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# Anna Friesen fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Mennonite Heritage Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Anna Friesen fonds
<b>ID:</b>	PP
<b>Date:</b>	1929-1953 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	17 cm of textual records.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Accession number 2019-003.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Anna Sawatsky was born in Fargo, North Dakota on August 29, 1884 to Maria (Falk) and Cornelius P. Sawatsky while the family was immigrating from Russia to Canada. They settled on the family farm near Rosenfeld, Manitoba. Anna married Abraham K. Friesen (1881-1963) on June 29, 1902 in Rosenfeld, Manitoba. They moved to Gretna, Mb. where Abraham attended school for another two years. Then, they lived in Lowe Farm from 1904 to 1907 where he was a teacher. They moved to Winkler on August 7, 1907 where they raised their family of six children: Cornelius, Marie, Lena (Helen), Harry, Eleonora, and Evelyn. Abraham was the manager of Monarch Lumber Co, Winkler, for 44 years. They were active members of the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Anna passed away in Winkler, Manitoba on Dec 2, 1953. Abraham re-married Nettie Toews in 1959.

### Custodial history

After Anna Friesen's death, the materials were given to her youngest daughter, Evelyn Janzen. After Janzen's death, the materials were given to Anna's grand-daughter, Myrna Penner of Winkler.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of 25 diaries recorded by Anna dated from 1929 to 1953. The originals were scanned and then returned to the family. In this fonds are colour prints of the diaries. Personal records also include newspaper clippings, poems and some photos. The diaries, mostly in English with some German, are usually written in 7 by 9 inch scribblers. The first was written in a proper diary given as a gift to Anna by her son, Cornelius. Later entries were hastily recorded on whatever was available, with a few by her daughter, Evelyn. Anna writes about day-to-day activities which centered around their growing family,

Abraham's work and hobbies, their church activities, health issues and the influence of world events on their daily life.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Carole Grier, a granddaughter of Anna Friesen borrowed them from Myrna Penner.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Collection holdings

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### Part: PP-Textual -

ID: PP-Textual

Date: 1929-1953 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Diaries (documentary form)
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### File: PP-Textual-5707-25 - Anna Friesen diary

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-25

Date: 1929 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-26 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-26

Date: 1930-1934 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-27 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-27

Date: 1935 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-28 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-28

Date: 1936 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-29 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-29

Date: 1937 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-30 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-30

Date: 1938 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-31 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-31

Date: 1939 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-32 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-32

Date: 1940 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-33 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-33

Date: 1941 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-34 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-34

Date: 1942 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-35 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-35

Date: 1943 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-36 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-36

Date: 1944 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-37 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-37

Date: 1945 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-38 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-38

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-39 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-39

Date: 1947 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-40 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-40

Date: 1948 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-41 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-41

Date: 1949 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-42 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-42

Date: 1950 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-43 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-43

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-44 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-44

Date: 1952 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-45 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-45

Date: 1953 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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**File: PP-Textual-5707-46 - Anna Friesen diary**

Title: Anna Friesen diary

ID: PP-Textual-5707-46

Date: 1929-1953 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

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