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## Finding Aid - Lawrence Johnstone Burpee fonds (RBSC- ARC-1088)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Lawrence Johnstone Burpee fonds
<b>ID:</b>	RBSC-ARC-1088
<b>Date:</b>	1895-1995 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	9 cm of textual records;1 photograph: b&w
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Finding aid updated by Claire Williams in January 2019.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Lawrence (Laurie) Johnstone Burpee was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on 5 March 1873. In 1899, he married Maud Hanington and together they had five children: Lawrence, Ruth, Margaret, Edward and Arthur. Burpee is remembered for his contributions to Canadiana as a historian, a librarian, and a writer. He served as chief librarian of the Carnegie Public Library in Ottawa, from 1905 to 1912. During his tenure he strove to improve services, and he was an ardent proponent in the building of the National Library. Burpee was a founding member of both the Canadian Historical Association and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Writers Foundation. He received the Medaille de Vermeil award from the Academie Francaise for his work in Canadian history, as well as the Tyrrel Gold Medal from the Royal Society of Canada. After his tenure as chief librarian, Burpee was appointed Canadian Secretary of the International Joint Commission and held this position until his death in Oxford, England, on 13 October 1947.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consist of incoming and outgoing letters mainly to Burpees daughter, Ruth Lowe the wife of Rev. John Lowe, copies of Burpees passports, published and unpublished works by Burpee, and a collection of autographs that Burpee had accumulated during his tenure as Ottawas chief librarian.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds were donated by Dr. Lawrence E. Lowe.

### Finding aids

Inventory available. A small accrual in the form of one file was made to the fonds in 2019, and the finding aid has been updated accordingly.

### Related material

Associated material available at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa, Victoria University Library Special Collections in Toronto, and Dartmouth College Library in Hanover, New Hampshire.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

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## Series descriptions

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### Correspondence

Date: 1895-1989 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-1	File - Outgoing letters	1922, 1924, 1929-1933, 1939-1944		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-3	File - United Polish Relief fund	1946		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-2	File - Incoming letters	1989-1902, 1908, 1914, 1917-1946		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-4	File - Copies of Burpee's passports	[1940]		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-5	File - List of book's in Burpee's library	[1945]		

RBSC-ARC-1088-1-6	File - Civil service list (copies)	1895, 1905, 1915, 1919		
<b>Published material</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1934-1995 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-7	File - Selection of articles	1934, 1941-1943		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-8	File - "Ode on the Burial of King George the fifth"	1936		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-9	File - List of books and articles written by Burpee	1938		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-10	File - Newspaper clippings on Burpee	1946, 1995		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-17	File - [Copy of Good Neighbours and correspondence]	1940		
<b>Unpublished material</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1989, 1994 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-11	File - Biography (draft)	1989		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-12	File - "Book of Ruth" correspondence	1944		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-13	File - "Book of Ruth" (draft)	1944		
<b>Autograph collection</b>				
<u>Date:</u> 1899-1945 (date of creation)				
<u>Publication status:</u> published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-14	File - Autograph correspondence	1899-1942, predominately 1934-1945		
RBSC-ARC-1088-1-15	File - Autograph collection	[n.d]		

RBSC-ARC-1088-1-16	File - Gilbert Parker photo with list of his [n.d.] novels on the verso
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