

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Riback Family fonds

No.: TRF

DATE RANGE: 1929-2010

EXTENT: 19cm of textual records.—122 photos. – 1 VHS

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Morris “Ted” Riback (1910-2010) was born in Pueblo Colorado in 1910, one of four children born to Sadie and Jacob Riback. The family moved to Portland Oregon in 1918. Ted’s oldest sister Elsie married Calgarian Rubin Maerov, and in 1930, when Ted was unable to find work, he too came to Calgary.

From his first job washing car windows at a service station, Riback went on to become a well-known entrepreneur, establishing a string of successful businesses from army surplus to mobile homes to real estate development. He supported a wide range of charitable organizations, including B’nai Brith and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He was a founding member of the Calgary Foundation and the Meadowlark Athletic Association (commonly called the Meadowlark Curling Club), and in 1973 developed and donated land for the Beth Israel (later Beth Tzedec) Memorial Park. His many decades of support of Camp B’nai Brith at Pine Lake led to its 1998 renaming as Camp BB-Riback.

M. Ted Riback met Rebecca (Betty) Levine (1913-2005) when she was visiting Calgary from her hometown of Winnipeg. They married in 1934 and had two daughters, Faith (1935-2017) and Donna (1938-2017). In 1947 Ted and Betty took in Lucia (Leslie) and Marek (Mark) Janasz, (Yanusz/Janus) two Polish teenagers who had come to Canada under Canadian Jewish Congress’ War Orphans Project.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of correspondence, clippings, memorabilia, biographies, family histories and journal entries regarding the personal interests, philanthropic and business activities of M. Ted Riback. Much of M. Ted Riback’s collected material was donated to appropriate repositories before his death.

The fonds has been arranged into the following series: Personal, Business, Camp BB-Riback, Community.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of collection

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Ted Riback; estate of Ted Riback

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

ASSOCIATED MATERIAL: Glenbow Museum; City of Edmonton Archives

ACCRUALS: no further accruals expected

RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS: JHSSA Photo Collection; JHSSA Oral History collection;
Beth Israel Congregation; Beth Tzedec Congregation; Camp BB-Riback;
Meadowlark Athletic Association

GENERAL NOTE: includes material from the following accessions: 2001-008, 2001-013, 2003-001

Series Title: Personal

No.: .01

Date Range: 1929-2010

Extent: 9.5cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of correspondence, document copies, certificates, receipts, clippings, and a 1929 high school yearbook from M. Ted Riback. Also included is a hardcover children's book, featuring illustrations based on several Riback family members.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: Correspondence; Documents [includes family histories]; Janasz; Travel; Scrapbook & Clippings [includes children's book]; Golf. The Documents sub-series includes many photocopies, date of copying unknown. The family scrapbook is in very poor condition.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Business

No.: .02

Date Range: 1930-1954, 1964-1967, 1991, 2005

Extent: 4cm of textual records.—2 photos

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of correspondence, working notes, clippings and publicity materials from M. Ted Riback's business ventures, as well as several business histories and chronologies, and a Calgary Junior Chamber of Congress "Roster and Constitution" c1954.

Some material has been removed by the archives, for preservation reasons, from M. Ted Riback's numerous scrapbooks and clipping files. Many items are photocopies, date of copying unknown.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: 1930-2000 [includes chronologies]; Ribtor; CN Tower

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Community
Date Range: 1952-1977, 1987, 2001-2006
Extent: 3cm of textual records

No.: .03

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of correspondence, invitations, brochures and clippings related to M. Ted Riback's Calgary Jewish community involvement.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

Series Title: Camp
Date Range: 1956-1957, 1990-2003
Extent: 2.5cm of textual records. –120 photographs. – 1 VHS

No.: .04

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of correspondence, clippings, speeches, and photos (some photocopies, date of copying unknown) reflecting M. Ted Riback's involvement with Camp Bnai Brith / Camp BB-Riback, including a coil-bound collection of letters written to Ted by the campers and staff of Camp BB-Riback 1998. Also included is a VHS tape of the 2003 "Tribute Luncheon".

Some material was received by the archives in a plastic binder. This material has been removed to file folders for conservation reasons, maintaining its original order.

The series has been arranged into the following sub-series: 1956-2003; Binder

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of series

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access