

# Orville (Jimmy) Manson family fonds, 1890-1996, n.d.

RG 614

## Brock University Archives

- Creator:** Orville James (Jimmy) Manson
- Extent:** 8 cm of textual records  
2714 slides  
910 photographs  
61 negatives  
5 reels of 8 mm film  
2 DVDs
- Abstract:** Fonds consists of material related to the family of Orville James (Jimmy) Manson. Most of the materials are slides, photographs, film, and some genealogical material. Two photograph albums feature photographs from Jimmy's service with the Canadian Navy during World War II. Most of the slides and film feature family occasions and local scenery. Some of these include the Welland Canal, and the Port Robinson lift bridge over the canal after it had been struck by a freighter.
- Materials:** Slides, photographs, film, genealogical material.
- Repository:** Brock University Archives
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**Scope and content:**

Fonds consists of material related to Orville James (Jimmy) Manson and his family. Most of the materials are slides, photographs, film, and some genealogical material. Two photograph albums feature photographs from Jimmy's service with the Canadian Navy during World War II. There are several photographs of ships, including H.M.C.S. Hamilton, H.M.C.S. Frontenac, H.M.C.S. Kapuskaping, H.M.C.S. Assinaboine, and H.M.C.S. Matapedia. Some photographs capture naval action, such as a sinking U-boat after ramming, fighting fire aboard a Destroyer caused by enemy shelling, and the burial at sea of a Canadian Sailor. Interior photographs of ships, as well as crew members, are also included. Most of the slides and film feature family occasions and local scenery. Some of these include the Welland Canal, and the Port Robinson lift bridge over the canal after it had been struck by a freighter.

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**Biographical sketch:**

Orville James (Jimmy) Manson was born in 1915 in Turtleford, Saskatchewan. He was the third child of Sanford and Bertha Manson. The family moved to St. Catharines, Ontario in 1925. Jimmy served in the Canadian Navy during World War II. In 1946 he married Audrey Weeks. He took many pictures of local scenery and points of interest, some of which he made into paintings. He died in 2005.

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**Organization:**

The records were arranged into four series:

Series I: Slides, 1963-1994, n.d.

Series II: Photographs, 1890-1948, n.d.

Series III: Family history, 1976-1996, n.d.

Series IV: Film, 1973-1981

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**Inventory:**

**Series I: Slides, 1963-1994, n.d.**

- 1.1 Family, 1963-1966. Contains slides of Christmas holidays, Thanksgiving and Labour Day. Includes a sheet with captions for the first 100 slides.
- 1.1 Family, 1967-1970. Contains slides of Ottawa, Christmas, and other family occasions.
- 1.2 Family, July 1970-July 1971. Contains slides of a wedding and summer holiday.
- 1.2 Family, July 1971-July 1973. Contains slides of summer holidays, a wedding, and Christmas holidays.
- 1.3 Scenery, September 1973-December 1973. Contains slides of the Lake Ontario shoreline, Grimsby Mountain and African Safari.
- 1.3 Scenery, July 1974-August 1974. Contains slides of Oak Bay and Buckhorn Lake.
- 3.1 Port Robinson Lift Bridge, August 26, 1974. Contains 11 slides of the damaged Port Robinson Lift Bridge after it had been struck by the freighter Steelton.
- 1.4 Family, August 1974-May 1975.
- 1.4 Scenery, January-March 1977. Contains slides of Niagara Falls in winter, and plants and flowers.
- 1.5 May 1977. Contains slides of Dearborn, Michigan, the Ford Museum, and Greenfield Village.
- 1.5 Scenery, July 1977. Contains slides of Turtleford, Saskatchewan.
- 1.6 1977-1978. Contains slides of Turtleford, Saskatchewan, a wedding, and travel.
- 1.6 June-July 1977. Contains slides of the Metro Zoo and a trip to Wawa.
- 2.1 April 1978. Contains slides from travels in Pennsylvania and Virginia.
- 2.2 August-October 1978. Contains slides of Toronto and landscapes in autumn.
- 2.2 December 1978. Contains slides of the Panorama of Lights in Simcoe, Ontario.
- 2.3 March-July 1979. Contains slides of Kingsville, flowers, and the Niagara River.

- 2.3 July-December 1979. Contains slides of Labour Day and the Grape & Wine Festival.
- 2.4 April-June 1982-1991. Contains slides of the Bruce Trail and Grapeview School.
- 3.2 Cullen Gardens, December 1989.
- 3.3 Elora Gorge and Old Building, n.d.
- 3.4 For Painting, n.d. Contains images of scenery, animals and trains.
- 3.5 People, n.d.
- 3.6 Pickering Energy Information Centre, n.d.
- 3.7 Shows and events, n.d.
- 3.8 Vermont, October 1980.
- 3.9 Virginia (Richmond & Norfolk), 1981.
- 3.10 Flowers, n.d. Contains slides of flowers in greenhouses, wildflowers and plants on the escarpment.
- 3.11 Images made into paintings, n.d. Contains images of Lake Louise and Morningstar Mill.
- 3.12 Niagara Falls/Parkwood, 1981, n.d. Contains slides of Niagara Falls in winter and Parkwood Estate in Oshawa.
- 3.13 North Algonquin/Toronto skyline, n.d.
- 3.14 Paintings, n.d.
- 3.15 Port Dalhousie Lighthouse, 1984-1985.
- 3.16 Sky and Clouds, n.d.
- 3.17 Third Welland Canal, n.d.
- 3.18-3.19 Assorted slides, 1974-1994. Contains slides of grading for the construction of highway 406; Brock University tower; trees in autumn; plows; Decew falls area; and Lake Superior.

**Series II: Photographs, 1890-1948, n.d.**

- Box 4 Photograph album, 1936-1944, n.d. Contains 92 black and white photographs of Jim Manson, Audrey Weeks, as well as their friends and family. Some

photographs feature men in uniform who served during World War II, including Sergeant Rae Joseph Dunn, Lance Corporal Reginald Weeks and Earl Upper, with related news clippings.

- Box 4 Photograph album, 1943-1948. Contains 413 black and white photographs. The album contains family photos of Jim and Audrey Manson, as well as photos of Jim Manson's service with the Navy during World War II. Naval photographs include Jim Manson in uniform before leaving for duty in 1943, as well as photographs of ships, including H.M.C.S. Hamilton, H.M.C.S. Frontenac, H.M.C.S. Kapuskaping, H.M.C.S. Assinaboine, and H.M.C.S. Matapedia (including a photograph of the ship's crew). Some photographs capture naval action, such as a sinking U-boat after ramming, fighting fire aboard Destroyer caused by enemy shelling, and the burial at sea of a Canadian Sailor. Interior photographs of ships, as well as crew members, are also included. Also contains some photographs of U.S. Destroyers and Aircraft Carriers and a Royal Navy Destroyer in Halifax Harbour during the Quebec City conference attended by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. Other military photographs include a United States Navy Coastal Patrol Blimp off New York, the U.S.S. Texas entering New York after D-Day landings, and depth charges exploding astern.
- 3.20 Naval photographs, 1940-1945. Contains captioned copies of black and white photographs. Photos include the H.M.C.S. Matapedia (including interior shots and the ship's crew); H.M.C.S. Hamilton; ice formations on the Matapedia; the H.M.C.S. Assinaboine ramming and sinking a German U-boat; burial at sea of a Canadian Sailor; ships anchored in Halifax Harbour during President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill's Conference in Quebec City; British submarine tied alongside training ship H.M.C.S. Avalon; U.S.S. Texas entering New York after D-Day landings; H.M.C.S. Kapuskasing; wrecked stern of a torpedoed Tanker; and the H.M.C.S. Frontenac.
- 3.21 Jimmy and Audrey Manson family photographs, 1944-1948, n.d. Contains captioned copies of black and white photographs. Contains photographs from their honeymoon, including London, Ont. and Simcoe, as well as photos of Manitoulin Island, Lake Mindemoya beach, St. Catharines, Thorold, Hamilton Trade School, Queenston Heights, and the Niagara Glen.
- 3.22 Manson family photographs, 1893-1919, n.d. Contains photographs of Orville (Jimmie) Manson, Sanford Manson, Park Place, and family photographs including members of the Affleck and Penman families.
- 3.23 Manson family photographs, 1890, 1915-1925, n.d. Contains photographs of members of the Manson family, including Archie, Eileen, Clara, Orville (Jimmie),

Dorothy, Harvey, and Bertha. Also includes photographs of Jared Beeshy and Turtleford, Saskatchewan.

- 3.24 Other photographs, 1938-1939, n.d. Contains photographs of the ship Algonquins, the collapsed Falls View bridge and members of the Woodland Tigers Softball Club.

**Series III: Family history, 1976-1996, n.d.**

- 3.25 Turtleford School 1976 Re-union: teachers and students name and addresses. Also includes 2 photocopied pages of school attendance records in Turtleford for April, 1924.
- 3.26 Penman Family, 1993. Contains a compilation of genealogical material on the Penman family, compiled by Harvey Manson.
- 3.27 The World Book of Mansons, 1996. Contains a general history of the Manson name.
- 3.28 Jim Manson's family history, n.d. Contains handwritten and typewritten memoirs of Orville (Jimmie) Manson.
- 3.29-3.30 *From Whence we Came, the Stories of my Grandparents: the Mansons, Penmans, Beeshys and Humblings* (excerpts) by Harvey Manson. Compiled March, 1982.

**Series IV: Film, 1973-1981**

- 3.31 Port Dalhousie, African Safari, Grape and Wine Festival, 8 mm. film, 1973-1974.
- 3.32 Family occasions, 1974-1975, 8 mm. film.
- 3.33 CNR Station, September 1975, 8 mm. movie film.
- 3.34 Decew Falls and butterflies, July-August 1978, 8 mm. film.
- 3.35 Toronto, August 1978, 8 mm. film.
- 3.36 Virginia, 1981, 8 mm. film.
- 3.37 Two DVDs containing some of the content of the films listed above, including Port Dalhousie, the Grape and Wine Festival, Toronto from the CN Tower, Louth

St. and Jordan Harbour, Potter Distilleries Ltd. at the Pen Centre, and a steam locomotive.