

Fonds: Reid family fonds

Reference code: F 12

Dates of creation:

1918-1972

Physical description:

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Scope and content:

Fonds consists of records accumulated by the Reid family of Hope River, Prince Edward Island (PEI). Includes school certificates for Reid family members, notices of school taxes, correspondence, and academic accreditation for St. Dunstan's University.

Biographical sketch:

Rita Cullen (1901-1987) was the daughter of John Thomas Cullen and Mary Amelia Landrigan of Bayview, PEI. Her siblings included Leo, May, Margaret, Alice, Leonard, John Francis, William, Damian, and Agnes. The Cullen family moved to Hope River in 1905, and Rita attended Hope River School from grades one to ten. She took her teacher's training at Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown in 1918 and subsequently taught school in Clinton and Rennies Road, PEI.

Rita married James Brendan Reid (1897-1986) in St. Anne's, Hope River, PEI on September 12, 1923. Their children included Margaret Mary (1924-1973), James (1925-1925), Pauline (1927-1927), Francis Eileen (1928-2021), Joseph Leonard (1930-2019), Laura Gertrude (1931-2020), Mary "Pauline" (1933-2014), George Ian (1934-2013), Mary "Eleanor" Bernadette (1935), Jamie (1936-1936), Mary Rita "Eileen" (1938-2021), Mary (1939-1939), James Patrick Vincent (1940-2015), and Mary "Shirlee" Angela (1942-). Rita and James lived in Long River, PEI, where they had a mixed farm. James was also involved in fox farming, carpentry, and blacksmithing and also worked as a roadmaster. Rita and John are buried in the St. Anne's Cemetery.

Francis Eileen, "Fran" (1928-2023), attended Stanley Bridge School, where she completed her grade ten. She took her teacher's training at Prince of Wales College and subsequently taught at St. Anne's School, St. Mary's School, and St. Eleanor's Schools. Fran then spent twelve years with the Department of National Defence in Summerside, PEI, Goose Bay, Labrador, Grostenquin, France, as well as in Boden, Germany. Fran married Raymond James Sark (1927-1997) of Lennox Island on January 15, 1966, at St. Joseph's Church in Marysville, California. Fran and James traveled the world extensively. Around this time, Fran taught in schools in Sacramento, California, before moving back to PEI in 1973, where she spent eighteen years working at Eilerslie Elementary School, including being the School Principal. In California, Fran attended university, graduating with a BA, BEd, MEd, and a California Teacher's License. Fran also spent summers studying at summer schools at Prince of Wales College and St.

Dunstan's University in Charlottetown, Dalhousie University in Halifax, and the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Fran donated land on Reid Road in Stanley Bridge, PEI, to the Diocese of Charlottetown, where Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre is built. Fran died on July 26, 2023, in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, PEI.

Laura (1930-2020) married Bill Quinn and spent her adult life in Ontario. They had two children, Mike and Bob. Laura died in Hamilton, Ontario, on July 6, 2020.

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Biography:

Rita Cullen (1901-1927) and James Brendan Reid lived in Hope River, PEI with their seven children Margaret Mary (1924-1973), Joseph Leonard (1929-2019), Laura (1930-2020), Pauline (1933-2014), George Ian (1934-2013), Eileen Francis (1938-2021), and James Patrick (1940-2015). Francis Eileen, "Fran" (1928-2023) was a teacher who was married to Raymond J. Sark. Laura (1930-2020). Laura married Bill Quinn and lived in Ontario with their two children, Mike and Bob.