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John Archer was born in July 1914 in Broadview, Saskatchewan. He taught school from 1933 to 1940 and served with the Royal Canadian Artillery in World War II until 1945 when he was discharged having attained the rank of Captain and later, becoming an Honorary Colonel in 1973.

In 1947 Archer received a Bachelors degree in Arts and in 1948 a Masters degree in Arts from the University of Saskatchewan. A Bachelor of Library Science degree was attained from McGill University in 1949.

Archer was the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan Librarian from 1951 to 1964 and the assistant clerk of the Legislature from 1956 to 1961, the provincial archivist from 1957 to 1962 and chairman of the Committee on Continuing Education in Saskatchewan from 1962 to 1964 when he became the Director of Libraries at McGill University. From 1967 to 1970, Archer was an archivist and an Associate Professor of History Queen's University where from he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

In 1970, he became Principal of the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus and was appointed as the first president of the University of Regina in 1974 serving until 1976.

Archer has written much on the topic of Saskatchewan, its history, and its people, he was made a Officer of the Order of Canada in 1980 and in 1987 was awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Archer passed away in 2004.

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Scope and Content: This collection ranges in date from 1977 to 2001 and includes meeting programs and active members lists of Ye Knights of Ye Iron Crock. Sanguinary Armisticians group of which Archer was a member. This group meets at Regina's Hotel Saskatchewan on November 11 each year to pay tribute to those who have given their lives in battle for their country. They assemble to toast their honored dead and have breakfast together bedecked in the regalia of the order, an iron crock suspended by a red silk cord.

Access Restrictions: There are no access restrictions on this material.

Box 1	1	Alice Archer	n.d., 1978, 1979, 1990
	2	Articles and Book Reviews	n.d., 1977, 1984, 1988, 1989
	3	Artifacts List (includes the following) 1) Mantle clock "Celebrating Saskatchewan" May 1998 - March 2001 2) Guest book presented to John Archer on the occasion of a presentation of the Anglican Award of Merit, September 27, 1988 3) Library [Opening Ceremony] Scissors and Case Regina Campus: October 14, 1964 (the correct date is October 14, 1967) 4) Name Plate Dr. John Archer, President, 1974 - 1976 (University of Regina Crest has fallen off but is still available. The second one is not available.) 5) Saskatchewan Order of Merit Tenth Investiture 1994 plate 6) Saskatchewan Wheat Pool 25 Year Club Imperial Pint c92, March 28, 1979 7) Stamps commemorating 100 years of postal service to Regina 1 November 1882 - 1 November 1982 (brown album 2 double-sided pages)	
	4	Audio Visual Material List – VHS Tapes (includes John Archer's Saskatchewan Series 1) Cannington Manor (Episode 1) 2) "History Tour" (Episode 6) 3) "The Saskatchewan Mosaic" (Episode 2) 4) a) The Uprising of 1885 (Episode 5) b) The N.W.M.P. (Episode 4)	
	5	Awards and Certificates (includes photograph #1)	
	6	Correspondence - McLaughlin, Rose Seaman	September 6, 1989
	7	Donations – Saskatchewan Archives Board Accessions	2001, 2002
CLOSED		Military	
	8	Ye Knights of Ye Iron Crock. Sanguinary Armisticians meeting programs and active members lists (includes An Historic Sketch of Ye Knights of Ye Iron Crock – Sanguinary Armisticians, by J.H. Archer, 1984.)	
	9	The 1 st and 2 nd Survey Regiments Newsletter 2001-2003	
	10	Miscellaneous Material	1978, 1991, 2001

	11	Newspaper Articles – by or about Archer (includes photograph #2)	
	12	Oversize Material List includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Ponies Game 2) Certificate for Life Membership (Salvation Army) 	
	13	Photographs (includes photographs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # 3 [Saskatchewan Order of Merit], [1994] # 4 German defenses D-Day [unknown word], August 1994 # 5 Ernie Nicholls and John Archer, n.d.) 	
Box 2		Publications by Archer	
	14	Frederick Jackson Turner, 1861-1932	
	15	Historical Explanation	
	16	Rural Municipality of Kingsley #124, [Saskatchewan]	
	17	Sir Edward Grey and the Crisis of June 28th – August 4th, 1914	
	18	Smuts as a Political Leader	
	19	Sorokin's Criticism of the Techniques of Spengler and Toynbee	
		Publications of Interest	
	20	University of Regina Convocation Address - T.C. Douglas	1978
	21	The Visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburg to Saskatchewan	1987
	22	Speeches	n.d., 1993,1994