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REGINA COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS  
AND MEMORABILIA FROM MYRTLE (GRYDE) ROONEY

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**Biographical Sketch:** Myrtle Vivian (Gryde) Rooney, known as 'Myrt' to her friends, was a student at Regina College during the school years 1931-1932 and 1932-1933.

'Myrt' was active in various school programs; she wore the College "R" for athletics and was on the school's Athletic Committee. In 1931-1932 Myrtle won First Prize in Religious Education and the Girls Senior First Prize in Athletics, she was runner up for the college tennis tournament in 1932, and won the tournament in June 1933, Myrtle also won an archery badge and the First Prize in General Proficiency in 1933. She was on the Senior Girl's Basketball Team in 1932 and in 1933 and she also enjoyed dancing, taking part as a "Folk Dancer" and "Country Dancer". She sang in the school Glee Club which was instructed by Mr. Wagg, and in 1932, with students from Regina College, Luther College, Campion College and the Normal School, Myrtle took part in the Operetta "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" singing with an alto voice.

Myrtle Rooney passed away in Edmonton, Alberta in 2004.

**Scope and Content:** The material in this collection arrived in a 1¼ inch binder containing handwritten notes, clippings, 12 artifacts, 65 photographs, and one publication. Among this material is one 1933 correspondence between Myrtle Gryde and Florence Kirk, who was an instructor at Regina College from 1930-1932. Also included are programs from various dances and commencement exercises, time table cards, college crests and pins. The sixty-five candid photographs offer a glimpse into the life of a female student in residence at Regina College 1930's. The date range of this collection is 1931 to 1965, predominantly 1931 to 1933.

**Custodial History:** This collection was transferred to the University of Regina in by Myrtle's younger brother Kenneth in October 2010.

**Legal Agreement:** A donation agreement was signed with Kenneth Rooney on October 29, 2010.

**Access Restrictions:** There are no access restrictions to the records.

**Future Accruals:** Future accruals are not expected.

**Note on Arrangement:** The pages of the binder have been photocopied and numbered for preservation purposes, including the outside and inside cover. The binder was then dismantled to preserve the archival items from the effects of the acidic paper and plastic they were housed in. The individual items were placed in folders classified into five series: Artifacts, Clippings, Correspondence, Photographs and Publications. This collection is in very good condition.

Box 1		ARTIFACTS	1931-1933
	1	1) Handwritten name label from door of Myrt Gryde's room in residence at Regina College	1933
		2) Myrt (Gryde) Rooney's timetable of classes	1932-1933
		3) Myrt (Gryde) Rooney's timetable of classes	1931-1932
		4) Fabric "R" badge with attached metal pendant bearing college crest	1932
		5) Fabric (felt) badge won by Myrt (Gryde) Rooney at archery contest	1933
		6) Small felt crest with attached Regina College pin	1933
		7) Myrt (Gryde) Rooney's Program from Regina College Annual Banquet, March 11, 1933	1933
		8) Myrt (Gryde) Rooney's Program from Regina College Annual Banquet, March 12 1932	1932
		9) Program/dance card from Regina College Closing Exercises Dance, May 2 1933	1933
		10) Program from Commencement Exercises, Thursday June 9 1932, Regina College	1932
		11) Program from Commencement Exercises, June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1933, Regina College	1933
		12) Program from "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" production at Darke Hall, April 20-23 <sup>rd</sup> 1932	1932
	2	CLIPPINGS	[1931-1965]
	3	CORRESPONDENCE Letter from Margaret Fisher to Myrt (Gryde) Rooney Letter from Florence Kirk to Myrt (Gryde) Rooney	July 1 [1933] n.d.
	4	PHOTOGRAPHS (includes 65 photos)	[1931-1965]
	5	PRESERVATION PHOTOCOPIES	
	6	PUBLICATIONS "Glimpses of the Last 50 Years"	[1961]

**Photograph Descriptions**

All photos are black and white. All measurements are L x W in inches.

**Photograph # 1**

Description: Myrtle (Gryde) Rooney standing on the front stoop of a building.  
Date: 1932 (processed Jan. 6)  
Size: 3.25 x 1.75  
Additional information:

**Photograph # 2**

Description: Portrait of Margaret Fisher  
Date: c. 1931  
Size: 3.25 x 2.75  
Additional information: Annotation "Regina College, Marg Fisher (1931-2) (1932-3), from Red Jacket Rocanville. My room mate for 2 yrs"

**Photograph # 3**

Description: Two girls standing outdoors with their arms around each other.  
Date: 1931 (processed Nov 2)  
Size: 2.25 x .75  
Additional information:

**Photograph # 4**

Description: Portrait of Madge Martin  
Date: c. 1931  
Size: 3 x 2.75  
Additional information: Annotation "Regina College, Madge Martin, (1931-2) (1932-3), from LaPorte Sask.

**Photograph # 5**

Description: Portrait of Jean Lawrence  
Date: c. 1931  
Size: 3.25 x 2.75  
Additional information: Annotation "Regina College, Jean Lawrence, (1931-2) (1932-3), from Mildred Sask.

**Photograph # 6**

Description: Portrait of Peggy Fizell  
Date: c. 1931  
Size: 3.25 x 2.75  
Additional information: Annotation "Regina College, Peggy Fizell (1931-2) (1932-3), from Fiske Sask.

**Photograph # 7**

Description: Portrait of Ernestine Warner  
Date: c. 1931  
Size: 3.25 x 2.75  
Additional information: Annotation "Regina College, (1931-2) Ernestine Warner from (Swift Current), - music student-

## Photograph # 8

Description: Group of men and women standing outdoors  
Date: 1932 (processed May 31)  
Size: 1.75 x 2.5  
Additional information:

## Photograph # 9

Description: Ernestine and Jean standing with Regina College in the background  
Date: 1932  
Size: 1.5 x 1  
Additional information: Annotation "Ernestine and Jean Regina College 1932"

## Photograph # 10

Description: Two women standing outdoors with a brick building behind them  
Date: 1932  
Size: 2.25 x 1  
Additional information:

## Photograph # 11

Description: Seven women posing in a line in front of the entrance to a brick building [Regina College]  
Date: c. 1931  
Size: 4.5 x 7  
Additional information: Annotation "Our Gang at Regina College (1931-2). Marion (Mouse) Marshall - (from Scrip Sask.) Marg (Fisher) Fisher - (Red Jacket-Rocanville) Ernestine Warner - Swift Current. Peggie (Fizz) Fizzell - Fiske Sask. Myrtle (Myrt) Rooney - Climax Sask. Jean Lawrence - Mildred Sask. Madge Martin - La Porte Sask."

## Photograph # 12

Description: Six women in white dresses posed next to some bushes, a brick building is visible in the background.  
Date: c. 1932  
Size: 4.5 x 7.25  
Additional information: Handwritten note found under photo in scrapbook "Our Gang – Regina College- 1932-33 (in residence). Marg Fisher, Peggy Fizzell, Jean Lawrence, Myrt (me), Marian Marshall, Madge Martin"

## Photograph # 13

Description: Six male student waiters and the head maid Emma posed in outdoors with Regina College visible in the background.  
Date: 1932 (processed May 25)  
Size: 2.25 x 3.25  
Additional information: Annotation "Student waiters and head maid Emma, Regina College"

## Photograph # 14

Description: Seven women posed in a line with one man kneeling, posed outdoors.  
Date: 1932 (processed May 31)  
Size: 2 x 2.75

Additional information: Handwritten note found under photo in scrapbook "Our table and our student waiter, Herman Shoup"

Photograph # 15

Description: Three men (part-time student waiters) posed on the lawn behind Darke Hall.

Date: 1932 (processed May 31)

Size: 2 x 2

Additional information: Annotation "Regina College part time student waiters"

Photograph # 16

Description: Seven women posed outdoors , [one man whose head is not in the picture frame] stands behind them. Darke Hall is visible in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed May 31)

Size: 2 x 2.75

Additional information:

Photograph # 17

Description: Ernestine and an unknown man standing outdoors, Darke Hall is visible in the background

Date: 1932 (processed May 31)

Size: 3 x 2.25

Additional information: Annotation "Regina College, Ernestine and ?"

Photograph # 18

Description: Marg Fisher [and Mel] posed outdoors.

Date: 1932 (processed May 31)

Size: 3 x 2

Additional information: Annotation "Marg Fisher and Mel [Oct]."

Photograph # 19

Description: Mr. and Mrs. Willie (janitor and janitor's wife), and Myrt Gryde and friends standing outdoors.

Date: n.d.

Size: 2 x 3

Additional information: Handwritten note found in scrapbook under photo "Mr. and Mrs. Willie, he was Janitor in residence"

Photograph # 20

Description: Nine girls posed in a line outdoors, Regina College is visible in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed May 7)

Size: 2.5 x 4

Additional information: Handwritten note found under photo in scrapbook "2<sup>nd</sup> year Arts in Residence. Anne Minor, Isobel Robinson, Rowena Cantelon (P.E. instruction), Marg Rusk, Mary Marchak, Jean McCulloch, Vivian Wilkinson, Lena Valain."

Photograph # 21

Description: Dorothy Dunning and Lois Fry standing outdoors, there is a house in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed June 9)

Size: 3 x 2

Additional information: Handwritten note found under photo in scrapbook "Dorothy Dunning and Lois Fry (Regina) (day students)".

Photograph # 22

Description: Eleven female students stand posed next to the side of a brick building.

Date: 1933 (processed May 8)

Size: 2.25 x 3.25

Additional information: Annotations "second year arts, day students".

Photograph # 23

Description: Seven women and four men stand posed outdoors with a brick building in the background

Date: c. 1932

Size: 2 x 3

Additional information: Myrt Gryde, Margaret Fisher, Jean Lawrence, and Ernestine Warner are four of the women visible. The name "Carter" has been written overtop of one of the men in the photo.

Photograph # 24

Description: Six women and four men posed outdoors with a brick building [Darke Hall] in the background

Date: c. 1932

Size: 2 x 2.5

Additional information:

Photograph # 25

Description: 'Myrt' and Ken Murray seated on a window sill.

Date: 1931 (processed Nov.30)

Size: 2.5 x 1.5

Additional information: Annotations "Regina College, Me and Ken Murray (baritone)"

Photograph # 26

Description: Bill Turnbull and Francis Dykes seated on a window sill.

Date: 1931 (processed Nov. 30)

Size: 2.5 x 1.5

Additional information: Annotation "Francis Dykes and Bill Turnbull"

Photograph # 27

Description: Seven women with tennis rackets standing on a tennis court. Darke Hall is visible in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed June 17)

Size: 1.5 x 2.5

Additional information: Annotations (on photo) "Tennis at R.C.". Handwritten note found under photograph in scrapbook "Tennis Courts at back of College. Ernestine (W), Myrt (me), Allison Scott, Jay Marshall, Jean L. (Seated) Peggie F., Elaine Hunter---I won the tennis tournament in June 1933, was runner up in 1932."

Photograph # 28

Description: [Betty Ralla] outdoors with Regina College in the background.

Date: 1931 (processed Nov 1)

Size: 2 x .5

Additional information: Cropped portion of a larger photograph.

Photograph # 29

Description: A woman standing outdoors.

Date: c. 1931

Size: 2 x .5

Additional information: Cropped portion of a larger photograph.

Photograph # 30

Description: Thirteen women standing in front of an entrance to a brick building [Regina College], one appears to be taking a picture of the photographer.

Date: 1933 (processed May 8)

Size: 2 x 2.5

Additional information: Photograph found on a page in the scrapbook labelled "In Residence 1933"

Photograph # 31

Description: Seven women standing in front of an entrance to a brick building, [Regina College].

Date: 1933 (processed May 8)

Size: 2.25 x 2.75

Additional information: Annotations (names written under people in the photograph), "Jay, Madge, Pinder, Pearl, Jean, Me".

Photograph # 32

Description: Jean and Muriel standing in front of an entrance to a brick building [Regina College].

Date: 1933 (May 8)

Size: 3.25 x 2.25

Additional information: Annotations (written underneath people in the photograph), "Jean and Muriel".

Photograph # 33

Description: Seven woman standing and sitting on the stairs leading to an entrance to a brick building [Regina College].

Date: 1933 (processed May 8)

Size: 2.5 x 3.25

Additional information: Annotations (names have been written next to people in the photograph), "Kay Graham, Kay Would, Muriel Martin, Dorothy Drennan, Jean Rose, Laura Powell, Norah Anderson".

Photograph # 34

Description: Bill [Main], Don Horne and Chuck Crossland standing outdoors, a brick building is visible in the background.

Date: c. 1932

Size: 3.25 x 2

Additional information: Annotations (three names written on front and back of photo), "Bill [Main], Don Horne and Chuck Crossland".

Photograph # 35

Description: Bud Gladwell standing on the front stairs on Darke Hall.

Date: [1933], processed May 8.

Size: 3.25 x 2

Additional information: Annotations "Bud Gladwell, Regina College".

## Photograph # 36

Description: Bill Glover on the front lawn of Regina College, Central Collegiate is visible in the background.

Date: 1933 (processed May 8).

Size: 3 x 2

Additional information: Annotation, "Bill Glover".

## Photograph # 37

Description: Evelyn Black standing outside an entrance to Regina College, Darke Hall is visible in the background.

Date: 1933

Size: 3.5 x 2

Additional information: Annotations "Evelyn Black, Regina College"

## Photograph # 38

Description: Eight women standing on the stairs of an entrance to a brick building [Regina College]

Date: 1933 (processed May 8)

Size: 2.5 x 3.25

Additional information: Annotations (names have been written next to each person in the photograph), "Joy Marshall, Jean Lawrence, Marian "Mouse" Marshall, Pearl Gardiner, Mary Fisher, Mary Pinder, Me Myrt, Madge Martin".

## Photograph # 39

Description: The gym at Regina College decorated with streamers; a boat is hung from the ceiling.

Date: 1933 (processed May 15)

Size: 2.75 x 4

Additional information: Annotations "This is our gym the way it was decorate at the dance on May 2, for second yr. Arts farewell".

## Photograph # 40

Description: Miss Benwell in a costume posed on a stage.

Date: 1933 (processed May 15)

Size: 3.5 x 2.5

Additional information: Annotations "This is Miss Benwell our gym teacher. She gave a solo dance during the dance".

## Photograph # 41

Description: R. Coleman and Rowena Cantelon posed outdoors.

Date: 1932 (processed June 25)

Size: 2.5 x 2.25

Additional information: Annotations "Regina College, R. Coleman basketball coach, Rowena Cantelon (P.T. instructor) "

## Photograph # 42

Description: Myrt (Gryde) Rooney and her five teammates on the Sr. Girl's basketball team.

Date: 1931-32

Size: 4.5 x 6.5

Additional information: Annotations "Val (jump centre), Jay, Alma (guards), Vivian, Myrt (forwards), Hattie (running centre). Regina College 1931-2)". A caption found on the same page of the scrapbook reads "Senior Girl's Basketball Team".

## Photograph # 43

Description: Myrt (Gryde) Rooney and her six teammates on the Sr. Girl's basketball team.

Date: 1933

Size: 4.5 x 6

Additional information: Annotations " 1933- Norah Anderson, Issabel Thompson, Rosa Lorimer, Myrt Gryde, Leta King, Hazel Stewart ([Quarry]) (deceased), Helen Switzer."

## Photograph # 44

Description: Ruth and Muriel posed outdoors in costumes, Darke Hall is visible in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed June 25)

Size: 4.25 x 2.5

Additional information: Annotations "Ruth – Muriel" written underneath the two girls. Photograph was found on a page in the scrapbook labelled "Folk Dancers 1931-32".

## Photograph # 45

Description: Flo and Jean posed outdoors in costumes. Regina College is visible in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed June 25)

Size: 4.25 x 2.5

Additional information: Annotations "Flo – Jean" written underneath the two girls. Photograph was found on a page in the scrapbook labelled "Folk Dancers 1931-32".

## Photograph # 46

Description: Seven women (including Myrt (Gryde) Rooney), as well as "Ruth, Muriel, Flo and Jean", (identified in previous photographs), posed outdoors in costumes.

Date: 1932 (processed June 25)

Size: 2.5 x 4

Additional information: Annotations "Wilma" is written on the front of the photograph. The photograph was found on a page in the scrapbook labelled "Folk Dancers 1931-32".

## Photograph # 47

Description: Myrt, Mysie, Ev, and Kay posed outdoors in costume. Regina College is visible in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed June 25)

Size: 4.25 x 2.5

Additional information: Annotations " Myrt, Mysie, Ev, and Kay" are written on the front of the photograph, each name corresponding to a girl in the image. "Myrt Gryde and Mysie Marshall, Evelyn Dobson and Kay Busse" is written on the back of the photograph. This photograph was found on a page in the scrapbook labelled "Folk Dancers 1931-32".

## Photograph # 48

Description: Six men and two women (from the drama club) posed outdoors next to a brick building.

Date: 1932 (processed June 4)

Size: 2.25 x 4.25

Additional information: Annotations "drama club". A handwritten note found underneath this photo in the scrapbook lists the people visible: "Lee Martin, Evan Chamberlin, Elda Morrison, Alf Carter, Jean Lawrence, Art McIntosh, Mr. Smith (instructor), MEL OTT".

## Photograph # 49

Description: Lila, Marie, Jean, Myrt, Isabelle, Marion, and Dorothy dressed up for the Country Dance. The women are posed in a line on stage.

Date: 1933

Size: 5 x 7

Additional information: Annotations "Country dance" and the names listed were handwritten on the front of the photograph identifying each dancer. "Regina College 1933" is written on the back of the photograph. The photograph was found on a page with a handwritten note that read "We performed for the second year arts graduation, 1933. Lila King, Marie Roane, Jean Spence, Myrt Gryde, Isabelle Tait, Marion Sclater, Dorothy Dunning"

#### Photograph # 50

Description: Duplicate of photograph # 49 (but smaller).

Date: 1933 (processed May 15<sup>th</sup>)

Size: 2.5 x 4

Additional information: See additional information for photograph 49.

#### Photograph # 51

Description: Seven women (including Myrt (Gryde) Rooney dressed up for the Country dance, seated on the edge of a stage.

Date: 1933 (processed May 15)

Size: 2.75 x 4

Additional information: Annotations "Here's our 'Country Dance'. There's one girl missing so I have two [skirks]. Lila King, Marie Roane, Jean Spence, Myrt Gryde, Isabel Tait, Marion Sclater, Dorothy Dunning". The photograph was found on a page with a handwritten note that read "We performed for the second year arts graduation, 1933.

#### Photograph # 52

Description: Seven women (including Myrt (Gryde) Rooney) dressed up for the country dance. They are posed on a ladder [in the Regina College gymnasium].

Date: 1933 (processed May 15)

Size: 4.25 x 2.25

Additional information: Annotations "Top down- Isabel Tait, Myrt Rooney, Lila King, Marie Roane, Dorothy Dunning, Marion Sclater, Jean Spence". The photograph was found on a page with a handwritten note that read "We performed for the second year arts graduation, 1933.

#### Photograph # 53

Description: Group photograph of the cast (in costume) from "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", a play performed at Darke Hall on April 20-23, 1932.

Date: 1932

Size: 7.5 x 8.25

Additional information: This photograph has been cropped from its original state [to fit into the scrapbook]. Photograph # 54 is the other half. The back of the photograph has been stamped, it reads "duplicate copies of this photo can be obtained from Butcher and Runnalls 1745 Scarth Street, Regina – Sask".

#### Photograph # 54

Description: Group photograph of the cast (in costume) from "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", a play performed at Darke Hall on April 20-23, 1932

Date: 1932

Size: 7.5 x 8.25

Additional information: This photograph has been cropped from its original state [to fit into the scrapbook]. Photograph # 53 is the other half. The back of the photograph has been stamped, it reads "duplicate copies of this photo can be obtained from Butcher and Runnalls 1745 Scarth Street, Regina – Sask". Annotations (handwritten) on reverse "Director – Miss. Elizabeth Pearse.

Students from: Campion College, Regina College, Luther College, Normal [School].” Myrt (Gryde) Rooney is visible in the centre of the photograph, the letters “MYR” have been written on her chest.

Photograph # 55

Description: Faculty and students of Regina College posed in front of the college.

Date: October, 1931

Size: 7.5 x 7

Additional information: This photograph has been cropped from its original state [to fit into the scrapbook]. Photograph # 56 is the other half. The back of the photograph has been stamped, it reads “duplicate copies of this photo can be obtained from Butcher and Runnalls 1745 Scarth Street, Regina – Sask”.

Photograph # 56

Description: Faculty and students of Regina College posed in front of the college.

Date: October, 1931

Size: 7.75 x 10

Additional information: This photograph has been cropped from its original state [to fit into the scrapbook]. Photograph # 55 is the other half. The back of the photograph has been stamped, it reads “duplicate copies of this photo can be obtained from Butcher and Runnalls 1745 Scarth Street, Regina – Sask”. Myrt (Rooney) Gryde and her roommate Margaret Fisher are visible in the second row from the front, in the centre.

Photograph # 57

Description: Faculty and students of Regina College posed in front of the college.

Date: November, 1932

Size: 7.75 x 9.5

Additional information: This photograph has been cropped from its original state [to fit into the scrapbook]. Photograph # 58 is the other half. The back of the photograph has been stamped, it reads “duplicate copies of this photo can be obtained from Butcher and Runnalls 1745 Scarth Street, Regina – Sask”.

Photograph # 58

Description: Faculty and students of Regina College posed in front of the college.

Date: November, 1932

Size: 7.75 x 8.5

Additional information: This photograph has been cropped from its original state [to fit into the scrapbook]. Photograph # 57 is the other half. The back of the photograph has been stamped, it reads “duplicate copies of this photo can be obtained from Butcher and Runnalls 1745 Scarth Street, Regina – Sask”. Myrt (Gryde) Rooney is visible in the third row from the front, fifth from the left.

Photograph # 59

Description: A woman sitting on a rock next to a stream, there is a bridge in the background.

Date: 1932 (processed June 30)

Size: 2.5 x 1.75

Additional information: This photograph was found on the same page in the scrapbook that contained a letter from Florence Kirk to Myrt (Gryde) Rooney. The individual pictured could be Florence Kirk.

Photograph # 60

Description: Margaret Fisher and a large collie dog standing next to the doorway of a brick building.

Date: [1935-36]

Size: 3 x 1.75

Additional information: Annotations (on reverse) "Graduated B.A. – 1935. Marg Fisher, working in Shaunavon 1935 or 36".

Photograph # 61

Description: [Graduating] portrait of Margaret Fisher.

Date: [1935]

Size: 3.75 x 5.5 (photograph), 9.25 x 6.25 (with matting).

Additional information: Photograph is housed in a matt-board frame. "Charmbury Saskatoon" is printed underneath the photograph.

Photograph # 62

Description: Portrait of Kenneth Gryde (Myrt Gryde's younger brother) in a fencing costume.

Date: c. 1939

Size: 4.5 x 4

Additional information: This photograph was found on a page in the scrapbook with a handwritten note underneath that read "Ken attended Regina College in 1939-40 and took first year University. His favorite activity was fencing".

Photograph # 63

Description: Ken W. Gryde's graduating portrait (Myrt Gryde's younger brother).

Date: c. 1949

Size: 5.5 x 3.75

Additional information: Annotation on reverse "Ken W. Gryde, mechanical Engineer, U of S. (Saskatoon), graduated 1949."

Photograph # 64

Description: Bob Allen, Mr. Stronski, Gary Stevens, Larry Rooney (second son of Myrt (Gryde) Rooney and Lorne Rooney).

Date: [c. 1964]

Size: 4 x 5.75

Additional information: Annotation (on reverse), "U of S Regina Campus, 1963-4, and 1964-5". This photograph was found in the scrapbook with a note that identified him as the "second son of Myrt (Gryde) Rooney and Lorne Rooney of Regina.

Photograph # 65

Description: Kenneth Rooney seated at a table with paper and pen (eldest son of Myrt (Gryde) Rooney and Lorne Rooney).

Date: [c. 1958]

Size: 4.5 x 4.5

Additional information: Annotation (on reverse) "Studying hard, Ken Rooney, U of S Regina College 1958-9". This photograph was found in the scrapbook with a note that identified him as "Eldest son of Myrt (Gryde) Rooney and Lorne Rooney of Regina.