

**Keeping SAIN:  
The Saskatchewan Archival  
Information Network and ICA-AtoM**

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# Moving to ICA-AtoM

- Legacy database – OCLC SiteSearch
- A major improvement in 1998, but times change...
  - No deep linking
    - can't make available for harvesting, links from virtual exhibits, etc.
  - Part of hidden web;
  - Multi-level descriptions difficult
  - Data entry system custom built
  - Long delays in updating public database
- ICA-AtoM: built for archives

# Data migration

- Several source file types:
  - EAD 1.0
  - MySQL database
  - XML created for SiteSearch ingest
  - Etc.
- ICA-AtoM 1.0 – no batch import
  - Solution: perl scripts using curl tool – automate import via admin interface

# Local development

- Contributed to core release:
  - Advanced search (1.2)
  - Hide certain fields from unauthenticated users (1.3)
  - Limit search/browse to single institution – institutions can use SAIN as institutional database (2.0)
  - Expanded functionality of repository browse (2.0)



## SAIN Collections

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Advanced search

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## Advanced Search

in Any field using keyword search

Add a line

Limit to...

Repository:

Digital object available: All

Media:

# Hide descriptive elements

## ISAD template

### RAD template

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General note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Physical condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Immediate source of acquisition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Save

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Description identifier	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institution identifier	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rules or conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Status	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of detail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dates of creation, revision and deletion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language	<input type="checkbox"/>
Script	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sources	<input type="checkbox"/>

Save

Digital object metadata

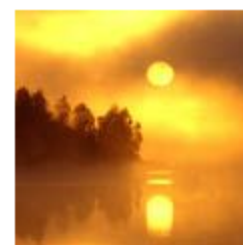
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Search for [(president) and  
repository:"University of Saskatchewan  
Archives"]

[Change to all institutions](#)

### [Special Advisor to the President - R.G. Sutherland](#)

This fonds contains records generated in response to the requests of the Johnson Committee, as well as records relating to other senior administrative committees for which R.G. Sutherland served or chaired.



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## Browse Archival institution

Browse by [All](#) | [Community](#) | [Repository type](#) | [Thematic area](#) | [Geographic region](#)

Results 1 to 10 of 64

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10 20 50 results per page

Name ▼	Type	Country
<a href="#">Allen Sapp Gallery</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural</li> <li>Aboriginal Culture</li> <li>Museum</li> </ul>	Canada
<a href="#">Anglican Church of Canada Diocese of Saskatchewan Archives</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious</li> </ul>	Canada
<a href="#">Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious</li> </ul>	Canada
<a href="#">Archibald Library - Briercrest College and Seminary</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational</li> <li>Religious</li> </ul>	Canada
<a href="#">Archives of the Humboldt &amp; District Museum &amp; Gallery</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Museum</li> <li>Community</li> </ul>	Canada
<a href="#">Athol Murray College of Notre Dame Archives/Museum</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Religious</li> <li>Educational</li> </ul>	Canada

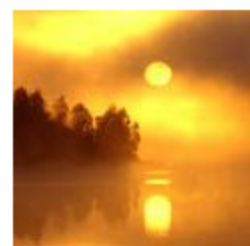
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Geographic region	Hits
Central Saskatchewan	4
City of Regina	13
City of Saskatoon	24
East-Central Saskatchewan	1

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<a href="#">Saskatoon Potters Guild</a>	Cultural	Canada
<a href="#">St. Thomas Wesley United Church</a>	Religious	Canada
<a href="#">United Church of Canada Saskatchewan Conference Archives</a>	Religious	Canada
<a href="#">University of Saskatchewan Library, Special Collections</a>	Library	Canada
<a href="#">Ursuline Sisters of Prelate</a>	Religious	Canada
<a href="#">Western Development Museum - Curatorial Centre, George Shepherd Library</a>	Museum	Canada
<a href="#">Metis Nation - Saskatchewan Genealogical and Archival Research Centre</a>	Aboriginal Culture	Canada
<a href="#">Sisters of Mission Service</a>	Religious	Canada

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# Local development cont'd

- Customizations:
  - SAIN theme
  - Configure which RAD area headings to display

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## Welcome to SAIN Collections

The Saskatchewan Archival Information Network (SAIN) is a database of descriptions of archival material held in Saskatchewan archives. It is a work in progress, with new descriptions being added regularly. For further information about the material described in this database, contact the responsible archives.

SAIN is comprised of two separate databases. The current database is primarily fonds- and series-level descriptions. See also the [photograph database](#).

You can also browse our [directory](#) of archives in Saskatchewan, incorporated into the

## Fonds - G.E. Britnell fonds

### Title and statement of responsibility area

Title	G.E. Britnell fonds
Level of description	Fonds
Repository	<a href="#">University of Saskatchewan Archives</a>
Retrieval number	Fonds 41

### Dates of creation area

Date	1923-1962, predominant 1934-1962 Type: Creation
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### Physical description area

Physical description	13.1 m of textual records
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### Archival description area

Name of creator	<a href="#">Britnell, George Edwin, 1903-1961</a>
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#### Biographical history

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#### Fonds

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- Series - IV. Royal Commissions on the Cost-of-L...
- Series - V. Wartime Prices and Trade Board, 194...
- Series - VI. United Nations Conference on Food ...
- Series - VII. Economic Advisory Committee of th...
- Series - VIII. Dominion-Provincial Conference o...
- Series - IX. Saskatchewan Economic and Technica...
- Series - X. Committee on

## Configure headings

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	<p>appointment in 1930 as a Lecturer in Economics. He rose to the rank of Assistant Professor of Economics in 1938, Professor and Head of Political Science in 1938 and Professor and Head of the joint department of Economics and Political Science in 1945. Dr. Britnell was known as both a fine teacher and a productive scholar. Among his areas of interest and expertise were transportation problems, dominion-provincial relations, the problems of developing countries and energy resources. He died in October 1961 after a lengthy illness.</p>
Custodial history	<p>The bulk of this fonds was transferred from Dr. Britnell's office at the Political Science Department; accession 973-12 (Addendum I) was donated by Mrs. Britnell; the lecture notes in accession 976-2 (Addendum II) had been lent by Dr. Britnell to Dr. Norman Ward of Political Science, and Dr. Ward donated them to the Archives in 1976.</p>
Scope and content	<p>This fonds contains extensive material relating to Britnell's work on various Royal Commissions, associations, national and international conferences, including reports, minutes, submissions, and notes. In addition, it contains his personal correspondence, notes from lectures (by Frank Underhill and Harold Laski), articles, and press clippings.</p>

Notes area

Restrictions on access	There are no restrictions on access.
Finding aids	Finding aid available: file titles with descriptions
Associated / related material	Related material: See also Faculty Biographies, Faculty Publications, and Alumni files.

Access points

Name access points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Britnell, George Edwin, 1903-1961 (Creation)</li> </ul>
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- Advisory Committee of th...
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Export

- Dublin Core 1.1 XML
- EAD 2002 XML

# User experience

- 10 or 11 institutions currently with accounts
- Focus so far (most institutions) on revising existing records
- One general training session; one-on-one found to be more effective
- Archives Advisor providing front-line training and support

# A short wish list

- ICA-AtoM already robust for multi-institutional databases
- Future development/issues to consider:
  - How to handle shared authority system – e.g. if more than one institution edits same record. Currently honour system.
    - Related, can't mark authority records draft
  - Import/export for Archives Canada is pending
    - Related, need to support institutions with their own databases (maintenance imports)