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CURRAN, James Watson (1865-1952). Newspaper Editor and Author.

Microfilm, n.d., 1889, 1925-1967. 2 reels, M-7774 and M-7775. Finding Aid No. 1280.

Mr Curran was born in Ireland and Immigrated as a child with his parents to the Orillia area. He first worked on the Toronto World newspaper in the 1880's and other newspapers afterwards. He was the owner and Editor of the Sault Daily Star from 1912 until his death. He operated the Weekly Star at the Sault between 1901 and 1912. He published several books including Here Was Vinland and Wolves Don't Bite in 1939 and 1943 respectively which were very popular.

The microfilm was copied from the original manuscripts which were loaned for copying by the Trent University Archives by Ms. Bernadine Dodge for preservation and inter-library loan.

Finding Aid No. 1280 is a descriptive file list.

Correspondence, n.d, 1937-1943. 15 cm.

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically in 42 files. Outstanding correspondents are Diamond Jenness, Vilhjalmur Stefansson and Lawrence J. Burpee. Most of the letters concern the Norse in Greenland and in North America and relics of possible Norse origin found from Ontario to Saskatchewan and neighboring US states.

Manuscripts, Notes, Clippings and Photographs, n.d, 1889, 1925-1967. 15 cm.

Draft manuscripts of the book Here Was Vinland, 1939. Clippings of book reviews of the book on Vinland. Public addresses on the history of Sault Ste Marie. Annotated maps with the meanings of Indian names added. Affidavits of Mrs. Dodds and her son that the Norse armour was dug up at Beardmore 24 May 1930.

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	19	Greenaway, Ethlyn M. (Royal Ontario Museum representative).	1938	259-264
	20	H Correspondence. (contains a W.P. Hepburn letter 13 December 1939 supporting Sir James Dunn's acquisition of the Sault Ste-Marie paper mill. Montagnais-English translations discussed with F.H. Hardy the Parliamentary librarian).	1938-1941	265-303
	21	Holland, H.R. Correspondence (discusses his Kensington stone book notes and their loss in a fire).	1938-1940	304-360
	22	Hunter, W.F. Correspondence	1939-1940	361-369
	23	I Correspondence (discusses the mention in Bancroft's history of a galley found in a swamp in Panama in Cortez's time containing gold coins of the Roman Caesar Augustus).	1940	370-371
	24	Irving, Thomas. Correspondence	1938-1941	372-419
	25	J Correspondence (Diamond Jenness correspondence on Montagnais dictionaries and the Beardmore relics).	1938-1941	420-430

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	27	L Correspondence(Lanctot expresses the opinion that a stone ball with cryptic symbols on it is likely more related to the French missionaries than to the Norse.)	1938-1942	441-465
	28	M Correspondence (discussion of differences between Montagnais, Cree and Ojibway).	1938-1940	466-505
	29	Mackay, Alice. Correspondence(Office of the Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg).	1938-1939	506-513
	30	McComber, Judge Alexander. Correspondence (Lt. Bloch's antique Norse armour possibility of their being the armour found by Dodd).	1938-1939	514-522
	31	McKern, W.C. Correspondence (Milwaukee Public Museum - copper Indian relics).	1938-1939	523-530
	32	O Correspondence (Norse flints used in Orkney Islands).	1939-1941	531-534
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	35	Rumley, W.J. Correspondence (Cape Robert relics).	1938-1939	569-576
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	38	Stafford, Margaret. H Correspondence (Discussion of possible Norse battle axe found near Marquette, Michigan).	1939	644-649
	39	Stefansson, Vihljalmur. Correspondence (Discusses publication and naming of the book on Norse presence in Hudson Bay).	1939	650-663
	40	T Correspondence	1938-1941	664-676
	41	U V W Y Correspondence (Possible meanings of Vinland, Vines=blueberries, Veenland=marsh land in Dutch and Vinber-Fenberry or English blackberry).	1931-1941	677-708
	42	Vasby, Mrs. Oscar. Correspondence (Norse sword from Lake Michigan and spear from Sodus Bay)	1939	709-716
	43	Curran Articles - 1) How Hudson Bay fits the Saga. 2) Michigan Finds a Helmet Smashing Axe.		717-730
	44	Curran Articles 1) Did the Norse Find the Mandans? The Open Coast Tides in Hudson Straits and the Foxe Basin. (35 to 4.5 foot tides in Ungava Bay. Currents in Hudson Bay and the area. Mandans and LaVerendrye's Kensington stone)		731-759

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	46	Curran Articles 1) Marquette Gives Up a Copper Axe. 2) Was America Known before Lief Came? 3) Norsement Knew How to Build Fast Ships.		807-833
	47	Curran Articles 1) How This Book Came to be written; Its Scope 2) Prehistoric Indians and Copper Tools.		834-845
	48	1) Norse Case Given to Jury. 2) Where Norse Relics have been Found.		846-885
	49	1) Pointing to a Great Lakes Location. 2) Some Reasons for Believing Vinland was in Great Lakes Area. 3) Can the Birds Help us to locate Vinland?		886-901
	50	Curran Articles 1) Dates in the Viking Record. 2) How Norsemen Reached Vinland. 3) Puzzling over the Early Vinland Tales.		902-936
	51	Norsemen and Eskimos Hostile. 2) Wisconsin's Halberd a Puzzle. 3) Province of Ontario, Canada. 4) Whence Came the Word Eskimo? 5) Algonquin Dialects Ressemble Each Other 6) Copper Tools 7) Are Our Indian Axes after Norse Models? (Cree, Ojibway, Algonquin and Montagnais dictionary and talks with Indians).		937-1032

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M-7775	52	Published Articles-Newspapers (Clippings which are loose but credited as to source. They have been copied from many papers but most are from the <u>Toronto Star</u> and the <u>Sault Star</u> , some are from Scandinavian papers).	1935-1940	1-129
	53	Public Addresses. Subjects discussed include the history of Sault Ste-Marie and Norse fights with the Indians and/or Eskimos and their preference for Red cloth in trade.	n.d., 1889, 1939	130-198
	54	Collected Articles (Scrap-book of clippings concerning the Sault, posters and copies of Curran's articles on the Norse published in the <u>Sault Star</u>).	1925-1939	<u>199-254</u>
	55	<u>Here Was Vinland.</u> Draft Manuscript for book.		255-316
	56	Book Reviews of <u>Here Was Vinland.</u>		317-380
	57	Photographs and Maps. A large number of photographs concerning the Norse and the Discovery of the Sword and Shield by Dodds in the Beardmore area. The maps of the area are annotated with translations of the Indian Place Names.	1939	381-478
	58	Family Papers. (List of books from "father's library," Interview transcript with Mrs. Dodds and her son Walter who was 22 years old).	n.d., 1967	479-495

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M-7775 (cont'd)	59	Articles and Other Sources. Copies of articles by other authors about the Norse in Greenland and Vinland. Causes of their extinction.		496-689
	60	Miscellaneous Manuscripts and Clippings. Subjects included: game conservation, Notes on the "Flatey Jarbok" on the history of the Greenland settlement, on Drummond Island near the Sault. Ojibway word meanings, application for copyright of an unpublished work "Here Was Vinland." Affidavits of Walter Dodd that he found the Norse Sword, Axe on claim 48TB4895 on 24 May 1930 with his father J.E. DODD.		690-798