Finding Aid: **REN BRC**
The Most Reverend Robert John Renison (1875-1957) Fonds

122 Linear cm of text

Ca. 500 photographs

Ca. 200 negatives
The Most Reverend Robert John Renison (1875-1957) Fonds

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison is an important figure in the history of the Anglican Communion in Canada due to his role as Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. He also was known as a gifted writer of books and articles and was a popular religion columnist for the Globe and Mail for over 20 years. He was born in Ireland in the little village of Clonoulty near Cashel in the County Tipperary in 1875. His father was the Rev. Canon Robert Renison and his mother was the former Mary Elizabeth Kennedy, an American citizen that the Rev. Canon Renison met while on a trip to the United States. The Rev. Robert John Renison was the oldest of three boys, all of whom became Anglican (or Episcopalian) priests. In addition, he had three sisters. In 1914 he married Elizabeth Bristol of Hamilton, Ontario. They had two sons, Robert John Bristol Renison born in 1916, and George Everett Bristol Renison born in 1918. George Renison (d.1998) was married to Nancy Stirett and had three children; Katherine, Carol and Michael. Robert John was married to Shirley Somerville (d 1957) and had one son Robert.

Bishop Renison immigrated to Canada in 1880 when his father answered a call to serve as a missionary to the Ojibway on the shores of Lake Nipigon. He was educated at Trinity College School in Port Hope Ontario from 1886-1892 on a scholarship for children of Anglican Priests, at the University of Toronto where he received a B.A. in English in 1896 and a M.A. in 1897 and at Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto. He received a D.D. degree from St. Johns College in Winnipeg in acknowledgement of his missionary work. He was ordained as a deacon in 1897 and as a full priest in 1899. After graduating from Wycliffe College he enlisted in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers under the pseudonym “Sergeant Patrick O'Reilly.” His first parish position was as a missionary priest near James Bay, Ontario, where he served until 1912. From 1912-1927 he was Rector of the Church of the Ascension in Hamilton, Ontario, except for a leave from 1918-1919 when he served as Anglican Chaplain for the 21st Battalion Expeditionary Forces in World War I in France. He was Rector of Christ Church in Vancouver from 1927-1931 and Dean of New Westminster from 1929-1931. From 1931-1932 he was Bishop of Athabasca. From 1932-1943 he was Rector of St. Paul's Church on Bloor Street in Toronto. In 1944 he became Bishop of Moosonee. In 1952, he became the 9th Metropolitan (Head Bishop) of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, a position he held until his retirement in 1954. He died in 1957. His funeral at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Bloor Street, where he served as rector for many years, was packed with over 2000 mourners.

A dedicated missionary, he spent much of his career as a missionary with the first nation people in northern Ontario. He spent the first 14 years of his career as a missionary in the James Bay region. He was fluent in Cree and in writing the Cree syllabary language, eventually writing a hymnal in Cree. He was considered an advocate for members of the first nation tribes in northern Ontario for his time and was given the name “Sheegoos” or “the good medicine which comes once a year” in Cree. Upon his appointment to Metropolitan, he declined the opportunity to serve in Southern Ontario, preferring to stay in the Diocese of Moosonee. He was considered to be a gifted orator with a strong intellect and a rich sense of humour. He was a much loved rector during his time in Hamilton, Vancouver and Toronto as well.
He was a talented writer publishing a number of books besides his Cree Hymnal including the Life of Bishop Sullivan, Canada at War, Wednesday Morning, (which was a selection of his editorials for the Globe and Mail), For such a Time as This, (which was a collection of his sermons), and One Day at a Time, (his autobiography). Starting in 1937, he wrote a popular newspaper column in the Globe and Mail which he continued until his death in 1957. As a result of his weekly column and his work as a rector and Archbishop, he was held in high regard by Anglicans in Ontario for his spiritual leadership. In September of 1941 he travelled to London, England as one of a number of Canadian journalists and writers, in his case representing the Globe and Mail, as a guest of the British Council.

He left a legacy with his writings and books and also in the honours which were bestowed on him as a result of his life’s work. In 1959, the newly formed Anglican College in Waterloo, Ontario, which would become later become affiliated with the University of Waterloo, was named in his honour. The Renison family remained in close contact with the college, with Bishop Renison’s widow Elizabeth often being present for College events in early years. His son, George Everett Bristol Renison, a World War II hero and the founder and chairman of W.H. Smith Canada, served as Chancellor of Renison University College from 1986-1992.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison (1875-1957) fonds contains newspaper clippings collected by Bishop Renison (and later by his wife) about him or written by either himself or his wife, Elizabeth Bristol Renison. It also contains drafts of his writings, diaries, letters from him and to him and his wife, drafts and notes from his sermons, speeches by him or his wife, photographs and negatives including many from newspapers, his books with his notes (many in Cree), official documents and certificates and objects including his academic robes and war medals.
**SubFonds:**

**REN BRC 1.1 Life events: Renison, Robert John, 1875-1957**

Bishop Renison collected many items directly related to certain events in his life which were particularly meaningful to him.

**REN BRC 1.2 Renison, Robert John, Writings**

Bishop Renison was a prolific and talented writer in addition to his work as a church man. Fluent in Cree, he wrote a hymn book in Cree. He also wrote a *life of Bishop Sullivan, Canada at War, Wednesday Mornings*, (which was a selection of his editorials for the *Globe and Mail*), *For such a Time as This*, (which was a collection of his Sermons), and *One Day at a Time*, (his autobiography). Starting in 1937, he wrote a popular Wednesday morning newspaper column in the Globe and Mail which he continued until his death in 1957. He collected his drafts for books and editorials as well as clippings of all of his Globe and Mail articles. He also kept a diary of a trip to the Artic.

**REN BRC 1.3 Renison, Robert John, Sermons**

Bishop Renison was well known for his sermons and oratory. In his archives he kept many of the drafts from his sermons as well as letters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs and negatives which he used to inspire his thought processes. This includes sermons from his time as a missionary in James Bay, as Rector of Ascension Anglican Church in Hamilton, Ont., as Rector of Christ Church Vancouver and Dean of Westminster, as Archbishop of Athabasca, as Rector of St. Paul’s Anglican church on Bloor St. in Toronto, and as Archbishop of Moosonee and Metropolitan of Ontario.

**REN BRC 1.4 Renison, Robert John, correspondence**

The Renison’s received letters from a number of sources. Parishioners would often send letters to Bishop Renison asking for spiritual advice, as would readers of his column in the *Globe and Mail*. They also received letters from friends and family throughout Canada and the United States and Europe, including friends they made at various parishes where the Bishop Renison served as Rector. Both sons served during W.W. II and both wrote letters home, with son George Renison being particularly prolific as a letter writer.

**REN BRC 1.5 Renison, Robert John, speeches**

Bishop and Mrs. Renison were frequently called on to make speeches to a number of organizations including among others the Canadian Club and Anglican Church Women and others.

**REN BRC 1.6 Renison, Robert John, Newspaper articles about.**
Bishop Renison and his family collected newspaper clippings from a number of newspapers (especially the Hamilton Spectator, The Globe and Mail, the Timmins, Ontario newspapers and the Toronto Star.) Of particular note are clippings about the Rev. Renison's wedding to Elizabeth Bristol, his appointment to St. Paul's, his trip to Great Britain as a correspondent for the Globe and Mail, and his appointment as the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

REN BRC 1.7 Photographs

The Renison family collected a number of photographs and negatives ranging from family snapshots to larger (10 x 13) photos taken by newspapers. They collected photos of landscapes from the northland, first nation's people, parishioners, locals from the parish communities they served, parish events, parishes and life events etc.

REN BRC 1.8 Books belonging to Robert John Renison with his notes

Bishop Renison saved some the books he used with his notes. Included are Cree grammars, Hymns, Bibles and prayer books in Cree and his Greek Bible.

REN BRC 1.9 Official Documents

This Subfonds contains different types of official documents and memorabilia collected by Reverend Renison. Included are army documents, War medals, Church documents and records, Academic documents and Reverend Renison's academic hoods.

REN BRC 2. Elizabeth Renison (Here put items about Elizabeth Renison after Bishop Renison's death)

Items (Photographs, letters, newspaper articles, writings) by and about Elizabeth Bristol Renison after the death of Bishop Robert John Renison, especially in connection with Renison College.

REN BRC 3. George Renison (Here put items about George Renison after Bishop Renison's death)

Colonel George Everett Bristol Renison is the youngest son of the Reverend Robert John Renison and his wife Elizabeth Bristol Renison. He was born in 1918 in Hamilton Ontario while his father served as an Anglican Chaplain to the Canadian Expeditionary forces. He was a war hero and former prisoner of war during World War II. He was the Chairman and founder of W.H. Smith Canada and Chancellor of Renison University College from 1986-1992 and honorary Chancellor until his death in 1998.
This file contains items (Photographs, letters, newspaper articles, writings) by and about George Everett Bristol Renison after the death of Bishop Robert John Renison, especially in connection with Renison College.

REN BRC 4. Renison College (Here put documents about Renison University College collected by the Renison family only. Everything else should be saved for college archives.)

Items (Photographs, letters, newspaper articles, writings) by and about Renison University College specifically collected by members of the family of the Right Reverend Robert John Renison. Other items about Renison College should be saved for the Renison College Fonds.

Series:

REN BRC 1.13 -- Education, Renison, Robert John, 1875-1957

Robert John Renison was educated at the Trinity College School in Port Hope Ontario, at the University of Toronto and at Wycliffe College. Included in this series are items collected about Bishop Renison’s schooling.

REN BRC 1.14 -- World War, 1914-1918 (here put articles, letters etc. about Bishop Renison’s war service.)

This file contains newspaper articles, letters and other items Bishop Renison collected about his service in World War I.

REN BRC 1.15 -- Family. (Here put items which Bishop Renison collected about his family.)

This file contains items collected on Bishop Renison’s Family.

REN BRC 1.16 -- Anglican Church of Canada. Province of Ontario. –Installation as Metropolitan (Here put articles and memorabilia about his installation as Metropolitan)

This file contains newspaper articles collected by Bishop Renison on his installation as Metropolitan.

REN BRC 1.17 -- World War II (Here put thoughts and sermons on WWII)

This series contains Bishop Renison’s sermons and writings on World War II which do not already belong somewhere else.

REN BRC 1.18 -- George Renison’s candidacy for MP. (Here put articles about George Renison’s candidacy for MP)

This file contains articles collected about George Everett Bristol Renison’s candidacy for Conservative MP.
REN BRC 1.19 -- Death (Here put articles about RJ Renison's death, funeral and honours except for naming of Renison College.)

This file contains articles collected by the Renison family on the death, funeral and posthumous honours of Bishop Robert John Renison except Renison College. Articles about Renison College belong in REN BRC 4.

REN BRC 1.20 -- Writing, Miscellaneous

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote on various topics in a variety of genres. This file contains miscellaneous drafts of articles, books, sermons and speeches.

REN BRC 1.21 -- Books

Bishop Renison was a prolific and talented writer in addition to his work as a church man. Fluent in Cree, he wrote a hymn book in Cree. He also wrote a life of Bishop Sullivan, Canada at War, Wednesday Mornings, (which was a selection of his editorials for the Globe and Mail), For such a Time as This, (which was a collection of his Sermons), and One Day at a Time, (his autobiography).

REN BRC 1.22 -- Newspaper articles

Bishop Renison wrote for a number of different newsletters and newspapers, most notably for the Globe and Mail.

REN BRC 1.23 -- Journals and diaries

Bishop Renison was a prolific and talented writer in addition to his work as a church man. This file contains a diary written by Renison during a trip to the artic.

REN BRC 1.30 -- Sermons, Miscellaneous

Bishop Renison was well known for his sermons and oratory. In his archives he kept many of the drafts from his sermons as well as letters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs and negatives which he used to inspire his thought processes. This includes sermons from his time as a missionary in James Bay, as Rector of Ascension Anglican Church in Hamilton, Ont, as Rector of Christ Church Vancouver and Dean of Westminster, as Archbishop of Athabasca, as Rector of St. Paul's Anglican church on Bloor St. in Toronto, and as Archbishop of Moosonee and Metropolitan of Ontario. This file contains sermons not categorized elsewhere.

REN BRC 1.31 -- Sermons, Moosonee

Bishop Renison was well known for his sermons and oratory. In his archives he kept many of the drafts from his sermons as well as letters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs
and negatives which he used to inspire his thought processes. This file contains drafts of his sermons from his time as a missionary priest with the Diocese of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.32 -- Sermons, Ascension Hamilton

Bishop Renison was well known for his sermons and oratory. In his archives he kept many of the drafts from his sermons as well as letters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs and negatives which he used to inspire his thought processes. This file contains drafts of his sermons from his time as a priest at The Church of the Ascension in Hamilton Ontario.

REN BRC 1.33 -- Sermons, Christ Church Vancouver

Bishop Renison was well known for his sermons and oratory. In his archives he kept many of the drafts from his sermons as well as letters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs and negatives which he used to inspire his thought processes. This file contains drafts of his sermons from his time as a priest at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver British Columbia.

REN BRC 1.34 -- Sermons, St. Paul’s Toronto

Bishop Renison was well known for his sermons and oratory. In his archives he kept many of the drafts from his sermons as well as letters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs and negatives which he used to inspire his thought processes. This file contains drafts of his sermons from his time as a priest at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Bloor St. in Toronto.

REN BRC 1.35 -- Sermons, as Archbishop of Moosonee

Bishop Renison was well known for his sermons and oratory. In his archives he kept many of the drafts from his sermons as well as letters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs and negatives which he used to inspire his thought processes. This folder contains a printing of a sermon titled "Where are the Nine" by the Rt. Rev. R.J. Renison, Bishop of the Diocese of Moosonee, and "A Christmas Message to Moosonee" by Robert John Renison, Bishop Elect of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.36 -- Sermons, as Metropolitan of Ontario

REN BRC 1.41 -- Correspondence from Robert John Renison

This file contains letters written by the Renison's to various correspondents.

REN BRC 1.42 -- Correspondence to Robert John Renison

The Renison’s received letters from a number of sources. Parishioners would often send letters to Bishop Renison asking for spiritual advice, as would readers of his column in the Globe and Mail. They also received letters from friends and family throughout Canada and
the United States and Europe, including friends they made at various parishes where the
Bishop Renison served as Rector. This file contains letters written to the Renison’s by a
number of different correspondents.

REN BRC 1.5 -- Renison, Robert John, speeches
REN BRC 1.6 -- Renison, Robert John, Newspaper articles about
REN BRC 1.70 -- Miscellaneous photographs
This file contains 37 miscellaneous (unidentified) photographs.
REN BRC 1.71 -- Official photographs
This file contains 20 official photographs and 1 plaque of the face of Bishop Renison.
REN BRC 1.72 -- Photographs, Family
This file contains photographs of the Renison Family.
REN BRC 1.73 -- Parishes
This file contains 1 photograph of a residential school in Whitefish falls Alberta.
REN BRC 1.74 -- Parishioners
This file contains photographs of parishioners.
REN BRC 1.75 -- Moosonee and environs
This file contains 24 photographs of Moosonee and its environs.
REN BRC 1.76 -- Athabasca and environs
This file contains 17 photographs of Athabasca and environs.
REN BRC 1.77 -- Photographs with other clergymen
This file contains 15 photographs of The Reverend Renison with other clergymen.
REN BRC 1.78 -- Great Britain
This file contains 1 photograph of the Reverend Renison's trip to Great Britain.
REN BRC 1.79 -- Photographs of Travels
This file contains 3 photographs of Bishop Renison’s travels to the Middle East.
REN BRC 1.81 -- New Testament in Moose Cree

This is a translation of the Gospels into Moose Cree owned by Bishop Renison, likely written by Bishop John Horden.

REN BRC 1.82 -- Book of Common Prayer in Cree

Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario in 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Common Prayer translated into Cree by Bishop John Horden and published in 1902.

REN BRC 1.83 -- A Grammar of the Cree Language

Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario in 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Cree Grammar published by Bishop John Horden in 1881.

REN BRC 1.84 -- Psalms and Hymns in the Language of the Cree Indians

This is the Book of Hymns and Psalms published by the Reverend J.A. Mackay in 1891 with Bishop Renison's notes.

REN BRC 1.85 -- Book of Common Prayer in “Ojibbeway” (sic)

Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario in 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Common Prayer "In the Language of the Ojibbeway" published by the Rev. Horden and the Rev. Sanders in 1930.

REN BRC 1.86 -- Psalms and Hymns in the Cree Indian Language (Horden)

Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario in 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison
was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Psalms and Hymns published by the Rev. Horden.

REN BRC 1.87 -- Nikumoowina Hymns in the Language of the Cree Indians.

This is a book of Hymns translated in the "language of the Cree Indians" by "Mrs. Hunter."

REN BRC 1.88 -- Greek Testament

This is the Reverend Renison’s Greek New Testament which he used for his Theological education, and as a priest.

REN BRC 1.9 -- Official Documents

REN BRC 2. Elizabeth Renison (Here put items about Elizabeth Renison after Bishop Renison’s death)

REN BRC 2.4 -- Correspondence to

REN BRC 2.43 -- Correspondence from

REN BRC 2.5 -- Speeches by

REN BRC 3. -- George Renison (Here put items about George Renison after Bishop Renison’s death)

REN BRC 4. -- Renison College (Here put documents about Renison College collected by the Renison family only. Everything else should be saved for college archives.)

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Bishop Renison published his autobiography "One Day at a Time" in 1957.

Reverend Robert John Renison wrote in the published autobiography in 1957. This file contains the draft of chapter 26 where Bishop Renison was elected as Metropolitan of Ontario.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote an autobiography titled "One Day at a Time" published in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his autobiography.

The Reverend Renison contributed five chapters titled "a Story of Five Cities" to J. Castell Hopkins book "Canada at War"

In 1944, Bishop Renison published a number of his Wednesday Morning religion editorials under the name "Wednesday Morning."

This file contains early drafts of what would later become his books "Wednesday Morning’s" which was a collection of his Globe and Mail Religion Columns.
REN BRC 1.216 ---- For Such a Time as This

In 1947 Bishop Renison published a collection of sermons, essays and vignettes under the title “For Such a Time as This.”

REN BRC 1.217 ---- Impressions

REN BRC 1.22 -- Newspaper articles

REN BRC 1.221 ---- Religion editorial Globe and Mail

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains articles not filed by him into books.


REN BRC 1.2210.2 --------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains draft of "Bishopstope my life as a missionary" July 6 1957.


The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper clippings of his articles from Sept 7th 1955 - Oct 31st 1956.

REN BRC 1.2211.2 --------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his articles from Sept. 7 1955 - Oct. 31st 1956


REN BRC 1.2212.2 --------- Drafts
The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1954 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his newspaper articles from August 11, 1954-August 24 1955.

REN BRC 1.2213 ------ Jan 6, 1954 – Aug. 4th 1954 –

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1954 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from Jan 6, 1954-August 4th 1954.

REN BRC 1.2213.2 -------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1954 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from Jan 6, 1954-August 4th 1954.


The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1953 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from June 10, 1953 - Dec 30, 1953.

REN BRC 1.2214.2 -------- Draft

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1953 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his newspaper articles from June 10, 1953 - Dec 30, 1953.

REN BRC 1.2215 ------ Nov 5th, 1952 – June 3rd, 1953

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper clippings of his articles from June 5th 1952 -June 3th 1953.


The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper clippings of his articles from April 9th 1952 - Oct 29th 1952.

REN BRC 1.2216.2 ------ Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his articles from July 31, 1940-August 6th 1941.
The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his articles from 1948-1949.


The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from October 1947 - May 1948.

REN BRC 1.2222.2 -------- Drafts


The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from January to September 1947.

REN BRC 1.2223.2 -------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his newspaper articles from January to August 1947.

REN BRC 1.2224 ------ 1945 – 1946 “The Holy Land”

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains his articles from Oct 1945 - Sept 1946.

REN BRC 1.2224.2 -------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of newspaper articles from Oct 1945 - Sept 1946.

REN BRC 1.2225 ------ Jan 12, 1944 – 1945.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from Jan 1944 - Nov 1945.
The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts from Jan 1944 - Nov 1945.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from August 1941 - August 1942.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts from August 1941 - August 1942.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper clippings of his articles from July 31, 1940-August 6th 1941.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his articles from July 31,1940 - August 1941.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1940 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from June 1939 - July 1940. Also contain newspaper clipping from another author with Renison's notes.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1939 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his newspaper articles from April 1939 - July 1940.

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1939 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from Jan 12, 1938 – Aug 24, 1939.
The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1938 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains newspaper articles from Jan 1938 - April 1939.

REN BRC 1.2230.2 -------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1938 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his newspaper articles from Jan 1938 - August 1938

REN BRC 1.2231 ------ June 9, 1937 - Dec 29, 1937.

REN BRC 1.2231.2 -------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from late 1936 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of his newspaper articles from June 1937 - Dec 1937.

REN BRC 1.2232 ------- Nov 7, 1936 – June 2, 1937

REN BRC 1.2232.2 -------- Drafts

The Most Reverend Robert John Renison wrote a religion editorial for the Globe and Mail from 1936 until just before his death in 1957. This folder contains drafts of newspaper articles from Nov 1936 - June 1937.

REN BRC 1.2233 -------- Saturday Article

In 1957, the Most Reverend Robert Renison wrote a column entitled "Saturday Article."

REN BRC 1.2235 -------- Moosonee and Keewatin Mailbag

Reverend Robert John Renison served as a missionary in the James Bay area from 1899 - 1912. The newsletters in this file contain articles by and about his missionary work.

REN BRC 1.23 -- Journals and diaries

REN BRC 1.24 -- Cree Hymnal

Bishop Renison was a prolific and talented writer in addition to his work as a church man. Fluent in written and spoken Cree, he wrote a Cree Hymnal. This folder contains a draft of part of the Cree Hymnal.

REN BRC 1.25 -- Biographical timeline
Bishop Renison was a prolific and talented writer in addition to his work as a church man. This file contains a typewritten timeline of his life and accomplishments with handwritten additions and notes.

REN BRC 1.26 -- Memos and notes

This file contains Robert John Renison memos and notes. It includes notes in Cree, post card, letters, memos and other items.

REN BRC 1.27 -- Articles written for “Northland.”

This file contains articles by Robert John Renison published in The Northland while he was Archbishop of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.27.2 ---- Northland Drafts

This file contains drafts of articles written by Robert John Renison which he had published in the Northland.

REN BRC 1.28 -- Northern Lights

The file contains a booklet consisting of articles based on the Reverend Renison’s musings about the artic. It consists of his articles written for the Globe and Mail and was compiled in 1942 by Robert John Renison as a gift to his parishioners at St. Paul’s Anglican Church on Bloor Street in Toronto.

REN BRC 1.29 -- Collected letters

This folder contains drafts of letters written by the Reverend Robert John Renison to his wife Elizabeth Renison during a trip to the North in 1915.

REN BRC 1.3 Renison, Robert John, Sermons

REN BRC 1.30 -- Renison, Robert John, Sermons – Miscellaneous

REN BRC 1.31 – Moosonee

REN BRC 1.32 -- Ascension Hamilton

REN BRC 1.33 -- Christ Church Vancouver

REN BRC 1.34 -- St. Paul’s Toronto

REN BRC 1.35 -- As Archbishop of Moosonee

REN BRC 1.36 -- As Metropolitan of Ontario
REN BRC 1.4 Renison, Robert John, correspondence

REN BRC 1.41 -- Correspondence from Robert John Renison

REN BRC1. 42 -- Correspondence to Robert John Renison

REN BRC 1.421 ---- From Elizabeth Renison (Here put all correspondence from Elizabeth Renison to Bishop Renison except WWI)

REN BRC 1.4211 ------ To and from Elizabeth Renison during WWI

This folder contains typewritten collected letters written by Robert John Renison and Elizabeth Bristol Renison while he served as when he served as Anglican Chaplain for the 21st Battalion expeditionary Forces in World War I in France.

REN BRC 1.422 ---- From George Renison (Here put all correspondence from George Renison to Bishop and Mrs. Renison)

This folder contains handwritten letters written by George Everett Bristol Renison to his parents, The Reverend Robert John Renison and Mrs. Elizabeth Renison while he served overseas during World War II.

REN BRC 1.423 ---- From Robert John Renison Junior (Here put all correspondence from Robert John Renison Jr.to to Bishop and Mrs. Renison)

This folder contains handwritten letters written by Robert John Bristol Renison to his parents, The Reverend Robert John Renison and Mrs. Elizabeth Renison while he attended Trinity College School and when he served overseas during World War II.

REN BRC 1.424 ---- From parishioners

This file contains correspondence from parishioners.

REN BRC 1.425 ---- From friends

This folder contains handwritten letters received letters from friends and family throughout Canada and the United States and Europe, including friends they made at various parishes where the Bishop Renison served as Rector.

REN BRC 1.4251 ------ From Stephen Schofield

Letters, pictures and articles sent to the Reverend Renison by Canadian Journalist Stephen Schofield who was living in England at the time.

REN BRC 1.426 ---- From others
This folder contains handwritten letters received letters from parishioners and other acquaintances throughout Canada and the United States and Europe.

REN BRC 1.5 Renison, Robert John, Speeches

REN BRC 1.6 Renison, Robert John, Newspaper articles about

REN BRC 1.60 Renison, Robert John, Miscellaneous Newspaper articles about

REN BRC 1.61 -- Wedding

This file contains newspaper clippings about the wedding of the Reverend Robert John Renison and Miss Elizabeth (Lily) Bristol in Hamilton in 1914.

REN BRC 1.62 -- Appointment to Archbishop of Moosonee

This file contains newspaper clippings regarding Robert John Renison's appointment to Archbishop of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.63 -- Visit to England

This file contains newspaper clippings regarding Robert John Renison's travels to England in 1941.

REN BRC 1.64 -- Appointment to St. Paul's

This file contains newspaper clippings regarding Robert John Renison's appointment to St. Paul's Church on Bloor St.

REN BRC 1.65 -- Retirement as Metropolitan

This file contains newspaper clippings regarding Robert John Renison’s retirement as Metropolitan of Ontario.

Articles on appointment to Metropolitan of Ontario under REN BRC 1.16

Articles about/ by him on World War II under REN BRC 1.17

Articles about George Renison’s candidacy as MP under REN BRC 1.18

Articles about death, funeral and honours after death under REN BRC 1.19

Articles about Renison College under REN BRC 4

REN BRC 1.7 Photographs

REN BRC 1.70 -- Miscellaneous photographs
REN BRC 1.71 -- Official photographs

REN BRC 1.712 ---- Official Photographs by Shelburne Studios, NYC.

This file contains 7 photographs of Bishop Renison and his wife Elizabeth taken by Shelburne studios, NYC.

REN BRC 1.711 ---- As Metropolitan of Ontario

This file contains 11 photographs as Bishop Renison in his role as Metropolitan of Ontario.

REN BRC 1.7111 ------ Installation as Metropolitan of Ontario

This file contains photographs of Bishop Renison’s Installation as metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

REN BRC 1.712 ---- With other Clergymen

This file contains 9 official photographs of Bishop Renison with other Clergymen.

REN BRC 1.713 ---- As Archbishop of Athabasca

REN BRC 1.714 ---- As Archbishop of Moosonee

This file contains 10 photographs of Bishop Renison in his role as archbishop of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.72 -- Family

REN BRC 1.721 ---- Robert John Renison

REN BRC 1.722 ---- Elizabeth Renison

This file contains 10 photographs and 4 negatives of Bishop Renison’s wife Mrs. Elizabeth Renison.

REN BRC 1.723 ---- George Everett Bristol Renison

This file contains 2 photographs of Bishop Renison’s son, George Everett Bristol Renison.

REN BRC 1.7231 ------ Children of,

REN BRC 1.724 ---- Robert John Renison Jr.

REN BRC 1.7241 ------ Children of,

This file contains a photograph of Robert John Renison Jr. (III) son Robert John Renison IV being baptized by his grandfather, the Reverend Robert John Renison (II).
REN BRC 1.7241.1 Black and White Photograph of the Most Reverend Robert John Renison Christening his grandson (Robert John Renison III) 1950 1 grayscale Tiff 400 ppi 12.5 cm x 17.5 cm 9.92 MB

REN BRC 1.725 ---- Pets
This file contains photographs of Renison family pets.

REN BRC 1.726 ---- Family homes
This file contains photographs and a negative of the Renison family homes.

REN BRC 1.73 -- Parishes
This file contains 1 photograph of a residential school in Whitefish falls Alberta.

REN BRC 1.74 -- Parishioners
This file contains photographs of parishioners.

REN BRC 1.741 ---- Ascension, Hamilton

REN BRC 1.742 ---- Christ Church, Vancouver
This file contains 2 photographs of parishioners of Christ Church, Vancouver.

REN BRC 1.743 ---- St. Paul’s Toronto
This file contains 3 photographs of parishioners at St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Toronto

REN BRC 1.744 ---- Diocese of Athabasca

REN BRC 1.745 ---- Diocese of Moosonee
This file contains 28 photographs of parishioners from the Diocese of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.746 ---- Weddings
This file contains 6 photographs of Parishioners' weddings.

REN BRC 1.747 ---- Confirmations
This file contains 10 photographs of confirmations.

REN BRC 1.75 -- Moosonee and environs
This file contains 24 photographs of Moosonee and its environs.
REN BRC 1.751 ---- Parishes

This file contains 21 photographs of Parish buildings in the Moosonee area. Photographs are mostly taken between 1944-and 1954.

REN BRC 1.752 ---- Windows

This file contains photographs of church windows in the Moosonee Diocese.

REN BRC 1.753 ---- Parish activities

This file contains photographs of parish activities in the Diocese of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.7531 ------ Confirmations

REN BRC 1.754 ---- Residential schools

This file contains photographs of Residential schools in the Diocese of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.755 ---- Residents of Diocese of Moosonee area

This file contains 9 photographs of residents of Diocese of Moosonee area.

REN BRC 1.756 ---- Iroquois Falls

This file contains 9 photographs of Iroquois Falls.

REN BRC 1.757 ---- Buildings and structures

This file contains 9 photographs of buildings and structures within the Moosonee Diocese.

REN BRC 1.758 ---- Boats, planes and vehicles

This file contains 8 photographs of boats, planes and other vehicles taken throughout the Diocese of Moosonee.

REN BRC 1.759 ---- Kirkland Lake

This file contains 5 photographs of Kirkland Lake and area.

REN BRC 1.76 -- Athabasca and environs

This file contains 17 photographs of Athabasca and environs.

REN BRC 1.761 ---- Peace River
This file contains 34 photographs of Peace River, Alberta.

REN BRC 1.762 ---- Parishes
This file contains 3 photographs taken by the Reverend Renison of parishes in the Diocese of Athabasca.

REN BRC 1.77 -- Other clergymen
This file contains 15 photographs of The Reverend Renison with other clergymen.

REN BRC 1.78 -- Great Britain
This file contains 1 photograph of the Reverend Renison’s trip to Great Britain.

REN BRC 1.781 ---- London and Lambeth
REN BRC 1.782 ---- Ireland
This file contains 22 photographs of the Reverend Renison’s trip to Ireland.

REN BRC 1.7821 ------ Cashel County, Ireland
This file contains 2 photographs from Reverend Renison's trip to Cashel County, Ireland

REN BRC 1.79 -- Travels
This file contains 3 photographs of Bishop Renison travels to the Middle East.

REN BRC 1.8 Books belonging to Robert John Renison with his notes
REN BRC 1.81 -- New Testament in Moose Cree
This is a translation of the Gospels into Moose Cree owned by Bishop Renison, likely written by Bishop John Horden.

REN BRC 1.82 -- Book of Common Prayer in Cree
Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario. In 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Common Prayer translated into Cree by Bishop John Horden and published in 1902.

REN BRC 1.83 -- A Grammar of the Cree Language
Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario. In 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Cree Grammar published by Bishop John Horden in 1881.

REN BRC 1.84 -- Psalms and Hymns in the Language of the Cree Indians
This is the Book of Hymns and Psalms published by the Reverend J.A. Mackay in 1891 with Bishop Renison's notes.

REN BRC 1.85 -- Book of Common Prayer in “Ojibbeway” (sic)
Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario. In 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Common Prayer "In the Language of the Ojibbeway" published by the Rev. Horden and the Rev. Sanders in 1930.

REN BRC 1.86 -- Psalms and Hymns in the Cree Indian Language (Horden)
Bishop John Horden was born in 1828 in Exeter England. In 1851 he received a call to be a school master in Moose factory Ontario. In 1872 He was consecrated as Bishop of Moosonee. He died in 1892. Fluent in Cree, he published a prayer book, a hymnal and translations of the Gospel into the Cree Language. He was a mentor to Bishop Renison was the latter was a boy on Lake Nipigon Ontario. This is the Book of Psalms and Hymns published by the Rev. Horden.

REN BRC 1.86.2 ---- c. 2

REN BRC 1.87 -- Nikumoowina Hymns in the Language of the Cree Indians.
This is a book of Hymns translated in the the "language of the Cree Indians" by "Mrs. Hunter."

REN BRC 1.88 -- Greek Testament
This is the Reverend Renison's Greek New Testament which he used for his Theological education, and as a priest.

REN BRC 1.9 Official Documents
REN BRC 1.90 -- Official Documents

This file contains 17 sheets of official documents owned by Bishop Robert John Renison.

REN BRC 1.91 -- Meeting Minutes

This file contains 5 pages of minutes of the meeting of the Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. It was published by the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada on April 24th, 1952.

REN BRC 1.92 -- Orders of service

This file contains a booklet of information and photographs of The Cathedral Church of St. Patrick Armagh restoration in 1950.

REN BRC 1.921 ---- Orders of service for consecrations of bishops

This file contains a booklet of orders of service for Consecration of Bishops.

REN BRC 1.93 -- Church documents

This file contains church documents including Bishops' wives prayer groups 1949, a map of the Dominion of Canada, and Directions to the "Northland."

REN BRC 1.94 -- Army documents

This file contains 2 pages of Army Documents.

REN BRC 1.941 -- Medals

This file contains medals awarded to the Reverend Robert John Renison in recognition of his service as the Anglican Chaplain for the 21st Battalion Expeditionary Forces in World War I in France.

REN BRC 1.95 -- Publisher's contracts

This file contains 5 pages of a contract between the Robert John Renison and the British Book Service.

REN BRC 1.96 -- Academic robes

This file contains the Reverend Robert John Renison's academic hood from when he graduated in 1908 with a Doctorate in Divinity from St. John's College in Winnipeg Manitoba. The hood is light pink satin edged with dark pink satin and faced with black crepe.
Elizabeth Bristol Renison was born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1885. In 1914 she married the Reverend Robert John Renison in Hamilton, Ontario. She died in 1975 in Toronto, Ontario. They had two sons, Robert John Bristol Renison and George Everett Bristol Renison.

This file contains items (Photographs, letters, newspaper articles, writings) by and about Elizabeth Bristol Renison after the death of Bishop Robert John Renison, especially in connection with Renison College.

REN BRC 2.2 -- Writings by Elizabeth Renison

This file contains Elizabeth Renison’s articles which were published in The Northland and other newsletters.

REN BRC 2.4 -- Correspondence to

This file contains Elizabeth Renison’s correspondence to Renison College in regards to her speech in 1966. In addition there are 2 post cards.

REN BRC 2.41 ---- On Occasion of Robert John Renison's death

This file contains condolence letters to Elizabeth Renison on the death of Bishop Renison.

REN BRC 2.42 ---- From Renison College

REN BRC 2.43 -- Correspondence from

This file contains a letter from Elizabeth Renison to Mrs. Battew.

REN BRC 2.431 ---- About Renison College

REN BRC 2.5 -- Speeches by

REN BRC 2.6 -- Newspaper articles about

This file contains articles about Elizabeth Renison.

REN BRC 2.6.1 -- "Renison’s Second Building Dedicated."

1 RBG Colour Tiff, 400ppi. 40.8 MB of newsletter article (Northland) about dedication of Renison University Colleges

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REN BRC 2.7 -- Photographs
REN BRC 2.7.1 ---- Mrs. Renison with Three Bishops at Renison College.


REN BRC 3. George Renison (Here put items about George Renison after Bishop Renison's death)

REN BRC 3.0 -- George Renison -- Drawings

This file contains a pencil drawing with George Everett Bristol Renison's signature. He has drawn a thinking man which may be a self-portrait.

REN BRC 3.1 -- Appointment as Chancellor of Renison College

REN BRC 3.4 -- Correspondence

This file contains correspondence to and from George Everett Bristol Renison and Dr Howard Rockeby.

REN BRC 3.5 -- Speeches by George Renison

REN BRC 3.51 ---- To Renison College

REN BRC 4. Renison College (Here put documents about Renison College collected by the Renison family only. Everything else should be saved for college archives.)