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Note

This finding aid has been updated integrating notes prepared in November and December 2008 by Dr. Robert Stek, a colleague and friend of Dr. Duncan Blewett.

Biographical Sketch: Duncan Blewett was born in Edmonton, Alberta in October 28, 1920. After fighting in WWII, Blewett, along with other young veterans, was offered the choice of a lump sum payment or a free education as compensation for their time given to the war. Blewett chose to pursue an education in psychology. He received his BA from the University of British Columbia in 1947 and his MA from the same institution in 1950.

Blewett went on to earn his PhD in one and a half years at the University of London with renowned psychologist Hans Eysenck. He later taught at the University of Illinois which was headed by noted psychologist Raymond Cattell, before the government of Saskatchewan recruited Blewett to be chief psychologist of the province in the 1950s.

Blewett was pivotal in pioneering psychedelic research. In 1959 along with Nicholas Chwelos, he co-authored *Handbook for the Therapeutic Use of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide- 25(LSD) : Individual and Group Procedures (1959)*. Blewett became instrumental in advancing LSD treatment programs as therapy for schizophrenics and alcoholics in Saskatchewan.

In 1961, he was hired by the University of Saskatchewan Regina Campus to develop psychology as a discipline at the rapidly growing institution. Here he founded the University Of Regina Department Of Psychology. Blewett would also be a founder of the Saskatchewan Psychological Association. During this time he joined the world-renowned University of Saskatchewan research team at the Saskatchewan Hospital in Weyburn and worked beside such notable researchers as biochemist and psychiatrist Abram Hoffer, and project coordinator Humphry Osmond (who coined the word "psychedelic" in a letter to his friend Aldous Huxley).

Blewett retired from the University of Regina in 1986 and moved to Gabriola Island, B.C after nearly three decades of dynamic research and teaching. Throughout his career Blewett wrote many books and publications that continue to influence the field of psychology today. His early work has been the subject of at least three documentaries, and a fourth was created around his March 24 memorial on Gabriola Island, B.C.

Blewett died on February 24, 2007, having lived "fabulously in the moment until the end".

Box 1	1	Appendix A, pages 162 – 177 [written by N. Chivelos and Duncan Blewett]	
		Correspondence From Duncan Blewett Re:	
	2	Publisher for writing	
	3	State of Psychology Department	November 22, 1972
	4	Larry _____	
	5	Stan _____	
		Correspondence To Duncan Blewett	
	6	Conference Reviews	
	7	<u>The Frontiers of Being</u> , by Duncan Blewett	
	8	Personal (includes 1 photograph)	
	9	Walter Houston Clark, Ph.D.	
	10	Professional Consultations/Updates	
		Clippings of Interest	
	11	About Duncan Blewett	
	12	LSD and Marijuana	
		Department of Psychology	
	13	Correspondence General	
	14	To/From Duncan Blewett Re: Program in Psychology	
	15	Class Outline, n.d. / Psychology 381 Class Outline 1982 Winter	
	16	25 th Anniversary for Department / Retirement of Duncan Blewett	February 6, 1976
	17	Draft proposal for Study attempting to seek out and catalogue events and processes as they originate and develop within the drug culture as they are adapted to it.	n.d.
	18	Extrasensory Perception Experiment with the Grateful Dead	n.d.
	19	First Person accounts of LSD experiences	
		Mailing List	
	20	International Association for Psychotronic Research	
	21	Participants in conference on Altered States of Consciousness	1973
		Miscellaneous	
	22	Human Relations Institute – Valley Centre, July 1958 (includes 1 photograph)	
	23	Psychedelic Manual	October 4, 1993
		Personal	
	24	Calendar and Identification card for International Association for Psychotronic Research	
	25	Diplomas from University of British Columbia (Bachelors and Master degrees)	
		Publications	
	26	<u>Canadian Dimension</u> Vol. 4, No. 5 1967 Summer	
	27	<u>Newsweek</u> , July 1967	
	28	<u>Yoga Journal</u> November-December, 1976	
	29	<u>Star Weekly Magazine</u> , May 1967	
	30	Task Force Report <u>Narcotics and Drug Abuse</u> , 1967	
	31	[Research Cards]	
	32	[Research Experiments]	
Box 2		Writing Off Prints by Duncan Blewett	
	33	Decline of Verbal Standards in Universities	

Box 3

- 34 Psychadelic Drugs in Parapsychological Research
Writing Off Prints by Duncan Blewett, et al.
- 35 The Pfister Colored Pyramid Test
Writing Off Prints by Duncan Blewett and W. B. Stefaniuk
- 36 The Weyburn Assessment Scale
Writing Off Prints by Stanley Krippner
- 37 Article from The Emotional Stress of War, Violence, n.d.
 and Peace: Marijuana & Viet Nam: Twin
 Dilemmas for American Youth
Writing by Duncan Blewett
- 38 Miscellaneous
- 39 Personal
- 40 Poetry
- 41 Thesis: A Comparison of Certain Measures of
 Interest in Armed Service Trade Selection, April
 1950
- 42 "Handbook of Psychotronic Engineering," March
 1985
- 43 "Handbook of Psychotronic Engineering," updated
 August 2002
- 44 An Induction – Resonance Model of Psychic Energy n.d.
 Dynamic
- 45 Manuscripts
- Writings by Others
- 46 Stanislav Graf, "Varieties of Transpersonal n.d.
 Experiences: Observations from LSD
 Psychotherapy"
- 47 Hoffer, Abram, "Use of LSD-25 in the Treatment of n.d.
 Chronic Alcoholism, a neglected Field of Study,
 Autobiographies of Former Mental Patients"
- 48 Krippner, Stanley, "Introduction"
- 49 Sherwood, J.N., Stolaroff, M.J. and Harman, W.W.,
 The Psychedelic Experience: A New Concept in
 Psychotherapy
- 50 Stafford, Peter, "Students and Drugs"
- 51 [Stafford, Peter] "Students and Drugs" Chapter 9,
 "Underneath Reality", page 269 – 295; Chapter
 11, page 396; page 414
- 52 Stolaroff, Myron, including off print: "Are
 Psychadelics useful in the Practice of Buddhism?"