970
1.15	Streater, Nermin	1937-1979
1.16	Swoboda, Henry	1951-1962
1.17	Taggart, Marjorie	1937-1939
1.18	Zillah	1940-1951
2.1	Thompson, Jim and Shelia	1941-1943
2.2	Wheeler, Staff and Nan	1935-1965
2.3	Williams, Rhys and Lucinda	1954-1955
2.4	Department of National Defense [Canadian]	1943
2.5	Behre, Ted	1939
2.6	Murrow, Edward	1942-1950
2.7	Mowrer, Edgar	1938-1948
2.8	Lattimore, Owen	1939-1950
2.9	Levinson, Salmon	1939-1944
2.10	Burns, Delisle	1936-1939
2.11	Haig-Brown, Roderick	1942-1952

Series 2: Writing

2.12	Racism	1936-1960
2.13	Trail of the Freelance Incomplete	[1936?]
2.14	Reprints of HB's Articles	1933-1943
2.15	Journals 1936-1937	1936-1937
2.16	Twilight of the Gangster	1934
2.17	A Village That Made History	[193-]
2.18	Harrison Brown's War Diary 1918-1919	1918-1919
2.19	Manuscript for Book of Youth	[194-?]

2.20	Trail of the Freelance	[1936 or 1937]
2.21	Travels in China	1988
3.1	USA Articles	1934-1935
3.2	German Articles	1933-1945
3.3	Harrison Brown's 1937 Journal	1937
3.4	Harrison Brown's Diary 1936-1937	1936-1937
3.5	Admirals, Adventures and Able Seaman	1954-1964
3.6	Barbarism a la Mode	[192-]
3.7	Men with Cat's Eyes	1935-1936
3.8	The Japanese Scene	1938
3.9	American Journey	1936
3.10	The Vatican and the New Nationalisms	1935
3.11	Junker versus Nazi	1934
3.12	Hitler or the Junkers	1933
3.13	Germany in Revolution	1933
4.1	The Junkers Last Throw	1934
4.2	Dimitroff	1934
4.3	The European Discontent	1931
4.4	The Collapse of Liberalism in Germany	1932
4.5	Hitler's Age of Heroism	1933
4.6	Brobdingnag in the West	1936
4.7	Japan Rides for a Fall	1937
4.8	Orient Typescripts	1935-1946
4.9	Night of the Long Knives	1933
4.10	Letters to the Editor	1931-1952

Series 3: Diaries

4.11	1914 Diary	1914
4.12	1914 Memo Diary	1914
4.13	1931-1959 Diary	1931-1959
5.1	1931 Diary	1931
5.2	Collins Royal 1933 Diary	1933
5.3	1933 Diary	1933
5.4	1934 Onoto Diary	1934
5.5	1934 Diary	1934-1952
5.6	1934 Diary	1934
5.7	1935 Memo Diary	1935
6.1	1935 Diary	1935
6.2	1935 Diary Transfer Book	1935
6.3	1935 Collins Ruby Diary	1935
6.4	1937 Quickref Diary	1937
6.5	1937 Diary	1937
6.6	1938 Marquette Diary	1938
6.7	1938 Diary	1938
6.8	1938 Desk Calendar and Diary	1938

6.9	1939 Marquette Diary	1939
6.10	1939 Diary	1939
7.1	1940 Marquette Diary	1940
7.2	1940 Diary	1940
7.3	1941 Marquette Diary	1940
7.4	1941 Diary	1941
7.5	1942 Diary	1942
7.6	1942 Memo Diary	1943
7.7	1943 Diary	1943
7.8	1943 RHS Gardeners Diary	1943
7.9	1944-1949 5 Year Diary	1944-1949
7.10	1945 Diary	1945
7.11	1946 Diary	1946
7.12	1947 Diary	1947
8.1	1948 Yearbook	1948
8.2	1949 Yearbook	1949
8.3	1949-1953 Five Year Diary	1949-1953
8.4	1951 Yearbook	1951
8.5	1953 Diary	1953
8.6	1954 Diary	1954
9.1	1955 Collins Royal Diary	1955
9.2	1961 Memodates Dairy	1961
9.3	1964-1968 RHS Gardeners 5 Year Diary	1964-1968
9.4	1969 RHS Gardeners Diary	1969
9.5	1971-1973 5 Year Diary	1971-1973
9.6	1936 Diary	1936
9.7	1937 Shanghai Dairy	1937-1938

Series 4: Desktop Diaries

10.1	1962 Desktop Diary	1962
10.2	1963 Desktop Diary	1963
10.3	1964 Desktop Diary	1964
10.4	1965 Desktop Diary	1965
10.5	1966 Desktop Diary	1966
10.6	1967 Desktop Diary	1967
10.7	1968 Desktop Diary	1968
10.8	1969 Desktop Diary	1969
11.1	1970 Desktop Diary	1970
11.2	1971 Desktop Diary	1971
11.3	1972 Desktop Diary	1972
11.4	1973 Desktop Diary	1973

Series 5: Personal Miscellaneous Items

12.1	Cartoons	1920
12.2	1937-1940 Field Book	1937-1940
12.3	1947-1956 Field Book	1947-1956
12.4	1958-1964 Field Book	1958-1964
12.5	1947 Canadian Government Annuities	1947
12.6	Last Will of George Harrison Brown	1975
12.7	Scheme of Appropriation of Trust Funds	1938
12.8	Copy Will and Codicil of Mrs. M.J. Brown	1928-1934
12.9	Addresses Book: Where Is It?	[192?]
12.10	Address Book	[193?]
12.11	1937 Addresses Book	1937
12.12	Passport 1960-1965	1960-1965
12.13	Passport 1973-1978	1973-1978
12.14	1960's-1970's Correspondence Records	1968-1973
12.15	Memobook 1932	1932
12.16	The New Map of China	1936
12.17	Shansi and Suiyuan Map	1936
12.18	Second Field Book	1936
12.19	Third Field Book	1936-1937
12.20	First Field Book	1936

Series 6: Photographs

13.1	Land of Chief Joseph	[1934 or 1935]
13.2	Later Negatives Strips	[19-]
13.3	Views Alsace France	1927
13.4	Whitby 1933	1933
13.5	Contact Prints taken on Visits to China	1936-1937
13.6	Miscellaneous photos	[1936-197-]
13.7	Binder of Contact Strips-China Trip	1936-1937
14.1	China and Mongolia 1936	1936
14.2	China 1937	1937
14.3	Japan, Russia, China, and Korea 1936-1937	1936-1937
14.4	Chungking, China 1937	1937
15.1	Leica Prints from the USSR	1936
15.2	Leica Prints from Canton and Japan	1936
15.3	Leica Prints from Jehol	1936
15.4	Leica Prints from Korea	1936
15.5	Leica Prints from Scandinavia and Finland	1936
15.6	Photos of the Yangtze River	1936
15.7	Sian and Region Photographs	1936
15.8	Photographs of Harrison Brown	1936-1961
15.9	Negative Strips and Contact Sheets	1936-1935
15.10	Photographs made of Brown Negatives	2002

15.11	Empty Photo wallets-China	1936-1937
15.12	Contact Strips and Negatives	1936-1937

Series 7: Outlawry of War

15.13	Pamphlets	1921-1930
15.14	Correspondence	1924-1930
15.15	Research Materials	1939-1960