

The Papers of
EDWARD DODSLEY BARROW

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BIOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION

Edward Dodsley Barrow was born on September 29, 1867 on a farm at Ringwood, Hampshire, England, to Stephen and Sarah (Barnes) Barrow. On December 24, 1891 he married Millicent Emily Knight Whittle, a widow with three children (Leo, Carrie, and Laura - Mrs. Louis Bisette of Rosedale). A daughter, Dorothy Millicent, was born in 1896, and Hilda Gladys was born in 1906.

Barrow emigrated to the Fraser Valley in 1892 and worked at various jobs. By 1896 he had saved enough money to purchase 71 acres on Camp River Road, which he cleared and farmed. This property later became the A.D. Rundle farm.

Barrow served as Councillor of the Township of Chilliwack in 1905-1907, but was unsuccessful in a bid for the position of Reeve. He was a Director, then President of the Chilliwack Creamery Association, and was the first President of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association in 1917-1918.

In 1916 Barrow was elected as the Liberal M.L.A. for Chilliwack. In 1918, when John Oliver became Premier, he was named Minister of Agriculture. His major achievement in government was the Sumas Lake Reclamation Project, which was completed in 1923. He demonstrated his faith in the project by moving his farm to "The Cottonwoods", on Yale Road just east of the Vedder Canal. Local fears of economic competition caused by the project contributed to his electoral defeat, however, in 1928.

In 1922 Mrs. Barrow died, and in 1928 E.D. Barrow married another widow, Mrs. Ralphia Weir Stitt McLean, a noted Conservative of Nakusp, B.C. Ralphia died in 1934 on the eve of the Barrows' return from a trip to England. She is buried in Ringwood.

E.D. Barrow served another term as M.L.A. from 1933 to 1937. Following his second defeat, he returned to full-time farming. He served as first president of the B.C. Federation of Agriculture in 1935.

E.D. Barrow was honored as the Chilliwack Board of Trade's first Citizen to be Recognized in 1953. He died on December 28, 1956.

Barrow's daughters, Dorothy and Hilda, who were both nurses and were both unmarried, managed the farm after his death. Hilda died in October, 1963, and Dorothy died in April, 1981. He has two sisters, Alice Jane and Emily, and a brother, Albert, who also lived in Chilliwack, but it appears that they died without issue.

Further biographical information on Barrow can be found

in The Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association : Successful Cooperative by Morag Elizabeth Maclachlan (unpublished M.A. thesis, University of British Columbia, 1972), p. 262 - 267.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The Barrow papers were conveyed to the Chilliwack Museum following the death of Dorothy Barrow in 1981. They were inventoried by Kristen Mundstock and Mary Armstrong in July 1986. This inventory was further refined by Jim Bowman in August 1987.

Of the 150 cm. of the Barrow papers, about 40 cm. represents his career in provincial politics, his involvement in agricultural cooperatives and organizations, and the Sumas Lake Reclamation Project. Newsletters of the Chilliwack Rotary Club (1937-1957) are included.

About 30 cm. represents the Barrow family's personal and household papers, including political and club papers of Ralphia Barrow from before her marriage and the papers of Hilda and Dorothy Barrow following their father's death.

Approximately 25 cm. of the collection reflects the business and production records of the Barrow farm, ca. 1919-1962.

The division of the papers into political, personal, and farm categories is not exact, and the researcher is advised to consult the entire inventory before searching for papers on any particular aspect of Barrow's life.

The collection also includes three boxes of photographs, a box of newspaper clippings, and a box of framed certificates and awards.

Political Papers

Box 1

- 986.202.1 Associated Growers of British Columbia
 - letters from the Associated Growers of British Columbia dating from Nov. 7, 1933 to August 2, 1934.
- 986.202.2 Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association
 - letters from the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association. 1933-1938.
 - Auditor's Report, Financial Statement and Directors' Annual Report of F.V.M.P.A. 1934.
 - report on Alberta's Dairy Progress.
- 986.202.3 B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board
 - Board Bulletin, correspondence, annual report, and "B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Scheme." 1936-42.
- 986.202.4 Official Correspondence
 - correspondence with constituents and others who had written asking for help. Feb. 29, 1936 - Nov. 21, 1936
- 986.202.5 Letters of Introduction
 - letters written by W.A. McAdam and Howard O' _____ introducing E.D. Barrow. 1934.
- 986.202.6 Liberal Party (2 folders)
 - cue cards, written political speeches. Correspondence concerning the Liberal Party of B.C. and in the Fraser Valley. Correspondence concerning patronage appointments. 1918-1938.
- 986.202.7 B.C. Fruit Growers' Association
 - minutes, records and programs of conventions, financial statement, resolutions, and reports. 1926-1945.
- 986.202.8 Sumas Reclamation (3 folders)
 - annual reports, diagrams, correspondence, notes, map, reports, legal documents, landowners, Country Life, assessment notices
 - record of events 1875-mid-20's.
- Box 2 986.202.9 British Columbia Chamber/Federation of Agriculture
 - correspondence, reports, bulletins, memorandums, resolutions, minutes, revenue and expenditure account. 1935-1944.
- 986.202.10 Canadian Chamber/Federation of Agriculture
 - correspondence, reports, minutes, statement of cash receipts, changes to constitution.

1936-1945.

- 986.202.11 Letters
- letters inward from various ministers and departments mainly concerning constituency affairs. July 27, 1923 - Nov. 19, 1938.
- 986.202.12 Correspondence inward (2 folders)
- various letters on official business. Telegrams included. Feb. 24, 1919 - April 24, 1945.
- 986.202.13 Milk Marketing Scheme of the Lower Mainland
- Provincial Orders-in-council.
 - "Marketing Scheme Explained". 1934 - 1937.
- 986.202.14 Reports
- various government reports on farm credits, Cranbrook Drainage, British and Continental Export Markets.
 - Dept. of Agriculture - Dairy Branch List milk production records.
 - Memorandum on 1923 Industrial situation in B.C.
 - 1923 - 1940
- 986.202.15 Orders-In-Council, Acts, Bills, Agreements, Resolutions, petitions.
- Mud River & Beverly Farmer's Institute
 - Order-in-Council respecting private hospitals (1923).
 - Agricultural Commodities Agricultural Marketing Organization Acts (1926, 1934)
 - Health Insurance Act (1936)
 - Agreement, E.D. Barrow and C. E. Eckert (1936)
 - By-Laws, British Columbia Chamber of Agriculture (1924)
- 986.202.16 Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Agriculture
- Provincial Agricultural Production records (1916-22)
 - Public Works Dept. estimates. (1934-35).
 - proposed highway undertakings. (1922-23).
- 986.202.17 Department of Agriculture
- Annual report, Statistics, Legislative report. 1921-1925.
- 986.202.18 Department of Agriculture (2 folders)
- Miscellaneous Reports, Publications. 1917-1940
- Box 3
15.2 in box 3
986.202.19 Petitions
- 1934 petition to Minister of Lands from residents of a Clearbrook subdivision re road construction. 1934 petition concerning

erosion by the Vedder River.

986.202.20 B.C. Potato Crops Eligible For Certification.
1935.

986.202.21 Miscellaneous

- map of the Fraser Valley showing highways.
- submission from the chiropractic profession.
- acreage in berries (statistics), 1913-1922.
- inventory of Barrow's farm, 1918.
- statistics on importation of livestock and meat, dairy production, 1922-1923.
- Township of Chilliwack financial statement, 1923.
- editorial supporting the Oliver government, 1924.
- brief concerning health care workers' hours, etc., 1924.
- Speakers' Handbook of the Liberal - Conservative Party, 1926.
- memoranda re Grand Forks Cattle Club, 1927.
- report on the hops industry, 1934.
- article on exports of Canadian apples to Britain, 1934.
- table plan, B.C. Trade Delegation luncheon, London, 1934.
- B.C. Fruit Growers' convention, 1939.
- The Farmers Protest (printed speech), 1941.

986.202.22 Chilliwack Rotary Club

- Souvenir of Rotary 1905 - 1946
- Christmas card
- "Weekly Wrotearies" 1937-57.

FAMILY PAPERS

986.202.23 National Council of Women

- resolutions and notices
- minutes - Annual Meeting Oct. 1934.

986.202.24 Greeting Cards

- Christmas, birthday, Father's Day cards.
ca. 1956-1960.

986.202.25 Correspondence - Hilda and Dorothy Barrow
- 1927-58.

986.202.26 Correspondence - E.D. and Ralphia Barrow
- mostly personal correspondence. 1928-1953.

986.202.27 Correspondence - E.D. and Ralphia Barrow
- wedding congratulations: telegrams, cards
letters. 1928.

986.202.28 Ralphia Barrow

- souvenir re Order of the Eastern Star, Job's

Daughters, Conservative Party, W.I.,
I.O.D.E. Church. 1907-1928.

- 986.202.29 Souvenirs of 1934 Trip to England.
- diaries, drivers licence, passport, album.
1934.
- Box 4
986.202.30 E.D. Barrow's Passport and English driver's
licence. 1923.
- 986.202.31 Miscellaneous notepads and diaries.
- Pocket calendars, notes on literature, poems.
ca. 1900-ca. 1928.
- 986.202.32 Diary
- containing poems (various authors). 1883-
1894.
- 986.202.33 "Who's Who" entries.
- 2 for E.D. Barrow, one for Ralphia Barrow.
ca. 1937-1953.
- 986.202.34 Poems by Chilliwack residents saved by a member
of the Barrow family.
- 986.202.35 Collection of Invitations
- received by E.D., Ralphia and Hilda Barrow.
1932-1938.
- 986.202.36 Pacific Club, Victoria B.C.
- list of members. 1920.
- 986.202.37 County of Southhampton
- receipt for search for birth certificate. 1951.
- 986.202.38 1934 Trip to England
- Bills, receipts re hotel, transportation
- notes made by E.D. re funeral arrangements
for Ralphia.
- 986.202.39 Agassiz Research Station
- Oats and Barley Experiment at Agassiz
Research Station. 1941.
- 986.202.40 "Essential Requirements for Sanitary Milk
Production". 1936.
- 986.202.41 Cannor Women's Institute
- minutes, financial statements, annual
reports, correspondence. 1932-1934.
- 986.202.42 Correspondence inward.
- Personal and constituency business.
1932-1948.
- 986.202.43 Victory Bonds etc.

- propaganda, receipt, certificates.

- 986.202.44 Mutual Fire Insurance Company
 - fire insurance policy, receipts, bills, letters.

FARM RECORDS

- 986.202.45 Farm - Finances
 - accounts, costs-accounts. 1919-22
- 986.202.46 Hilda Barrow - finances
 - accounts, receipts. 1962.
- 986.202.47 Taxes (personal)
 - assessments, receipts, forms. Municipal, provincial, federal taxes. 1929-49.
- Box 5
- 986.202.48 Agreements, Summons
 - specifications for Barrow's house
 - land deed (1928)
 - summons to appear in case, R. v. Twigg Island Dairy Ltd. (1937).
 - agreements for sale of produce (1944-1948)
- 986.202.49 Farm Account Books
 - 1926, 1935-36, 1941-48, 1950-51.
- 986.202.50 Collected poems and essays
 - "city man analyzes a cow"
 - "Evolution"
 - "Ayrshire tests higher"
 - "Wha's like us?" ca. 1927.
- 986.202.51 Ralphia Barrow
 - speech about the League of Nations. ca. 1927.
- 986.202.52 Pamphlets (3 folders)
 - concerning agriculture, politics, economics. Includes government reports, bills. Chilliwack provincial voter's list (1924). ca. 1924-1957.
- 986.202.53 Production Records
 - 1938-42
- 986.202.54 Farm - Breeding records. 1936-1937.
 - B.C. milk production records, 1941-1945.
- Box 6
- 986.202.55 F.V.M.P.A. Statements and B.C.L.M.D.P.B. Licences. 1931-1944.
- 986.202.56 Miscellaneous Farm Papers, Publications
 - T.B. testing forms (1926)
 - pasture irrigation experiment (1947)
 - reports on Cow Testing Associations

- (1935, 1936, 1945)
- report of meeting on school taxation (ca. 1950).
- statement on milk marketing (1953).

- 986.202.57 Milk Summaries
- Milk production records. 1940-1943.
- 986.202.58 Farm Records
- hay sales, expenditures. 1920-25.
- 986.202.59 Farm Records - financial
- Co-op, machinery, Farm Loan Board etc. Receipts, Bills, notices of unpaid bills. 1935-52.
- 986.202.60 Pocket books, Ledgers, Notepads
- miscellaneous farm records - e.g. wages. 1934, 1935, 1948.
- 986.202.61 Miscellaneous Financial Records - household
- bills, receipts, notices of unpaid bills, driver's licences. 1922-54.

Box 7

CLIPPINGS

- 986.202.62 Clippings (1 oversize box)
- clippings on E.D. Barrow, Ralphia Barrow, agricultural economics, B.C. politics. 1910-1957.

Box 8

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 986.202.63 Photographs (oversize and framed)
- formal portraits of E.D. Barrow; Hilda Barrow; the Barrow farm; Chilliwack pioneers' gathering; convention of the B.C. Association of School Trustees (1914); Ralphia Barrow; Hon. John Oliver; photo album of scenes in the Canadian Rockies and Stewart, B.C.; some unidentified portraits.

Box 9

- 986.202.64 Photographs
- 986.202.64.1 Scenes of farms in Chilliwack and Ringwood, Hants., England.
 - 986.202.64.2 Scenes of Chilliwack, other places in B.C., and Europe.
 - 986.202.64.3 Barrow's house, "The Cottonwoods", Chilliwack.
 - 986.202.64.4 Postcards - scenes of Chilliwack and other places the Barrows had lived or visited.

- 986.202.64.5 Scenes of Chilliwack and other places in B.C. Including Sumas Reclamation Project.
- 986.202.64.6 "The Cottonwoods" and other Barrow homes in Canada and in England.
- 986.202.64.7 An unidentified battleship (World War I?)
- 986.202.64.8 Crews at work during the 1948 flood.
- 986.202.64.9-.10 Postcards of Chilliwack and other places.
- 986.202.64.11 E.D. Barrow - formal portrait and informal group portraits.
- 986.202.64.12 Muriel Griffiths (friend of Dorothy Barrow).
- 986.202.64.13 Mounted portraits of unidentified women; grave.
- 986.202.64.14 Album containing snapshots of E.D. and Ralphia Barrow.
- 986.202.64.15 Portrait of woman in nurse's uniform, "Corrinne".
- Box 10
986.202.64.16 Group portraits of the John Oliver cabinet and of Sir Richard McBride with associates.
- 986.202.64.17 Portraits of G. G. McGeer (autographed), W.L.M. King, R. B. Bennett (?) and associates.
- 986.202.64.18 Parliament buildings, Victoria; 2 unidentified men.
- 986.202.64.19-.20 Negatives of Hilda Barrow's snapshots.
- 986.202.64.21-.36 Snapshots of Hilda Barrow and friends. Including Wilfred Ford.
- 986.202.64.37-.38 Snapshots of unidentified people; "The Cottonwoods" in winter (1935 storm?).
- 986.202.64.39 Cartes de visite, of Ralphia Barrow's family (?).
- 986.202.64.41 Snapshots featuring Ralphia Barrow.
- 986.202.64.42 Group portraits of E. D., Ralphia,

Hilda, and Dorothy Barrow.

- 986.202.64.43 E. D. and Ralphia Barrow.
- 986.202.64.44-.47 Hilda and Dorothy Barrow and friends.
- 986.202.64.48 Group portraits of nurses (friends).
- 986.202.64.49 Men in Masonic regalia at cornerstone-laying ceremony.
- 986.202.64.50 Victoria High School class portrait featuring Hilda Barrow.
- 986.202.64.51 E. D. Barrow with his sister Emily Barrow.
- 986.202.64.52 Olive Kipp
- 986.202.64.53 Unidentified man and woman.
- 986.202.64.54 Ralphia Barrow and group outside wooden cabin.
- 986.202.64.55 Archie, Ethel, and Lila Kipp and Nellie McNeill.
- 986.202.64.56 W.L.M. King with group of children.
- 986.202.64.57 Unidentified man in naval uniform with family.
- 986.202.64.58 Tombstone of Stephen and Sarah Barrow (E.D.'s parents).
- 986.202.64.59 Group portraits, featuring Ralphia Barrow.
- 986.202.64.60 Unidentified children.
- 986.202.64.61 Unidentified people (England).

Oversize photographs (see Oversize Box No. 10)

- montage of 1928 B.C. M.L.A.'s.
- group portrait of B.C. M.L.A.'s (date unknown)
- Parliament Buildings, Victoria.
- British Columbia Chamber of Agriculture convention, 1937.

Box 10
MISCELLANEOUS

- 986.202.65 Record of Finances Ledger
 - personal Barrow finances 1919-30
- 986.202.66 Framed Certificates
 - Citizenship Award - Board of Trade 1953

- 1971 - Agricultural Senate Club
- 1925 - Minister of Agriculture
- framed poem

986.202.67 Miss Alice Jane Barrow (authoress)
 - Dept. of Agriculture "Mothers' Pensions"

986.202.68 Pamphlet
 - "The Verdict of Public Opinion on the Japanese-American Question." 1920.

986.202.69 Scottish Milk Marketing Board
 - publications. 1935-37.

986.202.70 St. Joseph's Hospital (Victoria). School of Nursing. Pamphlet, "Thirty-five years of service".

Addendum No. 1 (formerly Add.MSS. 986.6)

Letter to E.D. Barrow from Emily Barrow. 1933.

Amendment to the King's Speech proposed by G.E. Brown (not dated).

Addendum No. 2 (formerly CM 2630) (in Oversize Box No.10)
Framed commemorative manuscript "Presented to Mrs. R.W.S. McLean by the community of Nakusp, April 1928"

Addendum No. 3 (formerly CM 2622)
Copper half-tone engraved printer's cut, portrait of Mrs. Edphia McLean, Sept World