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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	Correspondence	
	1. Letters	1958 – 1979
	2. Cards Personal	n.d.
	Research Notes	
	3. Miscellaneous	n.d.
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	L.S.D.	
	5. Thoughts, Notes, Poems, Speeches	n.d.
	6. Miscellaneous Notes	n.d.
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	University of Regina	
Box 2	8. Certificates and Programs	1981 – 1986
	9. Essays and Theses	1976
	10. Halpern Thesis	1977
	11. Reference Letters – Students	1976 – 1984
	12. Robert Kantor	n.d.
	13. Conferences	1961 – 1976
	14. Canadian Academy of Psychotronics	1976
	15. C. D. S. Board – Meetings and Correspondence	1975
	16. The Church of the Tree of Life – Information Pamphlets	n.d.
	17. Wider Quaker Fellowship	1971
	18. Newspaper and Magazine Articles – General	n.d.
	19. Photographs – Unknown (material removed as per donors request - May 13, 2014)	n.d.
	20. Personal – Stamp Collection	n.d.
Box 3	Publications	
	21. Dynamics of Morale – Notes	n.d.
	22. Frontiers of Being – Correspondence with Publisher	1969 – 1979
	23. Essays – Psychology General	1967 – 1969
	Includes:	
	Carpendale, “The Creative Approach to Life and Stress”.	
	Carpendale, “Thoughts on Social Change and the Role of Intentional Communities”.	
	Hanna, “Preface to a Humanistic Medicine: Three Elements of Somatology”.	
	Houston, “The Arts of Acknowledgement”.	
	Metzner, Litwin & Weil, “The Relation of Expectation and Mood to Psilocybin Reactions”.	
	Mogar, “Psychedelic States and Schizophrenia”.	
	Mogar, Fadiman & Savage, “Personality Change Associated with Psychedelic (LSD) Therapy”.	
	Mulholland, “Feedback Electroencephalography II”	
	Phipps, “Lawrence LeShan’s Alternate Realities”.	
	24. Journal and Magazine Articles – Psychology General	1957 -1971

## Includes:

- Gladstone, "The Conception of the Enemy".
- Kay, "Psychology Today and Tomorrow".
- MacLean, MacDonald, Bryne & Hubbard, "the Use of LSD-25 in the Treatment of Alcoholism and Other Psychiatric Problems".
- Miller, Pribram, Kay & Toba, "Psychology in the Future: a Symposium".
- Mogar, "Psychedelic States and Schizophrenia".
- O'Reilly, Holzinger & Blewett, "The Pfister Colored Pyramid Test".
- Berry, "Exploitation & Nurture".
- Hadsell, "Motivation and Reward in Learning".
- James & Burrows, "Biofeedback, Humanistic Psychology and Psychosomatics in Family Practice".
- Marin, "The New Narcissism".
- Oliver, "Patient, Heal Thyself".
- Peredo, "How to Make Your Brain Go Click".

25. Manuscript – A Handbook for the Therapeutic Use of LSD-25 ca. 1959
26. Manuscript – No Title n.d.
27. *International Journal of Parapsychology* 1965  
Includes: D. Blewett, "ESP and LSD".
28. Konference O Vyzkumu Psychotroniky 1. 1973
29. Konference O Vyzkumu Psychotroniky 2. 1973