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JAN GERRIT WYERS

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1913 - 1973. - 69 photographs; 20 x 25 cm and smaller and other materials.

Biographical sketch: Jan Gerrit Wyers was born July 20, 1888 in Emmer, The Netherlands. He left school at the age of 12 to work on his father's farm. On February 18, 1913 he left for the United States with 3 friends. He worked as a hired hand and on threshing crews in North Dakota and South Dakota until 1916 when he moved to Canada and bought a quarter section of land in Windthorst, Saskatchewan. Jan Wyers started painting in 1937-38 to keep him busy during the cold winters. His first exhibition was in 1956. He exhibited 'The First Saskatchewan Harvest' and 'These Good Old Thrashing Days' in the seventh annual Saskatchewan Art Exhibition sponsored by the Saskatchewan Arts Board and held at the Norman Mackenzie Art Gallery. He received an Award of Merit for 'The First Saskatchewan Harvest'. In 1959, eight of Jan Wyer's paintings were included in the National Gallery of Canada's exhibition 'Folk Painters of the Canadian West' which toured to galleries throughout Canada and the United States. Through these exhibitions and articles in Canadian Art, artscanada and Time, Wyers gained national recognition for his 'naive' style of folk art. He remained in Windthorst for most of his life until he developed Parkinson's disease and had to move to a nursing home in 1970. He died in Regina July 4, 1973.

Custodial history: These records were donated by Jan Wyers nephew Otto Wyers.

Scope and content: Fonds consist of 69 personal photographs falling into two series: Family in The Netherlands; and Paintings by Jan Wyers, as well as 38 postcards of The Netherlands and North America, 7 paintings, 1 drawing, and 6 cm of textual materials.

Arrangement: The photos and other materials were not arranged into formal series at time of accession. Common thematic elements exist which link them. Photographs are numbers 1-69.

Restrictions on access: There is no restriction on access to this material.

Box 1 Blank Postcards - n.d.

Certificate of Canadian Citizenship - 1955, 1971

City of Regina re: Burial Plot - 1973

Correspondence - n.d., 1913-14, 1925, 1965-66, 1972-73

Passport - 1919

Sun Bathers, photographs by Bertram Park and Yvonne Gregory - n.d.

Watercolour painting by Jan Wyers - n.d.

Photographs - 69

OVERSIZE

1 poster

1 calendar

4 paintings

2 drawings

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo 1

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Jan Wyers, 3rd from left

Event: [School photo]

Location:

Photo 2

Date: n.d.

black and white

5x7

Additional Information: Jan Wyers

Event:

Location:

Photo 3

Date: n.d.

black and white

5x7

Additional Information: Jan Wyers and Dick de Weyer [?]

Event:

Location:

Photo 4

Date: 1959

black and white

5x7

Additional Information: Otto Wyers and Jenny [Johanna Kets ?]

Event: Wedding of Henriette (daughter of Johan)

Location:

Photo 5

Date: 1959

black and white

5x7

Additional Information: Johanna and Harmen Otto (children of Johan)

Event: Wedding of Henriette (daughter of Johan)

Location:

Photo 6

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Jan Wyers and ?

Event:

Location: Curling rink [Windthorst]

Photo 7

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Jan Wyers

Event:

Location: [his home in Windthorst]

Photo 8

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Jan Wyers

Event:

Location:

Photo 9

Date: 1914

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Eb and Otto Wyers

Event:

Location:

Photo 10

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Eb Wyers

Event:

Location:

Photo 11

Date: n.d.

black and white

5x7

Additional Information: Eb Wyers

Event:

Location:

Photo 12

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5
Additional Information: Joke Kets (niece) with grandmother [Johanna?]
Event:
Location:

Photo 13

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Joke Kets
Event:
Location:

Photo 14

Date: January 16, 1947
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Joke Kets
Event:
Location:

Photo 15

Date: 1955
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Joke Kets and [Jan den Daas ?]
Event: Their wedding
Location:

Photo 16

Date: 1955
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Joke Kets and Jan
Event: Their wedding
Location:

Photo 17

Date: 1955
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Joke and Jan and family
Event: Wedding family portrait
Location:

Photo 18

Date: 1955
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Joke's aunt and uncle, Mies and Gerrit
Event: Joke's wedding
Location:

Photo 19

Date: 1955
black and white

5x7

Additional Information: Henk Kets, Henny, Mimi den Daas, Hans Boerboom

Event: Joke's wedding

Location:

Photo 20

Date: 1955

black and white

5x7

Additional Information: Mies and Gerrit Kets

Event: Joke's wedding

Location:

Photo 21

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Joke Kets

Event:

Location:

Photo 22

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Otto Wyers, Joke Kets, Henk Kets, Gerhard Kets,
Harmun Wyers, Cobie Wyers

Event:

Location:

Photo 23

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Harmun Wyers, Otto Wyers, Cobie Wyers, Joke Kets, Henk Kets

Event:

Location:

Photo 24

Date: September 1941

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: Neli, Otto, Briene, Joke Wyers

Event:

Location:

Photo 25

Date: n.d.

black and white

4x5

Additional Information: [D. Wichard Wyers with daughter Neli]

Event:

Location:

Photo 26

Date: 1955

black and white
5x7

Additional Information: Egbert Wyers and his wife Co, Johan Harmen Otto Wyers and his wife Dit, Hermien (Jan's niece, daughter of Johan Wyers)

Event: Wedding of Joke, daughter of Mies

Location: Holland

Photo 27

Date: n.d.

black and white
4x5

Additional Information: Cobie, Joke, Otto and Grandmother Wyers [Johanna Kets ?]

Event:

Location:

Photo 28

Date: n.d.

black and white
4x5

Additional Information: Cobie and (father) Eb Wyers' family [?]

Event:

Location:

Photo 29

Date: n.d.

black and white
4x5

Additional Information: Wildhoeve (family farm)

Event: Family photo

Location: Holland

Photo 30

Date: n.d.

black and white
4x5

Additional Information: Joke and Henk Kets

Event:

Location:

Photo 31

Date: n.d.

black and white
4x5

Additional Information: Joke, Henk and others

Event: [family photo]

Location:

Photo 32

Date: n.d.

black and white
4x5

Additional Information: Henk and Jake

Event:

Location:

Photo 33

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Henk and others
Event: [family photo]
Location:

Photo 34

Date: April 1945
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Johan Harmen Otto Wyers family-(l to r) Johan's wife Dits, Brienen,
Neli, H. Otto, Joke, Johan)
Event:
Location:

Photo 35

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: unknown child
Event:
Location:

Photo 36

Date: 1913
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: unknown woman
Event: On the boat from Holland to America
Location:

Photo 37

Date: 1913
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: unknown woman
Event: On the boat from Holland to America
Location:

Photo 38

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Herman and Annie
Event:
Location:

Photo 39

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information:
Event: Family portrait
Location:

Photo 40

Date: April 10, 1913
black and white
5x7
Additional Information:
Event: Military photo
Location:

Photo 41

Date: November 23, 1914
black and white
5x7
Additional Information:
Event: Military photo
Location:

Photo 42

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information:
Event: Military photo
Location:

Photo 43

Date: 1913
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Jan's travelling companions on his trip to America
Event:
Location: Holland

Photo 44

Date: 1935
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Gerda and Jopie Wyers (daughters of Johan)
Event:
Location:

Photo 45

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: [Glenriël and Snebe]
Event:
Location:

Photo 46

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Unknown people
Event: Wedding party
Location:

Photo 47

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Windmill
Event:
Location: [Holland]

Photo 48

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Unknown house
Event:
Location: Wildhoeve

Photo 49

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Unknown landscape
Event:
Location:

Photo 50

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Unknown building
Event:
Location:

Photo 51

Date: n.d.
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Unknown farm
Event:
Location:

Photo 52

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: 2 paintings by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 53

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: 2 paintings by Jan Wyers, sold to the Saskatchewan Arts Board
Event:
Location:

Photo 54

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: 2 paintings by Jan Wyers, sold to the Saskatchewan Arts Board
Event:
Location:

Photo 55

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: 2 paintings by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 56

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Painting by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 57

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Painting by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 58

Date: n.d.
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Photo with Jan Wyers signature
Event: Christmas
Location:

Photo 59

Date: [1957 ?]
black and white
4x5
Additional Information: Tractor pulling wagon of paintings by Jan Wyers
Event: Jubilee parade
Location: Windthorst, Saskatchewan

Photo 60

Date: [1957 ?]
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Jan Wyers with trailer of paintings
Event: Jubilee parade
Location: Windthorst

Photo 61

Date: [1957 ?]
black and white
5x7
Additional Information: Jan Wyers with trailer of paintings
Event: Jubilee parade
Location: Windthorst

Photo 62

Date: n.d.
black and white
8x10
Additional Information: Painting of two dogs by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 63

Date: n.d.
black and white
8x10
Additional Information: Landscape painting by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 64

Date: December 1967
colour
4x5
Additional Information: Self portrait
Event:
Location:

Photo 65

Date: May 1969
colour
4x5
Additional Information: Pat Wagner and Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 66

Date: 1972
colour
4x5
Additional Information: Ann James and her daughter D.J.
Event:
Location:

Photo 67

Date: n.d.
colour
4x5
Additional Information: [Ann James ?] with Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 68

Date: n.d.
colour
4x5
Additional Information: Painting by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location:

Photo 69

Date: n.d.
colour
8x10
Additional Information: [Ann James ?] and ? standing in front of painting by Jan Wyers
Event:
Location: